



## 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/](http://www.flls.org/2020reopenpoll/). Visit [www.flls.org/member-library-service-status/](http://www.flls.org/member-library-service-status/) to view each library's quarantine period & hours information.

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# FROM THE DIRECTOR

I wanted to share with you what has been happening at the Smithtown Library in Long Island this week. While not in our service area, the library Board of Trustees has gotten state and even national attention because of a board vote that was overturned on Thursday evening.



PULISDO directors were alerted to the original board action on Wednesday morning. On Tuesday, June 21, the Board of Trustees of the Smithtown Library passed the following resolution: *Motion to remove all Pride displays, in addition to removing all books of the same subject on display from all Children's sections in all Smithtown Library buildings.* A directive from the director (requested by the trustees) was then sent to library staff to remove all Pride displays from the children's rooms.

Starting on Wednesday, the decision of the Board of Trustees was shared on social media and the library's website. Public reaction was swift and strong. Our New York Library Association issued a statement [HERE](#). Social media posts on the library's Facebook page unrelated to the Board action were inundated with comments that ranged from calls for the library board to resign, support for the library staff having to deal with the situation the board caused, or in some minor instances, support for the board. The board released another statement, clarifying (in their opinion) that while they were not allowing Pride displays in children's areas, they were not pulling books from the collection and were allowing teen and adult displays. This was also not met well when released.

Legislators, the author Jodi Picoult who once was a page at the library made public comments, and Governor Hochul directed the Division of Human Rights to investigate reports of LGBTQ+ bias. You can read the Governor's press release [HERE](#). Stephanie "Cole" Adams, attorney of the Ask the Lawyer service in NY State, released guidance for library boards on legal issues impacting display removal at <https://www.wnylrc.org/ask-the-lawyer/raqs/270>.

An emergency Board meeting of the Smithtown Library was held virtually on Thursday evening. The board decided to rescind the earlier decision to remove the displays and made an apology that you can read [HERE](#). Going forward, the Board states they are committed to get advice from library administrators, staff, outside experts, legal counsel, and most importantly their residents, before they make important decisions.

This week I was appointed to be on a NYLA Intellectual Freedom Committee Working Group made up of public library system directors, ESLN directors, and school library system directors to help NYLA create a separate website with the intention of raising public awareness of challenges to intellectual freedom in libraries around the state and provide support and resources for library workers on these same issues. As you can see from what I have shared with you today, this is an important topic libraries are currently facing throughout the state.

Finally, a quick note to let you know that I will be out of the office and on vacation until July 5<sup>th</sup>. I hope everyone has a safe and happy Fourth of July!

Sarah



# MEMBER LIBRARY NEWS

**Port Byron Library**  
5h · 🌐

We will be showing Love Story on Tuesday, June 28th @ 2pm. Please Share!

**CLASSIC MOVIE**  
Tuesday, June 28th




Port Byron Library


**Berkshire Free Library**  
22h · 🌐

You can also pick up applications at the Berkshire Free Library.


**Berkshire Blueberry & Book Festival**  
**Blueberry Bake-Off**  
July 23, 2022



Enter now at  
[berkshirefreelibrary.org](http://berkshirefreelibrary.org)  
or  
[redbrickchurch.org](http://redbrickchurch.org)



**\$10 entrance fee**  
proceeds go to  
Helping Hands food pantry



Sponsored by 1st Congregational Church of Berkshire

**Phillips Free Library**  
June 20 at 4:11 PM · 🌐


We had a great time with Vanessa Johnson this morning. You can still join us for one last program this evening at The Homer Congregational Church (brick one on the green) at 6:30 for a retelling of a story from Syracuse. All in honor of Juneteenth.



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**Waverly Free Library**  
Yesterday at 2:03 PM · 🌐

Janine has been hard at work painting the library windows. We love it!!! #janinegorskiartist



20 1 Comment 5 Shares

**Do you have something to share?**  
Please email [jshonk@flls.org](mailto:jshonk@flls.org)!

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# SCAM ALERT!

## Facebook Phishing Scam Steals Millions of Credentials

Researchers at PIXM have uncovered a major Facebook Messenger phishing scam that's "potentially impacted hundreds of millions of Facebook users." More than eight million people have visited just one of these phishing pages so far this year.

"While viewing the Yearly Views page, we see 2.7 million users visited one of their pages in 2021, and around 8.5 million so far in 2022," the researchers write. "This represents tremendous growth in the campaign from 2021 to 2022."

