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# MEMBER LIBRARY BI-WEEKLY BULLETIN

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

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# FROM THE DIRECTOR

We have some final advocacy pushes before the end of the legislative session in June.

**Advocacy Efforts** – The legislature is down to four weeks remaining in the session.  While budget items are set, there were over 50 committee meetings the last few days.  There are some important policy initiatives that deal with libraries:

**S8429 (Ryan)/A9487(Jean Pierre)** – This bill would provide libraries that have been impacted by COVID-19 and supply chain issues an additional two years (total of 6) to complete their construction projects while maintaining their eligibility for state aid. This passed the Assembly Library Committee on May 10 and has been referred to a secondary committee (Ways and Means).  It also passed the Senate on May 10.

**S5179A (Palumbo)/A5824A(Thiele)** – This bill would allow association libraries that meet certain criteria the ability to join the New York State Retirement System upon approval of their board.  This bill was referred to the Senate Civil Service and Pensions Committee and on May 10 was held for consideration in the Assembly Government Employees Committee.

You can track the 2022 legislative session through NYLA **here**.

**Materials Challenge Toolkit** – PULISDO (Public Library Systems Directors Organization) and ESLN (Empire State Library Network) are working with Ask the Lawyer attorney Stephanie Cole Adams on a toolkit for New York State libraries to use when confronted with material challenges.  This toolkit will be specific to New York State and will reference NY State laws.  It will provide ideas for policies and will be supplemented with a webinar this summer for directors and trustees.  As Chair of PULISDO, I have worked with Stephanie to create a small committee to help her review her toolkit and our group is meeting next Thursday.  In addition to myself, local trustee Jean Currie is also serving on the committee due to her role in the Library Trustee Association.  Jean and I are joined by two other public library system directors (Sara Dallas and Paulette Roes) and the director of Utica Public Library (Chris Sagaas).  Look for more information on the toolkit being released soon.

I know many of you are seeing material challenges in the news and are reviewing your policies.  I have reviewed a few policies recently.  If you are beginning work on your policy review, please know that information is coming that will help you in the next few weeks and it is better to wait until Stephanie's materials are released.  In the meantime, if you need assistance or are faced with a challenge, please contact me immediately.

I will be out of the office next Monday – Wednesday afternoon while I attend NYLA's Spring on the Hill session.  I hope you have a great weekend!

Sarah

# MEMBER LIBRARY NEWS

**Groton Public Library**
May 9 at 2:15 PM · 🌐

Come and meet the author on Wednesday May 25th at 6:00 p.m.

**Lynn Acton**
May 9 at 1:57 PM · 🌐

I was proud to learn that my book will be a textbook for a Therapeutic Riding course at St Andrews University (NC). And I recently received this endorsement from a professor of Therapeutic Riding at another university.

"Lynn Acton's What Horses Really Want brings together themes of observation, playfulness, trust, and communication into an enjoyable book about horse behavior and training.

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

**Spencer Library**
May 10 at 4:47 PM · 🌐

New book on the Storywalk.

👍 5                2 Shares

👍 Like        💬 Comment        ↪ Share

**Weedsport Free Library**
May 10 at 2:56 PM · 🌐

Thank you so much to Weedsport High School Chapter of the Junior National Honor Society for your generous donation which allowed the library to purchase Wonderbooks and a lovely rug for the children's area!

👍❤️ 16                2 Shares

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# SCAM ALERT!
## Secure Websites

When signing in to a website such as Facebook or Amazon, have you ever seen the beginning of the URL change from "HTTP" to "HTTPS"? How about a small lock icon at the top of your browser? The "S" in "HTTPS" stands for "secure" and indicates that your web browser is accessing the website through a secure connection that no one else can access. The lock icon also indicates that the website is secured with a digital certificate.

However, a website is not necessarily secure just because "HTTPS" is included in the URL. A website using HTTPS can be safer than a website using HTTP, but cybercriminals can get HTTPS certificates, too. Cybercriminals often use HTTPS URLs to trick unsuspecting victims into clicking phishing links.

HTTPS websites can offer a false sense of security, so you may be tempted to automatically trust them. However, it's important to remember that even legitimate HTTPS websites may have vulnerabilities that cybercriminals can exploit. You should never rely on an HTTPS URL or even the lock icon at the top of your browser for security.

