

Robert's Rules of Order Workshop

Effective Meetings Utilizing Parliamentary Procedure Webinar

October 27, 2022 | 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm | Online

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In sports, rules help to keep things moving, establish boundaries, and encourage fair play. Your library board meetings are no different. And you're all on the same team.

Discover how parliamentary procedure, also known as [Robert's Rules of Order](#), can assist with better library board meetings. Join us and:

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

This workshop counts towards the 2023 Trustee Education requirement.

At FLLS, we commonly see and assist with board issues where boards simply do not understand or follow Robert's Rules of Order, which can result in potentially harmful board actions. By registering for the webinar, you will have access to the recording, which will be archived and count toward the 2023 Trustee Education requirement.

FLLS Annual Meeting Recap

On Friday, October 14, FLLS held its 64th Annual Meeting virtually. We also released our Annual Report to the Community. Typically, the report is a year behind, using statistics from our most current NY State Annual Report, which would be 2021. This year we decided to catch up and use current statistics for a more real-time look at our activities.

You can find our 2022 and 2021 reports at <https://www.flls.org/about-us/>.

2023 OverDrive eContent Contributions

Our [OverDrive collection](#) boasts nearly 33,000 ebook and audiobook titles with over 200,000 checkouts in 2021. FLLS pays for the annual \$9500 OverDrive platform fee and provides some funds for purchasing content. Member libraries are strongly encouraged to contribute to our System's OverDrive pool so we can curate a top-shelf collection that all member library patrons can enjoy.

Letters explaining the eContent Contribution process will be emailed to directors in early November and include suggested contribution amounts based on your library's collection budget and OverDrive usage.



Minimum Standards Minute: No. 13 Technology Training

"provides library staff with annual technology training, appropriate to their position, to address community needs, as outlined in the library's long-range plan of service"

Libraries work hard to meet the technology needs of their communities and library staff are often the first point of contact for patrons. FLLS supports our member libraries in meeting this standard by providing Polaris training as well as other technology-focused workshops.

We also connect libraries with tutorials for our databases like [Mango Languages](#) and the genealogy favorite- [HeritageQuest](#). You can find these and more on our [website's eContent page](#).

Patrons often have questions about our very popular digital collection. [OverDrive offers trainings and helpful documentation](#) for staff about OverDrive and Libby.

Be sure to bookmark the NYSL's [Minimum Standards](#) page for more information on this and other public library requirements.

Sustainable Funding for Your Library


Your library provides essential services that people count on. Therefore, adequate and stable funding for a library is crucial. We advocate for libraries to secure funding through a public vote on their tax levy. Building a relationship between your library and taxpayers ensures accountability and transparency. When a library provides services that responds to community needs and priorities, a community is willing to invest in that library.

Now is the time to consider planning for referendums and school ballots for the May 2023 vote. FLLS can provide your library with timelines, strategies, ballot wording and more.

Learning more about our libraries and ballot funding in 2021 [here](#).

OverDrive's Big Library Read

Check out OverDrive's next [Big Library Read](#), featuring the Newbery Award-winning young adult novel *A Snake Falls to Earth*. From November 2nd-16th, borrow Darcie Little Badger's indigenous fantasy novel, from our digital collection for free without waiting. Available in ebook or audiobook.



This award-winning title draws on traditional Lipan Apache storytelling structure to weave an unforgettable tale of monsters, magic and family.

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