



MEMBER LIBRARY BI-WEEKLY BULLETIN

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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.

LINKS TO MAKE YOU THINK

[Financial Literacy Month: 7 Picture Books to Teach Kids about Money](#)

[A Complete Guide to Creating Your Own DIY Reading Retreat](#)

[More Suggested Reading About Ukraine](#)



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FROM THE DIRECTOR



After days of delay, we finally have a State budget. Here is a breakdown of what it means for FLLS and other news:

State Budget - On Saturday, New York State passed their overdue budget. As the days passed, our projected library increases did decrease. However, it is important to note that for 2022, we did make library aid gains of 5.5 million dollars and kept construction aid the same amount as last year. Both NYALS and PULISDO had discussion this week, and while we are thankful for our increase in library aid, we are committed to start advocacy work now to show these gains cannot be stripped away next year.

The Budget included:

- Library Aid \$99.6M (This equates to a 6% increase which is a gain of roughly \$67,000 for FLLS)
- Library Construction \$34M
- Digital Inclusion \$10M
- Release of \$150K Love Your Library Fund
- Schomburg Research Center \$375K
- Langston Hughes Community Library \$112K
- Establishment of the Working to Implement Reliable and Equitable Deployment of Broadband Act (WIRED)
- Modifications to Open Meetings Law
 - Memo from [Committee on Open Government](#)

Open Meetings Law – Open Meetings Law relaxation was due to sunset on April 15. Earlier this week, the Committee on Open Government released information on a videoconferencing amendment that is in the budget for 2022-2023. You can view the information [here](#). They will be providing written guidance on their website regarding the requirements at a later date. However, please note that in their memo dated April 11, remote meetings can be held until June 8, 2022. Libraries may continue to hold meetings remotely if they so choose.

NYLA's Spring on the Hill - The New York Library Association is doing an in-person advocacy event in Albany in May. Held on May 17 and 18, this Spring on the Hill event will offer a day of continuing education for librarians across NY State and an opportunity to meet with legislators about non-budget advocacy items. There are many great topics for May 17, including sessions on Open Meetings Law, public library referendums, material challenges, and how to run effective meetings. You can learn more and register [here](#).

FLLS Closed Monday, April 18 – Our building will be closed on Monday, April 18 for a spring holiday. Staff will not be working and no deliveries will be made. All libraries will receive a delivery on Tuesday, April 19.

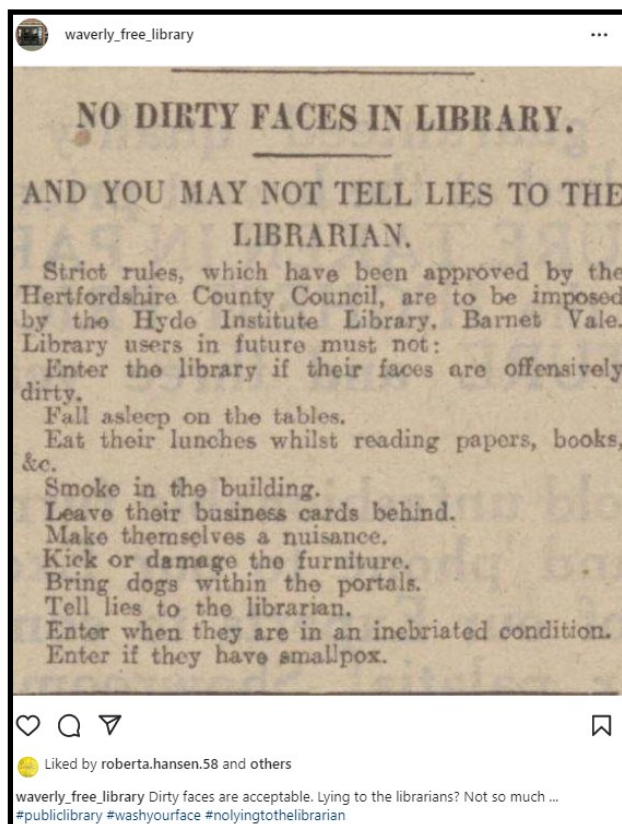
Please have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend!

