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### ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Whenever your service model changes, please fill out the streamlined online reopening form: <http://www.flls.org/2020reopenpoll/>. If you are closing your library due to a COVID-19 exposure, please also email [sglogowski@flls.org](mailto:sglogowski@flls.org).

### LINKS TO MAKE YOU THINK

[Weedsport Free Library: Saying Goodbye To Fines, Hello To A New Director](#)

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# FROM THE DIRECTOR



We have some state and federal updates for you this week:

**State Legislation Work** - Earlier this week the Senate Library Committee unanimously passed three bills relevant to public libraries. One was trustee training, another was the 90/10 construction grant match, and the third was a bill that would make all libraries eligible to use DASNY for capital financing so they would not all need to have a separate piece of legislation to be eligible.

The hope is that the Assembly Committee will take up all three bills, and hopefully move those in the next week or two. Once they go to the full legislative bodies, NYLA will be providing strategies for us to get them passed. We will be sending out more information when that occurs.

As for the trustee training bill, I wrote a letter of support for that bill as Chair of PULISDO. In addition to PULISDO's support letter, NYLA has also drafted a letter of support. A reminder that the bill would require two hours annually for trustee education for all library trustees in the State. Advocacy calls for further support may be coming, and I will be updating you on that in the coming weeks.

This is also a good time to remind you that NYLA updates their Advocacy page regularly, so please check that from time to time at <https://www.nyla.org/2021-legislative-session/?menukey=advocacy>. By visiting this link you can also see our trustee education support letter.

**Minimum Standards for Hours** – Over the past two weeks, the State Library has held question and answer webinars for both central library directors and public library directors regarding the upcoming requirement for all libraries in NY State to be open their minimum standard hours by June 1<sup>st</sup>. A reminder that lobby/contactless pickup/library appointment hours count as meeting those hours open. We have been meeting with our libraries since November about this upcoming requirement and all of our libraries are either meeting minimum standard hours or will be by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your continued work on this important endeavor.

**Build America's Libraries Act** – Introduced on January 28, 2021 in the Senate by Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI), along with Sens. Bernie Sanders (I-VT), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), and Ron Wyden (D-OR), as well as on March 3, 2021 in the House by Rep. Andy Levin (D-MI-9) and Rep. Don Young (R-AK), the Build America's Libraries Act would fund upgrades to the nation's library infrastructure to address challenges such as natural disasters, COVID-19, broadband capacity, environmental hazards, and accessibility barriers. This groundbreaking legislation would pave the way for new and improved library facilities in underserved communities across the country (from ALA's website at <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/buildlibraries>).

On March 31, 2021, President Biden released his infrastructure plan, and it fails to include funding for library facilities. Now is the time to take action and urge President Biden and Congress to support library infrastructure. You can take part in an email advocacy campaign [here](#).

