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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Here are some updates on items we are working on over the past few weeks:



State Budget – We are now in the third week of not having an approved New York State Budget. While it looks like housing is now dropped from budget talks, bail reform is definitely still a contributing factor in the delay. An extender has been passed to allow the payment of State employees until Monday, April 24.

Right to Read Day - The American Library Association (ALA) announced a national day of action to protect libraries and the freedom to read, designating April 24, the Monday of National Library Week, as Right to Read Day. Right to Read Day also marks the first anniversary of the ALA-founded Unite Against Book Bans campaign.

“Right to Read Day is a national day of action—not just acknowledgement,” said ALA President Lessa Kanani'opua Pelayo-Lozada. “ALA calls on readers everywhere to show our commitment to the First Amendment by doing something concrete to preserve it.”

“The fight against censorship is too big for one person or library or organization to take on alone. And we don’t have to. That’s why ALA created Unite Against Book Bans: to be a collective voice in defending the right to read.”

How can you get involved? Suggested Right to Read Day actions include:

- Borrow a library book at risk of being banned.
- Write a letter to the editor or to an elected leader.
- Attend a meeting of local officials or library or school board.
- Stage a public event or peaceful protest in support of libraries.
- Report censorship.
- Join [Unite Against Book Bans](#), a website for readers & library supporters.

National Library Week – National Library Week is April 23 – 29th. This year’s theme is “There’s More to the Story”. It’s the perfect time to visit your library and don’t forget that April 25 is National Library Workers Day, a day for everyone to recognize the valuable contributions made by library workers. For more information on National Library Week, graphics, and sample press release wording libraries can use, visit [here](#).

As we get ready to celebrate National Library Week, I would like to thank all of our library volunteers, staff, directors, and trustees for your hard work and dedication to all of our libraries in the Finger Lakes Library System. I’ve been out to several of our libraries this week and it is fantastic to see the displays, programming, and board work being done. I can’t wait to see all of your fantastic summer reading programming coming up!

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend,
Sarah



MEMBER LIBRARY NEWS

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

Pollinator Party
April 22 at 11 am
the Great Sunflower Project

Get your seeds for this great Citizen Science program and start a pollinator garden

*Learn about native bees
sample local honey
make seed bombs
activities and
crafts for all ages*

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Science we can do together.

THE GREAT SUNFLOWER PROJECT

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southworthlibrary Come to the Pollinator Party at Southworth Library on Saturday, April 22, starting at 11am. Join the world of citizen science to help our pollinators- butterflies, bugs, bats and especially bees! Cornell apiologist Tobias Mueller will explain how to identify local native bees and their cousins with his collection of hundreds of (nonliving) bees. Local beekeepers will explain their path from pollinator to bee keeper!

Sample honey, make seed bombs, learn more about bees, get one painted on your cheek. You can register for the Great Sunflower Project and of course, get the Lemon Queen sunflower seeds to take home and plant. Watch the plants once they have grown and when you record and send the data, you will become part of the world of citizen scientists who are working to help the bees.

Register here to reserve a spot and a copy of Give Bees a Chance by Bethany Barton!
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altlibrary Hello all! We're excited to present our Spring 2023 seed library — seeds available for you to start a garden, grow your own food, or plant flowers!

We have herbs, flowers, and vegetables; feel free to stop by the library and pick up some seeds! All are welcome 🌱

~ All seeds are free ~

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SCAM ALERT!

[The New Face of Fraud] FTC Sheds Light on AI-Enhanced Family Emergency Scams

The Federal Trade Commission is alerting consumers about a next-level, more sophisticated family emergency scam that uses AI which imitates the voice of a "family member in distress."

They started out with: "You get a call. There's a panicked voice on the line. It's your grandson. He says he's in deep trouble — he wrecked the car and landed in jail. But you can help by sending money. You take a deep breath and think. You've heard about grandparent scams. But darn, it sounds just like him. How could it be a scam? Voice cloning, that's how."

"Don't Trust The Voice"

The FTC explains: "Artificial intelligence is no longer a far-fetched idea out of a sci-fi movie. We're living with it, here and now. A scammer could use AI to clone the voice of your loved one. All he needs is a short audio clip of your family member's voice — which he could get from content posted online — and a voice-cloning program. When the scammer calls you, he'll sound just like your loved one."

"So how can you tell if a family member is in trouble or if it's a scammer using a cloned voice? Don't trust the voice. Call the person who supposedly contacted you and verify the story. Use a phone number you know is theirs. If you can't reach your loved one, try to get in touch with them through another family member or their friends."

Full text of the alert is at the FTC website.

Share with friends, family and co-workers:

<https://blog.knowbe4.com/the-new-face-of-fraud-ftc-sheds-light-on-ai-enhanced-family-emergency-scams>





CONTINUING EDUCATION

Upcoming Webinars

Part I - Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Concepts and Cultural Competency: The Integration of DEI practices into Library Work (SCRLC)

Thursday, May 11, 1:00pm

This webinar with Dr. Kawanna Bright will focus on the concepts surrounding DEI. It will also introduce DEI-related concepts of identity and culture and the importance of cultural competence as it applies to both individuals and LIOs as workplaces. *Learning Objectives:* Understand concepts related to DEI, including the importance of defining “basic” terms; discuss identity and culture as they apply to LIO workplaces; define and understand cultural competence and cultural humility within LIOs. See also [Part 2](#) & [Grant Opportunity](#).

Library Safety and Security: A Holistic Approach (WebJunction)

Thursday, May 18, 3:00pm

This session will present a holistic approach for creating safe environments, through strong community relationships, inclusive policies, and empowered staff.

