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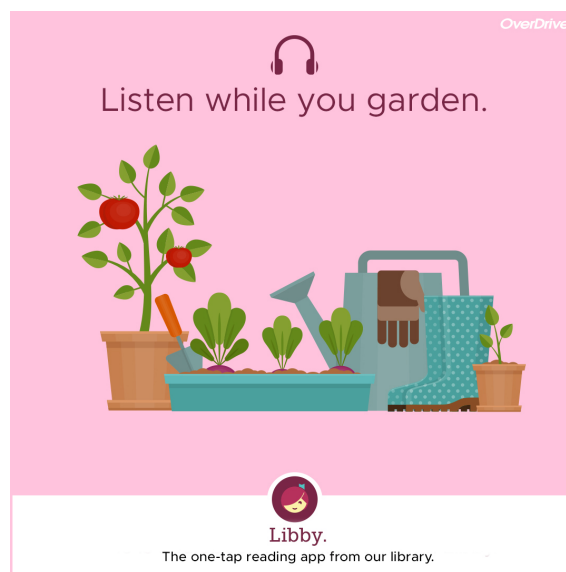
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[Cayuga County Library Launches Book Shed](#)

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[Bookend: A Library of Laughs](#)



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[Hunger-Free Libraries: Food Pantries and Fridges](#)

[If You Want to Fix Burnout, You First Have to Understand Its 6 Main Causes](#)

Did you know there is a library themed hotel in NYC? Check out [The Library Hotel!](#)

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Here are some highlights for you from the last few weeks:

NY State Construction Aid for Libraries – Earlier this week, the State Library released construction aid budget figures for the 23 public library systems. FLLS will have \$905,464 to distribute to our libraries seeking construction projects. The Library Development Grants portal will open on June 7. If your library is thinking of a construction project, please email me by June 9 to let me know. All applications for construction projects must be submitted to FLLS by Friday, September 1. A site visit to your library by me to look at your proposed project is mandatory and must take place before the beginning of August. Please email me with any questions you have on construction projects. We expect a competitive season this year due to some major anticipated projects.

The State Library notified public library systems that next Tuesday, May 30, there will be a major update to the State Aid for Library Construction website. It has been completely revamped and updated with a more accessible and user-centered look. There will be a NYLINE message that will go out when the site goes live on Tuesday with a specific State email address for library comments.

FLLS Annual Meeting – I know October seems a long way off, but please save the date for the FLLS Annual Meeting on Friday, October 13. This will be our first in-person Annual Meeting since 2019 and we look forward to seeing everyone in person again.

Our location this year will be in Auburn at the Hilton Garden Inn. There will be a brief business meeting with trustee elections and a FLLS Bylaw change that our board will present. The FLLS staff is finalizing our guest speaker and will be sending out more information soon. All trustees who attend our Annual Meeting will receive trustee education credits.

Fine Free – Congratulations to the Kellogg Free Library in Cincinnatus for going fine free! FLLS currently has only one library collecting fines on materials and one library collecting fines on DVDs. I am working with the boards of those two libraries to transition to being fully fine free.

FLLS Closed Monday, May 29 – Finger Lakes Library System will be closed on Monday, May 29 to observe Memorial Day. There will be no deliveries. On Tuesday, May 30, all 33 libraries will receive a delivery.

I hope everyone has a safe and relaxing long weekend!

