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Reminders

When you receive any materials (kits, puppets, games, etc.) from FLLS, please check each item in and out properly so that we can track usage and location of the item. Thank you!

Does your library need more promotional materials for the FLLS databases? We have tons of OverDrive, JobNow, and HeritageQuest bookmarks (& more) and will send them to you as needed! Email Jenny: jshonk@flls.org.

Links to Make You Think

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From The Director

On Friday, September 14, Finger Lakes Library System along with South Central Regional Library Council, Southern Tier Library System and Four County Library System hosted our first New York State Legislative Appreciation Reception at the Tompkins County Public Library. This special occasion has been a goal of the Awareness and Advocacy Committee of the South Central Library Council and a project that I have worked on with Mary-Carol of SCRLC, Brian of STLS, and Steve of Four County for the past year.



We often hear from our legislators at our Annual Meeting and Advocacy Day. Our group however wanted a formal occasion to celebrate library services in the Catskills, Finger Lakes and Southern Tier library regions. We are lucky and thankful that our elected officials advocate tirelessly for increased library aid, increases in construction aid for libraries, and give generously during Budget Aid time. The reception on Friday was filled with library staff, directors, trustees and patrons that had the opportunity to thank Senate and Assembly representatives for their support of libraries and to hear about library services and projects.

Listening to our legislators speak about the libraries in their districts reminded me of our shared services and commitment to having robust community libraries. Issues such as broadband, the role that libraries play in workforce development, and the need for innovative programming such as dedicated teen centers, maker spaces and digital learning labs are the same across our shared service areas. As Brian Hildreth pointed out in his opening remarks, libraries are not “free” and advocacy does not necessarily mean advocacy for funding and money. We are extremely lucky to have legislators who actively visit their libraries, meet with patrons, and listen to library advocates all year long.

A special thank you to Senator James Seward, Senator Pamela Helming, and the office of Senator Thomas O’Mara for speaking at Friday’s reception. Assemblywoman Barbara Lifton has worked tirelessly for libraries since elected, and the office of Assemblyman Phillip Palmesano reminded us of the importance of libraries for families in rural areas. A very large thank you to Tompkins County Public Library Director Annette Birdsall for allowing us to meet at her library and for giving guided tours after the reception.

We hope to see you next year at our second legislative reception!

Sarah



Member Library News

Courties: 5
Total Population: 312,188
Area Chartered to Serve: 2,513 sq. mi.
Member Libraries: 33

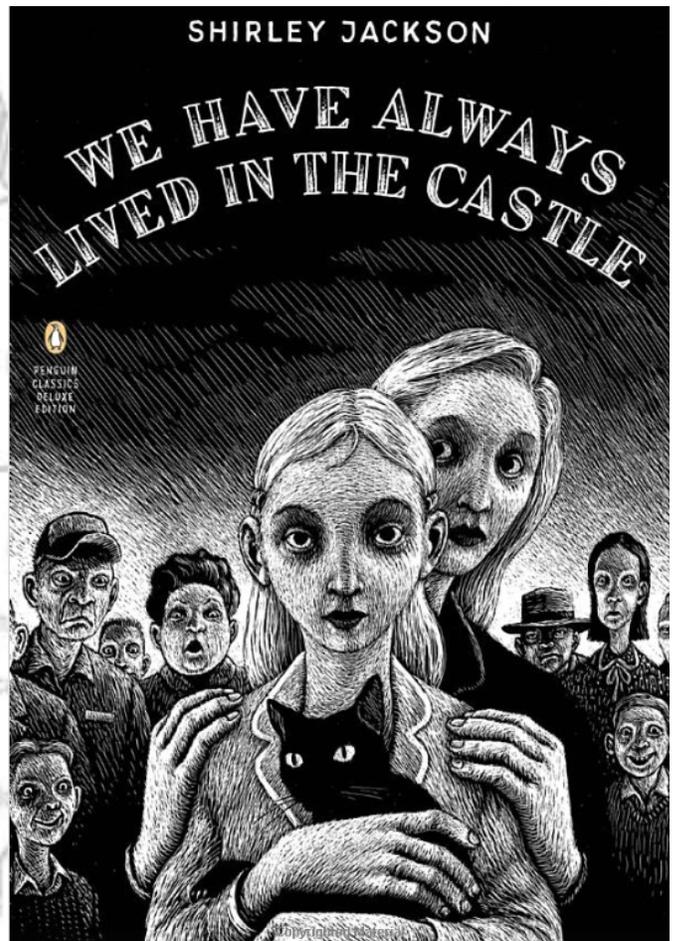
TCPL has chosen their 2018 Community Read title: *We Have Always Lived In The Castle* by Shirley Jackson.

