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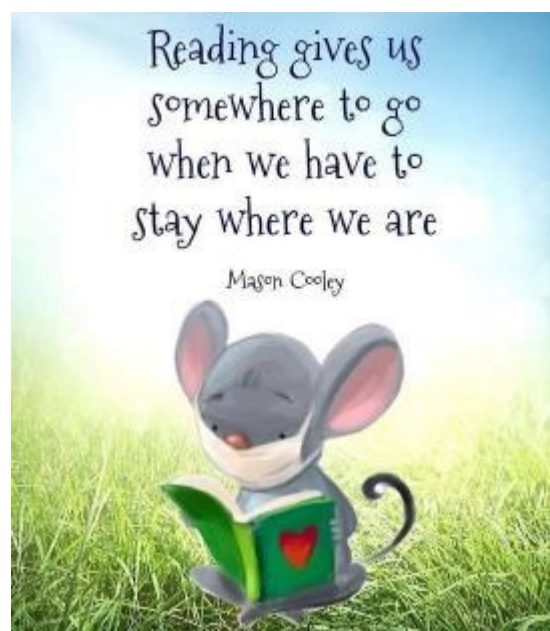
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Announcements & Reminders

Be patient with yourself right now and if you need help, reach out!

- New York State Emotional Support Line: 1-844-863-9314
- Crisis Textline: Text TALK to 741741

Links to Make You Think

[The FEMA Rumor Control Fact Page \(also available in Spanish\)](#)

[COVID-19 Publisher Information Directory](#)



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From The Director



As we approach our seventh week of library closures, our member libraries are taking the first steps in drafting re-opening plans. Here are some items we have been working on over the last two weeks:

FLLS Meetings – We are holding meetings for member library directors every Wednesday afternoon until at least mid-May to provide information, answer questions and have group discussions. These meetings are open to library directors or a designee that the director chooses. Jenny is leading member library support group meetings on Thursday mornings. These meetings are open to directors and member library staff and cover topics such as virtual programming, online storytime sessions, and summer reading preparations. Nora is going to be devoting time at one of these meetings to solely discuss summer reading. Sarah will also be scheduling a trustee information meeting that will take place the second week of May.

Supply Ordering – One of the first things our members will need is equipment to safely re-open their libraries and have staff back in the building. It will be mandatory that employers provide masks to employees (they can be cloth or disposable surgical masks) and libraries should also prepare to have disinfectant spray, wipes, hand sanitizer, and gloves available. FLLS has access to a few suppliers and we are placing our first bulk purchase for libraries on Monday morning. If you are interested, please make sure to email Diana with your order by Monday at 10 a.m. We are constantly reviewing what is available for us to purchase and will be sending out notices when we find new products. Our hope is that we will make a future delivery run to drop off supplies to libraries before libraries are expected to re-open.

IMLS Grant – Member library directors got an update on Wednesday about the IMLS grant that Nate Hill from the Metropolitan New York Library Council is involved in. The Institute of Museum and Library Services, along with OCLC and Battelle Labs are collaborating to test various library and museum materials in a laboratory environment to see how long the COVID-19 virus stays on different materials. Battelle is a not-for-profit research laboratory. The first phase of the study (the next three months) will focus on public library materials and the whole project has a 17 month scope to it. The project will study books, paper, book covers of all sorts, and barcodes. The initial focus of the study will not examine COVID-19 on public computers, media labs, or maker spaces. The hope of the study is that it will provide guidance on how long the virus lives on materials and cleaning suggestions or quarantine guidance to handle materials safely.

Re-opening Plans – Member library directors are being sent sample re-opening plans from other State Libraries or regional systems to help guide them in their creation of plans. FLLS will be taking a regional approach to plans and each county will be holding meetings to discuss creating plans. On Thursday, PULISDO was notified that Empire State Development has reached out to Rebekkah Smith Aldrich to ask for her input on guidance for re-opening plans for NY State. Rebekkah has drafted guidance and shared with PULISDO on Thursday for feedback. Many of you know Rebekkah as the author of the Trustee Handbook and starting the Sustainable Libraries initiative.