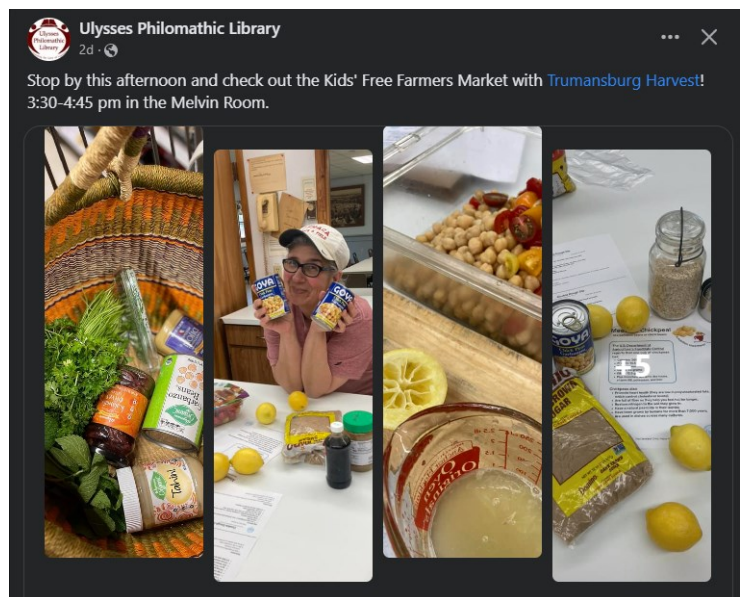
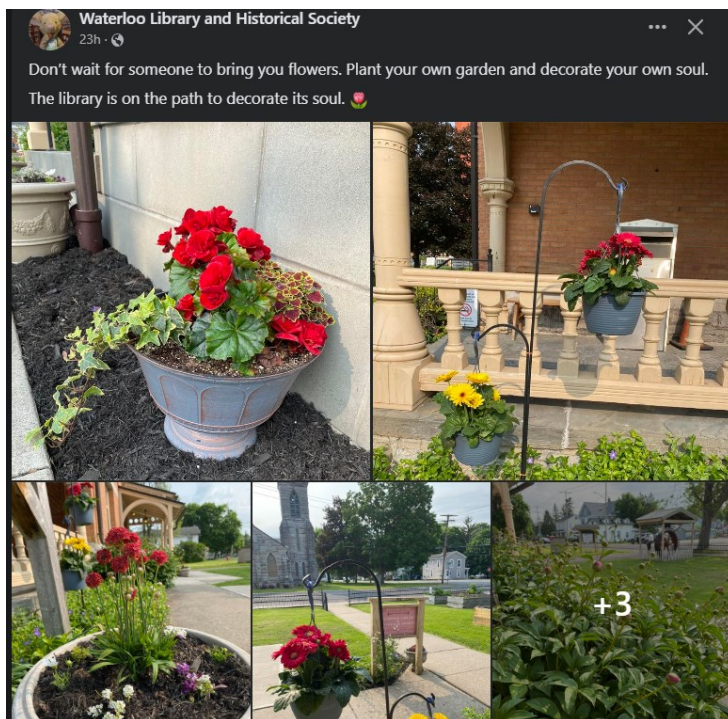
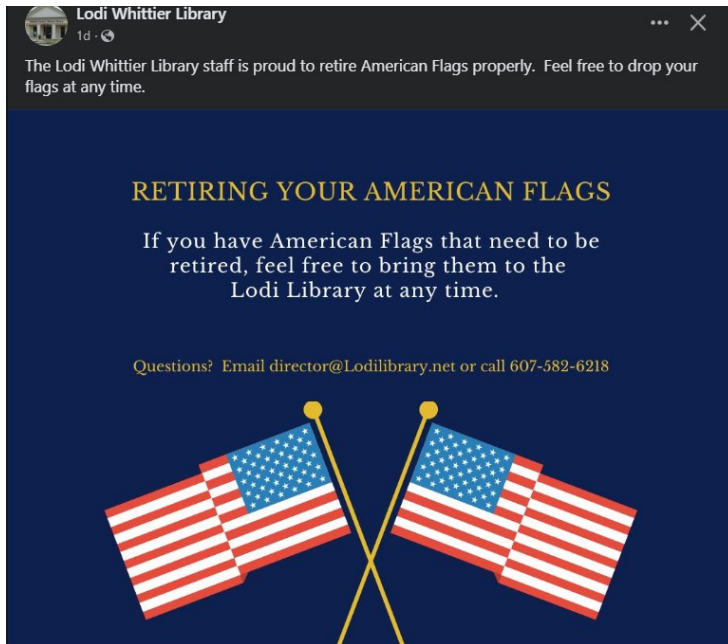
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MEMBER LIBRARY NEWS

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



Check out the **Seneca Falls Library**
Summer 2023 Newsletter!
It's packed with fun programming ideas!

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CONTINUING EDUCATION

Upcoming Webinars

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

Wednesday, May 31, 10:00am | FREE

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. *Hybrid event.*

Low Morale in Libraries: Impacts and Countermeasures (WebJunction)

Thursday, June 29, 3:00pm | FREE

Low morale is detrimental to the health and well-being of employees, library organizations, and the communities they serve. Kaetrena Davis Kendrick has conducted extensive research on low-morale experiences in libraries, identifying the various workplace factors and events that can lead to or trigger low morale, and revealing the systems and structures that enable and perpetuate low morale. Join us to learn more about this important research and leave with actionable ideas for promoting a healthy work environment for all staff and cultivating empathetic leadership in libraries. The webinar will highlight established and emerging countermeasures for library workers, including promoting work-life balance, encouraging candid communication, and cultivating a supportive workplace culture that allows all employees to thrive.

LOOKING FOR MORE?