Libraries interested in securing copies of the title for reading groups are welcome to contact Tom Burns at tburns@tcpl.org, or Joyce Wheatley at jwheatley@tcpl.org.

Shirley Jackson's deliciously unsettling novel about a perverse, isolated, and possibly murderous family takes readers deep into a labyrinth of dark neurosis, macabre humor, and gothic atmosphere.

Six years after four family members died suspiciously of arsenic poisoning, the three remaining Blackwoods—elder, agoraphobic sister Constance; wheelchair-bound Uncle Julian; and eighteen-year-old Mary Katherine, or, Merricat—live together in pleasant isolation. Merricat has developed an idiosyncratic system of rules and protective magic to guard the estate against intrusions from hostile villagers. But one day a stranger arrives—cousin Charles, with his eye on the Blackwood fortune—and manages to penetrate into their carefully shielded lives. Unable to drive him away by either polite or occult means, Merricat adopts more desperate methods, resulting in crisis, tragedy, and the revelation of a terrible secret.

Jackson's novel emerges less as a study in eccentricity and more—like some of her other fictions—as a powerful critique of the anxious, ruthless processes involved in the maintenance of normalcy itself.



Have something to share? Send it to Jenny by 9am on September 28 to be featured in the Bulletin!

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Webinars, Workshops, & Events

FLLS Events

Sign up here for all FLLS Workshops unless otherwise noted: www.flls.org/calendar-2/

Youth Services Advisory Group Meeting

Thursday, September 27

1:00pm-3:00pm

To be held at Seneca Falls Library. Contact Tammy Sickmon for more information:

youth@cortlandfreelibrary.org

Collection Development & Polaris Reporting

9/19 @ FLLS 10/17 @ WEED

9/26 @ CORT 10/29 @ WAV

10/2 @ SENF

Conferences, Outside Trainings & Fun Stuff

YSS Empowerment, Advocacy and Leadership Academy (EALA)

**October 10, 2018 through April 19, 2019
Assorted Venues & Online**

This seven month program is specifically designed for Youth Service Providers who are interested in developing their leadership skills for personal and professional advancement. 3 full day in-person workshops 4 live 90 minute webinars 24 hours of continuing education.

2018 NYLA Annual Conference and Trade Show

November 7-10

Rochester, NY

Join us for over 12 hours of Continuing Education credit, various networking events, and access to the latest and greatest library products!



Webinars

Click on the titles for the links to the training pages.

The Connection Between Community Engagement and Marketing Your Library

Monday, September 17, 1:00pm

Community engagement and marketing are related but they are not the same. This webinar will cover innovations in community engagement and how to turn the information gathered into solid branding and marketing for your library. 60 minutes is all you will need to get the tools you want. Library Advocacy and Marketing expert, Libby Post, will present the webinar. Libby is the President and Strategist-in-Chief of Communication Services. For more information on Libby's work go to www.commservices.net.

Revitalizing Library Volunteer Engagement

Tuesday, September 18, 3:00pm

Library volunteerism is evolving. Gone are the days of looking for tasks to keep your volunteers busy. Libraries are now enlisting high impact volunteers who are bringing unique skills and expertise to enhance the library's mission. Join us to learn how you can harness the power of skilled volunteers in your community and hear success stories of innovative volunteer engagement in libraries of all sizes and budgets. Volunteers can be your strongest advocates, helping you gain funding and recruit human resources. This webinar will help libraries and library groups revitalize volunteer engagement and grow their community of advocates and supporters.

