



Trustee Newsletter

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**FLLS will be closed
12/24 - 12/26
for Christmas,
1/1 for New Year's
Day, and
1/20 for MLK, Jr.
Day.**

FLLS Welcomes New Employees

The Finger Lakes Library System has hired two new employees, Kylie and Larry.

Kylie is our new page, helping to sort the items for the delivery, and she also works in our mail department, packaging out-of-system interlibrary loans. She has previous library experience working at the Lansing Library as a Youth Page.

Larry is our new sub driver. He will be filling in for Tom, John, and Ken as need on both the North and South routes. Larry previously worked as a correction officer for the Cortland County Sheriff's Department.

Welcome to Larry and Kylie!

Getting Ready for Census 2020

Libraries have always played an important role in promoting and supporting efforts to obtain full participation within a community; the expectation is that there will be greater demands placed upon libraries in the upcoming census due to the transition to a primarily digital survey process – especially in the Finger Lakes Library System service area where many communities face connectivity issues. Finger Lakes Library System is a Census 2020 Community Partner and will assist member libraries by providing materials, training, consulting, and technology help.

A brief timeline of FLLS Census 2020 activities:

- **December 2019:** Official Census marketing materials will be distributed.
- **February 2020:** A Q&A Webinar will be held on February 6th at 10am.
- **February-April 2020:** Member libraries will be encouraged to promote the Census.

For more information about Census 2020, visit

<https://www.flls.org/census-2020/>.

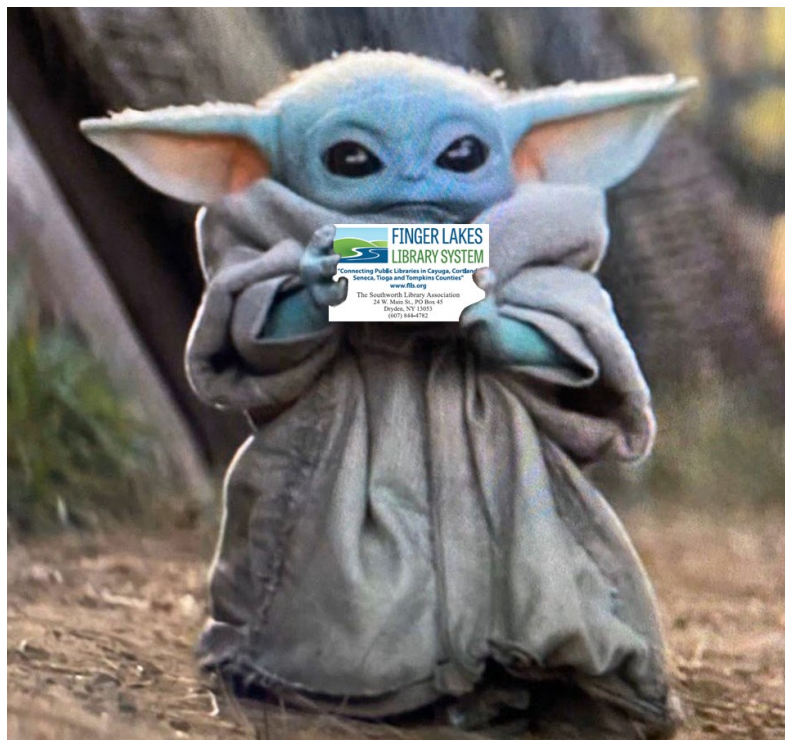
Friends of the Library Workshop

FLLS will be hosting the workshop "Getting Started: Creating and Supporting a Friends Group for Your Library" on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 10am. The workshop will be presented by Lisa Wemett and Terry Mulee from the Friends of the Library Section of NYLA.



This presentation focuses on the benefits of gathering community volunteers to support a library's programs and services. The workshop uses a checklist to develop a Friends of the Library group: recruiting helpers for a steering committee, determining the Friends' mission, expanding their membership, and growing the leadership to sustain an active organization. Libraries with existing Friends groups have also found this workshop helpful as a review of their current practices and to glean ideas for growing their membership base. To allow for further networking, FLLS is offering a lunch following the workshop.

