



## MEMBER LIBRARY BI-WEEKLY BULLETIN

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### Announcements & Reminders

Jenny created a video and handout that shows how to place holds in the Power PAC catalog during curbside services, feel free to share: <https://www.fls.org/curbside/>.

### Links to Make You Think

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# From The Director



Our libraries have been working hard to prepare for curbside services next week. Here are some updates:

**Curbside Services** – In some ways the mid-March shutdown of libraries seems like so long ago, but the last few months have been spent preparing our libraries to safely re-open for both staff and patrons. There have been struggles, such as lack of guidance from the State, and some of our counties being placed in phase 1 versus phase 2 for re-opening, but the time has come for our libraries to re-open next week. Almost all of our libraries will be offering curbside services on June 15 (Fair Haven Library will be opening most likely in July due to their seasonal community). For the first few weeks, deliveries between libraries will still be suspended and libraries will be using their local materials for their patrons. We are still aiming for early to mid-July to restart our delivery service.

FLLS is asking all libraries to quarantine library materials for 72 hours. Library staff have been in their buildings training staff on curbside methods and how to handle materials safely, as well as cleaning their libraries in preparation for re-opening. FLLS made delivery runs of supplies on Monday and Tuesday to help prepare libraries for re-opening, and we will be scheduling a second run of supplies later next week. If you still need supplies, please reach out to Diana ([dleigh@flls.org](mailto:dleigh@flls.org)) – we are still placing orders for you!

In addition to all of the hard work our member library directors, staff, and trustees have been doing to re-open libraries, I would also like to thank the FLLS staff for working so hard these last few months. Our staff has jumped in to make both library closures in March and the re-opening process now as smooth as possible for our members. Please remember we are still working remotely, but are available to help you in any way!

**Open Meetings Law** – I've had some recent questions about in-person board meetings resuming. Executive Order 202.38 extends the suspension of in-person meeting requirement of Open Meetings Law until July 6. This means boards should still be meeting remotely (either virtually or by phone). Please remember, all meetings should be recorded and transcribed at a later date (later this summer is advised). Regular minutes also still need to be taken. The Governor has a bill on his desk to extend the suspension of in-person meetings until the pandemic ends and we expect action on this bill early next week. I'll update everyone when we learn if the bill passes.

I wish everyone the best of luck next week on your curbside services. Thank you again for all your hard work in preparing for this next step in re-opening your libraries!

Sarah



# Member Library News

**ulyssesphilomathiclibrary**

*Ulysses Philomathic Library*  
**Grab-and-Go Books**

**Pick-up Hours:**  
Tuesday 9:00am - Noon  
Wednesday 5:00pm - 8:00pm  
Thursday 9:00am - Noon

**Step 1**  
Order your UPL materials  
(using an F22 delivery. Bring them only at this time.)  
Online: [catalog.flis.org](http://catalog.flis.org)  
or  
By phone: 607-387-5623

**Step 2**  
Put on a mask and pick up your order at the library's back door (parking lot side) during pick up times.

**Step 3**  
Return your items on or before their due date to the front or back book drop at UPL. Please do not hand directly to staff.

ulyssesphilomathiclibrary Grab-and-Go book pickup will begin on Tuesday, June 16! Swipe to see some of the new books available- you can start placing holds right now! #iloveupl #upreads #grabandgo #takeoutbooks #reopening

**coburnlibrary**

**CONTACTLESS PICK-UP**  
will begin  
**June 15th**  
at **COBURN**

**FREE LIBRARY**  
More details to come soon on our website and social media!

Liked by **waverly\_free\_library**  
**coburnlibrary** Coming soon!

**Tappan- Spaulding Memorial Library**  
June 3 at 4:53 PM

**Curbside Pick-Up**  
will begin  
**JUNE 16TH**  
at Tappan-Spaulding Memorial Library

Details will be posted soon on Facebook, Instagram, and our website.

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**lansinglibraryny**

**BEGINNING JUNE 15**  
**CONTACT-LESS CURBSIDE PICKUP!**

**Mondays & Wednesdays 4 PM - 7 PM**  
**Tuesdays & Thursdays 10 AM - 1 PM**

- ★ Use your Lansing Library card to put Lansing items on hold NOW!
- ★ On June 15 you can also call the library to put items on hold.
- ★ All items must be returned using the outside book drop which is NOW OPEN.
- ★ More details coming soon!