I hope you all get to enjoy the warmer temperatures this weekend!

Sarah



Member Library News

How exciting! An article in the May/June 2020 issue of *Life in the Finger Lakes* magazine features several of our member libraries!

Free access: <https://www.lifeinthefingerlakes.com/may-june-2020-digimag/>



Meet the 59 Best Places in the Finger Lakes

story and photos by Derek Doolinger

Not wineries. Not waterfalls. Not women of letters. And, oh, not those lovely lakes. There may be the attractions that draw tourists from near and far, and the attractions we love to show off to our out-of-town guests, but these are not the places that feed our minds, bring us together, or help us make sense of our world.

The places that can do that are quiet and unassuming, but always ready to assist without fuss or fanfare. They are our small-town libraries.

At first glance, they may seem like the byproducts of local attractions. Too quiet. Too unassuming. Too plain. Too boring.

But it is in the small libraries of the hamlets, villages, and rural roads of the Finger Lakes heartland that you'll discover the spirit of the Finger Lakes. Those of you who haven't visited a library in a while may still cling to that Hollywood stereotype. You know, the quiet dim place crisscrossed with shelves of dusty books under the guard of a woman with a stern, grim visage and a closed, tabernacle door bulging from the back of her head as she vigilantly patrols the aisles, armed and ready with the quickest chastising index finger in the county.

But the reality is just the opposite. Whichever these days, most libraries are bright and modern inside. Even the tiny ones. Although quiet may be the trademark of libraries, they can be fun, lively, and entertaining, even noisy. Especially when a herd of chattering toddlers charges through for story time.

Above all, the librarians and their staff are unfailingly welcoming and helpful. And they know their stuff. In many libraries, it's a librarian with a master's in library science who not only knows books, but is also grounded in technology, business, and the needs of the community.

By my arbitrary tally, I counted up about 59 libraries.

59 Best Places

Gumption, Calore

I love the small, remote libraries. The ones barely bigger than a bookshelf. Like many of us, the small-town libraries survive through resourcefulness and a can-do attitude.

Many sit in the middle of nowhere, which means they often help those who need it most. Allen Hill Public Library reaches a few miles north of Horseville Lake in what looks like a small ranch house on a barren hillside across from a field of soybeans. Hazard Library (about 15,000 items, checked out annually) is even smaller. It stands next to the post office and across the street from Dave Bell Auto Services on Rt. 54S, located halfway between the hamlets of Here and There (actually between Lehigh and Lehighville).

The T.S. Perl Library in Hector exemplifies how small libraries survive. In one word: gumption. The Perl is the only totally volunteer-run library in the state.

One of its 20 volunteers, Liz Martin, co-owner of Muddy Pigeons Farm (and town board member) says, "Our volunteers manage to cover the many roles and tasks of a library. It's amazing how everybody comes together to keep it going."

It used to be inside the volunteer fire department building, a bit awkward, especially since no amount of shuffling could silence the sirens. Now it's next door and brand new: a large, single room with sparkling pine floors, walls, and bookshelves—all built by volunteers.

To keep going, some small libraries work side jobs. The tiny Adams Library (on Main Street since 1921) doubles as a post office and offers library deliveries to home-bound patrons. The Montrose Public Library doubles as a welcome center, with Director Roseanne Leyes and Assistant Director Kelly Powers greeting tourists one minute and assisting library patrons the next. The Hazard Library rents out

the adjoining post office. The Cornish library shares its space with the historical society, as does the Waterloo library. The Middlesex Reading Center (also in the running for smallest size under the town hall).

Soaring into the Internet and Beyond

Only a few years ago, many people thought that the arrival of the internet and its armies of free content and information would squash libraries. That electronic devices would make them obsolete. That they'd become extinct. But a funny thing happened on the way to extinction by internet. That initial trickle of devices and information burst into a confusing flood of smartphones, tablets, Kindles, apps, settings, airplane modes, connections, 5GHz, phishing and new social norms that threatened to drown anybody over 30 in their complexity (and cost).