To register for the workshop, visit <http://bit.ly/2Ewjf5>.



Baby Yoda has a library card, do you?
<https://www.instagram.com/fingerlakeslibrarysystem/>

Upcoming Events

Defusing Conflict in the Library

- ♦ **January 23, 2020 at 2pm**
- ♦ Webinar from SCRLC
- ♦ <https://scrlc.org/events/view/6160>

Advocacy Day

- ♦ **Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 3pm**
- ♦ Albany, NY - FLLS will provide transportation
- ♦ *Registration coming soon*

Big Talk from Small Libraries

- ♦ **February 28, 2020 from 9:45am-6pm ET**
- ♦ Online conference from the Nebraska Library Commission
- ♦ <http://nlcblogs.nebraska.gov/bigtalk/>

Role of a Board President

- ♦ **At your convenience**
- ♦ Archived webinar from the NYS Library
- ♦ <https://vimeo.com/237910660>

FLLS 2019 Annual Meeting

By Sarah Glogowski

Thank you to all who attended our 61st FLLS Annual Meeting on Friday, October 18! We had over 85 member library trustees, directors, staff, and volunteers join us at the beautiful Shepard Hills Country Club in Waverly. For photos of the day, check our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.

During the business portion of our meeting, we heard from Jean Currie, our regional representative from the Library Trustee Association. Jean went over the administrative changes at LTA and explained the process of LTA joining NYLA as a section. Jean and I also discussed the importance of trustee education.

The Chair of our Policy Committee, Martin Toombs, explained recent FLLS Board Bylaw changes to account for the requirement of sexual harassment prevention training and to cover the removal of trustees. Both changes were ratified by the membership. The membership also elected two new FLLS trustees. Cynthia Mannino, a trustee at the Trumansburg Library, was elected for the at-large position. Micci Bogard was elected for the Seneca County position and is a trustee at the Lodi Library. Both trustees start their terms in January 2020.

Our speaker this year was Stephanie "Cole" Adams. She is the attorney for the "Ask the Lawyer" service through our regional library council. Ms. Adams has a deep connection to libraries after working at her hometown library in New Hartford, NY and her college libraries. Her talk, "Legal Issues Facing Libraries Today", covered a variety of topics, including library bylaws, policies, job descriptions, copyright, how to deal with law enforcement requests, and more. Ms. Adams' presentation was our highest ranked presentation as gleaned from the meeting evaluations.

The FLLS Annual Meeting committee is still working to determine what our membership would like for future meetings. The goal for the committee is to give a recommendation to the FLLS Board by January.



FLLS ending use of Hoopla

As of January 1, 2020, the Finger Lakes Library System will no longer offer cardholders free access to streaming platform Hoopla. Five member libraries will be offering Hoopla on their own and patrons from those select libraries will still be able to access Hoopla with no disruption in service.



The System made this decision after thorough discussion of alternatives and priorities. We believe the pricing model and cost of Hoopla make it unsustainable for the System, and that our resources are more effectively used purchasing more in-demand content through other platforms.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

For an FAQ about FLLS' discontinuation of Hoopla, please visit <http://bit.ly/FAQHoopla>. The original press release is available online at <http://bit.ly/HooplaPR>. Questions or concerns about FLLS ending use of Hoopla can be directed to contact@flls.org.

Trustee Interview: Martin Toombs



Name: Martin Toombs

Current job: Mostly retired database administrator

Education/work background: Waterloo High School, Ithaca College (BA), Elmira College (MS). Worked 22 years as newspaper reporter and editor, and 20 years in Information Technology

Where are you a trustee? Seneca Falls Library and Finger Lakes Library System

Trusteeship is volunteer work. Why did you become a trustee? I've long been interested in what libraries can mean to their community and am grateful for the opportunity to help Seneca Falls and other libraries be a vital resource.