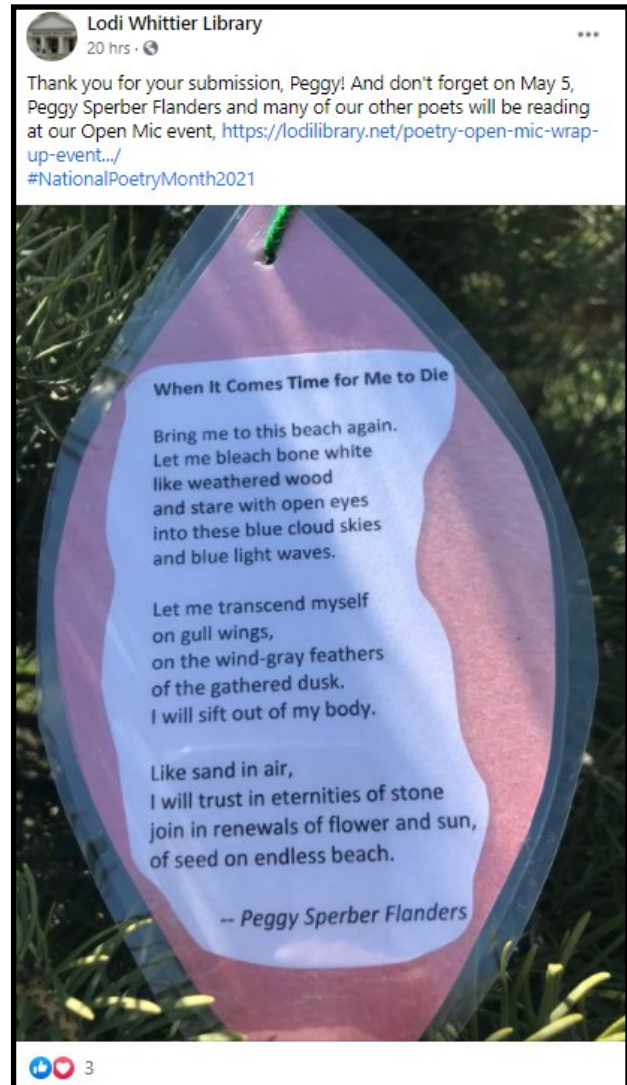
I hope everyone has a wonderful and relaxing weekend!

Sarah





# MEMBER LIBRARY NEWS



Click on an image to view more!



Have something to share? Email [jshonk@flls.org](mailto:jshonk@flls.org)!

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# SCAM ALERT!

## COVID-Related Phishing Attacks Return to Mid-Pandemic Heights

New data from Palo Alto Network's Unit42 provides a wealth of insight into specifically how cybercriminals have leveraged COVID-related theming to ensure a successful phishing attack.

Throughout the last 14 months, the bad guys have consistently kept pace with the state of the pandemic. They have been looking for the best aspects of the COVID saga to get the attention of individuals and businesses alike for these attacks.

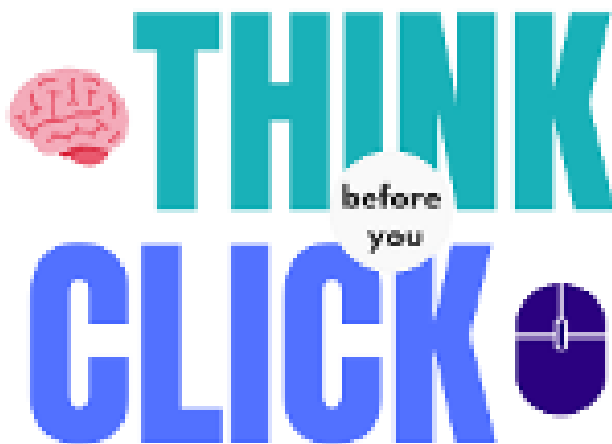
According to Unit42's new COVID-19 themed phishing attack data, these scammers know exactly how to press the buttons of their potential victims at just the right time. For example, the current concern is around vaccines. According to Unit42:

- Vaccine-related phishing attacks rose by 530% from December 2020 to February 2021
- Phishing attacks targeting pharmacies and hospitals rose by 189% during that same timeframe

Over the past 14 months phishing attacks have changed their stripes to meet the current state of the potential victim's concerns, fears, needs, and hopes – as shown below.

**Blog post here:**

<https://blog.knowbe4.com/covid-related-phishing-attacks-return-to-mid-pandemic-heights/>





# ONLINE LEARNING

## Upcoming Webinars

### **Finger Lakes Independence Center Presents: Emergency Readiness 101 Wednesday, May 5, 2:00pm**

Emergency Readiness is everyone's responsibility. Participants will learn:

- How to be prepared in an emergency for up to 72 hours.
- How to prepare to shelter in place or go to a shelter in an emergency.
- How to build and connect with a support system.
- Other considerations & recommended resources.

