

## MEMBER LIBRARY BI-WEEKLY BULLETIN

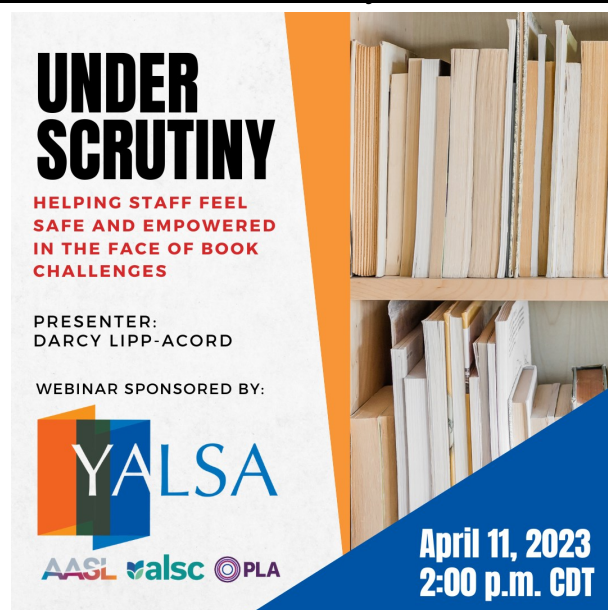
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### ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

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

### LINKS TO MAKE YOU THINK

[6 Books About Ramadan and Eid for Picture Book, Middle Grade, and YA Readers](#)

[Southern Cayuga County library raising money to relocate to new building](#)

[9 Places You Can Apply to for Program Funds](#)

[Addressing Food Insecurity with Community Refrigerators](#)

[NYS Library LibGuides](#) have been updated, including links below:

- [Public Library District Toolkit: Strategies to Assure your Library's Legal and Financial Stability](#)
- [Handbook for Library Trustees of New York State; 2018 Edition](#)
- [Helpful Information for Meeting Minimum Public Library Standards; 2018 Edition](#)

[A Weekly Escape Into Stories: The Great Stories Club at a Youth Correctional Facility](#)

# FROM THE DIRECTOR

Happy Spring! Here are some updates for you from the last few weeks:



**State Budget** – We are in the final days of the State Budget process, with an April 1 deadline fast approaching. Both the Assembly and the Senate have proposed increases for libraries in their one-house budgets:

## Assembly:

- Library Aid: \$104.6M
  - \$8.5M increase from Executive
- Library Construction Aid: \$54M
  - \$40M increase from Executive
- Love Your Library Fund: \$175,000 Release

## Senate:

- Library Aid: \$103.1M
  - \$7M increase from Executive
- Library Construction Aid: \$39M
  - \$25M increase from Executive
- Love Your Library Fund: \$150,000 Release

The easiest thing you can do in the final days of advocacy is to contact your legislators by using NYLA's email form. It takes less than two minutes and you can find it [here](#).

**Annual Reports** – Thank you to all of our libraries for completing your annual reports on time. I am happy to report that all 33 libraries met the deadline of submitting them by our due date and that FLLS submitted our system report on time, also. A huge thank you to Jenny from FLLS for coordinating this undertaking and to all our library directors and boards who worked hard in February to make this happen.

**Summer Reading Kickoff** – FLLS held our first in person summer reading kickoff event since the pandemic on Thursday, March 16. In addition to learning about the *All Together Now* theme and programming ideas, it was just nice to see everyone in person! A tremendous thank you to Heidi from FLLS for coordinating our day of learning and to all the FLLS staff who helped – from traffic control to registration to demonstrating programs and services, all FLLS staff were involved that day.

