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All you need is an internet connection, computer or mobile device, and your library card.



ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

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

Take the 2022 Continuing Education Survey! Open to directors, staff, and trustees: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/fils2022>.

LINKS TO MAKE YOU THINK

[CEU Press provides free access to ten of its titles on Ukraine](#)

[Ruchika Tulshyan on Creating a More Inclusive Workplace](#)



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[ALA Fight Censorship](#)

[Plant Share and Propagation Library](#)

[ALA Library Policy Development LibGuide](#) (all guides available [here!](#))

[Auburn school board votes to keep challenged book in high school library](#)

Did you miss an issue?

Check <https://www.fils.org/bulletin> for archived bulletins!

FROM THE DIRECTOR

We have some good news on our NY State budget and advocacy efforts to share with you.

NY State Budget – Below is a screenshot from NYLA from earlier this week that explains funding proposals:

Over the weekend, both the Senate & Assembly released their one-house budget proposals. Both houses included increases in funding for libraries. The details of each are below:

Assembly:

Library Aid \$106.1M

Library Construction \$34M

DEI Funding \$1.2M

Release of \$150K Love Your Library Fund

Digital Inclusion Grant \$30M

Senate:

Library Aid \$123.1M

Library Construction \$45M

DEI Funding \$1.2M

Release of \$150K Love Your Library Fund

Digital Inclusion Grant \$30M

This is great news for libraries, and we should know in early April what the final budget will be.

Advocacy Day – Thank you to library directors, staff, and trustees who supported our Advocacy Day efforts on Wednesday, March 2. We met with all our legislators and all meetings were productive and positive. A common theme we heard in our meetings was that our legislators are especially interested in restoring library construction aid as they realize that our aging libraries need all the financial support they can get to make our libraries strong community assets. Look for continued advocacy alerts as we come closer to the April 1 budget deadline.

Open Meetings Law Relaxation Continues – We learned this week that the relaxation on Open Meetings Law will continue until April 15, 2022. This means boards can still choose to meet remotely if they so wish. While many boards are meeting in person or are doing a hybrid model, please realize you will meet all requirements if you choose to still meet remotely.

Trustee Handbook Book Club – I know many of you have been attending and enjoying the Trustee Handbook Book Club offered by the Mid-Hudson Library System. A reminder that these sessions are not only helpful for trustees, but also for library directors who want more information on a particular topic covered in the Trustee Handbook. Join co-authors of the [Handbook for Library Trustees of New York State](#), Jerry Nichols and MHLS Executive Director, Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, for the next session in the Trustee Handbook Book Club series on March 29 at 5:00pm. The chapters covered will be [Risk Management](#) and [Library Policies](#). [Register](#) for this session and visit <https://midhudson.org/trusteebookclub/> to view upcoming sessions and past recordings.

Thank you again for all of your advocacy efforts over the past month and for joining our Advocacy Day meetings. This is the first time in many years that increased funding is within reach. I hope everyone has a relaxing weekend.

Sarah



MEMBER LIBRARY NEWS

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

Lodi Whittier Library

Lodi received an Outreach Mini-Grant in 2021 to fund programming for the Lodi Teen Advisory Council, included a creative program with artist Crow Goyette.

LEARN TO TURN A STUFFED ANIMAL INTO A BAG!



AT LODI WHITTIER LIBRARY WITH ARTIST CROW GOYETTE
WEDNESDAY FEB. 23RD AND FRIDAY FEB. 25TH, 5-7PM
IN PERSON, REGISTRATION REQUIRED
FOR TEENS (AGES 13-19)
CALL 607-582-6218 OR EMAIL DIRECTOR@LODILIBRARY.NET



IT SOUNDS LIKE MAGIC BUT ITS NOT!

Local artist Crow Goyette converts stuffed animals into bags, and is going to show you how to do the same.

Give stuffed toys a new life and purpose, learn some skills that you can use for other projects, and carry the most original (and cuddly) tote imaginable.



THIS PROGRAM WAS GENEROUSLY FUNDED BY FLLS OUTREACH MINI-GRANT

Class Description:

Crow will facilitate the class in cutting open the stuffed toy, taking out the stuffing, hand sewing a bag lining, and stitching in a zipper and straps.

All materials will be included. BYO stuffed toy or choose from those provided.



INFO ABOUT OUR ARTIST

Crow Goyette is a mixed media artist from Ithaca, New York. Passionate about waste reduction and the environment, Crow uses mostly recycled materials in their art from thrifted stuffed animals, old clothes, and canvases saved from the trash. Crow firmly believes that art should be accessible to everyone, and that anything can be used for art if you think hard enough. Crow is best known for their first public mural promoting transgender rights and their hand stitched coat made of 46 teddy bears.





SCAM ALERT!

[Heads Up] A New Phishing Attack Warns About a Suspicious Russian Login

The human cost of war is horrific. All Knowsters are shocked and saddened by the all-out Russia-Ukraine land war. However, we are also inspired by the Ukrainian people for their bravery, resistance and resilience. As we all know, the price of freedom is eternal vigilance combined with the willingness to fight back.