To register or for more information contact: Amy Jo DeKoeyer [amyjo@fliconline.org](mailto:amyjo@fliconline.org) or Jeff Boles [jeff@fliconline.org](mailto:jeff@fliconline.org).

### **Defend Yourself - Safer Libraries, Two-Part Series (CRLC)**

**Tuesday, June 8, 10:00am-12:00pm**

**Wednesday, June 23, 10:00am-12:00pm**

Libraries and their employees face challenges in handling difficult or threatening situations while providing good service to their communities. *Defend Yourself* helps libraries address these challenges with a comprehensive training that covers de-escalation, active bystander skills, boundary setting, and empowerment self-defense.

### **Designing for the Future: The Post-Pandemic Library (SCRLC)**

**Thursday, May 13, 10:00am-11:30am**

What will patrons expect from their libraries after the pandemic? How will a year or more of social distancing and self-isolation impact the way people interact with - and within - their libraries? How should library leaders plan for renovations and modifications in the wake of the pandemic? How can designed flexibility help libraries adapt to a rapidly changing world? This free webinar addresses these important questions. Please join David Vinjamuri, an NYU Adjunct Associate Professor of Marketing and author of "Library Space Planning: A PLA Guide," for an insightful discussion and Q&A session on the future of libraries and how you can prepare yourself and your staff for the changes ahead.

## Conferences & Special Programs

### **Library Journal Day of Dialog 2021**

**Thursday, May 6, 9am-6pm**

Learn more and register here for this free event:

<https://www.libraryjournal.com/?event=library-journal-day-of-dialog-nyc-ve-spring>

The **YSS Spring Conference** is coming to the Capital Region in 2022! Our theme is *May The Odds Be Ever In Your Favor*, and we are looking for presenters who are willing to share ideas that help libraries to stack the odds in our own favor. Whether your methods, programs, or skills are brand new or tried and true, we want your best ideas to help YSS members to grow and succeed. To submit a proposal, please head over to <http://bit.ly/yss2022>. If you have any questions, please contact the YSS 2022 conference committee at [yss2022scc@gmail.com](mailto:yss2022scc@gmail.com)

The recording of the webinar, **Summer Reading Resources for Younger Readers with Print Disabilities**, is now available on the New York State Library's Department of Library Development's webinar page: <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/webinars/index.html#archived>

## **LOOKING FOR MORE?**

**CLRC:** <https://clrc.org/event-listing/>

**Programming Librarian:** <https://programminglibrarian.org/learn>

**SCRLC:** <https://scrlc.org/Education/Events>

**Tech-Talk (Available through SCRLC):**  
<https://www.tech-talk.com/webinars>  
Username & password = scrlc

**WebJunction:** <https://www.webjunction.org/news/webjunction/free-webinars-for-library-staff.html>





# PROGRAMMING IDEAS

## Try a Gardening Program!

### Library Journal: Embrace Spring with Virtual Garden Tours

"After a long, cold winter, who doesn't thrill to the sight of green shoots coming up through the soil, or emerging buds on trees and shrubs bursting forth? For gardeners and those who love gardens, this time of year is usually rich with options for touring famous or local gardens and attending garden shows for inspiration. Sadly, because of the pandemic these options still are out of the question for a lot of us, but we can walk down virtual pea-gravel paths lined with blossoms. Here is a selection of noteworthy and inspirational gardens to get that green thumb back into shape..."



### Programming Librarian: The Seed Library at Cleveland Public Library

Edith B Ford Memorial Library, Ovid  
April 17 at 1:09 PM · 🌐

Free Dirt! Gardening kits are available for curbside pickup at the library, come get one.

