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Announcements & Reminders

FLLS Staff Out-of-Office: Nora 11/2-11/6 & 11/25, Deb 11/5-11/6 & 11/16, Sarah 11/11-11/13, Jenny 11/25, Kristi 11/30, and Tom 11/12-11/13 & 11/25 (Ken will drive).

Please do not hesitate to contact FLLS staff with your questions, comments, and concerns. Many of us are still working at home, so email is often the best way to reach us. Staff Directory: <https://www.flls.org/staff-directory/>.

Links to Make You Think

[Good news Fridays: Area woman drives awesome book bus for the love of it](#)

[Libraries Invited to Bring Engineering and Engineers to their Community](#)



[Sources and Why They Matter](#)

[20 of the Scariest Books You'll Ever Read](#)

[Librarians On: Marketing Virtual Humanities Programs](#)

[CDC expands definition of who is a 'close contact' of an individual with covid-19](#)

From The Director



Here are some updates for you:

Tompkins County Funding – On Monday, October 19, I attended a budget amendment meeting of the Tompkins County legislature. I had been notified on the 16th that the legislature was proposing to give Finger Lakes an additional \$5,000 and the five rural Tompkins County libraries an additional \$3,000 each to help offset the 12% budget cut received from Tompkins County. After a few questions about our budget cuts in general, the legislature voted unanimously for the budget amendment. We are extremely grateful and thankful for the Tompkins County legislature and their commitment to the libraries in their county.

Cluster Action Initiatives – We are seeing an increase in positive cases in some of the counties in our service area. Cortland County especially saw a dramatic increase two weeks ago. At our recent directors' meeting we discussed the comfort level of our drivers and pages at FLLS, and if our member libraries would like to continue getting deliveries from libraries in counties with large numbers of positive cases. Our members all agreed that they would like delivery to continue, knowing that if numbers increase substantially in the future, we may have to temporarily suspend delivery on a county-by-county basis. This is in line with the Governor's proposed cluster action initiatives which places counties in yellow, orange and red zones.

At a public library system level, system directors have been reaching out to our county executives in our service area to seek guidance and interpretation of how libraries fit into these cluster initiatives. It seems that the regional control rooms are currently meeting twice a week, like they did in the spring when businesses were beginning to re-open. Speaking to our county executives gets libraries on their radars once again and we are awaiting clarification from our counties on what will happen to libraries if one of our counties is placed in a yellow, orange or red zone.

Novelist subscription ended – Due to the severe budget cuts our system is facing, we had to make the hard decision to discontinue the Novelist database subscription. Novelist is a readers' advisory resource that suggests read-alike book titles or authors and provides helpful information about book titles or series. Our libraries have been notified and we have shared social media posts that our libraries can share with their patrons.

New Minimum Standards Training – FLLS provided our member library directors with training on the new minimum standards for public libraries that go into effect on January 1, 2021. A reminder that all of our libraries in our system are currently compliant with all minimum standards and no variances were needed this year. Sarah will be providing training for trustees on this topic in November.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend!
Sarah



Member Library News

The Great Give Back

Apalachin Library, Aurora Free Library, Hazard Library Association, Berkshire Free Library, Cortland Free Library, Lodi Whittier Library, and Stewart B. Lang Library (CATO) participated in the Great Give Back this year! Thank you for giving back to your communities in a big way!

Visit <https://thegreatgiveback.org/index.php/finger-lakes/> to learn more about each library's program. If you weren't able to participate, don't worry, this initiative will continue in 2021.



Top: Paper & personal hygiene products collected by CATO!



Right: Diapers collected by APAL!

GREAT GIVE BACK

OCTOBER 17, 2020
a day of service-oriented opportunities
promoted by public libraries

Join Cortland Free Library in supporting YWCA's Aid to Victims of Violence Program by attending Trinity Valley Dairy's Corn Maze Day.

Trinity Valley is generously donating a portion of the proceeds from tickets purchased for October 17 using the code 'YWCA' at checkout.

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cortlandfreelibrary October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and as part of The Great Giveback (a day of service-oriented opportunities promoted by public libraries) please join us in supporting the YWCA's Aid to Victims of Violence Program by attending Trinity Valley Dairy's Corn Maze Day.

Purchase tickets online using the code 'YWCA' at checkout to benefit the Aid to Victims of Violence Program.

