



MEMBER LIBRARY BI-WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Here is a fun book display idea for November! Taken from:
<https://www.bookbub.com/blog/funny-library-displays>

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Whenever your service model changes, please fill out the streamlined online reopening form: www.fls.org/2020reopenpoll/. Visit www.fls.org/member-library-service-status/ to view each library's quarantine period & hours information.

LINKS TO MAKE YOU THINK

[Finger Lakes Toy Library moves to larger location in Ithaca Mall](#)



[Libraries will survive in a digital age. Here's why.](#)

[57 Romances for Fall and Beyond](#)

[Stop Source-Shaming | Acknowledge Wikipedia in the research process](#)

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FROM THE DIRECTOR



We have many updates for you this newsletter:

FLLS Annual Meeting – Thank you to all who attended our 63rd Annual Meeting on Friday, October 15! We had 70 member library directors, staff and trustees attend our second virtual meeting. During our business meeting, FLLS Board of Trustees President, Steve Moolin, gave opening remarks about the resiliency and importance of libraries during the pandemic. Minutes from our 2020 Annual Meeting were unanimously approved. Two new board members were approved: Bonnie Thomas will be representing Cayuga County and Rachel Vigue Hyde will be representing Cortland County. New board members will begin their terms on January 1, 2022 and will be receiving trustee training by FLLS Board members and staff during the next month.

After the business meeting, I gave an update on important federal, State, and FLLS updates that directors and trustees should be aware of. We discussed federal funding for FLLS and our members, the trustee education bill, Open Meetings Law, and the minimum standard regarding library hours. Slides and a link to the recording went out to directors and trustees last Friday after the meeting. Although we were not able to meet in person yet again, our annual meeting this year resulted in a record number of positive feedback messages and emails to me following the meeting.

Trustee Education Bill – On Friday, October 8, Governor Hochul signed the trustee education policy initiative into law. PULISDO and NYLA have spent many years advocating for this passage, so this is an important win for public libraries. Effective January 1, 2023, all library trustees (association and public libraries) will be required to attend two hours of trustee training annually. Acceptable training topics include financial oversight, trustee accountability, fiduciary responsibilities, and roles and duties of trustees. Please be assured that there will be plenty of training opportunities for trustees as FLLS is preparing workshops that will meet this requirement, as well as the NYS Library.

Legislation Regarding Open Meetings Law – Earlier this week, Governor Hochul signed [legislation](#) regarding a change in Open Meetings Law. This change now requires that open meeting documents be available on request or posted to the public body's website at least 24 hours prior to the open meeting at which the documents will be discussed.

NYLA Executive Director Search – I am happy to share with you that I have been appointed to the search committee for the Executive Director of the New York Library Association. My role on the committee is as the Chair of the Public Library Systems Directors Organization (PULISDO) and I am also representing the Finger Lakes area. NYLA Council (Board) has appointed nine library leaders throughout the State to work on this search committee with the goal of having an Executive Director in place in January. Our committee met twice this week to review the job description, start reviewing similar salaries for other associations in the Albany area, and to start writing the job ad. Since Council has asked for short turnaround time for hiring a director, our committee will be meeting at least weekly for the next two months.

