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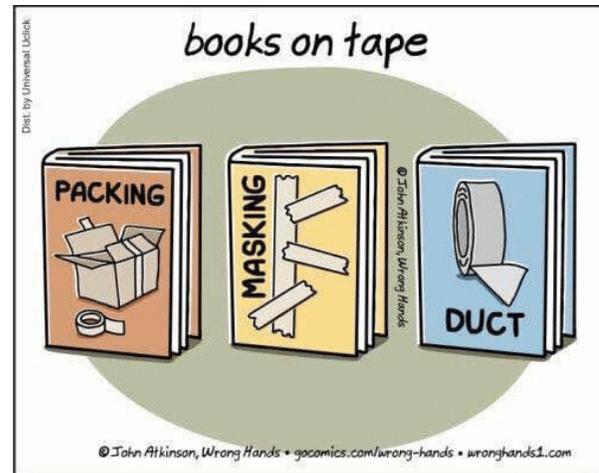
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It was bound to happen.

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Announcements & Reminders

FYI: Are you looking for a book repair service?

Groton Public Library found Don's Book Repair in Lansing. Call (607) 220-7455 or e-mail donsbookrepair1931@yahoo.com. According to Pat Berry of Groton, "His grandfather and father owned Ridley's Book Bindery in Ithaca, they have retired, but he still does the repairs. They weren't very expensive either and the book we had done looks beautiful." Thanks for the tip, Pat!

Links to Make You Think

[54+ Terrible, Wonderful, No Good, Very Bad, Hilarious Library Puns](#) (See image above!)

[WebJunction: Social Library, Volume 143](#) (Program Ideas!)



[#eBooksForAll Update](#)

[2020 Census: Now Hiring!](#)

[Storytime Books That Will Make Grownups Laugh](#)

[Librarianship Opens Career Opportunities for iSchool Graduate Dedicated to Adult Programs](#)

From The Director



Thank you to those 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. If you would like to see photos from the day, please be sure to check out our Facebook and Instagram pages.

Our largest system meeting of the year takes months of preparation and planning by numerous FLLS staff members. Our administrative assistant, Diana, finds our location for us when we switch counties, and does all of the menu preparation with the facility. Kristi Downham prepares our Annual Report that we distribute during the meeting and helps with overall planning for the day. Librarian Jenny Shonk prepares our slideshow that plays during the meeting, and also organizes our raffles. Eric and Rex from the computer network services department make sure all our technology needs for the day are met. Librarian Nora Burrows helps with check-in desk along with Kristi and Diana.

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, especially with upcoming proposed legislation that will require trustee education in the future.

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 the to cover the removal of trustees, and the membership ratified those changes. The membership also elected two new Finger Lakes Library System trustees. Cynthia Mannino was elected for the At-large trustee position and is a trustee at the Ulysses Philomathic Library in Trumansburg. Micci Bogard was elected for the Seneca County trustee 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. Stephanie 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. Stephanie’s presentation was our highest ranked presentation as gleaned from the evaluations from the meeting.

A reminder that our future Annual Meeting committee is still meeting and is evaluating survey responses to determine what our membership would like to see during future meetings. We met on Monday, October 21 to debrief about this year’s Annual Meeting and to start going through survey responses. The goal for the committee is to give a recommendation to the FLLS Board by January.

I hope that you have a fantastic weekend!

Sarah



Member Library News

FLLS Annual Meeting

The sixty-first Annual Meeting of the Finger Lakes Library System was held on October 18, 2019 at the Shepard Hills Country Club in Waverly, NY in Tioga County. Stephanie "Cole" Adams, the attorney from the "Ask the Lawyer" service through our regional library council, spoke about legal issues facing libraries today.



Have something to share?
Please send submissions to Nora by 9am on November 8
to be featured in the Bulletin!



Scam Alert!

Social Security is Not Trying to Take Your Benefits

We've seen a new twist on the Social Security Administration (SSA) scam recently. Check out this SSA imposter robocall, which says your benefits will end. (That's not true, by the way.)