Tickets can be purchased here: <https://trinityvalleydairy.mazeplay.com/Products/weekend-admission-tickets>

If you can't make it on Saturday but are interested in supporting the YWCA.

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THE GREAT GIVE BACK
FOOD DONATION DRIVE
at Aurora Free Library & Hazard Library
OCTOBER 17-31
We will be collecting **Boxes of Cereal** and **Cans of Mixed Fruit** for the King Ferry Food Pantry! Please drop off items in the designated donation box at either library! Learn more about The Great Give Back at: thegreatgiveback.org



Scam Alert!

[FUN DEPARTMENT] **The Ultimate Cyber Security Tip**

Our highly popular Security Awareness Advocate Javvad came out with a new 1-minute video that will at the very least entertain you and just might be the highlight of your day. :-D

"It's Cyber Security Awareness Month, and the security advice is flowing out from all corners of the web to advise your users on remaining secure. However, all this information can be overwhelming for some, so the question is, can advice be simplified into a few, or even one pearl of wisdom for your users?"

I think it can. Check out this video explaining what I consider to be the ultimate cyber security awareness tip."

Link to Blog Post with the brand new 'Rudeness Vs Security Ratio' graph and Javvad's new YouTube Video.

Send this link to your friends for a good chuckle:

<https://blog.knowbe4.com/the-ultimate-cyber-security-tip>





Online Learning

Upcoming Webinars & Meetings

New Workshops from SCRLC!

Communications Part 1: Stemming the Tide

Thursday, November 12, 10:00am

This year, the methods we use for communication have increased, as well as the frequency of communication. Information is arriving in your inbox, through social media tools, on your phone, and other methods. How do you tame these streams and stay on top of the messages you are receiving? This webinar will help you think through the ways you are receiving information and how to ensure that you see important communications. We will also think through what your communication preferences are, and how to communicate your communication preferences to others. At the end of this workshop, you will have a set of action items to help you tame those overflowing streams of information heading your way.

Communications Part 2: Being Understood

Thursday, November 12, 10:00am

We don't just receive information; we are also senders of information. In this webinar, we will consider how to use the preferred communication methods of our teammates, and how to seek compromises. Because of the dominance of email, we will discuss email best practices, and then consider best practices for social media (both as individuals and as representatives of our organizations). At the end of this workshop, you will have ideas for new practices to implement, as well as ideas for possible staff or community member training.

Presenter: Jill Hurst-Wahl is a consultant, speaker, writer, and educator, who understands the power of good communications. She is the president of Hurst Associates, Ltd. and professor emerita in Syracuse University's iSchool. Jill began honing her own communication skills when sending a message from "here to there" was more difficult and time-consuming than today. As technology changed, she worked on adapting to our changing communication practices. Through it all, she has realized that what good communication is has remained true. She enjoys sharing those truths with others and helping people become better communicators.

Conferences & Special Programs



Library Journal Design Institute2020

November 18, All day event, FREE

Join Library Journal for Library Design Online, a reimagining of our long-running, in-person Design Institute program. Whether you're looking to revamp your space as we continue to deal with COVID-19, or plan for future building/design projects, you'll find ideas, information, and inspiration—no matter your budget!

This new and comprehensive online virtual event will feature noted architects and vendors in library design who'll address design trends, spotlight case studies, and answer pressing questions from the field. Topics will include retooling physical space for staff and patron safety, innovating to address social and racial equity and inclusion, funding new and renovated buildings in a down economy, and more. Attendance is free to librarians, their board members/trustees, and local officials.

Throughout the day, you will engage with presenters in live and pre-recorded webcast sessions. You'll attend architect-led breakouts featuring design challenges submitted by your counterparts, and you'll visit the Virtual Exhibit Hall where you can sign up for one-on-one chats with sponsors in their booths and learn more about service and product offerings. A comprehensive selection of sponsors' resources will be available to attendees to 'take home,' and the event will be available for on-demand viewing for three months following its live broadcast.

Who should attend? Attendance is free to librarians, their board members/trustees, and local officials.

REGISTER!

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Programming Ideas

Youth Services Updates

- The Overdrive eBook club, the #BigLibraryRead, starts on Monday 11/2. The title is the YA novel *Reverie* by Ryan La Sala and will be available as both an eBook and audiobook from November 2-16. Visit <https://biglibraryread.com/> for resources.



