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Whenever your service model changes, please fill out the streamlined online reopening form: **http://www.flls.org/2020reopenpoll/**. If you are closing your library due to a COVID-19 exposure, please also email **sglogowski@flls.org**.

LINKS TO MAKE YOU THINK

National Library Week 2021: Welcome to Your Library

NYS Historic Newspapers: 11 Millionth Page Uploaded

New Service from SCRLC: Ask the HR Expert

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Summer Reading at NYS Libraries: READsquared (Webinar info on the right)

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

As of this past Wednesday, library workers are now eligible for receiving vaccines under the not-for-profit category in NY State. I know of many of library workers in our service area who have been able to receive their shots this week, and I am thankful that public library system staff are also eligible this week. I was able to receive my first shot this morning and am extremely grateful for the opportunity. Here are some other items to note:

NY State Budget – The Senate and the Assembly have released their one-house budget proposals. The Assembly is proposing $96.6 million in library aid, while the Senate is proposing $94.1 million in library aid. Both are recommending library construction aid at $34 million. A reminder that the legislature is currently discussing and debating the final budget, so now is the time to speak up and contact your representatives to ensure they know our needs and increase funding for libraries.

Quarantine Time for Library Materials – During our monthly member library directors' meeting, we discussed how long library materials were being quarantined at individual libraries. In addition to quarantining materials at libraries, FLLS was doing an additional 3 day quarantine at our system. After consulting with our driver and pages, FLLS will be rolling back to a 24 hour quarantine, effective immediately. We will be working on our backlog of items, so please be aware you may see more bags than usual while we get caught up. A reminder that it is up to an individual library on how long you quarantine materials and we encourage you to have discussions with your staff about their comfort level before scaling back quarantine times.

Minimum Standard for Open Hours – The State Library and PULISDO have been working together to look at which libraries are open in the State and what can be done to eliminate barriers to reopening during the pandemic. Each month, public library systems input data on a spreadsheet for the State that includes if a library is open, doing curbside, has access to library stacks, access to computers and more. The February 2021 snapshot data indicates that 74% percent of public and association libraries are currently meeting the minimum standard for open hours. With the COVID-19 vaccine being made available to library workers, the New York State Library/PULISDO Reopening Committee projects that libraries will be able to meet the minimum standard for open hours by June 1, 2021. FLLS has a small number of libraries not currently meeting this standard, and will be working individually with those libraries for them to meet this standard by June 1.

Exactly one year ago, all of our member libraries were closed due to the pandemic. From having to quickly close our buildings to transitioning to e-content services and virtual programming, our libraries immediately adapted in order to continue providing library services to our communities. I would like to thank our library staff, directors, and trustees for all of their hard work and commitment to their libraries over this past year. It's been a year of change, hardship, and confusion, but also a year of resilience, innovation, and dedication. The past year has been the hardest in my 21-year career as a librarian, but it has also taught me a great deal and I'm grateful to share the journey with you.

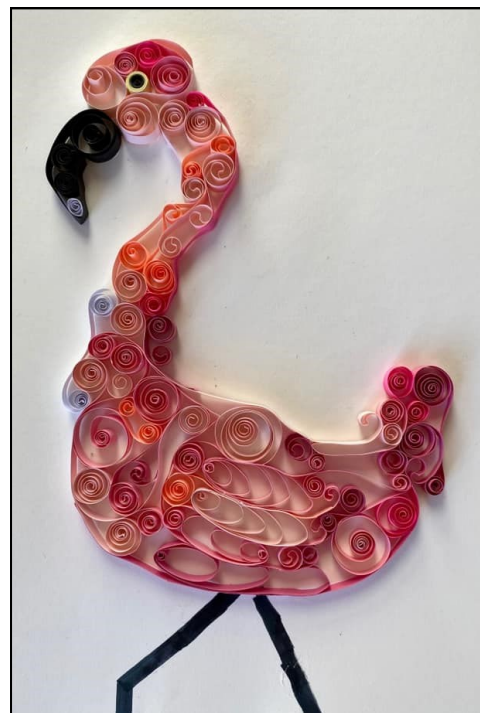I hope you all have a fantastic weekend,
Sarah

MEMBER LIBRARY NEWS
Happy 13th Birthday Lansing Community Library!