If you get a call like this, do not press 1. Instead, just hang up and remember:

- Your Social Security number is not about to be suspended.
- The real Social Security Administration will never call to threaten your benefits.
- The real SSA will never tell you to wire money, send cash, or put money on a gift card.

The Social Security Administration scam is the number one scam reported to the FTC right now. People filed nearly 73,000 reports about Social Security imposters in the first six months of 2019, with reported losses of \$17 million. You can explore the data about imposter scams and losses at <https://www.ftc.gov/enforcement/data-visualizations/explore-data>.

So if you're getting these calls, you're not alone. Tell your friends and neighbors about this scam. Tell them to hang up the phone. And then to report it to the Federal Trade Commission.

From Jim Kreidler, Consumer Education Specialist, FTC

“Genealogy” Website Offers Personal Information for Free

On a recent podcast, Jenny heard about a website called <https://www.familytreenow.com/>. This website offers up your personal information to anyone for free. Information can include birthdate, addresses, phone numbers (including cell phones), known associates, and known relatives.

Luckily, you can opt out! Visit <https://www.familytreenow.com/optout> and follow the steps listed below:

1. After you click the 'begin' button below, you will be taken to the search page. Run a search for yourself.
2. After you have found yourself in the results, click on the record detail. Verify that this is yourself and not just someone else with your same name.
3. After you are 100% sure this is your record, click the big red 'Opt Out' button that is on the page.
4. You are done. Please allow up to 48 hours for your request to be processed. Once it's processed that record will be removed from all places on the site. Note: If you have multiple records that need to be removed, repeat steps 1-4.





Webinars, Workshops, & Events

FLLS Events

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

Grant Writing Webinar

Monday, October 28

12:00pm – 1:30pm

Registration is required.

Youth Services Advisory Group Meeting

Thursday, November 7

1:00 pm – 3:00pm

To be held at Seymour Library in Auburn.

FALCONS Meeting

Thursday, November 21

9:30am – 11:30am

Held at FLLS and online!

Conferences & Outside Trainings

NYLA Conference 2019

November 13-16

Saratoga Springs, NY

All Libraries are Powerful: What's Your Story?

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

PLA Conference 2020

February 25-29

Nashville, TN

Join your colleagues in Nashville to do more than develop new skills and talk about how far our libraries have come—be a part of inventing what comes next. The advanced registration rate is available to everyone through January 31, 2020. Public Library Association (PLA) and Tennessee Library Association (TLA) personal members get exclusive access to the Early Bird discount through December 20, 2019.



Webinars

The Books are Afoot (Booklist)

Tuesday, October 29, 2:00pm

October has been the instigator of many things— howling winds accompanied by mysterious figures; hounds running amok in Baskerville; and now, Booklist's mystery webinar! Join us 10/29 when we hear from Books on Tape/Listening Library, HarperCollins Publishers, Severn House, and Oceanview Publishing about the latest mysteries creeping on the shelves this fall! Moderated by early 20th Century Lady Detective and Booklist's Senior Editor, Collection Management and Library Outreach Susan Maguire.

How to make the most of READsquared....All Year Long!

Wednesday, November 6, 1:30pm

Libraries that used READsquared for their Summer Reading program will learn about the next steps to wrap up after Summer Reading and move forward. Find out what your library can do to maximize the use of the READsquared product for other seasonal reading programs! Learn about useful reports and activity-based programs. Are you a library that has not signed up yet for a FREE READsquared account? Participants will be able to get more information on the features and flexibility of READsquared to help them decide about READsquared before Summer Reading 2020. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the webinar. The webinar will be recorded and archived for later viewing.

Taking a Walk with the Library: StoryWalk®, Walking Book Clubs and More

Wednesday, November 13, 2:00pm

Join us for a webinar with Charlotte Mecklenburg (N.C.) Library, Gail Borden Public Library District (Elgin, Ill.), and Let's Move in Libraries! to learn how libraries of all sizes can incorporate walking into programs for all ages. This session will focus on how these libraries developed their StoryWalk® and Walking Book Club programs, including lessons learned, with a brief overview of other walking programs ideas, like local history walks.