**STOP BY THE LIBRARY TO PICK UP  
YOUR FREE GARDENING KIT.**



One drawstring bag containing:

- One bag of potting soil
- The following seed packets

Sunflower Autumn Bty	Tomatoes: Beefsteak
Zinnias Lilliput Mix	Marigold Sparky Mixed
Tenderette Bush Bean	Swiss Chard Mix
Cherry Blend Tomato	Zucchini
Sweet Basil	Zinnias CA Giant Mix



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### The Seed Library at Cleveland Public Library

#### *in Program Models*

The Seed Library at Cleveland Public Library allows patrons to check out a packet of heirloom seeds.



# POLARIS FAQ

## Attaching Your Item Record to a Pre-Existing Record or QuickBib

After receiving a new book, check Polaris to see if a Bib record already exists. Go to **Cataloging → Bibliographic Records** or **F12** to bring up the Find Tool. Search by ISBN or UPC and make sure to scan the ISBN or UPC to ensure accuracy.

Bibliographic Records - ISBN Find Tool

File Edit Tools Options Help

General Settings Scoping Branches Collections Databases

Object: Bibliographic Records Limit by: (None)

Search by: ISBN Value:

Type: Exact match (explicitly truncated)

Sort by: (None)

For:

Search Mode

☒ Normal ☐ Power ☐ SQL

☐ Count Only

Search Stop New Search Clear Help

For Help, press F1 Stay on Select

If a Quick Bib or final bibliographic record already exists you should attach your item record to it, as long as the 020 or 024 matches. Under publication date, |||| will be present on Quick Bibs. This indicates that the record is a Quick Bib that was created by another library. The records displayed below are obviously Quick Bibs, identified by the |||| symbol in the Publication date column.

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Speed 3: Grand Prix		Video ...	1	0			12457...
Ivy + Bean no news is good news	Barrows, Annie	Book	1	1			12457...
Gratitude and pasta	Schembra, Chris	Book	0	0			12457...

**PLEASE REMEMBER: DO NOT ATTACH YOUR ITEM RECORD TO A BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD UNLESS THE ISBN MATCHES! We are seeing many instances where a large print book is attached to a regular print book record. These books have completely different ISBNs and belong on separate records.**

**REMINDER:** All trainings will be held virtually until the pandemic ends. Jenny is available for one-on-one and small group Polaris trainings on Zoom. Email [jshonk@flls.org](mailto:jshonk@flls.org) to schedule a session.

**REMINDER:** Polaris handouts on the FLLS website have been updated. To access the handouts visit <https://www.flls.org/> and click on **STAFF LOGIN**. Enter the username and password and click on **Log In**. Then click on **Polaris Documentation**. Please contact [jshonk@flls.org](mailto:jshonk@flls.org), [efranks@flls.org](mailto:efranks@flls.org), or [rhelwig@flls.org](mailto:rhelwig@flls.org) for the username and password.



## AWARDS & GRANTS

	<p><b>A SPECIAL GRANT OPPORTUNITY FOR SMALL AND RURAL LIBRARIES</b></p> <p><a href="https://ala.org/LTCFocus">ala.org/LTCFocus</a></p>
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*Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small and Rural Libraries* is part of ALA's longtime commitment to preparing library workers for the expanding role of libraries. The initiative is offered in partnership with the Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL).

The American Library Association (ALA) has announced [517](#) libraries to receive grants through *Libraries Transforming Communities: Focus on Small & Rural Libraries* including **5** of our member libraries!

### CONGRATULATIONS!!

**Berkshire Free Library (Berkshire, NY)**

**Interlaken Public Library (Interlaken, NY)**

**Newfield Public Library (Newfield, NY)**

**Phillips Free Library (Homer, NY)**

**Southworth Library Association (Dryden, NY)**



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FLLS is offering early literacy mini-grants to member libraries as part of the 2019-2022 NYSL Family Literacy Program. This year there is \$6,000 available for mini-grants and each library may apply for up to \$250. The mini-grants must be used to support the early literacy work of your library. More details about applying, including the application questions and link to the online application, are available on the FLLS website at <https://www.flls.org/earlyliteracy/>. Applications are due on Friday, May 7.