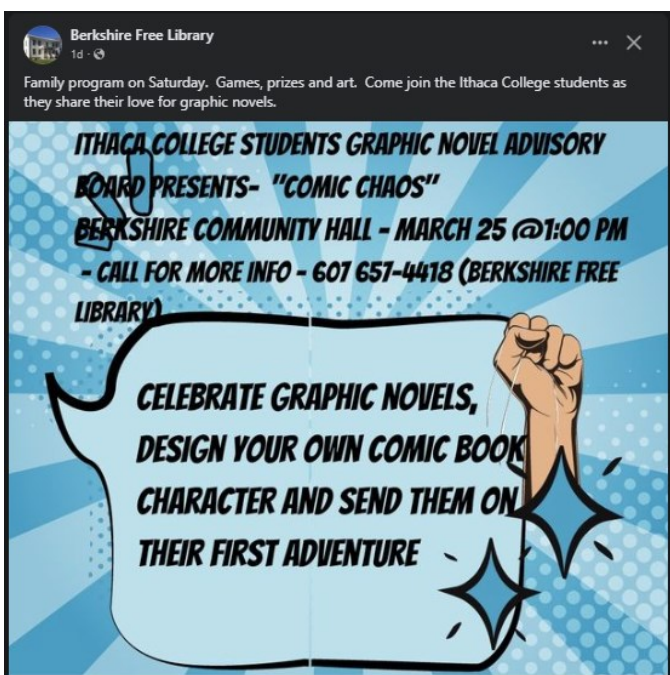
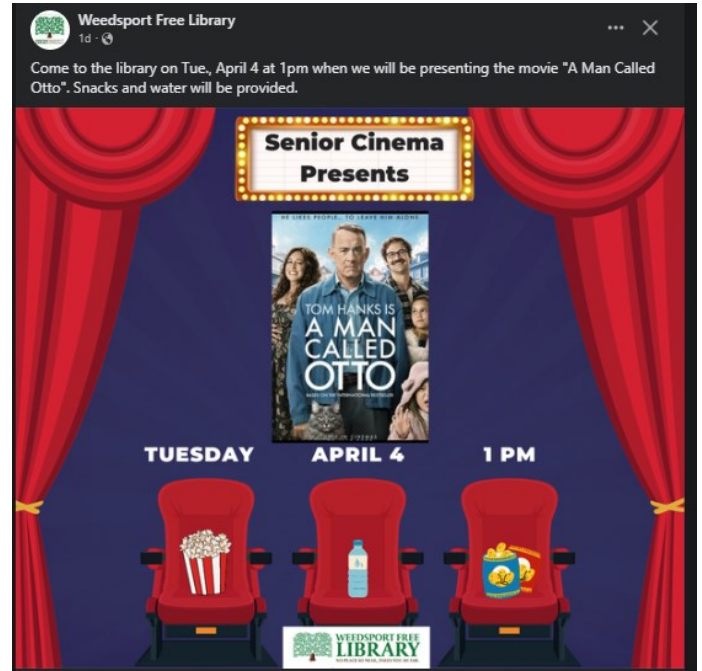
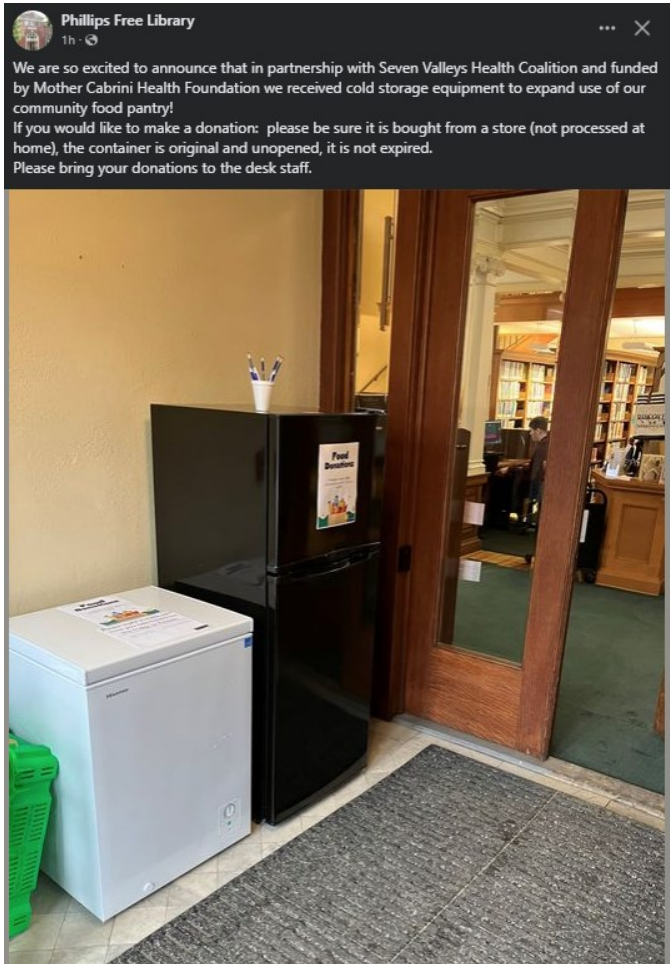
At this time three years ago, all public libraries in NY State were closed due to the pandemic. It was a confusing and scary time for all our libraries and there was a tremendous amount of uncertainty. Through it all, we learned to adapt and provide services in new and unique ways and that continues today. Thank you for continued dedication to our libraries and for learning together in these times.

Sarah



# MEMBER LIBRARY NEWS

Do you have something to share? Please email [jshonk@flls.org](mailto:jshonk@flls.org)!  
Click on each image below to view that library's social media page.