- The CSLP 2021 incentive catalog is now live online: <https://www.csllpreads.org/csllp-store/>. There's a link at the bottom of the menu on the right side of the page for a PDF of the catalog. Nora has not yet received the paper catalogs.
- The CSLP 2021 manual is also available online. You will need a CSLP account to access it. Nora has the USBs of the manuals and is working on checking them.
- The 2020 Teen Video Challenge national winners have been announced, including one from New York State (North Greenbush Public Library): <https://www.summerreadingnys.org/teens/teens-video-challenge/>.
- Art & Yoga program opportunity for families: This information was shared on the national Youth Services list, with a note that it would be OK for NYS and library systems to share with member libraries. Feel free to share with your patrons. Please note that the times listed below for the classes are CENTRAL.

**Kids HeART Yoga is offering A FREE VIRTUAL CLASS
to help kids get their wiggles out!**

<https://www.kidsheartyogachicago.com/>

From Oct. 24 - Nov. 12 your child can try one of our virtual classes for FREE! Simply email Aimee Noffsinger at aimee@kidsheartyogachicago.com with your child (ren)'s name and which class they would like to attend and Aimee will get back to you with date options.

Mindful Art & Yoga Tuesdays 4-4:45pm
Expressive Drama & Yoga Thursdays 4-4:45pm
Saturday Morning Yoga Saturdays 10:30-11:15am

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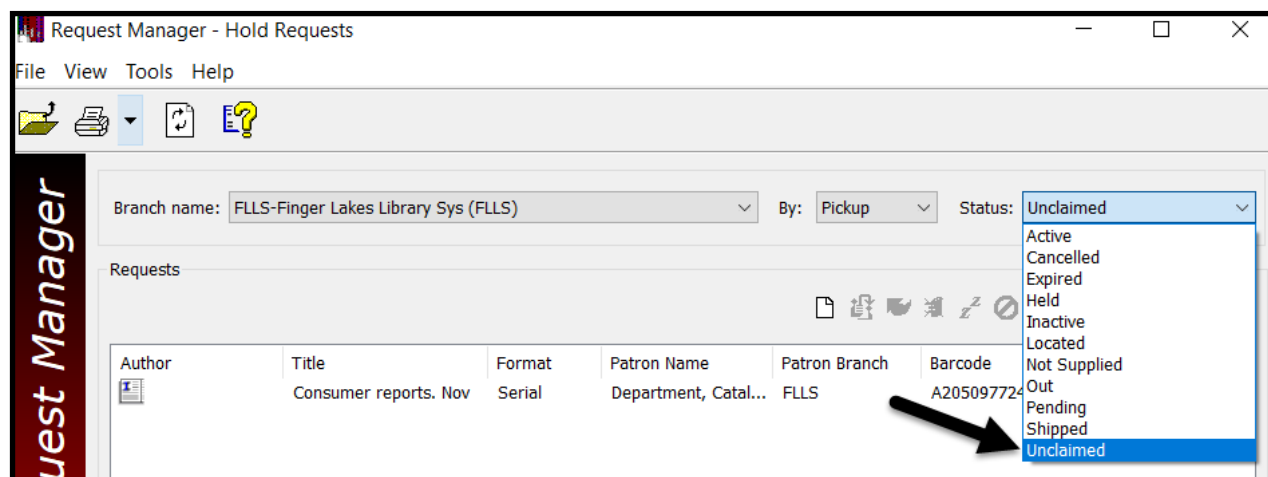
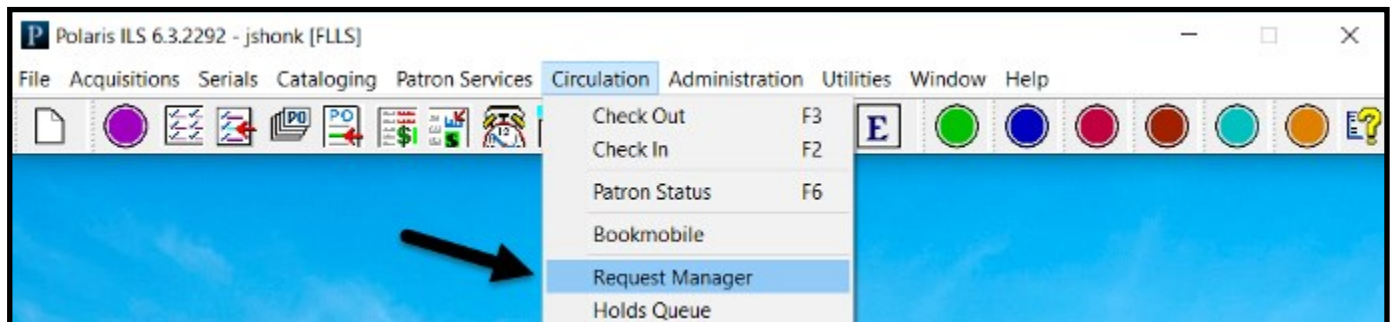