Sarah



MEMBER LIBRARY NEWS

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



Click the images to be taken to the library's social media page! You may have to login.



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ONLINE LEARNING

Upcoming Webinars

ALA Fighting Fake News through Public Libraries

Wednesday, April 27, 2:00pm

Fake news has become a new constant. Whether it's propaganda, advertainment, or literal fake news, misinformation is not going away. In a world where you can't trust everything you read, where can you turn? Unsurprisingly, many people turn to their local libraries. Public libraries have worked hard to offer programs on this topic, but it can be tricky territory. Politics can be an issue in any library, but public libraries in particular have to be careful about alienating audiences. So, how can we create safe, nonjudgmental opportunities to teach our patrons how to assess information for accuracy, bias, and legitimacy? How can we teach about fake news without it feeling forced or pedantic? By slipping it into programming that your audience wants to know more about! In this free webinar, participants will learn strategies for using information literacy as a gateway to teach about fake news (and have it actually sink in).

SCRLC Article Discussion Group

Thursday, May 12, 12:00pm

Join us for a discussion on the opinion piece, "[The Battle for the Soul of the Library](#)" by Stanley Kurtz, published in the New York Times on February 24, 2022 & "[The Battle for the Soul of the Library: A Response](#)" by R. David Lankes, published on his website on March 8, 2022. Read the articles and come ready to share your thoughts!

**NEW* FLLS Webinars Coming Up:*

Data Collection I Webinar w/ Jenny & Heidi

Tuesday, April 26 @ 11am

[Description](#) | [Register](#)

Accessible Library Customer Service

Webinar w/ Valerie Lewis

Wednesday, May 11 @ 10am

[Description](#) | [Register](#)

Data Collection II Webinar w/ Heidi & Jenny

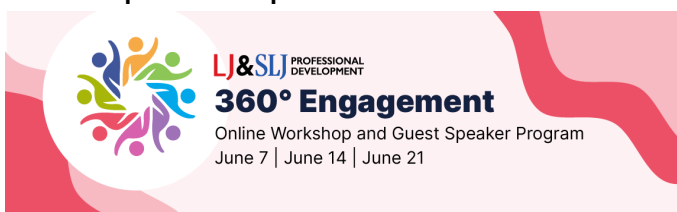
Wednesday, May 25 @ 11am

[Description](#) | [Register](#)

Conferences & Special Programs

Library Journal: 360° Engagement

June 7 | June 14 | June 21



Join us to learn how to more effectively engage with your community and build services that make patrons feel valued, welcomed, and heard. Unite your marketing and outreach functions to better identify your patrons' needs and ensure that they are aware of the programs and services you offer. You'll learn how to assess who you're not reaching with communications and services, and establish a strategy to connect with them through traditional and alternative channels including innovative outreach and mobile programs, partnerships, PR and more. We'll review effective feedback mechanisms that provide clear metrics. For libraries with limited budgets and staff, we'll brainstorm low-cost, creative ways to boost engagement with limited resources. The early bird price is \$209.94 until April 12!

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](#)
- [Libby Webinars from OverDrive](#)

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PROGRAMMING & OUTREACH

AudioFile SYNC Free Audiobooks for Teens

The [SYNC program](#) is a project of [AudioFile Magazine](#) in partnership with [OverDrive](#) and audiobook publishers. Aimed at Teens 13+, SYNC 2022 will give away two paired audiobook titles a week, **starting April 28 and ending August 17!** Authors presented in this year's collection include Charlaine Harris, Kosoko Jackson, and Arushi Raina. Narrators who provide their skills for teen listeners this season include Will Collyer, Soneela Nankani, and Julissa Arce, among the 32 FREE available titles.



Summer Reading

Keep checking our [Summer Reading Blog](#) for updates and ideas!



Cato Library Pirate Ship Terrarium



"My hope is that by the end of summer reading the plants will grow up and 'sink' the pirate ship. The kids will have fun checking each time they come in."
- Gayle James, Director

[2022 CSLP Social Media Toolkit](#) Promote your programs

[One More Story/DayByDay](#) NYS Early Literacy Calendar and activities.

