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Reminders

FLLS Will Be Closed:

Monday, December 25, 2017

Tuesday December 26, 2017

Monday January 1, 2018

**This is your last
bulletin of 2017**

Staff Holidays at FLLS

System staff will variably be in and out of the office until the New Year.. Check the **Contacts Cheat Sheet** in the back of your 2017 Directory for secondary contacts if your primary contact is unavailable. If you cannot wait for an email response, Computer Network Service's Extension 237 will get you in touch with a person in a pinch. Have a great holiday season!

From The Director



As we come to the end of 2017, I thought it would be a good time to reflect on some of the projects or issues we worked on over the year. Nationally, libraries and librarians dealt with the topic of fake news, libraries as safe spaces and social justice on a level we haven't seen before. When the proposed cuts to IMLS occurred this spring, over 1,000 librarians from almost every state took part in National Library Legislative Day – the largest crowd ever. I was part of the New York delegation and we had over 20 system directors, librarians, staff, trustees and patrons make up our delegation. Our regional library council, the South Central Regional Library Council, created their first ever Social Justice Summit that was held in Binghamton in

July. Almost 100 library workers throughout the State attended the day-long workshop, and plans are being made for a follow up conference. The battle for net neutrality is still raging, with lawsuits immediately filed after the ruling last week. Just over the past few weeks, we have seen more and more library articles on a national level exploring the social and economic injustice of library fines.

At a system level, our libraries and trustees worked on revising the minimum standards for public libraries in New York State. We held county meetings, had our trustees and directors take part in surveys, and so far over 100 people throughout the State have made public comments during the open comment phase of the project. FLLS co-sponsored a Library Trustee Association trustee workshop in Binghamton in May that saw close to 100 people receive financial and legal training for trustees. Thanks to the hard work of Member Services librarian Amanda Schiavulli and our fabulous team of local directors and Youth Services library staff from throughout our system, we sponsored the YSS Conference in downtown Ithaca – a first in over 30 years. Our consulting statistics for our system continue to increase every year, with more outreach to our member libraries, grant help, workshops, and trustee training.

2018 looks to be a challenging year for library funding. As I disclosed two weeks ago, NYLA and the State Library have discussed the possibility of a State-wide cut of up to 10%. With the majority of our operating budget dependent on State money, this would be catastrophic to our System. Our Board is reviewing our 2018 budget with these possible cuts in mind, and I will be meeting with FLLS staff and member library directors over the next month to discuss funding scenarios. Advocacy efforts on all levels – personal visits to elected officials, emails, and phone calls – will be needed in the next two months. This week all 23 public library system directors signed a letter to Governor Cuomo urging him to fund libraries; our first step in 2018 advocacy efforts. We will be sending out advocacy alerts in the next few weeks, so be sure to watch for them.

Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to your libraries over the past year. We couldn't do it without all of your help. Have a wonderful holiday season, and a very happy New Year.

Sarah





Member Library News

Holiday Fun Take 3



[Coburn Free Library](#)



[Seymour Library](#)



[Berkshire Free Library](#)



[Hazard Library Association](#)



Youth Corner

Storytime Rhyme of the Week

Rig-a-jig-jig

As I was walking down the street,
Down the street, down the street,
A friend of mine I chanced to meet,
Hi-ho, hi-ho, hi-ho.

—
Rig-a-jig-jig and away we go,
Away we go, away we go!
Rig-a-jig-jig and away we go,
Hi-ho, hi-ho, hi-ho.

DayByDayNY
FAMILY LITERACY CALENDAR

[Also in Spanish](#)



We have a board for that! Check out our [Pinterest Page](#) with more ideas! Let [Amanda](#) know if you want to contribute to any of our boards or have an idea for a new board!

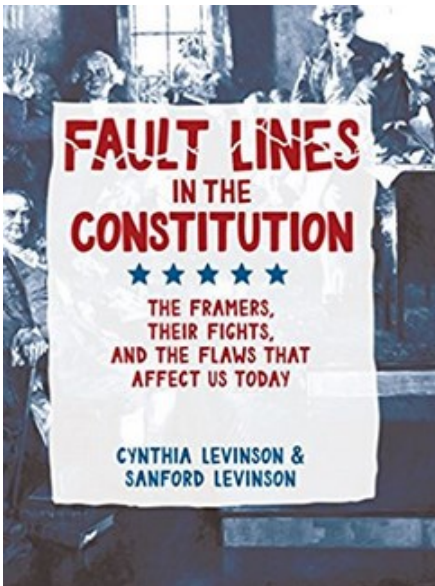
Collection Reminder

Have you tried searching under “Call Number” and “Program Box” or “Storytime Box” in Polaris yet? Try it out and find something new to use while kids are out of school!