Libraries came to the rescue. They not only embraced technology, they ran with it. In football vernacular, they scooped up a loose ball and dashed with it to the end zone. Now they're

our coaches, providing classes and resources to the new information world; now parents can learn almost enough to be able to figure out what their kids are up to. And now just about anybody can use the library to access the wide world of internet information and entertainment media in all its forms.

Although usage of traditional hardcover books has dropped, they're still in demand. So you can still drift to sleep with the latest mystery, travel, or home improvement book perched on your chest.

But digital content abounds and is readily available. Prefer an eBook? It's only a click away. Same for audiobooks. Same for an assortment of movies available as DVDs or downloads. You can stream free music downloads through Freegal, or discover distant ancestors through genealogical sites. Need information for health or financial issues? Need help with your car? Kindle, smartphone, setting up an e-reader, navigating Facebook or Craigslist, Twitter or Instagram? Just ask. Lack wireless at home? Check out a free wi-fi hot spot. Want to try 3D-printing or a

metaspacer with a cutting board? A few libraries can set you up for that. Lack a home printer? Many libraries enable you to print on the library's printer from your home computer or even remotely from your smartphone. And nearly all offer computers for on-site use.

Libraries provide on-site entertainment and education. Just take a look at the calendar for the Livonia Library: family movie nights, a chess/chess challenge, coding and robotics, juggling acts, storytimes for kids of all ages. Plus activity and education groups for knitting, painting, cooking, computing, texting, Facebooking. But no library can top the offerings of the Tompkins County Library in Ithaca. Go to Ithaca and click on the calendar if you want to be dazzled.

A Community Resource

Out in the hinterland and in small towns, libraries serve as community centers. Through activity gatherings, classes, and seminars, they enable the community to come together and socialize in small or large groups.



Left, top: The annual Autos Library Teddy Bear Picnic personalizes the small town library. The picnic starts on the lawn and culminates in a juggling show in the beautiful Morgan Theater above the library. Left, bottom: Volunteer Dr. Ted Smith Anna Ruppert at Clare Valley books on



Greek revival on the outside, a spectacular Tiffany bay window on the inside, and lots of programs and events in between. That makes the Montrose Public Library for one of the many fascinating small town libraries in the Finger Lakes.

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Scam Alert!

An Ugly New COVID-19 Malware Strain Is Bricking Your Endpoints

Forget cybercriminals out to steal just your money or credentials. Security researchers just found evil new malware strains intent on rewriting your users' workstation master boot records (MBR) and/or wiping the file system.

Your organization doesn't need another thing to worry about with the coronavirus pandemic going on. However, here it is! Security researcher Vitali Kremez discovered a new malware strain using COVID-19 as its theme, and in some cases pretends – yes, pretends to be ransomware. It rewrites the endpoint's MBR and upon bootup posts a message that the machine has been infected with ransomware.

Now, the workstation is not totally lost, with some good bootup tools you can rebuild the machine, put the MBR back as it should, so that it can boot normally again. But... what if this machine is at the house of a WFH user?

And, what if other malware was dropped at the same time? The only way to be sure is "nuke from orbit" and a bare metal restore which is a major PITA remotely if possible at all. In either case it causes downtime and loss of productivity.

The MalwareHunterTeam has spotted another in-the-wild strain in Italy that also tries to delete the files on an endpoint. It is beyond me why someone would go through such trouble to create destructive malware when there's no monetization scheme unless it was created for cyberwar purposes like when 30,000 machines at ARAMCO in Saudi were bricked by Iran a few years back.

While these two specific malware strains are not as destructive as some of the other worm-based attacks that kill your whole network, it's still crucial to train users to not click on attachments from unknown, unexpected senders.





