FINGER LAKES LIBRARY SYSTEM

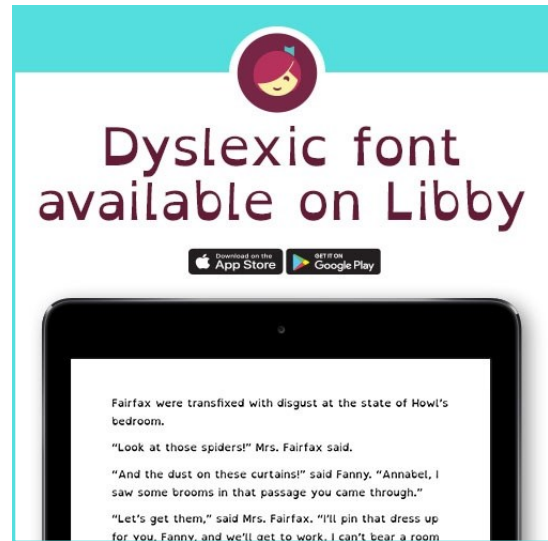# MEMBER LIBRARY BI-WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Dyslexic font available on Libby

October is Dyslexia Awareness Month! The Libby app has many accessibility features to support all readers.

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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

2022 Public Library Services for Strong Communities Survey - Now Open!

Brooklyn Public Library vs. the Book Banners

The Tripitaka Koreana

The Best New Cookbooks of Fall 2022

Libraries are dangerous in the best possible way

How Small and Rural Libraries Combat Misinformation

Librarian's Guide to Homelessness _FREE_ On Demand!
To gain access to the webinar series on Niche Academy, please email **jshonk@flls.org**.

Did you miss an issue?
Check **https://www.flls.org/bulletin** for archived bulletins!

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Happy October! As we head into fall, here are some things we have been working on at FLLS:

Annual Meeting – A last reminder that the Finger Lakes Library System Annual Meeting will be held virtually on Friday, October 14 at 10 AM. While trustees of our member libraries are the voting members during our business meeting, the meeting is appropriate for library staff, directors, and trustees.

Our business meeting will be short and will include: approval of minutes from 2021, one trustee election, and remarks from the FLLS Board of Trustees President, Martin Toombs. Our trustee election is for a Tioga County representative, and FLLS trustee Patricia Schaffer is running unopposed for a second term.

I will be giving remarks that will include State updates for both directors and trustees, some helpful reminders for trustees about upcoming Trustee Education requirements, and then an overview of our member libraries and FLLS activities this year.

Our goal is to be less than an hour, as we know everyone is busy. A reminder that our intent is to hopefully transition back to an in-person Annual Meeting next year so that we can network and enjoy seeing everyone in person.

2023 Funding – Many of our libraries are hard at work finalizing 2023 budgets and even planning for their 2023 referendum ballot vote. I have spoken with a few boards over the last few weeks about the benefits of going above the tax cap while weighing the risks of voter perception in a time of inflation, a recession, and high grocery, gas and electric prices.

While the county budget requests for Tioga County libraries and Tompkins County libraries are complete, the Seneca County libraries will be meeting with the Seneca County legislature next Tuesday. The five libraries in Seneca County created a fantastic and informative video that was sent to legislators before the upcoming meeting highlighting what county money is used for as well as all of the services, programs and outreach the libraries do. I will be joining the Seneca County libraries at the legislature meeting to lend support.

The Great Give Back – Are you aware of the Great Give Back, happening in many of our libraries this month? This community service initiative was created by the Suffolk County Public Library Directors Association and the Suffolk Cooperative Library System, in conjunction with the Nassau Library System. The program provides a day of opportunity for the patrons of public libraries of NY State to participate in meaningful, service-oriented experiences. See what our libraries are doing for the Great Give Back **here**. FLLS and SCRLC staff are collecting urgently needed items for the Tompkins County SPCA and are excited to participate along with our libraries.

FLLS Closed – A reminder that FLLS will be closed on Monday, October 10 in observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day. There will be no deliveries on Monday. Both routes will be receiving deliveries on Tuesday, October 11.