The graphic features a purple background with colorful circles. On the left is the book cover for 'Music in History' by Questlove, which is a New York Times Bestseller. Next to it is a smartphone displaying the Libby app interface. On the right, the 'BIG LIBRARY READ' logo is shown with the dates 'April 4-18, 2022'. Below this, text describes Questlove as a best-selling author and Sundance award-winning director, offering a thrilling, music-driven ride through the last 50 years of American history. At the bottom right, the 'Libby' logo is displayed with the tagline 'The library reading app'.

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POLARIS FAQ

Polaris documentation and videos from Innovative are accessible online, no login required:

<https://vimeopro.com/innovativeiii/webinars>
<https://innovative.libguides.com/polaris> (screenshot below)

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Polaris: Welcome
Polaris training and learning resources.

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Go to Polaris Home

Introduction to Polaris Training and Learning Resources

What is the Polaris Training and Learning Center (PTLC)? The Polaris Training and Learning Center is a new training website, built on the LibGuides platform, for storing and sharing training resources with our library partners.

What type of resources are included in the Polaris Training and Learning Center? We include a variety of training documentation such as training agendas, Polaris guides, checklists, how to articles and videos, recordings of live webinars and links to other useful Innovative resources.

How is the Polaris Training and Learning Center organized? The Polaris Training and Learning Center is organized by system functionality. Browse training resources by functionality using the tabs at the top - such as acquisitions, cataloging, patron services, PAC, serials, system administration, and reporting. The Welcome tab provides access to all the training agendas, Polaris Guides, navigation tips, and training resources news and highlights.

Can I search the Training and Learning Center? Use the search box on the top right corner to search the Polaris Training and Learning Center.

Advanced Training Program

Throughout the year, Innovative product experts lead live workshops in our virtual classroom.

Topics include acquisitions, authority control, cataloging, serials, reporting, PAC customization, system administration, and SQL reporting.

Click **Book Online** to view and register for upcoming workshops!

- Polaris Certification Program [more...](#)
- Training Services for Polaris [more...](#)

Don't forget to check these useful links!!!

What's New

Polaris Documentation

- Leap Help 7.1
- Polaris Staff Client Online Help 7.1

Check This Out!

Training

Introduction to Innovative's Training and Learning Center

04:22 This is an introduction to the Innovative Training and Learning Center.

Leap

New to Leap ? **Check This Out!**

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](#)

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AWARDS & GRANTS

Free art books for libraries from Art Resources Transfer

Art Resources Transfer's Library Program provides free books on art and culture to public institutions nationwide. We warmly invite all public libraries, public schools, prisons, and reading centers to place an order of free books.

To get started, simply create an account on our website: www.artresourcestransfer.org/register.

You can then browse our book catalog: www.artresourcestransfer.org/library-program. The catalog offers 300+ titles published by leading museums, galleries, and independent presses nationwide. You can order as many titles as you like, at one copy per title, once per year. Books are entirely free and shipped free of charge.

We also offer free online teaching guides and other resources to help you use books in your educational work: www.artresourcestransfer.org/resources/guides.

If you have any questions about participating or placing your order, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at libraryprogram@artresourcestransfer.org.

T-Mobile Hometown Grants Program for Small and Rural Communities



Deadlines: Quarterly; the last day of each quarter

The T-Mobile Hometown Grants Program intends to help build stronger, more prosperous small towns and rural communities throughout the United States. Up to 100 towns each year for the next five years will receive community improvement grants of up to \$50,000 for projects to build, rebuild, or refresh community spaces that help foster local connections.

The focus is on providing support to revitalize community spaces in towns with 50,000 people or less. Examples of eligible projects include revitalizing a town hall, a senior center, a library, or any space where friends and neighbors gather. Elected leaders, town managers and employees, and nonprofit leaders are eligible to submit applications. The full proposal should be three-five pages, and include a "shovel-ready" plan, and up to 5 letters of support.

For more information and to apply, visit the website: <https://www.t-mobile.com/brand/hometown-grants>.

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