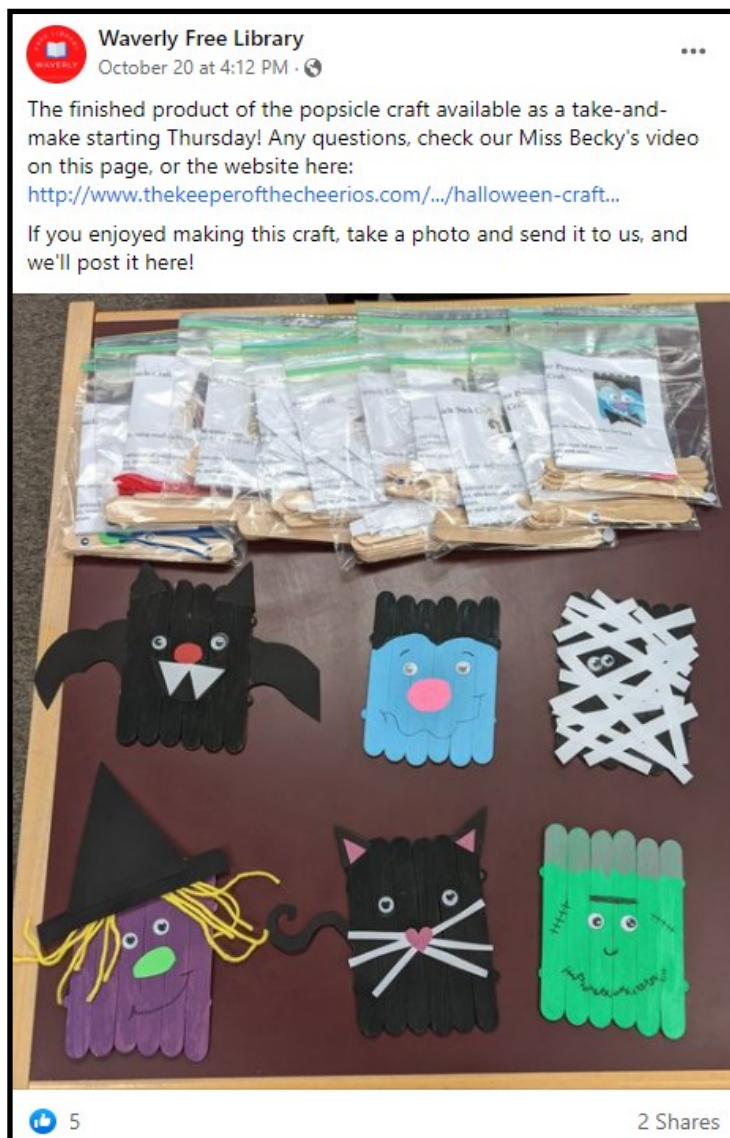
I hope everyone has a relaxing weekend!

Sarah



MEMBER LIBRARY NEWS

Do you have something to share? Email jshonk@flls.org!



Waverly Free Library

Director Chris Brewster and Miss Becky have some exciting fall programs planned at the library including a Fall Reading Program, book signing, & Halloween Take-and-Makes!

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SCAM ALERT!

[Heads Up] The New James Bond Movie Is Cybercriminals Shiniest Phishbait

Cybercriminals are using the new James Bond movie, No Time to Die, as phishbait. Researchers at Kaspersky warn that malicious ads and phishing sites are claiming, falsely, to offer free access to the full movie. The sites display the beginning of the movie, and then ask users to enter their credit card information to continue watching.

“When users visit a website in the hope of watching the long-awaited No Time to Die movie, they will be asked to register their details after seeing the first few minutes of the latest film. During the registration, victims would be required to enter their credit card information. However, after registration is complete, the user might not be able to continue watching. Money is debited from their card and the payment data ends up in the fraudster’s hands.”

Tatyana Shcherbakova, a security expert at Kaspersky, stated that phishing campaigns commonly use popular movie releases as phishing material.

“With the premieres of new films and TV series moving online, this has fueled interest not only for cinephiles but also among scammers and fraudsters. Inevitably, such a long-awaited premiere as ‘No Time to Die’ causes a stir,” Shcherbakova said. “Users should be alert to the pages they visit, not download files from unverified sites and be careful with who they share personal information.”

Blog post with link:

<https://blog.knowbe4.com/new-james-bond-movie-is-cybercriminals-shiniest-phishbait>





ONLINE LEARNING

Upcoming Webinars

PLA Digging Deeper into Local and Family History with Census Data

Monday, November 1, 2:00pm

The Census is an essential source for discovering and reconstructing local and family history. Although the U.S. government has conducted a Census every ten years since 1790, the categories of data collected and the details provided in the Census records vary. Join us for this free webinar to learn how categories for race, ethnicity, and other demographics have changed over time and how that impacts research. Discover public library programming and strategies to engage your community in a deeper understanding of local and family history. Census sources important to local history research and family genealogy will also be discussed.

NYSL StoryWalks® for the Win-Win-Win: Programming, Partnerships, Pandemic-Friendly

Tuesday, November 9, 1:30pm

You'll learn options for producing a StoryWalk® and their associated costs, finding StoryWalk® partners and thinking creatively about locations, how to choose the best titles for StoryWalks® (and why some great picture books aren't good StoryWalk® choices), essentials of StoryWalk® production & presentation, and StoryWalks® for different age groups. Presented by Mary Fellows and Lorie Brown.