I hope everyone has a restful and enjoyable weekend.
Sarah

MEMBER LIBRARY NEWS

WOW

Lodi Whittier Library
2d · 🌐

Our lot is coming along nicely!!

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Seymour Library
1d · 🌐

In the modern era, the Supreme Court has risen dramatically in both stature and visibility in our federal government. Learn how the Court actually works and explore some recent and past cases with historian Tom Henry on Thursday, October 6 at 6 pm.

This program is part of Seymour Library's After Hours lecture series, made possible by the Friends of Seymour Library.
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For a complete list of our Thursday evening lectures, visit our website at: www.seymourlibrary.org.

#AfterHours #SeymourLibrary #LectureSeries

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After Hours Lecture Series
Seymour Library

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Seneca Falls Library
5h · 🌐

Do you need a new houseplant? Stop by the Seneca Falls Library and pick up a start at the Propagation Station! We have pothos, avocado pits, and instructions for both available for you to take home. Visit us today!

PROPAGATION Station
TURN FOR INFO

👍❤️ 8   2 Shares

Seneca Falls Library
6d · 🌐

Back-to-school Cook-A-Book F.U.N.!!! ✏️

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SCAM ALERT!

SECURITY HINTS & TIPS: Browser Notifications

What Are Browser Notifications?

Most internet browsers allow websites to offer browser notifications. The first time you visit a website that offers browser notifications, you will see a pop-up message at the top of your browser window asking you to either allow or block notifications. If you choose to allow them, browser notifications can be displayed at any time, even when you are not on that website. These notifications are typically used for things like blog updates, social media interactions, and upcoming sales. Unfortunately, cybercriminals can also send their own malicious browser notifications to steal your money and information.

How Do Cybercriminals Use Browser Notifications?

Cybercriminals can use two different methods to send you malicious browser notifications. They can either hijack a legitimate website and offer fake notifications from that website, or they can trick you into allowing notifications while visiting a malicious website. For example, in one scam, cybercriminals used a malicious website that appeared to be a video player and instructed users to click "Allow" before they could play a video.

Once cybercriminals are able to send you browser notifications, they can use the notifications in several ways:

- They can display excessive pop-up messages, inappropriate content, or other disruptive material in your browser. This tactic allows cybercriminals to hold your system hostage while they demand a ransom.
- They can send you malicious advertisements, also known as malvertising. Malvertising is when cybercriminals use ads to spread malware, trick you into providing sensitive information, or steal your money using fake storefronts.
- They can include malicious files and code within browser notifications. If you click on one of these malicious notifications, your system may be automatically prompted to download a piece of malware.

Hints and Tips to Stay Safe

Use the tips below to stay safe from malicious browser notifications:

- Think before you click! Whether it is a browser notification or another kind of pop-up message, always read and consider a prompt before taking action.
- Check the permissions settings within your browser and only allow notifications for websites that you know and trust. Most browsers include a list of websites that are allowed to send you notifications. Some browsers also allow you to globally block notifications for all websites.
- Keep your browser and other software up-to-date. Software updates often include security patches that help close known vulnerabilities. We recommend enabling automatic updates to ensure that your browser is always up-to-date.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Upcoming Webinars

Social Emotional Learning in the Library Series (PLA)

Libraries respond to the needs of our communities, and communities all over the world have experienced an elevated level of trauma and stress over the past few years. As we continue to serve the public in these challenging times, library workers must adapt, pivoting to incorporate Social Emotional Learning (SEL) into the work we do with families every day. In many cases, we are already using SEL in our work. This **FREE** webinar series will cover key SEL concepts and how to integrate them into library programs and activities. Book lists and other resources will be provided, and each session will include a calming mindfulness exercise for attendees. Sessions include:

- *Fundamentals of Social Emotional Learning* on 10/11 @ 2:00pm
- *Practical Applications of Social Emotional Learning in the Library* on 11/8 @ 2:00pm
- *Happy and Calm: Kids Yoga in the Library* on 12/13 @ 2:00pm
- *Recharge and Refresh* on Tuesday, 1/10/23 @ 2:00pm

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. *Registration is required.*

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. *Registration is required. Session will be held on Zoom and recorded/distributed.*

Conferences & Special Programs

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. '

NYLA 2022 Conference & Trade Show

November 2-5
Saratoga Springs, NY
Did you know that Pre-Conference workshops are 6 additional CE/CTLE credits? If you attend Pre-Con as well as the programs included in the Full Conference that is 30 CE/CTLE Credits in total! View full **descriptions** or **register**.