The threat actors used compromised Facebook accounts to spread the phishing pages through Facebook Messenger.

"It appeared evident that these links originated from Facebook itself," the researchers write. "That is, a user's account would be compromised and, in a likely automated fashion, the threat actor would login to that account, and send out the link to the user's friends via Facebook Messenger."

"Facebook's internal threat intelligence team is privy to these credential harvesting schemes, however this group employs a technique to circumvent their URLs from being blocked. This technique involves the use of completely legitimate app deployment services to be the first link in the redirect chain once the user has clicked the link."

"After the user has clicked, they will be redirected to the actual phishing page. But, in terms of what lands on Facebook, it's a link generated using a legitimate service that Facebook could not outright block without blocking legitimate apps and links as well."

Notably, the campaign used automation to cycle through different phishing pages, which enabled it to avoid detection by security technologies.

"Once one of [the URLs] was found and blocked, it was trivial (and based on the speed we observed, likely automated) to spin up a new link using the same service, with a new unique ID," the researchers write. "We would often observe several used in a day, per service."

"The use of these services allows the threat actors' links to remain undetected and unblocked by Facebook Messenger (and by domain reputation services) for long periods of time. This approach has yielded enormous success for the threat actor."

**Blog post with links:**

<https://blog.knowbe4.com/facebook-phishing-scam-steals-millions-of-credentials>

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# ONLINE LEARNING

## Upcoming Webinars

### [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 relevant to the LGBTQ+ community. Discover free resources to help you develop your allyship and inclusive services beyond Pride Month in June. Explore best practices from other industries to support the mission at your library. Come with questions & walk away with answers on what it truly means to serve the LGBTQ+ community. Q&A will be held during the last 15 minutes of the session, enter an anonymous Q here:

<https://forms.gle/LAb68xVSWwKpA59j8>.

**Attendees will be entered into a drawing to win a copy of Lisa's book, *Be an Inclusion Ally: ABCs of LGBTQ+***

### [Basic Health Reference and MedlinePlus \(SCRLC\)](#)

**Thursday, July 14, 10:00-11:00am**

This one-hour webinar will provide an overview of the resources available on MedlinePlus, go over basic navigation on MedlinePlus, and will touch on basic health reference and other helpful resources to support your work. Select South Central Regional Library Council when registering.

### [Ready, Set, Policy!: Using the 2022 Collection Management Guide \(ESLN\)](#)

**Tuesday, July 19, 10:00-11:00am**

Presented by Stephanie "Cole" Adams. Based on requests from public libraries across the state, ESLN and PULISDO partnered on the creation of an annotated "2022 Public Library Collection Management Policy Template & Guide." Join us for this 1-hour session on using this resource to update or adopt policies to be ready for materials challenges...and more. We invite you to submit a question for the presenter - there will be a place to do that during the registration process. The deadline to submit questions is July 12. This event is being sponsored by ESLN and PULISDO. Free to ESLN Members. Registration is required. Please note that this webinar will be recorded, and the recording will be sent to all registrants regardless of attendance.

## Conferences & Special Programs



### [Where Intellectual Freedom and Social Justice Meet: A Call to Action](#)

**A Virtual Symposium Hosted by the Freedom to Read Foundation**

**July 12 & 13, 12PM-4pm each day  
FREE! [Register here!](#)**

The Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF) invites all library workers, educators, authors, journalists, publishers, social justice workers and First Amendment advocates to attend and participate in its free virtual symposium.

The agenda for day 1 will focus on exploring the topics of Intellectual Freedom and Social Justice and how to find the balance between them. Keynote speakers and panelists will address essential topics such as library policies, intellectual freedom and community values, alternatives to neutrality, and challenges facing the library community. Participants will have opportunities to ask questions of the panelists and engage in both small-group and large-group discussions.

Day 2 will focus on empowering participants to take action. Panelists will draw on their knowledge and experience to offer strategies for community change, building consensus, developing strong policies, and building coalitions and public outreach. Participants will be invited to participate in breakout groups to plan specific strategies to shift narratives and communicate the ways in which social justice and intellectual freedom support one another.