WebJunction: Virtual is Here to Stay: Making Online Sessions Fun and Focused

Thursday, November 11, 3:00pm

Let's face it – online meetings and events are here to stay. Whether it's delivering online programming, facilitating staff meetings, or orchestrating an online conference, we are spending many hours online, trying to connect with others while staring at a screen. "Zoom fatigue" is real, but there are ways to mitigate it. Learn strategies to plan, design and host live online meetings or presentations that will energize, inform, and encourage your library audience to settle in, participate, and learn. Together, we'll find that virtual can be fun and refreshing!

Conferences & Special Programs

From Collection to Action: A One-Day 'Read Woke' Mini Course with Cicely Lewis

Tuesday, November 9, 10:00am-1:30pm

\$85/per person

SLJ's School Librarian of the Year (2020) Cicely Lewis founded Read Woke, a movement and call to action to give voice to the disenfranchised in education and literacy. Read Woke Books seek to challenge social norms, give voice to the silenced, provide information about groups that have been disenfranchised, disrupt the status quo, and share perspectives from underrepresented or oppressed groups.

In this one-day mini-course, Cicely and her colleagues will show you how to bring diverse voices to your library collection and programming. You'll learn how other librarians have implemented Read Woke Books at their library and how you can do the same.

Library Journal Design Institute

Tuesday, November 30

FREE

Join Library Journal for Library Design Online, a reimagination of our long-running, in-person Design Institute program. Whether you're looking to revamp your space or plan for future building/design projects, you'll find ideas, information, and inspiration—no matter your budget!

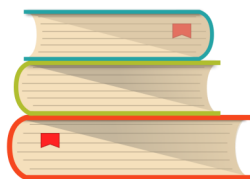
The second year of our comprehensive online virtual event will feature noted architects and vendors in library design who'll address design trends, spotlight case studies, and answer pressing questions from the field.

Throughout the day, you'll engage with experts in library architecture and design through live and pre-recorded webcast sessions. You'll attend architect-led breakouts featuring design challenges submitted by attendees, and you'll visit the Virtual Exhibit Hall where you can learn more about service and product offerings for your library. A comprehensive selection of sponsor resources will be available to attendees to 'take home,' and the event will be available for on-demand viewing for three months following its live broadcast.



PROGRAMMING & OUTREACH

Science Friday Book Club



SCIFRI BOOK CLUB

The Southworth Library in Dryden partnered with NPR's [Science Friday Book Club](#) featuring *Rising: Dispatches from the New American Shore*. Author Elizabeth Rush explores climate change, coastal flooding and its effects on communities around the world. The ebook is available on OverDrive under a simultaneous use license until November 20. There are many ways to interact with the book. Learn more [here](#).

Big Library Read

The world's largest free digital book club, [Big Library Read](#), from OverDrive returns next month. From **November 1-15**, your patrons can join others around the world in borrowing and reading Natalie D. Richards's YA suspense thriller, [Five Total Strangers](#), from your library. Library card holders can borrow the ebook and audiobook for free without waiting by downloading the [Libby app](#) or visiting <https://fls.overdrive.com/>. Readers can then discuss online at <https://biglibraryread.com/join-the-discussion/>.

You can find more information, including marketing materials at [Big Library Read](#).



Sunsetting OverDrive Legacy App

OverDrive will be [sunsetting the OverDrive Legacy app](#). As a first step, the OverDrive app will be removed from the Apple App Store, Google Play, and Microsoft Store in February 2022. The OverDrive app will remain available for download from the Amazon app store for Kindle users at this time.

Existing OverDrive app users will be able to continue browsing, borrowing, and enjoying titles from your library in the app during this first phase. However, throughout 2022, we will be actively encouraging OverDrive app users to switch to Libby, with a goal of moving most over by the end of 2022.

MUST READ PROGRAMMING ARTICLES!

[SOAR Analysis: 16 Questions to Improve Your Community Engagement](#)

[Halloween Craft Video Round-up](#)

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POLARIS FAQ

Count Only Search

When using the Find Tool, there is an output section on the General tab that allows you to do a Count Only search. This type of search will display the number of records retrieved. The actual records are NOT displayed.

Click on the box next to **Count Only**, select your search parameters, and then click **Search**. The count number will be located at the bottom right corner of the Find Tool. To display the records, remove the checkmark from the Count Only box and click **Search** again. You can do a Count Only search for patron records, item records, and bib records.

This can be especially helpful when determining how many patrons you currently have or how many patrons signed up for a library card during a certain time period.