Online Learning

Upcoming Webinars

Canva Basics (FLLS)

Tuesday, May 5 at 2pm

This webinar will cover the basics of locating and editing a template in Canva. If you would like to follow along, please create a **FREE** account at <https://www.canva.com/signup> prior to attending. Registration is required. Zoom access will be sent the day before the webinar.

Make Your Life Easier with Google (FLLS)

Tuesday, May 12 at 2pm

This webinar will introduce you to Google Docs, Sheets, Forms, Slides, and Drive. Registration is required. Zoom access will be sent the day before the webinar.

Polaris Leap Webinar (FLLS)

TBD

Click [HERE](#) to complete the Doodle poll and let Jenny know what day and time would work for you! This webinar will cover basic circulation tasks in Polaris Leap.

Conferences

American Library Association Virtual Conference

June 24-26, 2020

ALA Virtual - Community Through Connection is an online event with educational programming, special author events, and social networking. We're looking forward to this unique opportunity to stay connected as we move forward with our profession and support our communities. We certainly hope that you can join us in this virtual space as we learn, grow, and most importantly, lean on our fellow librarians and library workers as we adapt and evolve in these changing times. The event format, specific content, and other details will be announced soon. Registration opens on May 11, \$175 for members and \$250 for non-members.



Archived Webinars

Big Talk from Small Libraries

FREE & On Demand

We've been listening! A comment we've heard often is that many presentations at conferences seem to be by and for librarians from larger libraries. Well, Big Talk From Small Libraries is different. This free one-day online conference is aimed at librarians from small libraries; the smaller the better! Each of our speakers is from a library serving fewer than 10,000 people, or directly works with small libraries. Topics range from technology to programming to new roles for the library. This event is a great opportunity to learn about the innovative things your colleagues are doing in their small libraries.

Public Library Association

FREE & On Demand

On-demand webinars are archived recordings of previous PLA webinars available 24/7 for viewing at your convenience. Many of PLA's on-demand webinars are free, each denoted with a green "Free!" icon below the title.

American Libraries Live!

FREE & On Demand

Always free! Join library experts and hundreds of your colleagues for interactive discussions on pressing issues in modern librarianship. American Libraries Live webcasts cover the full spectrum of library topics and give the ALA community a chance to learn about and discuss issues it deals with daily.

READSquared

FREE & On Demand

The New York State Library is pleased to offer READSquared at NO COST to public libraries statewide! READSquared is an online reading program solution. This powerful application offers customization and configuration of CSLP-themed summer reading programs and other reading and learning programs, as well as readers' advisory tools for all ages and all reading levels. Archived webinars are located in the box on the right-hand side of the screen. *NYS Library is also planning to hold another READSquared webinar some time in May!*



Programming Ideas

Pandemic Programming Ideas

Did you miss the FLLS webinar on April 22?

The recording and slides (with lots of clickable links) are available on our website!

Visit <https://www.flls.org/pandemicprogramming/>.

Programming for All Ages

- [Scavenger Hunts](#)
- [Escape Rooms: 1, 2, 3](#)
- [How-To Tutorials](#)
- Field Trips
- [Book Club](#) or Book Buzz
- [Lego Contest](#)
- [Poetry Slam or Contest](#)
- [Movie Showings](#)
- [Early Literacy](#)
- Writers Group
- [Mindfulness/Meditation](#)
- Origami or [Book Folding](#)
- [Tech Help](#)
- [Crafting](#)
- [Happy Hour/Coffee Break](#)
- Pictionary on Zoom
- Trivia Night: [1](#), [2](#)
- Performers

Also, join us on Thursday, May 7 at 10am to discuss all things Summer Reading at the weekly FLLS Member Library Support Group meeting! This meeting is open to anyone who works at a member library. We hope to see you there!