Programming Ideas & News

Cork Turkey Place Cards



1. Gather your supplies: corks, paint sample cards, glue. You can also get googly eyes and grab a pen to write your relatives' names on the turkeys.
2. Cut feathers out of the paint sample cards. Cut out a beak.
3. Using regular glue or a hot glue gun, glue the feathers, eyes, and beak onto the cork. Let dry.

*Taken from: <https://funfamilycrafts.com/cork-turkey-place-cards/>.
FYI link is no longer active.*

For more fun cork crafts, visit:

<https://www.wideopeneats.com/15-crafty-diys-you-can-do-with-those-wine-corks-youve-been-saving/>



We have a board for that!
Check out our [Pinterest! Page!](#)



Polaris FAQ

Polaris Item Maintenance Update

Jenny has completed Polaris Item Maintenance trainings for 2019.
This year, she visited 27 libraries to provide training!

All Polaris documentation has been updated online.
To access, visit <https://www.flls.org/> and click on **STAFF LOGIN**.
Contact Jenny, Eric, or Rex for the login information.

Questions about Polaris Item Maintenance? Not sure who to contact?

Please direct how-to questions to:

Jenny Shonk*, Continuing Education & Outreach Librarian
(607) 319-5613 or jshonk@flls.org

**Jenny will be out from October 31-November 13.
Please direct all Polaris questions to the CNS department during that time.*

Please direct cataloging questions to:

Deb Geier, Technical Services Librarian
(607) 273-4074 x233 or dgeier@flls.org

Please direct technical Polaris questions to:

(i.e. Polaris cannot connect or is not working properly)
Rex Helwig, Computer Network Services Manager
Eric Franks, Computer Network Services Specialist
(607) 273-4074 x237 (rings to both)
rhelwig@flls.org or efranks@flls.org

**Patron-friendly handouts and how-to brochures for HeritageQuest,
rbDigital, Novelist, OverDrive (& more!) can be found here:**

<https://www.flls.org/brochures>



Awards, Contests, & Grants

Friends of Tompkins County Public Library Education Grants Deadline is Coming Up!

Dear Librarian,

As chair of the Education Grants Committee of the Friends of the Tompkins County Public Library, I'm happy to inform you that once again this year the Friends is offering local librarians, library assistants, and future librarians **grants to continue their professional education**. These grants are available to staff members of libraries (including school libraries) within Tompkins County to partially cover costs of attending professional meetings, workshops, training sessions, and conferences, and to defray the cost of course work. You and your staff members are eligible to apply for such funding. Awards amounts are typically in the several hundreds of dollars.

The applicant must provide information about the content of the proposed program, associated costs, and any other available financial support, as well as two letters of recommendation, one from a supervisor. There is a link to a PDF of the application form on the web site of the Education Grants Committee <http://www.friendsoftcpl.org/grants/education-grants/> and a description of the committee's program to support continuing educational opportunities for staff members of Tompkins County libraries. Completed applications should be submitted electronically to edgrants@booksale.org by October 28, 2019. Applicants who are unable to apply electronically should contact me using the information below. Grant recipients will be informed by November 8, 2019.

We hope you and your staff will be able to take advantage of the grants offered by the Educational Grants Program. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Andrea Volckmar
Friends of the Tompkins County Public Library Education Grants Committee Chairperson
avolckmar@gmail.com

2020 Technology and Digitization Grant Application Packets Now Available

SCRLC members are encouraged to submit creative and innovative proposals to improve regional access and resource sharing through technology. Digitization projects are also encouraged, as they allow materials to be accessed regionally through New York Heritage, New York State Historic Newspapers, and the Empire Archival Discovery Cooperative.

For 2020, applications are especially encouraged for:

- projects involving oral history
- partnerships increasing representation of and with communities that have been historically and systematically oppressed.

Applications must be completed and submitted electronically to the SCRLC office by Friday, November 15, 2019; send applications and questions to Julia Corrice at jcorrice@scrlc.org.

2020 RBDB Grant Application (.docx) (PDF)