What is the best thing about being a trustee? Seeing projects and efforts completed

What is the most challenging thing about working on a library board? Anticipating a problem before it happens.

What are you most proud of? Successful completion of a major HVAC project in Seneca Falls.

What current library trend are you most interested in? Becoming a central and vital part of the community, both for educational and other purposes.

What advice would you give to a new library trustee or someone considering being a trustee? Learn the details about your library's finances and spend time in the library, at library events and at other times.

What do you do for fun? Program web sites. Sorry. I know that sounds boring.

What would you like to learn? There are always more computer skills I wish I had.

What are you currently reading or watching? "The Power Broker" – a biography of Robert Moses. I've read hundreds of biographies starting when I was in elementary school.

Is there something about you that others would be surprised to know? I lived in London for a year and have been back three times since.



Seneca Falls Library

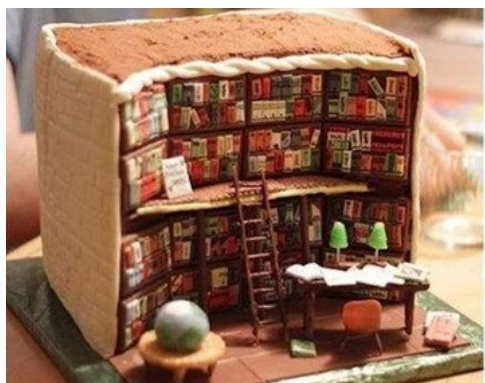
Fun times!

Check out NPR's best books of 2019!

<http://bit.ly/NPR2019books>

Learn the history of the iconic library cake.

<http://bit.ly/librarycake>



Interesting reads

This episode of the Dewey Decibel Podcast from American Libraries discusses library advocacy. <http://bit.ly/ALDDPadvocacy>

This opinion piece from Library Journal discusses the importance of respectful disagreements.

<http://bit.ly/LJdebate>

NYLA welcomes Briana McNamee as their new Director of Government Relations & Advocacy. <http://bit.ly/2sWkJNf>



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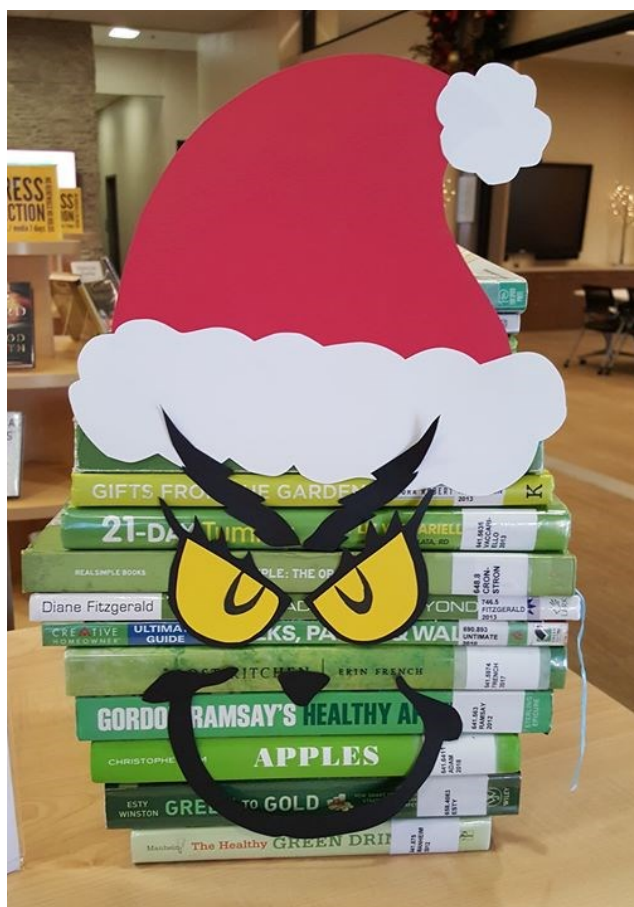


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