Lansing has also been sharing beautiful quilling projects created by their patrons on their Facebook page, see below.

Visit https://www.facebook.com/lansinglibrary/ to view more.

Have something to share? Email jshonk@flls.org!

SCAM ALERT!

Security Alerts!

There have been multiple security bulletins recently on vulnerabilities in several software packages like Adobe products, Google Chrome and Firefox web browsers and of course Microsoft Windows and Office.

Each of these software products should be checked to see if there are updates available. Follow past guidance on performing Windows critical and optional updates on public computers where Deep Freeze is involved.

- For Adobe Acrobat Reader DC and other Adobe products start the product, Click on **Help** and then on **Check for updates**.

- In Google Chrome, click on the **3 dots** in the upper right corner then on **Settings** and then on **About Chrome** which is located at the bottom of the list on the left. Chrome will automatically check for and download any available updates.

- Firefox works similarly. Click on the **menu** (three flat lines) in the upper right corner then on **Help** then on **About**. Firefox will automatically check for and apply any available updates.

ONLINE LEARNING

Upcoming Webinars

Polaris Reporting I & II (FLLS)
Thursdays, March 25 & April 8, 10:00am
The first session will cover canned reports in the Polaris client and web reporting. The second session will cover the basics of SimplyReports. Please feel free to attend either OR both. Registration is required. The webinar will be recorded and made available on Vimeo. Zoom access will be sent out the day before the webinar.

Summer Reading Resources for Younger Readers with Print Disabilities (NYS)
Wednesday, March 31, 12:00pm
TBBL librarian, Jane Bentley, will provide an overview of services, focusing on audio and braille resources you can use to engage students and young readers with print disabilities. Discover how your library can access TBBL materials as you plan for your upcoming Summer Reading programs, storytimes, and events.

Trauma-Informed Librarianship – What Is It and What Can It Look Like? (CLRC)
Wednesday, May 5, 4:00pm
Trauma-informed care has been used more extensively in psychotherapy and social work settings, however, it can also have a practical application in any setting, personal or professional. I think this is especially relevant for libraries where we work with patrons and, at times, in large organizations with many moving parts. In this talk, we will define trauma and how it affects the nervous system, discuss some approaches to trauma-informed care, and imagine ways it can be applied to your library setting.

LOOKING FOR MORE?
CLRC: https://clrc.org/event-listing/

METRO: https://metro.org/events/

SCRLC: https://scrlc.org/Education/Events

WebJunction: https://www.webjunction.org/news/webjunction/free-webinars-for-library-staff.html

Conferences & Special Programs

Library 2.021 Mini-Conference:
Reinventing Libraries for a Post-COVID World

Thursday, June 17, 2021
3:00-6:00pm

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, librarians have been faced with all manner of challenges as they have worked to bring their service, resources, and events into the virtual realm. Unsurprisingly, librarians have not only met this challenge but thrived in bringing new dynamic digital content, engaging virtual programming and instructional events, and exciting online such as virtual book clubs, gaming tournaments, and even makerspace activities to their patrons. Please join us as we discuss the ways librarians have adapted and evolved their service offerings for a post COVID world. This is a FREE event, being held live online and also recorded.

This event is being organized in partnership with Ellyssa Kroski, the Director of Information Technology and Marketing at the New York Law Institute as well as an award-winning editor and author of 60 books.

REGISTER HERE to attend live and/or to receive the recording links afterward.
Please also join this Library 2.0 network to be kept updated on this and future events.

PROGRAMMING IDEAS

Here are a few ideas taken from the **Programming Librarian Interest Group** Facebook page. Click on an image to be taken to the original post. You will have to join the group to view posts.