Also, check out the Lightning Rounds that are happening on Thursday, November 3 from 11:00am-12:00pm in the High Rock room located behind the NYLA registration desk!

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

PROGRAMMING & OUTREACH

October is TeenTober!

YALSA created **TeenTober** to celebrate teens and teen programming year round. We're adding some new teen programming books to our professional collection to celebrate–they'll be available soon!

Teen programming ideas from our member libraries:
- Tompkins County Public Library has teen and tween book kits that member libraries are welcome to borrow. All kits include 13-15 copies of the book and a leader's guide. If you're interested, reach out to Youth Services Librarian **Sarah O' Shea**.
- Check out Ovid Librarian Amber Pasiak's Engaging Teens with Connected Learning workshop from September: View the **Presentation**, **Recording** and a copy of the **Connected Learning survey**. The survey was especially popular— a great way to find out what teens in your community are interested in.

Libraries and Literacy

In recognition of Dyslexia Awareness Month, FLLS is thrilled to present the ***Lodi Literacy Hub: The Road to Decode Begins at the Library*** workshop on October 27 at 10am. Lodi director Beth Bevars combines the personal and professional in this session that also features the work of **Teach My Kid to Read**, an organization that supports dyslexic readers and their caregivers and communities.

Click **HERE** to check out their guide about Dyslexia Awareness Month!

Summer Reading

Thanks to everyone who submitted their library's Summer Reading stats! If you'd like a PDF of your responses, email Heidi **heckerson@flls.org**.

Save the Date: Plans for Summer 2023 are already starting to take shape. The CSLP Summer Reading Virtual Symposium is December 8 from 11am-4:30pm. Registration will open up sometime in early November. ALA Executive Director Tracie D. Hall will give the keynote address. Sessions will focus on decorating and programming for the 2023 kindness and friendship theme, including multigenerational programming.

AWARDS & GRANTS
Smithsonian traveling exhibition grant: Exploring Human Origins

Deadline: November 7, 2022

The American Library Association (ALA), in collaboration with the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History's (NMNH) Human Origins Program, invites applications from public libraries interested in hosting the traveling exhibition Exploring Human Origins: Promoting a National Conversation on Human Evolution.

The exhibition will travel the U.S. from May 2023 through May 2026. **Six public libraries** will be selected to present the exhibition in their communities for a period of six to nine weeks each, with library host periods available each summer and winter. Experts from the NMNH Human Origins Program will present in-person or virtual programming at the participating libraries.

The goal of this traveling exhibition and public programs is to create an opportunity for audiences across a wide spectrum — from those who do not question the scientific study of human origins to those who are troubled by its findings — to engage the complex field of human evolution research in ways that are understandable, fulfilling, captivating, and relevant. By touring the exhibition and providing public programs to communities across the U.S., the exhibition sponsors endeavor to create a respectful and welcoming atmosphere for public audiences to explore how, when and where human qualities emerged.

For more information including project guidelines, a PDF of the application questions, a FAQ, and the online application through ALA Apply, the American Library Association's Grant Management System, visit this website: **https://www.ala.org/tools/programming/exploring-human-origins**.

Check **http://librarygrants.blogspot.com/** frequently for more grant announcements or subscribe to have new blog posts sent to your email!

Upcoming FLLS Webinar: Grant Writing for Libraries
Thursday November 10, 11:00am

Whether you are new to grant writing or you are a seasoned grant writer, this webinar is for you. Jenny & Heidi will share tips, tricks, and resources for winning grants. Time will be allotted for a Q&A. Lastly, we'll discuss grant opportunities specifically for member libraries. **Registration is required.** The session will be held on Zoom and recorded/distributed.