

MEMBER LIBRARY BI-WEEKLY BULLETIN

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from 9/15-10/15!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Whenever your service model changes, please fill out the reopening [form](#). Visit this [page](#) to view each library's quarantine period & hours information.

LINKS TO MAKE YOU THINK

[Spend The Day At The Farmers Market And I'll Tell You Which Book You Should Read Next](#)

[You can ban a book, but can you stop teens from finding it online?](#)



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[Being a librarian isn't just about books – it's about helping everyone get access to information and resources](#)

Librarian's Guide to Homelessness FREE On Demand!

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

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Here is what has been happening recently in our system:

NYLA – The New York Library Association’s Legislative Committee met on August 30 and approved budget asks for 2023 that went to NYLA Council on September 15. The ask for Library Aid will be \$147.1 million, which is up from \$123.1 million in 2022. The increase in aid ask is based on a formula, plus the new 2020 Census numbers and the noticeable increase in operating expenses for libraries. The Library Construction Aid ask will be \$69.4 million, which is up from the 2022 ask of \$45 million. We continue to see a record number of construction projects across New York State as our libraries age. NYLA will be updating their advocacy webpage shortly with other legislative priorities.



Robert’s Rules of Order Workshop – The Public Library Systems Directors Organization (PULISDO) and the Library Trustee Association Section of the New York Library Association are partnering to bring a Robert’s Rules of Order Workshop this fall to library trustees and directors. The workshop, “Effective Meetings Utilizing Parliamentary Procedure” will be led by Adrian Stratton, who is the parliamentarian for the American Library Association. The workshop will be held on Thursday, October 27 from 5-6:30pm.

Participants will discover how parliamentary procedure, also known as Robert’s Rules of Order, can assist with better meetings. Robert’s Rules of Order is a tool that will give trustees and library staff the knowledge and framework to conduct effective, fair, and equitable meetings. Attendees will:

- Gain an understanding of Robert’s Rules of Order
- Learn how to conduct more effective, fair and equitable meetings
- Encourage respectful discussions and debates
- Utilize time management to fulfill the business of the library

This webinar will be recorded and archived for future viewing, and registration will allow you to watch at a later date. Register [here](#) for the workshop.

Construction Grants – The Board of Trustees of the Finger Lakes Library System met on Wednesday, September 21 and approved three construction grants for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Congratulations to Cortland Free Library, Seneca Falls Library, and Waterloo Library! Their projects range from remediation of drainage issues (Waterloo), to restroom updates (Seneca Falls), and HVAC, reconfiguration and expansion of a library elevator, and an addition of a community room, teen space, and makerspace (Cortland).

We are currently at a point with a record number of Covid positive cases in our system. This ranges from directors and library staff to trustees. As I write this on Friday, I have had 23 people report to me that they have Covid in the last ten days, which is the highest since the start of the pandemic.

As we head into the weekend, I hope that everyone has a calm and relaxing weekend. It has been a hard ten days.

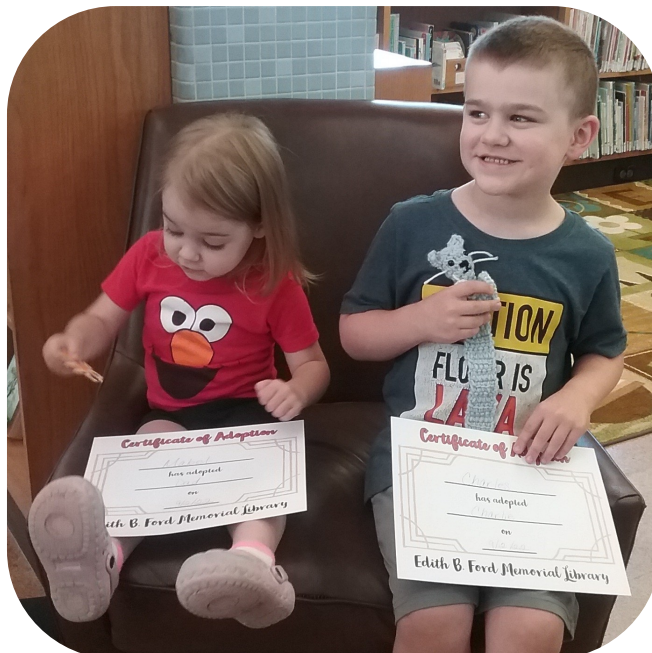
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MEMBER LIBRARY NEWS