I have spoken about Putin here many times, and I'm encouraged to see a robust global coordination to tackle this outrage. Planet Earth is an "anarchy of nations" – conflicting ideologies battle each other, and geopolitical risk can quickly become a high-priority security threat. And then there are the low-lives that exploit tragedies like this.

Researchers at Malwarebytes warn that a phishing campaign is informing users that someone logged into their account from an IP address in Moscow. The email contains a button to report the issue, which "opens a fresh email with a pre-filled message to be sent to a specific email account." If a user sends this email, the attacker will reply and attempt to rope them further into the scam.

The researchers note that while the timing may be coincidental, users will probably be more inclined to respond to the emails given the current situation with Russia and Ukraine.

"We have to be very clear here that anybody could have put this mail together, and may well not have anything to do with Russia directly," the researchers write. "This is the kind of thing anyone anywhere can piece together in ten minutes flat, and mails of this nature have been bouncing around for years. But, given current world events, seeing 'unusual sign-in activity from Russia' is going to make most people do a double, and it's perfect spam bait material for that very reason."

Malwarebytes explains that this is a common but effective technique used in phishing attacks.

"Trying to panic people into hitting a button or click a link is an ancient social engineering tactic, but it sticks around because it works," they write. "We've likely all received a 'bank details invalid,' or 'mysterious payment rejected' message at one point or another."

"Depending on personal circumstance and/or what's happening in the world at any given moment, one person's 'big deal' is another one's 'oh no, my stuff,'" the researchers write. "That's all it may take for some folks to lose their login, and this mail is perhaps more salient than most for the time being."

Note how topical scams can be. Criminals and spymasters watch the news and cut their phishbait to fit current events. New-school security awareness training enables your employees a healthy sense of skepticism so they can avoid falling for social engineering attacks.

Blog post with links:

<https://blog.knowbe4.com/phishing-emails-warn-of-a-suspicious-login-from-russia>

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ONLINE LEARNING

Upcoming Webinars

Bedbugs in the Workplace (SCRLC) **FREE** Thursday, March 24, 10:00am

Overview:

- We're baaaaaack! Background information
- How do we get rid of bedbugs?
- What doesn't work
- Identification of the source
- Preventing infestation and reinfestation
- How to avoid picking up bedbugs at work and bringing them home

Presented by Nellie Brown, Director of Workplace Health and Safety Programs for the Worker Institute at Cornell University. This presentation will not be recorded.

Hybrid: A New Take on Post-Pandemic Programming (ALA) **FREE**

Wednesday, April 13, 1:00pm

In the shift to online services and programs in the wake of the pandemic librarians discovered the benefits of online programming, such as reaching new audiences, as well as the drawbacks, including trying to bridge issues of digital equity for our patrons without always having the resources we needed at hand. Now, as the country starts to move back to more in-person gatherings and services, librarians are left to determine how to balance the shifting priorities and levels of comfort of their patrons while maintaining robust program offerings. In this first webinar of a series on hybrid programming, moderator Laura Saunders will explore the impact of COVID-19 on library programming, provide an overview of hybrid programming, and discuss the potential benefits of hybrid programming as a way to maintain service to remote audiences while re-introducing the in-person audience.

REGISTER NOW for Metropolitan New York Library Council's **FREE** series, *Actively Anti-Racist Library Service*:

- [Part 1: Collection Development](#) on Monday, March 28, 11:00am
- [Part 2: Readers' Advisory](#) on Monday, April 11
- [Part 3: Discussing Anti-Racist Stewardship](#) on Monday, April 25

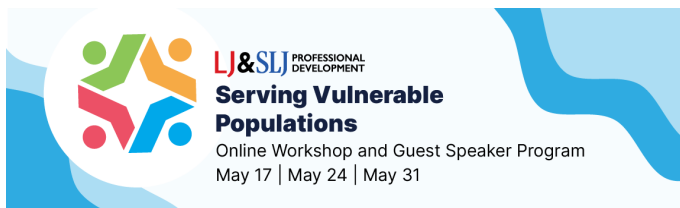
Conferences & Special Programs

PLA 2022 Conference

March 23-25

Portland, Oregon

Registration for the [Virtual Conference](#) is still open! Cost is \$330-\$410.



Library Journal: Serving Vulnerable Populations

May 17 | May 24 | May 31

Join us to learn best practices and program ideas for supporting vulnerable populations in your community. Over three weeks in our new online course *Serving Vulnerable Populations*, learn about innovative library programs at the intersection of social work and public health that you can emulate in your library. You'll explore how to identify, connect with and serve vulnerable populations in your community, and how to leverage partnerships to provide targeted support where needed. The early bird price is \$209.94 until March 22!

Librarian's Guide to Homelessness **FREE On Demand!**

To gain access to the webinar series on Niche Academy, please have staff members email jshonk@flls.org.

LOOKING FOR MORE?