**Tips to Stay Safe**

Follow the tips below to make sure the website you're visiting is secure:

- Watch out for misspelled domains. For example, a link may contain the word "Annazon" instead of "Amazon." Some misspellings are easier to catch than others, so make sure to look closely!

- If you receive a login link through email or text message that you weren't expecting, don't click it. Cybercriminals can send you malicious links that look legitimate. Always navigate directly to the website.

- Remember to look for the "S" in "HTTPS" before you enter any sensitive information into a web browser. Even then, remain cautious.

# ONLINE LEARNING

## Upcoming Webinars

### Universal Design for Libraries (SCRLC)
**Monday, May 23, 1:00pm**
The presentation provides basic level introduction to the concept of universal design for those with little or no prior knowledge of the concept. The presentation includes: an overview of the IDEA Center, differences between Universal Design and Accessibility, the 8 Goals of Universal Design, beneficiaries of Universal Design, the business case for Universal Design, examples of Universal Design in Libraries, ADA Issues in Libraries, library Design Case Studies, resources to implement Universal Design, and a Q&A. Select "SCRLC" when registering.

### Book Challenges and Intellectual Freedom: Proactive Planning for Public Libraries (WebJunction)
**Tuesday, May 24, 3:00pm**
Across the United States, there are increased reports of book challenges from community members, which have led to very public and heated discussions. As public library leaders and staff consider how to prepare for similar local challenges, being proactive about developing and sharing policies and procedures can help to create clarity and establish expectations around responses to book challenges. Join this discussion with panelists who are working through these issues in their communities, to learn about the resources they have found useful, and their suggestions for getting started.

### The Great Give Back (TGGB): Creating Community Connections
**Tuesday, June 7, 1:30-3:00pm**
The Great Give Back is a day for public libraries to shine as a community hub by inviting community members to participate in meaningful service-oriented experiences. This program offers a way to showcase the good work many libraries are already doing in connecting people willing to help with needs in their community and to highlight the public library's evolving role. During this webinar we will cover: basic elements of TGGB, how your library can get involved, and examples of successful TGGB projects.

## Conferences & Special Programs

NYLA — NEW YORK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
*Voice of the Library Community*

E·S·R·T Ethnic Services Roundtable · pls public libraries section NYLA · IDEAS

### Combating Racism in Libraries Part II: Creating Spaces to Educate and Inform Communities
**Wednesday, May 18th, May 25th, June 1st, & June 8th; 2:00-3:00pm**
The Public Libraries Section (PLS) of NYLA is dedicated to supporting public libraries and public library staff of New York State. Ethnic Services Round Table (ESRT) has provided a forum for libraries and library staff to share information on ethnic services. IDEAS is the Instruction, Development, Equity, and Access Section. One of the purposes of IDEAS is to create opportunities for growth and renewal by confronting inequities and challenges impacting diverse library patrons and library staff. United we value diversity, equity, inclusion, and stand against racism, hatred, and violence. To take action, we have collaborated to curate the webinar series, "Combating Racism in Libraries: Creating Spaces to Educate and Inform Our Communities." These will be thought-provoking hours. The goal of the series is for libraries and library staff to learn, share, and discuss the historical and present-day barriers that communities are facing regarding racism against the BIPOC community. We hope you will join us to learn how we can combat racism together and create spaces for our communities to listen, learn, and grow.
***Cost:*** *Each webinar individually is $10 to attend with the option to register for all 5 webinars in the series collectively for $45 total.*

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### 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.

# PROGRAMMING & OUTREACH
## Teen Services

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 28th and ending August 17th! Learn more at **AudioFile & OverDrive Present: SYNC Audiobooks for Teens (April 2022) – OverDrive Resource Center**. We'll be promoting this on our **website** and socials so feel free to share the content.



FLLS has a free trial subscription to **TeenBookCloud** from May 15th—August 15th, 2022. From the creators of **TumbleBooks**, TeenBookCloud, has an unbelievable and growing collection of YA/Teen graphic novels, ebooks, audiobooks and more. The live link will be posted on **our website** and we'll be marketing it on our socials. Feel free to share the posts or to create your own **marketing materials**.

