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.flls.org/2020reopenpoll/. Visit www.flls.org/member-library-service-status/ to view each library’s quarantine period & hours information.

**FLLS Staff Summer Vacations:** Deb May 27-June 1; Eric May 27-June 3; Sarah June 27-July 1.

LINKS TO MAKE YOU THINK

**Food Is Getting More Expensive. Libraries Are Helping People Grow Their Own.**

**Family Newsletter--Message from Commissioner Betty A. Rosa**

**We Rate Book Covers With Dogs**

**Celebrate Pride Month with These 12 Novels**

**Programming Librarian Program Model: Community Art Swap**

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**An Uphill Battle: A public library in W. Va. shines a light on rural food deserts**

Did you miss an issue? Check [https://www.flls.org/bulletin](https://www.flls.org/bulletin) for archived bulletins!
As we head into this holiday weekend, here are some updates for you:

Referendums – A huge congratulations to all of our libraries who were on the school ballot on May 17. All of our libraries who went on the ballot won their votes, and almost all of the votes were won by a very large margin. It is extremely pleasing to see almost all of the libraries in the Finger Lakes service area have a referendum in place and benefit from sustainable funding. A reminder that if your library is not on the ballot yet, please contact Heidi and me, as we are happy to talk to your board about your options.

I’d like to note a special recognition of the Southworth Library Association (Dryden) and the Tappan-Spaulding Memorial Library (Newark Valley) for being on the ballot for the first time this year. FLLS worked with both library directors and boards over the past year or longer to help them and we are so proud of the community backing that showed on May 17. Both libraries will be receiving $50,000 to do things such as adding to collections, programming and increased library services because of this funding. A special thanks to Diane Pamel, Library Director, and Mike Lane, Trustee, of Dryden for all their hard work on their Dryden campaign. For Newark Valley, a special thanks to Erin Chapman, Library Director, and Patti Schaffer, Board President, for their hard work on their campaign.

Spring on the Hill – While referendums were taking place, I was in Albany for NYLA’s Spring on the Hill. This first-time endeavor was both a continuing education opportunity and a chance for non-budget advocacy work with our elected officials. I attended sessions on Open Meetings Law with Stephanie Cole Adams of New York State’s “Ask the Lawyer” service, and an overview of the public library district toolkit with State Library staff, Rebekkah Smith Aldrich from Mid-Hudson Library System and Brian Hildreth of Southern Tier Library System. I also attended a session on facilitating meetings that was led by Ron Kirsop of Pioneer Library System.

Material Challenges Toolkit – I’m heading the PULISDO committee that is working with Stephanie Cole Adams in her creation of a collection management toolkit that will address how a library board should deal with a material challenge. Our committee reviewed Stephanie’s toolkit on May 19 and suggested some very minor edits. Our group will be reviewing these edits on May 27 and will be finalizing the document by June 10. A special thanks to Jean Currie of the Edith B. Ford Memorial Library in Ovid who is serving on the committee with me as a Library Trustee Association member. I am so excited for all of you to see the finished document, which will be extremely helpful to library directors, collection staff and library boards when dealing with a challenge.

FLLS Closed on Monday – A reminder that Finger Lakes Library System will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day. There will be no deliveries. A reminder to libraries that we will be modifying the delivery schedule for Tuesday and Wednesday. On Tuesday, May 31, we will do deliveries on the North Route. On Wednesday, June 1, we will do deliveries on the South Route.

I wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday weekend!

Sarah
MEMBER LIBRARY NEWS

Do you have something to share? Please email jshonk@flls.org!
Upcoming Webinars

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.

Library Accessibility Audits (SCRLC)
Thursday, June 9, 1:00-2:00pm
Lynn Gitlow, Jeff Boles, Kate Hooks (and service dog Gem) visited five libraries in the SCRLC region to conduct accessibility audits. They will share an overview of the audit process and some of their top findings and recommendations for each library. (TCPL was one of the libraries that they visited!)

Best Practices for Serving LGBTQ+ Patrons with Lisa Koenecke (FLLS)
Wednesday, June 29, 11:00am-12:15pm
Learn the latest pronouns, flags, vocabulary and laws within the LGBTQ+ community. Discover free resources to help you in your Allyship and inclusive services beyond just PRIDE Month in June. Explore best practices from other industries to support your mission at your site. Come with questions, walk away with answers on what it truly means to serve the LGBTQ+ population. Q&A will be held during the last 15 minutes of the session, enter an anonymous question here: https://forms.gle/LAb68xVSWwKpA59j8.

New Librarians Meetups (FLLS)
Thursday July 7, 12:00-1:00pm
OR Monday, July 18, 10:00-11:00am
We will discuss certification/re-certification, CE, & jobs/resumes. Q&A included. The session is designed for current MLS/MLIS students, recent graduates, and new librarians (within 5 years) - but anyone is welcome, including those thinking about going back to school.

Conferences & Special Programs

Combating Racism in Libraries Part II: Creating Spaces to Educate and Inform Communities
Wednesdays, 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.

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.

![SYNC Audiobooks](https://www.TeenBookCloud.com)

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](#).

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**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/](https://www.summerreadingnys.org/) under "PSAs for 2022."

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**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](#).
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:

If these four discs are packaged all together in one case the volume field should contain the following information:
- d. 1-4 (Note: 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
Thank you to everyone who applied for our 2022-2023 Outreach Mini-Grant cycle! Once again, it was difficult for our COSAC team this year as there were 16 applicants with limited available grant funds. We were able to fund the following projects:

- **Berkshire Free Library**  
  *Project:* Creamery Road Senior Apartments  
  *Awarded:* $850
- **Candor Free Library**  
  *Project:* Herbs and Spices  
  *Awarded:* $540
- **Southworth Library Association – Dryden**  
  *Project:* Art with The Masters Classes  
  *Awarded:* $1,150
- **Groton Public Library**  
  *Project:* Back to Basics – Learn to Sew  
  *Awarded:* $1,650
- **Interlaken Public Library**  
  *Project:* Love Your Library for Life  
  *Awarded:* $743
- **Lansing Community Library**  
  *Project:* Tween Advisory Group and Book Club  
  *Awarded:* $1,650
- **Lodi Whittier Library**  
  *Project:* Artist Led Classes for Adults  
  *Awarded:* $1,439
- **Peck Memorial Library – Marathon**  
  *Project:* Oceans of Possibilities 2022  
  *Awarded:* $980
- **Powers Library – Moravia**  
  *Project:* A Hand-Up Pantry  
  *Awarded:* $400
- **Tappan-Spaulding Memorial Library – Newark Valley**  
  *Project:* LEGO Night  
  *Awarded:* $550
- **Newfield Public Library**  
  *Project:* NPL at the Food Pantry  
  *Awarded:* $840
- **Coburn Free Library – Owego**  
  *Project:* Teen Outreach: They asked, we listened  
  *Awarded:* $1,000
- **Seneca Falls Library**  
  *Project:* Building Life Skills Outside the Box  
  *Awarded:* $1,560
- **Waterloo Library & Historical Society**  
  *Project:* Integrated Crafts  
  *Awarded:* $1,200
- **Weedsport Free Library**  
  *Project:* Digital Inclusion  
  *Awarded:* $671

Congratulations to our OMG recipients!  
Visit the [OMG blog post](#) to view project descriptions!