Building A Diverse and Inclusive YA Library Collection

Tuesday, September 25, 2:00pm

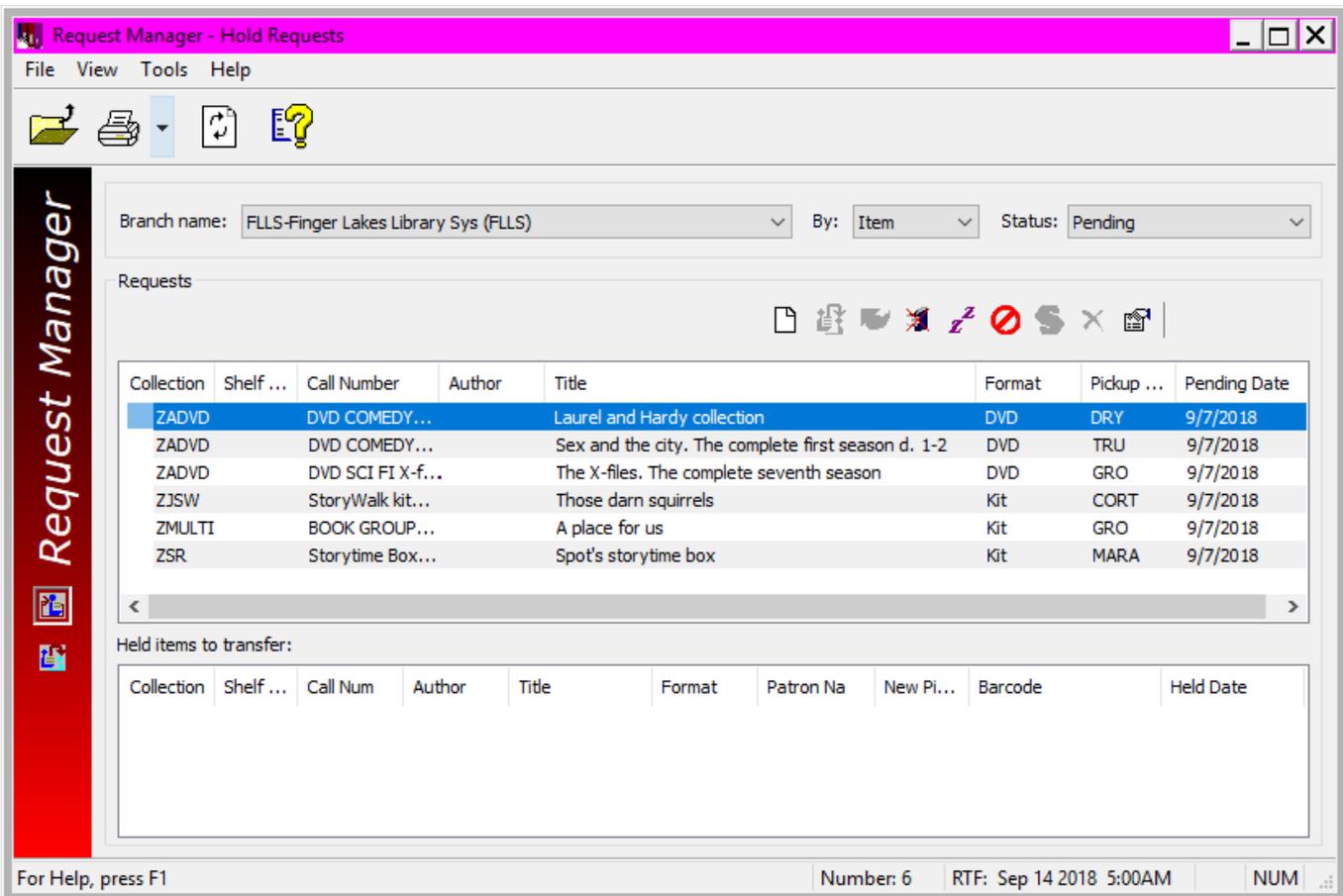
Why is it important for librarians to integrate culturally diverse literature into their collections? Readers need a rich and varied diet of material that reflects the many different ethnic, cultural, socioeconomic, and linguistic groups that make up multiple voices, individual lives, social attributes, and perspectives around the world. We are the advocates that help expand the borders of this culturally diverse literature, this inclusive literature, to aspects such as physical and mental disabilities, socioeconomic status, different family structures, such as foster families, and sexual and gender identification. We are striving to curate our collections to be the mirrors and windows of a teen's life into adulthood.