## Summer Reading

The Collaborative Summer Library Program/CSLP has just released the new PSA videos for 2022, and they can be a great addition to library websites to jumpstart Summer Reading and Learning outreach and promotion. Here are the YouTube links to the **English** and **Spanish** versions. They are also posted on the Summer Reading at New York Libraries site at **www.summerreadingnys.org/** under "PSAs for 2022."

## Canva Designs Courtesy of Tara Montoney (SENF)

Tara, Youth Services Coordinator at Seneca Falls Library, created designs in Canva for you to use! *Please make a copy before editing, instructions below!* Contact Jenny if you need assistance. *THANK YOU, TARA!*

- Click on one of the links below (you may have to login)
  - **Promo Flyer**
  - **Adoption Tags**
  - **Adoption Papers**
- Click on the **Home** button (top left)
- On your home screen, move your mouse to the selected design under your *Recent designs*
- Click the button with the 3 dots (⋯) and then click **Make a Copy**
- Click on the title of your copy and start typing to rename your new design, this will ensure everyone isn't trying to edit the same design.

Consider applying for Canva Pro, which is free for non-profits. The process can take some time but it is definitely worth it. Apply here: **Canva for Nonprofits**.

# POLARIS FAQ
## Placing Multiple Holds for Book Clubs

You can place multiple holds for the same patron by holding down the control (Ctrl) key and selecting more than one record at a time. This is a quick and easy way to place holds for the facilitator of a book club.

- Use **Patron Status (F6)** or **Patron Records (F7)** locate the correct patron, open their status or record, and click on the **Place Hold** icon.
- Click on the **Find** button located next to the Title field in the Details section of the Hold Request workform.
- Using the Find Tool, switch the "Object" to Item Records. Then search for a specific title.
- Next, select some records. Press and hold down on the **Ctrl** key on the keyboard, while clicking on several records from the results screen. This highlights specific records you want to place on hold.



- When your chosen records are highlighted, let go of the **Ctrl** key and press the **Enter** key on the keyboard.
- All selected records will now be added to the Hold Request workform.
- Finally, click the **Save** button and the holds will appear on the patron's account.

# AWARDS & GRANTS

## 2022 Velma K. Moore Award
## 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### Presented by the Library Trustees Association Section (LTAS) of NYLA

The Velma K. Moore Award was established to honor the memory of Velma Moore, one of the charter members of the of The New York State Association of Library Boards (NYSALB), now the **Library Trustees Association Section (LTAS)** of New York Library Association (NYLA), and wife of former New York State Lt. Governor Frank C. Moore.  Mrs. Moore worked actively for the improvement of library service in New York State from 1947 until her death in 1961.

Mrs. Moore served two terms as president and was a member of the NYSALB Board from its establishment.  For thirty-three years Mrs. Moore was also a Trustee of the Kenmore Public Library near Buffalo, New York.

The Award, to be given annually, was originally established in 1962 with a gift from the Moore family.  The Award—a **$1,500** cash prize----will be given to the recipient's library or system of choice at the 2022 NYLA Conference in Saratoga Springs NY.

## *Eligibility*

Any individual or group of individuals who have made exemplary contributions to the development of library services in New York State is eligible for nomination.  Nominees may include trustees, a community member, library boards, or any individual or group who supports libraries. Nominations can be made by anyone in the library community.

## *Nominating Procedure*

Nominations may be submitted by e-mail to: **VKMAward.LTAS@gmail.com** or by mail to:

> LTAS Velma K. Moore Award Committee
> c/o Suzanne Stockman
> 58 Clarkes Crossing
> Fairport NY 14450

The letter of nomination should include:
- Name and address of *nominee.*
- Library affiliation.
- A statement of not more than 500 words on the reason for nomination.
  - Name, address, contact information and library affiliation of the *nominator*.

**Deadline** for receipt of nominations is **Tuesday, May 31, 2022.**

## *Criteria for Evaluating Nominees*

1)  Measurable service to local, county, system or state libraries, advancing the effectiveness of these libraries.
2)  Service in areas of legislation or other support that advance library causes with local or state government.
3)  Promotional services through publishing, speaking or involvement in professional or lay library groups or organizations.
4)  Service to state or national library organizations, *e.g.* Library Trustee Association Section, United for Libraries, New York Library Association, American Library Association or service on State study committees.

*This is a wonderful opportunity to recognize the efforts of someone committed to bettering library services in New York State.*