1. On the Polaris toolbar, go to **Patron Services → Patron Records** or **F7**.
2. In the **Search by** field, select **Registration date** and select specific dates in the **From** field.
3. Use **Limit by** to select **Patron's Registered Library** and then click on your library.
4. Check the **Count Only** box and click **Search**. The number of records will display in the bottom right corner of the Find Tool.

Patron Records - Registration date Find Tool

File Edit Tools Options Help

General Settings

Object: Patron Records Limit by: Patron's registered library

Search by: Registration date Values: Seneca Falls Library (SENF)
Spencer Library [Open with Social Media]
Tompkins County Public Library [Open with Social Media]
TRU-Ulysses Public Library [Browse]
Union Springs-Springport Free Library [Open with Social Media]
Waterloo Library [Open with Social Media]
Waverly Free Library [Open with Social Media]
Weedsport Free Library (WEED)

From: 9/ 1/2021 To: 9/30/2021

Sort by: (None)

Search Mode

☒ Normal
☐ Power
☐ SQL

☒ Count Only

Search

Stop

New Search

Clear

Help

Done Stay on Select 310 record(s) found

REMINDER: All trainings will be held virtually in 2021. Jenny is available for one-on-one and small group Polaris trainings via Zoom. Email jshonk@fils.org to schedule a session.

REMINDER: To access Polaris handouts on our website, visit <https://www.fils.org/> and click on **STAFF LOGIN**. Enter the username and password and click on **Log In**. Then click on **Polaris Documentation**. Please contact jshonk@fils.org, efranks@fils.org, or rhelwig@fils.org for the username and password.



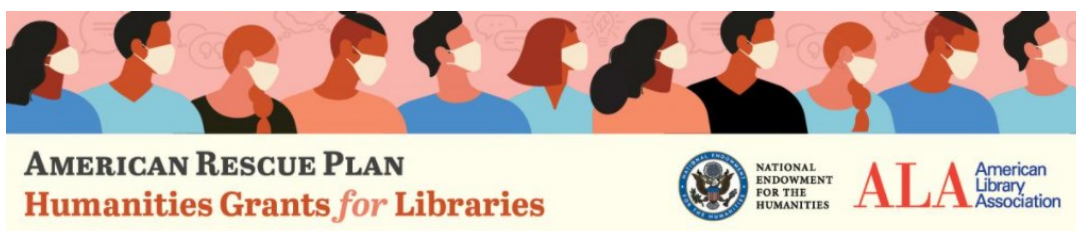
AWARDS & GRANTS

Friends of Tompkins County Public Library Education Grants

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 within **Tompkins County** to partially cover costs of attending professional meetings, workshops, training sessions, and conferences, and to defray the cost of course work. 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 website of the Education Grants Committee: <http://www.friendsoftcpl.org/grants/education-grants/>. Completed applications should be submitted electronically to edgrants@booksale.org by October 26, 2021. Applicants who are unable to apply electronically should contact avolckmar@gmail.com. Grant recipients will be informed by November 10, 2021.

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ALA invites libraries to apply for funding through its [**American Rescue Plan: Humanities Grants for Libraries**](#) opportunity, a grantmaking program to deliver relief to libraries recovering from the coronavirus pandemic.

With funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, ALA will distribute \$2 million to help anchor libraries as strong humanities institutions as they emerge and rebuild from the coronavirus pandemic. The purpose of this emergency relief program is to assist libraries that have been adversely affected by the pandemic and require support to restore and sustain their core activities.

Up to 200 U.S. libraries of all types (e.g., public, tribal, K-12, academic, special, prison) and representing a broad range of communities will receive \$10,000 through a competitive, peer-reviewed application process. [**Register for a free webinar to learn about the application.**](#)

ALA will accept applications from October 5 to December 2, 2021. [**Learn more and apply online.**](#)

Selected libraries will receive:

- \$10,000 to support humanities functions of the libraries.
- One print copy of "[**Going Virtual: Programs and Insights from a Time of Crisis**](#)" by Sarah Ostman for the ALA Public Programs Office (ALA Editions, 2021)
- Online resources and support

The general goals of this ARP opportunity include to help create or preserve jobs; support or maintain general operations; create or sustain humanities programs; and implement new humanities activities or sustain existing activities. Eligible expenses include salary and benefit support for library workers engaged in humanities activities; costs related to in-person or virtual humanities programming, such as book clubs and guest lectures; and marketing and advertising to support library humanities efforts.

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