Zoom Access:

<https://flls.zoom.us/j/297352174?pwd=RlpLVkVBZE5xYkIUITEiYdTZMWUUh5Zz09>

Meeting ID: 297 352 174

Password: 024063

One tap mobile: +19294362866,,297352174# US (New York)

Summer Reading Update from CSLP

Letter to libraries with orders that have not yet shipped: Due to the unprecedented number of library closures as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, CSLP will be placing all orders on temporary hold until further notice. To receive your order before the hold is lifted, you will need to send one of the following to: update@cslpreads.org

- Confirmation that your library is able to receive packages at the address provided in the original order
- Provide an alternate address (such as a residential address) where your order can be shipped
- Indicate that you would like to have your order held at a local UPS depot for pick up

Libraries who do not respond will not receive their orders until routine shipping resumes; to be determined. Thank you.



Census 2020 Update

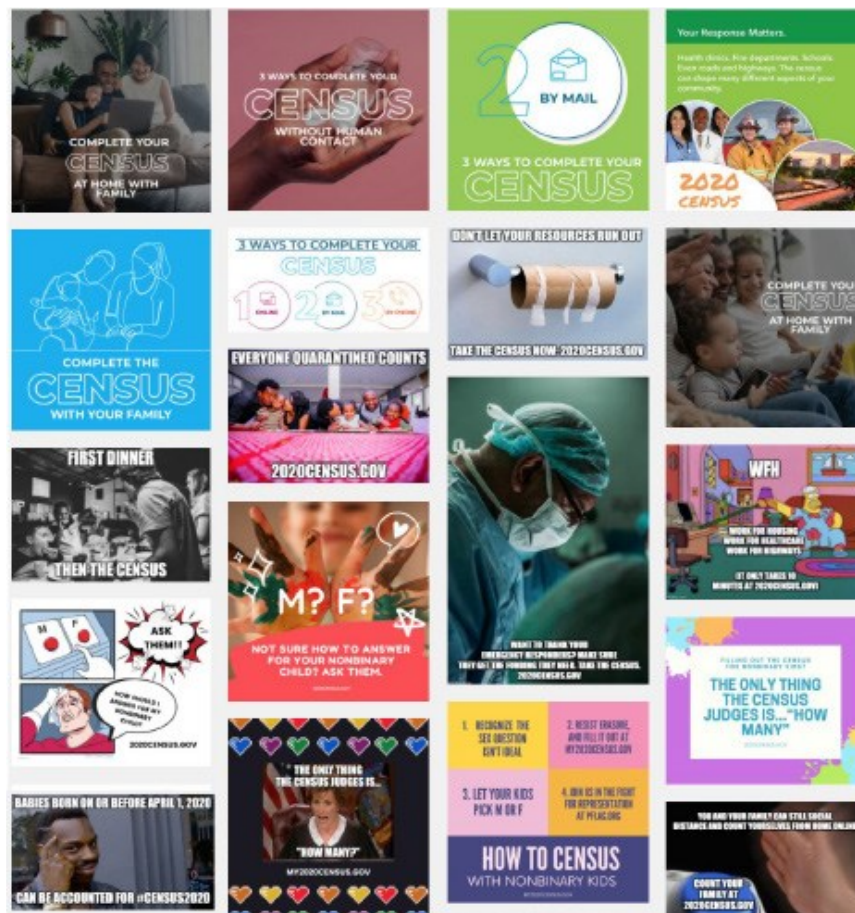
Topic: Digital Action Weekend

The Census is **SAFE, EASY, & IMPORTANT!** Even though our library buildings are closed, we can still encourage our patrons to respond via social media!

2020 Census Digital Action Weekend takes place this Friday-Sunday, May 1-3. This weekend is all about engagement! With your help, we will flood the internet with #2020Census to drive people to <https://my2020census.gov/> to complete their 2020 Census questionnaire.

A helpful guide can be found [HERE!](#)

Another great resource for materials is the Census Bureau partner content gallery, which provides more than 500 pieces of content and is free to re-share within your communities! Please check out some of the great work that has been done and take whatever you wish: <https://www.creativesfortheaccount.org/gallery/>.



Questions? Comments? Concerns?

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