Polaris FAQ

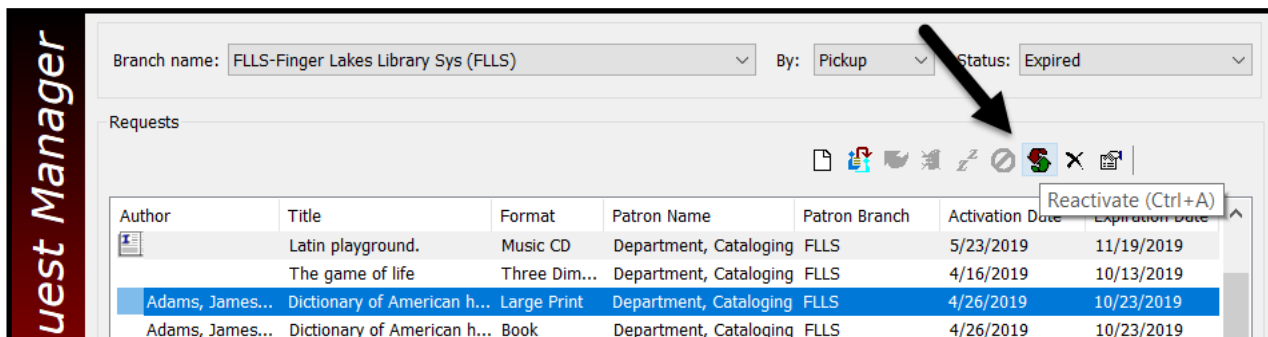
Polaris Hold Requests & Maintenance

Find unclaimed holds in the Request Manager!

Open Request Manager by going to **Circulation > Request Manager** on the Polaris toolbar. Click on **Status:** and select **Unclaimed**. Please remove any of the items listed there from your holds area and check them in so that they are sent to the appropriate library. Some libraries have a procedure in place to call and remind patrons about their holds prior to the unclaimed date. Please be mindful of unclaimed items to ensure that all patrons are receiving their hold requests in a timely manner.



You can also change the **Status:** to **Expired** and click on an item and then the **Reactivate** button to reactivate a hold. Change the **Status:** to **Not Supplied** and check if your library is now able to fill any hold requests listed there.





Awards & Grants



Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries Grant Opportunity **Deadline: December 2, 2020**

Award Information:

Libraries serving small and/or rural communities will be selected to receive an LTC community engagement implementation grant over the course of two application periods. In the first application period (September - December 2020) at least 200 libraries will be selected. The second application period (January - March 2021) will provide grants to at least 450 libraries serving small and/or rural communities.

Library staff will apply the skills learned from the LTC: Facilitation Skills for Small and Rural Libraries e-course and facilitation guide to address community need through library service. Libraries selected for funding will receive:

- \$3,000 to support costs related to their community engagement project
- Professional development consisting of the LTC: Facilitation Skills for Small and Rural Libraries asynchronous e-course and facilitation guide (required for all project directors)
- A suite of online resources developed to support local programs including template press releases, social media messaging, logos, digital promotional materials and template letters that can be used to notify local leaders/officials about the library's project.
- Technical and project support from the ALA Public Programs Office throughout the grant term, such as access to:
 - Online learning opportunities for grantees intended to assist project directors in promoting their conversation, completing grant reporting requirements and participating in evaluation
 - Community of practice for project directors and staff

Eligibility:

- Applicants must have a membership with either the American Library Association OR the Association for Rural & Small Libraries.
- This opportunity is open to all types of libraries serving small and/or rural communities in the U.S. and U.S. territories.
 - The Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) defines libraries serving small communities as those with a legal service area population of 25,000 or less and a rural community as one that is more than, or equal to, five miles from an urbanized area.
- Only complete and eligible applications that are received on time will be reviewed.

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