Liked by **kaireall** and others  
**lansinglibraryny** Cuirbside Pickup Begins Monday, June 15 from 4pm-7pm. #lansinglibraryny #curbsidepickup #librariesareawesome



## Scam Alert!

### Donating in difficult times

These days, there are just so many reasons why people want to do something to help, to make a difference, to take action. In addition to volunteering or putting their feet to the pavement, lots of people are putting their hands in their wallets to try to make an impact. Once again, though, scammers will be there. As ever, they follow the headlines and pop up wherever there's money to be made. So, before you make a donation to support any cause, here are a few things to think about and do:

- **Do some research.** There are many good organizations to support. Search online for recommendations — and, when you've found one that's well thought of, check it out. Type the group or fund's name into a search engine, plus the word "scam," "review," or "complaint."
- **Consider how you pay.** Real charities won't ask you to pay by cash, money transfer, gift card, or Bitcoin. That's how scammers ask you to pay. So if someone tells you to donate that way, think about donating elsewhere.
- **Research crowdfunding, too.** Many funds that give real help spring up right after a tragedy. But scammers put up crowdfunding pages, too, and it can be hard to tell the difference. You want your money to go to help, so do some online checking to find the real, official funds that support the people or causes you want to support.
- **If someone rushes you, slow down.** Scammers want to get your money as soon as they can. They might start calling, pressuring you to give – or even saying you made a pledge. And, since you can't trust caller ID, you won't know who's really calling. So go back to the first bullet: do some research and then give. Just not in response to pressure.

**Learn more about other ways to check out charities,  
and how to give safely, at [ftc.gov/charity](https://www.ftc.gov/charity).**

Taken from: <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2020/06/donating-difficult-times>





# Online Learning

## Upcoming Webinars & Meetings

### **The Responsibilities and Challenges of Reopening Libraries in NYS**

**Tuesday, June 16 1:30-3:00pm**

Public libraries have been given permission to reopen with restrictions as part of NY Forward's phase one in the reopening process. What does this mean for you, your library, and your community? If you do decide to reopen as part of this phase, where should you begin? Hear from directors of both libraries and library systems in rural and urban regions across New York State. They will discuss the challenges of reopening their libraries, the services their libraries are offering, and how they are ensuring that the library is safe for both their staff and patrons.

### **Dismantling Institutional Racism in your Library: From Theory to Practice**

**Wednesday June 24, 2:00-3:00pm**

One of the major barriers to dismantling institutional racism is a lack of effective vocabulary, analysis, and principles. Libraries have the potential to be at the forefront of efforts to dismantle racism in our country. Tobin Miller Shearer, PhD, introduces you to training on field-tested and research-based concepts you can use to address both issues of institutional racism in your own organization and in the communities to which you connect and serve. If you're interested, but not able to attend the live webinar, go ahead and register. We'll send a recording to all registrants after the fact.

### **Caring for the Mind: Providing Mental Health Information at Your Library (FLLS)**

**Thursday, August 6, 10:00-11:30am**

**NOW ONLINE & NEW TIME!** Responding to questions involving topics on mental health is challenging even for the most experienced library worker. In Caring for the Mind, participants will learn how to effectively provide mental health information at their libraries. Participants will learn about the best electronic resources to consult as well as ways to improve their print collections. Best approaches for handling interactions with emotional patrons will also be discussed.

## Archived Webinars

### **Anti-Racism Training**

**FREE & On Demand**

Racism. It is a word that elicits strong emotion, and often even stronger opinions. Taking the step to engage in anti-racism work may seem intimidating, or maybe you already feel confident in your knowledge of racial justice and in your allyship. Regardless of where you sit on that spectrum, this training is one that can have benefit for everyone. Whether you are a social service or mental health professional pursuing a unique and impactful continuing education experience, or a community member, this virtual training experience will challenge you, and expose you to knowledge and skills to gain better understanding of racial justice and allyship.

### **American Libraries Live!**

**FREE & On Demand**

On-demand webinars are archived recordings of previous American Libraries Live webinars available 24/7 for viewing at your convenience. The most recent series was Libraries and COVID-19.

### **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.

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## Conferences

### **Library 2.020 Mini Conference: Small, Rural, and Independent Libraries**

**Wednesday, June 17, 3:00-6:00pm**

This free mini-conference will focus on innovation and innovative thinking in rural, independent, tribal, and other small libraries--as well as the many unique challenges that they face.