Youth Links

- [PBS: How Poetry Can Help Kids Turn a Fear of Literature into Love \(Video and Transcript\)](#)
- [NYPL's 50 Favorite Illustrated Children's Books of 2017](#)
- [Snowman Slime](#)
- [Show Emotions with Felt Faces \(Bonus we have die cuts!\)](#)

YA Book of the Week:



Fault Lines in the Constitution by Cynthia Levinson

Many of the political issues we struggle with today have their roots in the US Constitution.

Husband-and-wife team Cynthia and Sanford Levinson take readers back to the creation of this historic document and discuss how contemporary problems were first introduced-- then they offer possible solutions. Think Electoral College, gerrymandering, even the Senate. Many of us take these features in our system for granted. But they came about through haggling in an overheated room in 1787, and we're still experiencing the ramifications.

VOYA Star Review October 2017

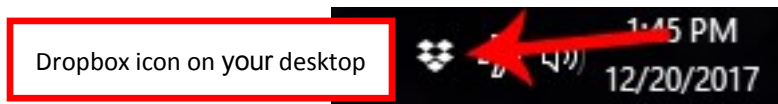
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New Year Tech Tip: Easy Photo Sharing From Your SmartPhone with Dropbox

If you've ever used your smartphone to take photos or videos during summer reading events, at meetings, or other programs in your library and found it to be a hassle to offload them to your computer for use on your website, in a flyer, or to send via email, this tip may be for you.

Dropbox.com offers 2GB of free cloud storage where you can host photos, documents, and even software installs. It can be accessed through a web browser at [dropbox.com](https://www.dropbox.com) but they also offer a Windows desktop client and apps for iPhone and Android phones.

Go to Dropbox and register for a free account (<https://www.dropbox.com/register>). Once you register, download the Dropbox Windows client (<https://www.dropbox.com/install>) and install it. You'll be asked to log into the client with the same userid and password you created your account with. Once you've installed Dropbox, it will add an icon in the Windows System Tray in the lower right corner of your screen. You can access your Dropbox folder by double-clicking that icon.



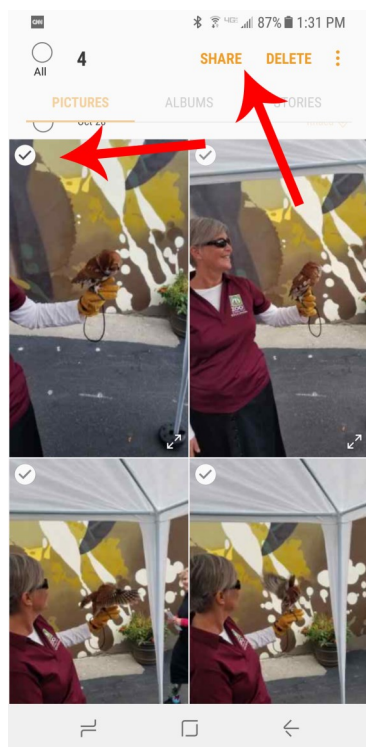
On your iPhone or Android phone, go to the App Store (iPhone) or Play Store (Android) and search for Dropbox. Install the app from Dropbox, Inc. and log into it with the userid and password you registered with on Dropbox.com.



Dropbox
Dropbox, Inc.
Everyone

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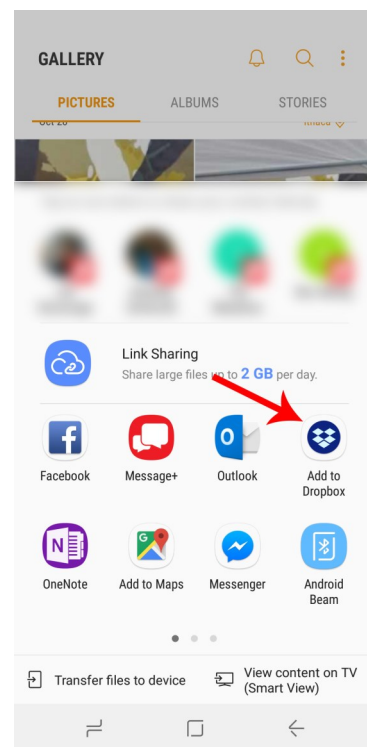
If you've taken photos or videos on your phone that you want to use from your computer, go to your photo gallery and select any photos you want to upload. On Android phones, tap and hold on the first photo or video you want to share until selection is turned on. Then then tap each additional photo or video you want to upload.