Pet Bookmark Adoptions at Edith B. Ford Memorial Library

"Local artists donated lovingly handmade animal bookmarks for this program, and with every adoption (which is free), kids receive a certification of adoption for their pet! We've been making this a yearly tradition at our library because we know how important it is to support early literacy. Pet bookmarks provide a safe, loving friend for children to read with and to, and that's why our library continues to have this program!" ~Jae Darling, Development Associate



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

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CONTINUING EDUCATION

Upcoming Webinars

[Practicing Inclusion: Welcoming Transgender Customers and Colleagues \(Infopeople\)](#)

Tuesday, October 11, 12:00pm

As rights for transgender people continue to be challenged, libraries should be a welcoming place for the youth, adults, and colleagues in our communities. Join us to learn how to provide excellent internal and external customer service to transgender individuals at your library. This FREE interactive session will help participants reframe ideas around gender, give them best practices for serving trans customers, and end with developing strategies to make their libraries trans-inclusive.

Attendance is limited to the first 500 people who join the webinar. This webinar will be recorded and will be available on the Infopeople [webinar archive page](#).

[Virtual Lunch N Learn: Hybrid Programming Hacks \(FLLS\)](#)

Thursday, October 20, 12:00pm

Hello, hybrid! It looks like hybrid programming is here to stay, but how can a small library make it happen? Join Eric and Heidi for some tech tips and hacks, including gear recommendations and funding ideas.

[Lodi Literacy Hub: The Road to Decode Begins at the Library \(FLLS\)](#)

Thursday, October 27, 10:00am

Libraries are for everyone, including readers who struggle with dyslexia or other learning differences. During Dyslexia Awareness Month, join Lodi Whittier Library Director Beth Bevars, Marion Waldman and Tracy Young from Teach My Kid to Read, and Human Rights Attorney Laurie Puhn Feinstein for an informative and inspirational look at how libraries can serve all readers.

FREE webinars from PLA:

- [Rainbow Connections: Celebrating LGBTQ+ Kids and Allies in Your Community and Beyond](#)
- [Public Library Staff and Diversity: Results from PLA's 2021 Survey](#)
- [Audience Engagement and Interaction in Hybrid Programs](#)

Conferences & Special Programs

[NYLA 2022 Conference & Trade Show](#)

November 2-5

Saratoga Springs, NY

It is an exciting time for our library association and we are optimistic about NYLA's future – and the future of our members and members' libraries.

The past two years have taught us that change is inevitable and humbling and that our strength is in coming together to rethink, rework, and reinvent what we have known. [Register today!](#) Early Bird rates end October 5!

[CLRC 2022 Annual Conference](#)

Friday, October 21, 10:00am-3:15pm

Online via Zoom

Keynote by Kathryn Stam, SUNY Polytechnic Institute, & Kay Klo, Midtown Utica Community Center. Kay Klo and Kathryn Stam will share their experiences working with refugee populations in Utica, NY and will explore what they have learned along the way. Other sessions will include Welcoming LGBTQ+ Patrons with Stephanie Markham and Challenging Patron Situations with Kathleen Degyansky. Conference is free but registration is required. Please select SCRLC (South Central Regional Library Council) as your ESLN council when registering. Live captioning will be provided. This conference will be recorded and a recording will be shared with all registrants afterward.

Polaris Help

To access helpful Polaris handouts [AND](#) training videos on our website:

1. Visit <https://www.flls.org/> and click on **STAFF LOGIN**.
2. Enter the username & password and click on **Log In**.
3. Then click on **Polaris Documentation**.

Please contact jshonk@flls.org, efranks@flls.org, or rhelwig@flls.org for the username & password.