★ Rediscover Why You Are Here with Priscilla Berggren-Thomas (FLLS)

Wednesday, May 31, 10:00am

Many of us were feeling burned out before Covid, and it's only gotten worse. Between the challenges of the pandemic, sometimes dwindling budgets and circulation statistics, the undeniable amounts of inequality throughout the country, and growing levels of misinformation, more and more it seems that revitalizing libraries requires also revitalizing ourselves and our staff. Along with the need for self-care, Simon Sinek's book *Start with Why* offers library workers a way to re-envision why we are here and why it matters. What is a library's reason for existing? And why have we chosen to be part of that movement? Come learn and be part of a discussion to rediscover what matters to us as librarians. *This will be a hybrid event. In-person and virtual attendees will view a 1-hour presentation and Q&A, which will be recorded & distributed. In-person attendees will get to take part in learning exercises for the last 30 minutes of the session.*

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:

- **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](#).



OWWL Library System Small Libraries Summer Symposium

Join us for the Small Libraries Summer Symposium on Friday, July 7, 2023 at the OWL Library System Headquarters in Canandaigua, New York. This one-day conference will target small libraries by empowering staff to improve operations, form community partnerships, and meet the changing needs of their users. Only \$35!

Click [HERE](#) for details!

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PROGRAMMING & OUTREACH

e-Content Extra!

OverDrive's Big Library Read Starts May 3 featuring *Tastes Like War*. Patrons can borrow the eBook or audiobook with no waiting. Learn more at the [FLLS weblog](#).

Reminder: OverDrive Legacy App goes away on May 1, 2023. Learn more here: <https://www.flls.org/goodnight-overdrive-hello-libby-2/>.

Libraries Are for Everyone: National Library Week T-Shirt Giveaway

We're celebrating [National Library Week](#) by giving away a *FLLS Libraries Are for Everyone* t-shirt each day! Enter to win our random drawing here: <https://forms.gle/EnvE3zbVYvg5Q7GX8>. One entry per person please. Contest form closes Tuesday, April 25. Wear it yourself or use it for a Summer Reading prize.



Sustainable Summer Programming

Sustainability focuses on the people and planet. Here are a couple simple and sustainable program ideas for summer or anytime:



[Reusable Beeswax Food Wraps](#)
[Make Your Own Natural Cleaning Products](#)



Summer Reading in Another System: [Wayland Free Library in Naples, NY](#)

The small staff was at capacity and needed a low-key Summer that still engaged patrons. For starters, they ditched ReadSquared (which can have a high learning curve for staff and patrons) and did all the recording and registration old-school with colorful paper. Rather than use trinkets for prizes, they decided to give away books—with a twist! They selected Summer Readers of the Week who were able to choose books they wanted to see in the library's collection. It involved chatting with patrons to learn what they enjoyed and also seeing what may or may not be in their collection already. (In some cases, it introduced patrons to titles in the stacks they weren't aware of.) A sticker with the patron's name was placed on the inside cover and patrons could encourage friends to check out their book! Readers of the Week also made it on the bulletin board with their book picks.

Do you have a program idea or story to share? Reach out to Heidi heckerson@flls.org.

Family Literacy Grants

FLLS Family Literacy Grant Due Monday, April 24th. Please note: The Spend By Date has been extended to September 1, 2023.

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POLARIS TIP

Did you add an item record to the wrong bib record?

If so, there is no need to delete the item record and start over!

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Author: Taraborrelli, J. Randy.

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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 for the password:

[Polaris New User Part 1](#)
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AWARDS & GRANTS



Grant Opportunity for SCRLC Members

SCRLC's Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the availability of funds to support a round of DEI grants to support two (2) to six (6) hours of consulting time with Dr. Kawanna Bright. If you are a member of SCRLC --governing or affiliate-- you are encouraged to apply for this expert assistance to help your organization make systematic changes related to DEI. Projects may include but are not limited to the following:

- Assessing where your organization is at with respect to DEI and the development of a plan to address DEI;
- Creating and conducting DEI assessments for your organization;
- Determining a plan to incorporate DEI following a DEI assessment.

To be considered for a consultation, please complete the application prior to **July 1, 2023**. Remaining funds may be allocated to members unable to meet the deadline that otherwise meet the requirements for an award.

Grant Application: [.DOCX](#) or [.PDF](#)

Consulting must be completed between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024.

Requirements for an award. To be considered for an award, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- **Attend** both webinars ([Part 1](#) & [Part 2](#)) offered by Dr. Bright or watch the recording(s). Note: If you can demonstrate that you attended the Southeastern Library Resources Council (SENYLRC) February 2023 webinars with Dr. Bright (or elsewhere), you may not have to repeat this series to be eligible for a grant.
- **Describe** the plans for your organization's DEI assessment or other project, and what you hope to accomplish.
- **Be willing to share** your outcomes, processes, or plans with SCRLC members, as requested by SCRLC. Methods of sharing may include though are not limited to a presentation, mentoring staff, consulting with another organization, or writing a newsletter article.
- **Submit** a complete application to SCRLC (form is below).
- **SCRLC membership dues** are current.

DEI are core SCRLC values, as per our Plan of Service 2021-2026:

- **Diversity, inclusion, and justice**, which recognizes that these are essential for equity for historically oppressed and marginalized groups of people, and that values anti-racist work and social movements that support equity for all.
- **Equity** that provides access to inclusive information (from historical materials to digital content), services, and spaces for all of our communities and healthy and diverse work environments that nourish the mind, body, and spirit for our members. Indeed, we believe that library and information organizations can be successful in this work, and that developing strategies to assess where we are regarding DEI enables us to plan a path forward to make those systemic changes that will result in greater inclusivity and belonging for all.

Contact [Mary-Carol Lindbloom](#) if you have any questions.

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