Choose to share the photos and in the sharing dialog box, find Dropbox and tap it. You can then share the photos into the default Dropbox folder or you can create a new folder. After you tap the Share button, the photos will upload to your Dropbox cloud storage account. Once in the cloud, they'll automatically sync to the computer that has the Dropbox client installed. You can then open the photos on your computer and use them in any application you'd like.

The free Dropbox account has 2GB of storage so you may not want to permanently store all of your photos and documents there. If you delete a file from the Dropbox folder on your Windows computer it will also delete it from the Dropbox cloud storage. Or, you can move a file from the Dropbox folder on your computer and put it in Documents, Pictures, Videos or other folder. That will save it to your computer permanently and remove it from the Dropbox cloud, freeing up some of your 2GB limit.

Deleting a photo or video from Dropbox does not remove it from your phone. Likewise, deleting a photo or video from your phone's gallery doesn't remove it from Dropbox or your synced Windows computer.



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Webinars Workshops and Events

FLLS Events

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

Regional Training: Social Media

Weedsport Library
Wednesday, January 31, 2018
9:30am-11:30am

FALCONS

Thursday, February 15, 2018
9:30am - 11:30am

Advocacy Day Bus Trip

Thursday, February 28, 2018

Annual Summer Reading Workshop

Thursday, March 15, 2018
9:00am - 12:00pm

Conferences, Outside Trainings and Fun Stuff

NEW:

Save the Date

Fran Howe is Retiring from Candor

Candor Free Library
Saturday, January 20, 2018
2:00pm-4:00pm

2018 NYLA-YSS Conference

Friday, April 13, 2018
Syracuse, NY

Computers in Libraries

April 17-19
Arlington, VA
Special Discount Code from SCRLC: ESLN18

Register Now for Library Legislative Day

May 7-8 2018

**Reference Summit
SCRLC and FLLS
Date: May 11, 2018
Location: TBA.**

Have something to share? Get it to
Amanda by 9am Friday to have it
featured in the Weekly Bulletin!

Webinars

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

Gale's Academic OneFile Refresher

Monday, January 8, 2018, 3:00 PM

Academic OneFile is Gale's premiere periodical database for academic and scholarly journals. Join us for this webinar to refresh your knowledge on what you can expect to find here, using deep dive searches, and how to integrate its content into libguides, online syllabi, and more!

Citations Needed: Build Your Wikipedia Skills

Monday, January 10, 2018, 3:00 PM

Learn how you can participate in #1lib1ref, confidently add a citation to Wikipedia and connect with other librarians who are motivated to contribute to this popular resource used by information-seekers around the world. Join the community of librarians who Wikipedia!

NOVELNY: Britannica Basics for K12

Monday, January 10, 2018, 3:00 PM

Join us for a hands-on, interactive session to learn new ways to do research projects with students using Britannica resources. Get ideas for integrating technology and digital skills into your library and classrooms!

NOVELNY: Read Like a Detective, Write Like a Reporter. Cultivate Evidence-Based Reading and Writing

Thursday, January 18, 2018, 3:00 PM

"Oh, yeah? Prove it!" You normally hear children saying that on playgrounds and in backyards. Now, students are hearing that in their classrooms as teachers focus on revised standards

Discovering Primary Documents in In Context

Monday, January 29, 2018, 3:00 PM

Primary documents are more important than ever and your Gale In Context resources from NOVELNY have a rich collection of primary sources. This webinar is designed to help you discover them! We'll share the best search practices for finding what you need and how to browse what's available.

Straight From the Horse's Mouth: Explore Past Events with Firsthand Accounts

Thursday, February 1, 2018, 3:00 PM

Dig deep into history's greatest events by exploring Britannica's wide variety of primary source documents. Learn how primary sources make history come alive for K-12 students and help them to make connections to past figures, events, and time periods.

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Around the Interwebs

- [Beware of Malware on Facebook Messenger](#)
- [Job Opening at Ulysses Philomathic Library](#)
- [The Story Behind Boise Library's Exclamation Point](#)
- [Dictionaries Announce Word of the Year and it's Not the Same](#)
- [The Case Against Library Fines According to NYPL](#)
- [29 Books Recommended by Librarians in 2017](#)
- [The Mysterious White Film on Books](#)
- [LJ on Micromanaging Library Leaders](#)
- [A Holiday Dedicated to Books](#)
- [What's Your Dewey Number?](#)
- [Reference as Resistance](#)
- [Not So Trivial Pursuit](#)
- [Making a Name | Office Hours](#)
- [Strange Holidays](#)
- [Another Win For Libraries](#)
- [2017 Public Library Data](#)
- [Stigma Free Reading For All Ages](#)
- [College Student Creates a Mobile Directory of 600 Books that Prioritize Diversity](#)

Professional Collection Highlight



Making the Most of Digital Collections Through Training and Outreach by Nicholas Tanzi

This book offers a practical template for training patrons to use eBook, streaming video, online music, and journal collections that is practical, adaptable, and most importantly, sustainable.