Polaris documentation and videos from Innovative are also accessible online, with no login required. Please visit:

<https://vimeopro.com/innovativeiii/webinars>
<https://innovative.libguides.com/polaris>

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PROGRAMMING & OUTREACH

LAST CALL! Summer Reading Final Survey DUE 9/26!

The survey link was sent to directors in an email on August 16, 2022. Please submit your responses no later than Monday, September 26, 2022. If you have questions please reach out to Heidi at heckerson@flls.org.

[2022 Summer Reading Final Evaluation PDF](#)

Library Card Sign Up Month!

September is [Library Card Sign Up Month!](#)
ALA has put together this useful [Press Kit](#).

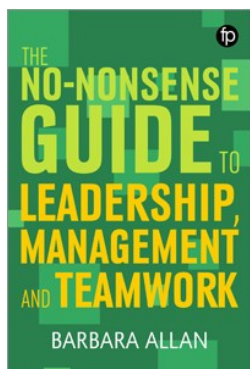


Browsing the FLLS Professional Development Collection

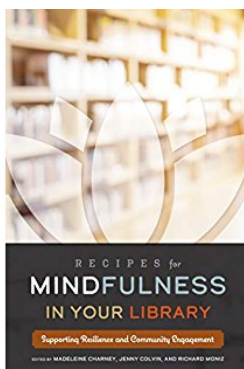
Sometimes you know exactly what you want. Other times, it's fun (and inspiring) to browse the shelves. If you'd like to stop in and see what Storytime kits, games, die-cuts, puppets, and professional development Collection titles we have at FLLS, reach out to Heidi to set up a browsing appointment.

Featured Books

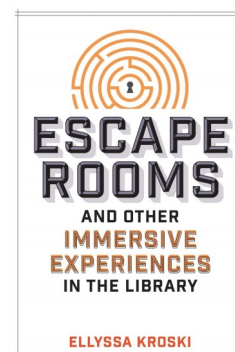
Search Polaris and place a request today!



The no-nonsense guide to leadership, management and teamwork
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Recipes for mindfulness in your library: supporting resilience & community engagement
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Escape rooms and other immersive experiences in the library
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AWARDS & GRANTS

Joseph F. Shubert Library Excellence Award

The New York State Regents Advisory Council on Libraries announced today that applications are being accepted for the Joseph F. Shubert Library Excellence Award and will be due on October 5, 2022. Libraries have faced many challenges and shown remarkable resilience and creativity over the past year; this is a wonderful opportunity to honor that.

The Award will recognize a New York State library or library consortium that has taken significant steps to improve the quality of library service to its users. As in past years, an award of \$1,000, graciously donated by the Friends of the New York State Library, will be given to the winner along with a plaque.

Projects nominated for the Award should document measurable progress in identifying user needs, taking steps to meet those needs, and evaluating the results. All types of libraries are eligible to apply (academic, public, school, and special). Previous applicants are encouraged to apply, and previous winners of the Award may apply after 3 years.

Special attention will be given to applications highlighting efforts aligned with the [NYS Library's digital equity initiatives](#) and the [Regents Advisory Council on Libraries Vision 2022](#). For more information about the Shubert Award and the application form, please visit the [Joseph F. Shubert Library Excellence Award page on the NYS Library website](#) or contact Tor Loney, Library Development Specialist I, via email at Tor.Loney@nysed.gov.

Applications must be sent electronically and must be received by October 5.

A.R.T. 2022 Poulin Project box set is now available!

If you are a public institution in New York State, **A.r.t R.esources T.ransfer** warmly invites you to request a **free** box set of poetry, literature, & nonfiction books.

[Request your set by completing this short form here.](#)

The [Poulin Project](#) is a NYSCA-funded initiative that provides New York State libraries, schools, prisons, and alternative education centers with free box sets of contemporary literature from small presses around the state. Sets include 75 titles by publishers including BOA Editions, Ugly Duckling Presse, Verso Books, and Fence Books.

A.R.T. also provides public institutions with free books on contemporary art through our [Library Program](#). This year we are pleased to offer all Poulin Project recipients a supplemental box set of **free** books from the A.R.T. Library Program.

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