# SCAM ALERT!

## [Heads Up] This Week's New SVB Meltdown Social Engineering Attacks

On Saturday March 11, I warned about the coming wave of phishing attacks that would undoubtedly follow the SVB collapse. We were not disappointed.

There is a raft of new registered domains that are SVB-related, for example login.svb[.]com and many others that will probably all be used for business email compromise (BEC) attacks.

Adi Ikan, CEO of Veriti, observed that "Phishing campaigns are leveraging SVB's recent collapse to impersonate the bank and its online services. We have observed an increase in the registration of fake phishing domains in the U.S. (88%), Spain (7%), France (3%) and Israel (2%), and we anticipate this number to grow."

INKY describes a phishing campaign that's impersonating (SVB) with phony DocuSign notifications: "Email recipients are told that the 'KYC Refresh Team' sent two malicious documents that require a signature. 'KYC' is a banking term that stands for 'Know Your Customer' or 'Know Your Client.' It's a mandatory process banks use to verify an account holder's identity.

Cyberwire Pro has a good summary. Their newsletter is a 'Stu's Warmly Recommended': <https://thecyberwire.com/stories/4880d3b8100c464f83fcf8d8ec8d3f23/svbs-collapse-and-the-potential-for-fraud>

**Taken From:** <https://blog.knowbe4.com/cyberheistnews-vol-13-12-heads-up-this-weeks-new-svb-meltdown-social-engineering-attacks>





# CONTINUING EDUCATION

## Upcoming Webinars

### [SCRLC: Digital Accessibility: Why It -- and You -- Make a Difference](#)

**Thursday, March 30, 10:00am**

SCRLC has sponsored several webinars to help libraries gain a better understanding of the disability landscape, universal design and how to approach accessibility audits. How can we ensure that we apply these concepts to the information we share, the investments we make, and (perhaps most importantly) how can we communicate these efforts with each other and our patrons? With this last webinar, we will take that work one step further to pull the curtain back a bit on digital accessibility and universal design for learning.

### [Hunger Solutions New York: Getting Ready for Summer Meals](#)

**Wednesday, April 5, 10:00am**

It's time to plan for summer meals! Whether you're starting a new summer meal program this year or building on existing programs, join us to learn about new resources and best practices for reaching more kids and teens this summer.

### [Under Scrutiny: Helping Staff Feel Safe and Empowered in the Face of Book Challenges](#)

**Tuesday, April 11, 3:00pm**

All around the country, politically motivated challenges to library patrons' freedom to read and library staff members' ability to do their jobs are increasing. Many of these challenges have moved from simple complaints and removal requests to abusive, sometimes dangerous behavior. In this new webinar, you'll hear from Darcy Lipp-Acord, the Youth Services Librarian at Campbell County Public Library in Gillette, WY. As someone who has been on the front lines of this harassment, she will present information linking strategies of book challenging groups with abusive behaviors typically found in domestic relationships and offer strategies for dealing with those behaviors as front-facing library staff. You'll learn about common strategies used by political groups in their efforts to censor youth materials, how to identify and name these behaviors, and how doing so can empower library staff to develop proactive strategies for responding in ways that protect their safety and integrity.

## Conferences & Special Programs



### Trustee Handbook Book Club

The Trustee Handbook Book Club is back! See more information and the full roster of sessions [here](#)! Some of the upcoming sessions include:

- **The Board-Director Relationship** (Tuesday, April 18, 2023 | 5:00-6:30pm) [REGISTER](#)
- **Financial Planning & Budgeting** (Tuesday, June 20, 2023 | 5:00-6:30pm) [REGISTER](#)
- **Strategic Planning** (Tuesday, August 15, 2023 | 5:00-6:30pm) [REGISTER](#)

All those who attend a live session will receive a certificate of attendance and a follow up message with a recording of the session. All sessions will be recorded and archived on [the landing page for the series](#).

This series is brought to you thanks to a partnership facilitated through the Public Library System Directors Organization of New York State (PULISDO) and our promotional partners including the New York State Library and the Library Trustees Association Section of the New York Library Association. All sessions are eligible to be counted towards [the required number of annual hours of trustee education](#).

## Polaris Help

To view Polaris documentation and videos from Innovative, visit the links below:

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

You can also view FLLS training videos below, contact [jshonk@flls.org](mailto:jshonk@flls.org) for the password:

[Polaris New User Part 1](#)  
[Polaris New User Part 2](#)  
[Polaris Item Maintenance Part 1](#)  
[Polaris Item Maintenance Part 2](#)  
[Polaris Reporting Part 1](#)  
[Polaris Reporting Part 2](#)  
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# PROGRAMMING & OUTREACH

## Summer Reading 2023

A Nor-easter couldn't stop us from holding our first in-person Summer Reading meeting since 2019! It was great to see some familiar faces and meet some new folks too. The Myrtle Dee Nash Memorial Fund of CFTC made our book giveaway with selected titles libraries from the [ALA's 2023 Notable Children's Book List](#) possible.