- Introduces librarians to a sustainable approach to teaching or coaching patrons on how to access and use eBooks, streaming video, digital music, and digital journal collections
- Offers a flexible approach that can be customized to libraries of different sizes and budgets
- Builds on librarians' reference skills to stay current with new technologies
- Focuses on sustainability for smaller and mid-sized libraries

Place a Hold TODAY: A20519091370

Polaris Tip of the Week

Adding Notes when Waiving Fines:

Many libraries do not use a cash register, so all cash exchanges (donations, copies, etc.) are tracked in Polaris through patron accounts. It is a great idea for all staff-waived fees to contain a note that can be checked by the director. In **Patron Status (F6)**, after selecting a fine to waive and clicking on the **Waive** button (circled below), enter the necessary info into the note field. Include why the fines are being waived and your initials.

The screenshot shows the 'Patron Status - 257751 - Account - Polaris' window. The 'Status' sidebar on the left lists various account details. The main area displays the patron's information, including 'Barcode: D2026', 'Name: Jenny K Clark', 'Patron code: Staff', 'Last activity date: 12/30/2015', 'Address', 'Email address', 'Phone 1', and 'eReceipt: No'. Below this is the 'Account' section with a table of charges and credits. A 'Waive' dialog box is open, showing a 'Balance' of \$27.00 and an 'Amount' of \$27.00. A red arrow points to the 'Note' field, which contains the text: 'Please enter a note here! Include why the fines are being waived and your initials!'. The dialog box has 'OK', 'Cancel', and 'Help' buttons. At the bottom of the main window, there is a 'Balances' section with 'Charges: \$27.00', 'Deposits: \$0.00', 'Credits: \$0.00', and a 'Balance: \$27.00'.

Date	Type	Amount
11/28/2016 10:...	Charges	\$27.00

Billed	Organization	Note
FLLS-Finger...	Ded...	

Balances
Charges: \$27.00 Deposits: \$0.00 Credits: \$0.00 Balance: \$27.00

Don't forget about the Polaris Documentation online.

ALL HANDOUTS HAVE BEEN UPDATED AS OF 12/20/17.

Visit www.flls.org and click on Staff Login.

Contact Jenny or Eric for the login information.

Updated Patron Handouts at: <http://www.flls.org/continuingeducation/>

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Awards, Contests and Grants

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



American Dream Adult Literacy Grants

Deadline: January 2, 2018

With a generous grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, the American Library Association (ALA) is launching the sixth round of American Dream grants to public libraries to expand services to adult English language learners and/or adults in need of basic education and workforce development.

Community Foundation of Tompkins County Library Grants (Rosen)

Deadline: February 1, 2018

It's never too early to start planning for your Community Foundation Library Grant! Contact Amanda with questions.

Build-A-Bear Literacy and Education Grants

Opens in January

Direct support for children in literacy and education programs such as summer reading programs, early childhood education programs and literacy programs for children with special needs. Grants are a one-time contribution, and range from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

OMG Outreach Mini Grants

Deadline: March 23, 2018

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 NOW OPEN for the 2018-2019 grant cycle!

Visit: <http://www.flls.org/grants/> for more grant resources.

Question of the Week

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION OF THE WEEK: How many different spellings are there for the holiday that means "Festival of Lights?" Why are there so many spelling variations?

Thank you to Jessie from the Ulysses Philomathic Library in Trumansburg who correctly answered:

"There are over 10 different spellings for Hanukkah, with the one I just wrote being the most common. There are many because the word originates from a non-latin language, in this case Hebrew. This is also true for Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights, which originates from the Sanskrit word meaning "row of lamps". Happy (C)Hanuk(k)a(h)!"

Sources:

<http://www.dictionary.com/e/chanukah/>

<http://time.com/3636698/right-spelling-hanukkah-chanukah-hannukah/>

<https://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=5070172>

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION OF THE WEEK:
What is the "Word of the Year" for 2017?

To answer a Question of the Week, please email Amanda (aschiavulli@flls.org) with "Question of the Week" in the **Subject**. Please include your source. **Prizes are available for correct answers using one of our databases or a credible source**

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