# Programming Ideas

## Virtual Programming Resource Round-up from Programming Librarian

“Libraries have reported a significant increase in their virtual programming since the COVID-19 outbreak began. Since libraries across the country started closing in March 2020, a remarkable amount of resources have been produced to help librarians create and sustain their virtual programs during and after the pandemic.”



*We compiled a list of some of the best virtual programming resources from across the library field.*

**BIG LIBRARY READ**  
June 22 - July 15, 2020

“Intellectually stimulating and viscerally exciting, *The Darwin Affair* is breathtaking from start to stop.”  
—The Wall Street Journal

**Read on Libby.**  
The one-tap reading app from your local library.

*The Darwin Affair*  
Tim Mason

The next OverDrive Big Library Read begins on June 22!

For more information and access to marketing materials, visit:  
<https://biglibraryread.com/marketing-materials/>



# Census 2020 Update

**Topic: Apply for a Census Grant!**

## **Census Shelter-in-Place Grant**

As an environment that promotes information literacy and provides broadband access, libraries were perfectly positioned to assist patrons with the 2020 Census. Due to the fact that the Coronavirus pandemic coincided with the 2020 Census, libraries have had to innovate in order to complete their follow-up work promoting a complete count. ESLN, with thanks to the Charles H. Revson Foundation, is able to provide a limited number of cash grants from \$500-\$2000 to New York Libraries and Library Systems to fund this work.

These grants can be used for programs such as:

- Procuring mobile hotspots
- A marketing program using radio or internet or physical ads
- Creating a traveling hotspot-mobile

An educational campaign targeting low-response areas

Grants will be given on a rolling basis. Priority will be given to libraries and systems in low-response areas. This is a reimbursement grant; we will issue the money after grantees submit receipts.

Besides submitting receipts, you must also provide follow-up documentation to summarize the results from your initiative. This can be accomplished in one of the following ways: short presentation, a newspaper/magazine/newsletter article highlighting your census activities, social media campaign summary, or an alternative reporting tool that provides an accounting of the initiative you launched, funded by this grant.

We have limited funds to distribute for these grants. Once the money has been distributed, it is gone. First come, first serve - so apply early!

*These grants are made possible by funds granted from the Charles H. Revson Foundation. The statements made and views expressed, however, are solely the responsibility of Empire State Library Network.*

Submit your grant application here: <https://forms.gle/DmY1NZmNHDRoDpRNA>

### **QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? CONCERNS?**

*Consulting, Resources, Training:*

Jenny Shonk

[jshonk@flls.org](mailto:jshonk@flls.org) or 607-273-4074 x236

**READ THIS: [Census timeline extended in response to COVID-19](#)**



## Awards & Grants



### **STAR Net STEAM Equity Project: Enhancing Learning Opportunities in Libraries of Rural Communities**

Public libraries are hubs for lifelong learning, especially in small and rural communities that may not have easy access to the scientific and academic centers in more urban locations.

The STAR Net STEAM Equity Project will help public library workers in small and rural communities offer outstanding, culturally responsive STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) programming and exhibitions for their patrons, especially often-underreached Latino populations.

With funding from the National Science Foundation (NSF), the [Space Science Institute's National Center for Interactive Learning \(NCIL/SSI\)](#), the American Library Association (ALA), [Twin Cities PBS \(TPT\)](#), [Institute for Learning Innovation \(ILI\)](#) and [Education Development Center \(EDC\)](#) are seeking 12 creative librarians/library workers to lead their libraries' participation in a project at the intersection of transforming library services, gender equity and cultural inclusion (especially with Latino families), STEAM learning and positive youth development.

Those interested in applying on behalf of their library are invited to [complete a brief Notice of Intent \(NOI\)](#) about your community demographics and needs. Estimated time required to complete the NOI: 15 minutes.

Please select from the following options:

- **APPLY NOW: Start your application by submitting a Notice of Intent** (deadline: July 20, 2020; survey will take an estimated 15 minutes to complete)
- **Read the project FAQs**
- **Sign up for a free webinar to learn more** (webinar will be held Monday, June 16, at 2 p.m. Central)
- **See the project advisors**

The STAR Net STEAM Equity Project is offered by the ALA [Public Programs Office](#) and [Office for Diversity, Literacy and Outreach Services](#), in collaboration with NCIL/SSI (project lead), TPT and their [SciGirls](#) program, ILI and EDC. This project builds on the [STAR Library Network](#), or STAR Net (where "STAR" stands for Science-Technology Activities and Resources).

Questions? [Contact ALA's Public Programs Office.](#)

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