- [CLRC](#)
- [METRO](#)
- [SCRLC](#): Visit <https://www.youtube.com/user/scrlc1> to view recordings!
- [Tech-Talk](#) (Available through SCRLC):
Username & password = *scrlc*
- [WebJunction](#)

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PROGRAMMING & OUTREACH

Summer Reading

Looking for Summer Reading programming ideas? Then be sure to look at the [2022 SRP Collaborative Children and Teen Workshops resources and recordings](#)! You have access to **over thirty programs, activities, and craft possibilities** presented by library staff across the state. FLLS teamed up with nine other systems to create these workshops exclusively for our member libraries in February and March.

And don't forget the [CSLP Manual](#)! It's jam-packed with program ideas, activities, graphics, and reading lists for all ages. We have two print copies of the manual and you have flash drives as well as the code to access the online version.

Need some summer social media inspiration? Check out the [CSLP Social Media Toolkit](#). You will find #OceansofPossibilities, including plug and play posts, graphics, font suggestions, virtual meeting background, social media cover photos and more in one convenient spot.

Our SRP Workshop from March 8 is another great resource for planning, programming, and evaluation. Your colleagues shared their summer plans and Jenny highlighted program ideas for your adults. Contact Heidi for the recording. We will also be discussing Summer Reading at the April and May Member Library Support Group meetings! ALL member library staff are welcome, contact Jenny for Zoom access info.

Fun Craft Idea for All Ages

Jenny has recently become obsessed with macramé and fiber art. Here is a project that could be a fun library program... wall décor made by wrapping yarn around rope.

Here is a tutorial: <https://athomewithashley.com/rainbow-wall-hanging/>. Search for "yarn wrapped rope" or "macramé patterns" on Google and Pinterest for inspiration and tutorials.

This could be fun for teens or adults. Make a rainbow for pride month or just for fun; make a zigzag or circular pattern with different shades of blue for ocean vibes or try a fish shape. See below for inspiration from Etsy and Jenny's latest creations. She purchased kits from [Rustics by TL](#) but you could easily buy the supplies in bulk and create your own Take & Make Kits!



Created by [Rainbow Rope Studio](#) on Etsy



Created by Jenny using [Rustics by TL](#) kits

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POLARIS FAQ

Volume Numbers

The following examples will help to define and clarify the standardizations that should be used when entering information in the volume field of a multi-part set. A multi-part set is defined as any item that includes multiple parts and is packaged as such. The number of discs in each case determines what information goes in the volume field.

For example:

245 04 :\$aThe Transformers.\$h[videorecording]\$nSeasons three and four /
Marvel Productions Ltd. ; Hasbro.

260 :\$aLos Angeles, CA :\$bShout! Factory,\$c2010.

300 → :\$a4 videodiscs (480 min.) :\$bsd., col. ;\$cDVD 4 3/4 in.

If these four discs are packaged all together in one case the volume field should contain the following information:

d. 1-4Note: there is a space between the period and the first number. If the space is left out or additional spaces are added it won't match during the holds processing.

If these four discs are packaged in two cases the volume fields should contain the following information:

d. 1-2

d. 3-4

If these four discs are packaged separately in individual cases the volume fields should contain the following information:

d. 1

d. 2

d. 3

d. 4

Please follow the above standardized format for all multi-set items. Please do not enter disc information into the volume field for BOCDs unless the set has been split. If you receive any item that doesn't fit this standard, please contact Deb:

dgeier@flls.org.

REMINDER: To access Polaris handouts on our website, 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, efranks@flls.org, or rhelwig@flls.org for the username and password.

POLARIS TRAINING VIDEO LINKS:

[Polaris New User Part 1](#) & [Polaris New User Part 2](#)
[Polaris Item Maintenance Part 1](#) & [Polaris Item Maintenance Part 2](#)



AWARDS & GRANTS



It's that time again! Do you have an idea for an outreach project but lack funding? Member libraries in our service area can apply for an Outreach Mini-Grant! Applications are **NOW OPEN** for the 2022-2023 grant cycle. **All applications are due March 25, 2022.** Visit the [Outreach Services](#) page to download an application or to view the FAQs and Tips. *Have a question? Stuck on an idea?* Email Jenny Shonk at jshonk@fills.org.

Library Grants

For anyone interested in library grant opportunities!

Winning Grants, Second Edition: A How-To-Do-It Manual for Librarians, is a best seller available through [ALA Editions](#). If you republish this blog's content, please contact me and include a link to the blog. Thank you!

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

2022 ALA COVID Library Relief Fund

Deadline: April 21, 2022

The American Library Association (ALA) will make available \$1.55M in emergency relief grants to more than **75 libraries** in 2022 that have experienced substantial economic hardship due to the coronavirus pandemic. The ALA COVID Library Relief Fund invites public, school, academic, tribal, and correctional libraries across the United States and US Territories to apply for grants of **\$20,000**.

These funds are intended to bolster library operations and services including broadening technology access, developing collections, providing digital instruction, staffing, and expanding outreach, as well as maintaining and amplifying existing service strategies or adding new ones to extend impact through the end of 2022. Eligible expenses may include, but are not limited to, the following:

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