- ⇒ [CLRC](#)
- ⇒ [METRO](#)
- ⇒ [SCRLC](#)
- ⇒ [WebJunction](#)
- ⇒ [Libby Webinars from OverDrive](#)

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](#).



**SOUTHERN TIER
LIBRARY SYSTEM**

Connecting Community Libraries

The Southern Tier Library System invites FLLS members to attend their Spring CE Day on Friday, June 9. This **FREE** event will be held at the Arthur A. Houghton Jr. Library at Corning Community College. *Bonus = Heidi is presenting!*

View the schedule and register for the event here: <https://stls.libcal.com/event/10567997>.

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IN THE FACE OF BOOK
CHALLENGES

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PROGRAMMING & OUTREACH

Local Authors

The New York West-Central region of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators has crafted a list of local creatives who are interested in partnering with libraries for programming this summer and beyond. You can learn more about these authors and illustrators [here](#).



Solar eclipse glasses have been sent out to libraries that requested them! (Please return poster tubes to FLLS.) If you need more contact Heidi.

Distribution Idea: The Spencer Free Library is partnering with the school district to hand out glasses during September's Open House Night so her community is ready for the [annular solar eclipse on October 14, 2023](#). This is a great way to market any eclipse (or other programming) your library has going on.

Program Idea: [Make a Protective Case for Your Solar Eclipse Glasses](#)
This and other Solar Eclipse program ideas and activities can be found at [Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries - STEM Clearinghouse](#)

OverDrive

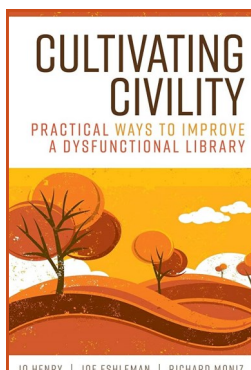
OverDrive retired its legacy app on May 1. Here are some useful links:

- [Libby Help](#)
- [Download Libby logos and suggested website copy](#) to help you get started.
- You can also visit the [Resource Center](#) for ready-made marketing and outreach materials to help you promote Libby.

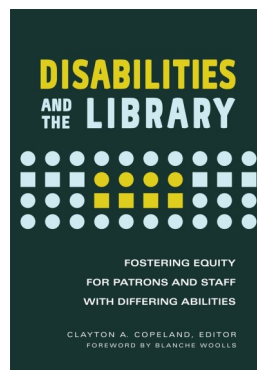
Library staff can visit the [Resource Center](#) for FAQs about the OverDrive app sunset, Libby marketing and training materials, and more.

Featured Professional Collection Books

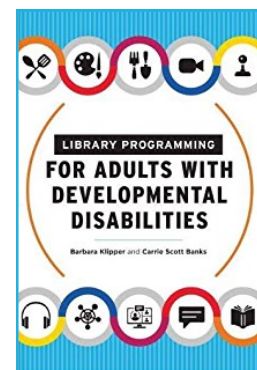
Search Polaris and place a request today!



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AWARDS & GRANTS

FLLS Family Literacy Grant Awards

We're over the moon to announce that twenty member libraries were awarded a total of \$8500 to support their youth literacy work.

2023
FLLS Family
Literacy Grant
Recipients

Congratulations!

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FLLS Family
Literacy Grant
Recipients

APAL-Nature Backpacks
AURO -Author Writing Workshop
BERK-Children Multicultural Reading
CAN-The Literacy Experience
CORT-Early Literacy Fun

DRY-Summer Lunch Bunch Reading Buddies
GRO-1st Annual Musical Ukulele Summer Camp
HOM-Summer School Book Clubs and Story Times
INT-Storytime at the Library
MARA-Bringing Life to Story Time 2023

MCGR-Summer Specials 2023
NEW-A Special Place for Children
NIC-Decodables Collection Development
OWE-Accessible Literary Experiences
POP-Family Literacy and Nutrition

PORT-All Together Now, Let's Make Music!
SENF-Wildlife Rockstars
TCPL-Baby Signs and Early Communication
WAT-Organizing new programming
WEED-Sensory Kits

Recipients, your feedback on the grant application process is very much appreciated. Please be sure to fill out the required report/survey by **June 9**, the link is in your award email.

Reimbursement forms and related receipts must be submitted to Heidi before **September 1** to be considered. Questions? Reach out to Heidi at heckerson@fls.org



Congratulations to our 2023-2024 Outreach Mini-Grant recipients! We had 12 applicants and our [COSAC](#) team was able to approve all 12 applications! Visit [our website](#) to view recipients and read their project descriptions.

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