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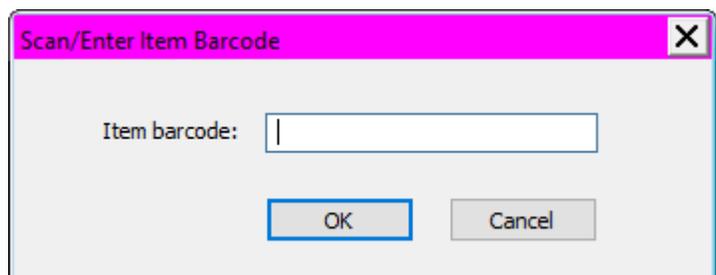
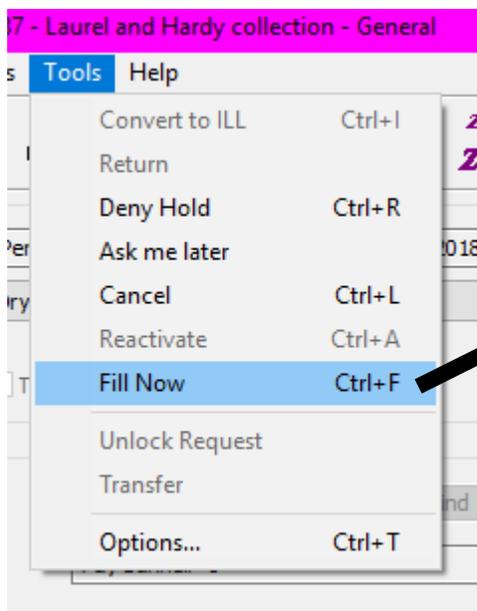
Polaris FAQ

Fill Now: Sometimes when completing the request manager, you will discover that the item to fill a hold request is damaged. If you have a second (similar) copy, you can use the item to fulfill the hold request with the **Fill Now** feature.

1. Open the Request Manager. Go to **Circulation > Request Manager**.
2. Double click on the Hold Request.



3. Click on **Tools > Fill Now**.
4. Scan the barcode of the replacement item and click **OK**. A slip will print out for the item and it can be put into the delivery.



Awards, Contests, & Grants



Click on the titles for the links to the grant pages.

Humanities NY Grants

Deadline: Applications Accepted on a Rolling Basis

Humanities NY offers three grant opportunities: Vision, Action, and Quick. The grants program is designed to ensure that all New Yorkers may access the tools and experiences of the humanities. Projects that address pressing issues and draw strength from community partnerships are encouraged, as are projects related to the U.S. Women's Suffrage Centennial. Quick Grants of \$500 are now available for in-person public humanities programs. These matching grants are intended for small and volunteer-run organizations. Proposals will be accepted on a rolling basis while funds last. Applications are open.

Visit www.flls.org/grants for more grant resources.



5 Minute Staff Training

The goal of *5 Minute Staff Training* to help you become proficient in database usage. In turn, you will be better prepared to assist your patrons. In each bulletin there will be a new challenge for you to complete. Please pass along to all library staff!

Featured Database:



Challenge: Visit the [JobNow](#) database. Check out the interview tips. What is a good question to ask your interviewer?

Member library staff can send their answer to jshonk@flls.org for a chance to win a prize!

lynda.com is available to **all member library staff in the FLLS area** for free. View [all the courses](#) and to reserve your 'seat' – contact Jessica Phillippe at (jphilippe@scrlc.org). Please include your phone number and library's name. You can take as many courses as you like during your two-week access.