The [Finger Lakes Toy Library](#), [Ithaca Fixers](#), and the [Tiny PowerHouse](#) were there with sustainable program ideas. Be sure to bookmark the [FLLS Summer Reading Blog](#) for quick access to all things summer, including a [list of local authors and illustrators who visit libraries](#).

Congratulations to Jill W. from the Interlaken Public Library! She won the grand prize: a trip to the [NYLA-Youth Services Spring Conference](#)!

Pictures coming soon. View a slideshow of past Summer Reading Meetings [HERE](#)!

## Solar Eclipse News

9000 pairs of solar eclipse glasses have arrived! Heidi will be reaching out to take your library's order. While the eclipses won't occur until October 2023 and April 2024, it's never too early to consider programming to prepare your community. Some of our libraries will be in the [Zone of Totality](#) for the eclipse next year! Visit [SEAL](#) for ideas and activities. And did you know? FLLS has a Telescope Kit that libraries (not patrons) can borrow!

## e-Content

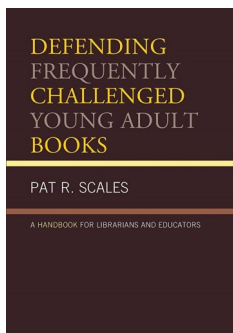
Get a headstart on Summer Reading by sharing [AudioFile's SYNC](#) program with your teen patrons. Starting April 27, teens can download 2 free audiobooks per week—for keeps. Learn more at: <https://audiofilemagazine.com/sync/>.

It's official: The OverDrive app will sunset on May 1, 2023. While Kindle users will still be able to use the OverDrive app, other devices will solely use the Libby platform. Get all your patron and staff questions answered here: <https://resources.overdrive.com/libby/>.

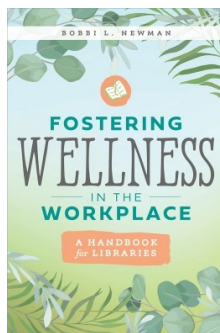
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# AWARDS & GRANTS

## 2023-2024 Digitization Grants

South Central Regional Library Council's Board of Trustees is pleased to announce a 2023-2024 grant round for regional digitization projects. Funded projects will start after July 1, 2023 and conclude by June 30, 2024.

Governing and affiliate SCRLC members are encouraged to submit projects that allow materials to be accessed regionally through New York Heritage, New York State Historic Newspapers, the Empire Archival Discovery Cooperative, or the 360 degree Empire State Immersive Experience (ESIE).

For 2023-2024, applications are especially encouraged for:

- partnerships increasing representation of and with communities that have been historically and systematically oppressed;
- geographically underrepresented communities in the SCRLC region;
- innovative approaches to availing digitized collections, e.g., walking tours, virtual tours through ESIE, or HistoryForge participation.

All proposals received will be presented to a review panel comprised of expert individuals from outside the SCRLC region for evaluation and funding recommendations. Individual applications are limited to \$5,000; partnership applications, to \$8,000.

The application packet is available in Word or PDF format at our website, <https://scrlc.org/Grant-Information>. Please read and follow all instructions carefully. Applications must be completed and submitted electronically to Claire Lovell, SCRLC's Digital Services Librarian, at [clovell@scrlc.org](mailto:clovell@scrlc.org) by **Friday, April 14, 2023**.

Is this your first time applying? Do you have questions? Please reach out to Claire.

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## T-Mobile Hometown Grants Program for Small and Rural Communities

**Deadlines:** Quarterly; the last day of each quarter.

T-Mobile Hometown Grants is a \$25 million, five-year initiative to support the people and organizations who help small towns across America thrive and grow. Hometown Grants are given every quarter to up to 25 small towns with populations of less than 50,000. Apply for funding to support a community project of your choice, like revitalizing or repurposing a historic library, creating a downtown asset or destination, or improving a space where friends and neighbors gather. Projects that add to a sense of place or could lead to further investment are of particular interest. Grants are up to \$50k per town.

Elected leaders, town managers and employees, and nonprofit leaders are eligible to submit applications. The full proposal should be three-five pages, and include a "shovel-ready" plan, and up to 5 letters of support.

For more information and to apply, visit: [t-mobile.com/brand/hometown-grants](https://t-mobile.com/brand/hometown-grants).

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