Noah Lenstra
18 hrs · 🌐

Possibly the best virtual library program of all time

aacpl
Anne Arundel County Public Library

SENIOR DOG SANCTUARY

VIRTUAL MEET AND GREET

Thursday, March 18th, 7pm-8pm

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Liked by **librariesrock** and **others**

aacpl Need a break, and want to meet some adorable dogs? Register for the Senior Dog Sanctuary Virtual Meet and Greet to spend an hour with the best fuzzy boys and girls!

https://aacpl.librarycalendar.com/events/senior-dog-sanctuary-virtual-meet-and-greet

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Emery Lai
💬 · January 29 · 🌐

This month's Teen Take & Make: DIY Faux Cactus made with Yarn Pom Poms | Faux Potted Cacti. Less than $1 per kit (if you have extra yarn lying around). Made 30 kits. Bought five 6-packs of mini terracotta pots for $17.50 ($3.50 a pack) and $10.00 on yarn at Hobby Lobby. Instructions have been posted as a Publisher file on this page. The original idea was found here: https://www.lauraradniecki.com/diy-faux-cactus-made.../...

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After you are accepted into the group, you can search for specific ideas like "adult summer reading" by clicking the magnifying glass in the top right corner.

You can also scroll down to see **Recent Files**, like the PDF instructions seen here ➜

Below Recent Files, you will also see **Recent Media**, which includes the most recent images uploaded.

Recent Files

📄 **Stained Glass Kite (1).pdf**
Uploaded on Thu · PDF

📄 **GROW YOUR OWN PIZZA.pdf**
Uploaded on Tue · PDF

📄 **Marble Wine Glass.pdf**
Uploaded on Mar 10 · PDF

See All

POLARIS FAQ

Helpdesk Updates from Rex

I have posted 2 new solutions in the FLLS Helpdesk. Click on the image below to visit the Helpdesk.

Something that has been regularly commented on in regards to the Leap Web App is that you have to click on the Print button on Windows Web Print prompt which has added an extra step to the Checkout and Checkin workflow. To help mitigate this, I have found a way to suppress the Windows Print dialog window in the Microsoft Edge browser. Since most libraries use the Google Chrome browser as their default browser for everyday web browsing, the MS Edge browser which is now based on the Google Chromium code base, lends itself as an ideal browser to use as the default for the Polaris Leap Web App.

Setting up a Polaris Leap shortcut to use Microsoft Edge in "Silent Print" mode as your default Polaris Leap browser so you don't have to click on the Print button or press enter to print:
https://flls.samanage.com/solutions/967588-setting-up-a-microsoft-edge-shortcut-for-leap-with-silent-print-no-print-window-for-receipts.portal

How to set your Leap and Polaris Client to default to the Bulk Checkin Mode:
https://flls.samanage.com/solutions/967595-setting-the-check-in-default-to-bulk-check-in-mode-in-leap-and-the-polaris-client.portal

You will need to login to the Helpdesk with your credentials. All member library directors and many library staff already have Helpdesk logins. If you've forgotten your password there is a link to recover/reset your password. If you don't have a login and need one, there is a link in the lower section called "Sign up to submit and track your service requests" where you can request a login. Please try clicking on the Forgot Password before requesting a new Helpdesk login to see if you already have a Login.

AWARDS & GRANTS

Do you have an idea for an outreach project but lack funding? Member libraries in our service area can apply for an Outreach Mini-Grant.

Applications are **OPEN** for the 2021-2022 grant cycle:
2021-2022 Outreach Mini-Grant Application

Please enter your information in the Word document and then save it as a PDF before emailing. **$10,000 (total) is available, contingent upon funding from NYS.** You may apply for a minimum award of $250, Max: $2,500. Applications are due **April 23, 2021** and recipients will be announced on May 12, 2021.

Have a question? Stuck on an idea? Read the **Outreach Mini-Grant FAQs and Tips** document or email Jenny Shonk at **jshonk@flls.org**.

REMINDER!
Final reports for the 2020-2021 grant cycle are due June 30, 2021:
2020-2021 Outreach Mini Grant Final Report Form