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# PROGRAMMING & OUTREACH

## Summer Reading Safety Note from CSLP

CSLP recently learned that on one occasion, the experience in the 2022 Oceans of Possibilities Manual entitled "Hold My Water: Water Pods and Water Bottles" [on page 202 - 204] led to a number of children becoming sick after they ingested the water pods. **REMOVE THE HOLD MY WATER: WATER PODS AND WATER BOTTLES EXPERIMENT FROM YOUR MANUAL.**

## Look for your library's Museum Pass Kits in next week's delivery!

Each library will receive three Museum Pass Kits:

- *Sciencenter Kit A (Temple Grandin book)*
- *Sciencenter Kit B (Steve Spangler book)*
- *Museum of the Earth/Cayuga Nature Center*

The kits come assembled, cataloged, and ready to circulate. The kits will arrive "in-process" and will need to be checked in upon receiving them. Please make sure all the contents are there when you receive the kits. If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to Heidi.

## Save the Date!

The next [OverDrive Big Library Read](#) starts July 13th and features the historical fiction title [The Girl in His Shadow](#) by Audrey Blake.

**BIG LIBRARY READ**  
July 13 - 27, 2022

**THE GIRL in HIS SHADOW**  
A NOVEL  
AUDREY BLAKE

An unforgettable historical fiction novel about one woman who believed in scientific medicine before the world believed in her.

**Libby.**  
The library reading app

## eContent Committee Notes

The eContent Committee met on June 13. Roy Serrao from [BiblioBoard](#) gave a short presentation on this innovative digital community engagement tool. If you'd like to learn more (including pricing) you can reach out to Heidi.

FLLS is working on updating its eContent Collection Development policy and the committee will be providing feedback.

If you'd like the full notes from the June meeting please email Heidi. Our next meeting is in September.



# POLARIS FAQ

## POLARIS DOCUMENTATION & VIDEOS ONLINE

### Did you know?

*Polaris handouts and training video links are available on the FLLS website!*

1. Visit <https://www.flls.org/> and click on **STAFF LOGIN**.
2. Enter the username and password and click on **Log In**. Contact [jshonk@flls.org](mailto:jshonk@flls.org) for the username and password.
3. Click on **Polaris Documentation** on the right hand side.
4. You will see Polaris documentation, Polaris training video links (with special password listed), and “What’s New in Polaris?” documents.

The screenshot shows the Finger Lakes Library System website. At the top is the logo and a search bar. Below is a navigation menu with links like ABOUT, RESOURCES, ADVOCACY, FOR THE PUBLIC, MEMBER LIBRARIES, STAFF LOGIN, FLLS HELPDESK, and BLOG. The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column is titled 'Polaris Documentation' and lists various documents with update dates. The middle column is titled 'What's new in Polaris?' and lists recent updates. The right column contains a sidebar with links: Librarians Home, Library Supplies, Polaris Documentation (highlighted with a red arrow), and Polaris FAQ.

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

<https://vimeopro.com/innovativeiii/webinars>

<https://innovative.libguides.com/polaris>

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# AWARDS & GRANTS

## LAMS NYLA Conference Scholarship



The Library & Leadership Management Section (LAMS) of the New York Library Association is seeking candidates for two scholarships to attend NYLA's 2022 Conference in Saratoga for first time attendees. One award will be given to Library Administrators; the second is for Library Assistants/support staff. A third award will be given to a new Director, appointed in the past three years, attending conference for the first time as a Director. The awards are \$800.00 each and will be sent to the selected candidates after registering for the NYLA conference. The stipends can be used to cover conference costs at the winners' discretion.

The 2022 NYLA Conference will take place from Wednesday November 2- Saturday November 5 in Saratoga Springs. More conference information can be found on the NYLA website under News and Events.

All scholarship applicants must submit a letter from a professional reference and an application in the form of a letter which includes:

- Why you wish to attend conference
- How the experience will benefit your work
- How you will share what you learn with co-workers and/or colleagues
- Your professional goals
- How attending conference will help you achieve those goals

To apply for these scholarships, submit the application and letter of reference via email to Julie Dempsey at [jkeltsall@highlandlibrary.org](mailto:jkeltsall@highlandlibrary.org) by **July 15, 2022**. All applicants will be reviewed by the LAMS' Scholarship Committee. The winners of these scholarships will be selected by July 31, 2022. Scholarship winners must be LAMS members at time of award.



2021-2022 Outreach Mini-Grant final reports are due Thursday, June 30. The final report form can be found here: <https://www.flls.org/outreach/>. Please contact [jshonk@flls.org](mailto:jshonk@flls.org) with questions or to request an extension.