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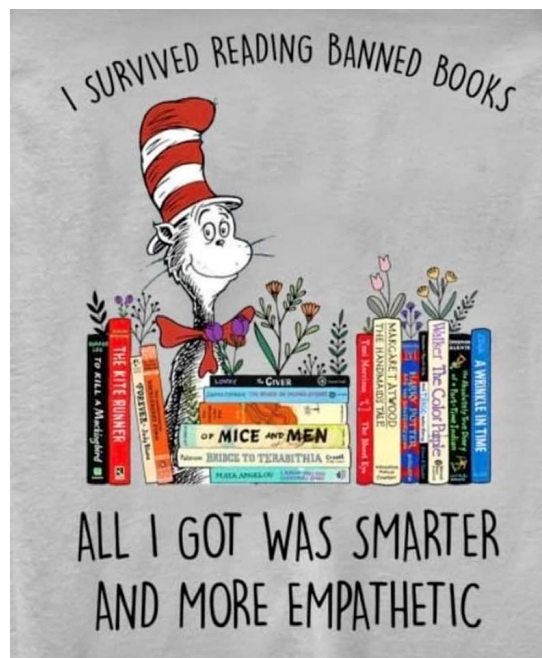
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Not sure who to contact? Visit the [Staff Directory webpage](#) and click on the *FLLS Services Contacts Cheat Sheet!*

LINKS TO MAKE YOU THINK

[Hoopla, Overdrive/Libby Now Banned for Those Under 18 in Mississippi](#)

[Promoting Wellbeing: How Libraries Can Make Communities Healthier](#)

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Here are some updates over the last few weeks for you:

Update on Computer Network Services Staffing – Rex Helwig retired on June 30 from Computer Network Services. At the last Finger Lakes Board of Trustees meeting, the board reviewed the job description for this position and requested some minor additions. The job ad will be going out both locally and statewide early next week. The ad will be posted for three weeks and then the FLLS staff and I will conduct interviews. Our goal is to have some in place to focus on our catalog in September.



Eric Franks of the Computer Network Services department in the meantime is handling Polaris for FLLS. Our libraries have been experiencing a slowness of our catalog daily this week around noon. We are in constant communication with Polaris about this and they have assigned technicians to help us monitor the issue that is occurring. A determination from Polaris about why this is occurring every day at the same time this week has yet to be made, but I wanted to assure you that Polaris and FLLS are working together on this to resolve this as soon as possible.

Bed bugs – While this is something that brings a lot of fear in our libraries, bed bug outbreaks do happen occasionally in our libraries. Recently one of our libraries had an outbreak of bed bugs and handled it extremely well. A remediation company was immediately called and the library was sprayed twice. The library was closed to the public during this time and all deliveries were immediately halted. The library has been inspected on an ongoing basis since re-opening and a schedule with the remediation company has been established. During the process, the library was extremely transparent about the issue on social media and to their patrons, which helped tremendously not only during the initial closure of the library, but also when the library was able to re-open.

This is a great chance to remind you that before the pandemic, when our libraries were experiencing larger outbreaks of bed bugs, Finger Lakes Library System purchased bed bug heat boxes or “ovens/cookers” as we commonly refer to them for all of our libraries. These devices safely heat books and other common library materials to the temperature needed to kill bed bugs and eggs. FLLS also owns and lends out to our libraries a larger heat box that can even fit furniture such as chairs. This device is for use by libraries only and can’t be loaned out to patrons.

Trustee Education – A reminder that all library trustees in NY State must complete two hours of trustee education annually to remain a trustee in good standing. There are many great webinars that trustees can watch to meet the requirement. A reminder that you may watch archived materials and that will count for your education requirement.

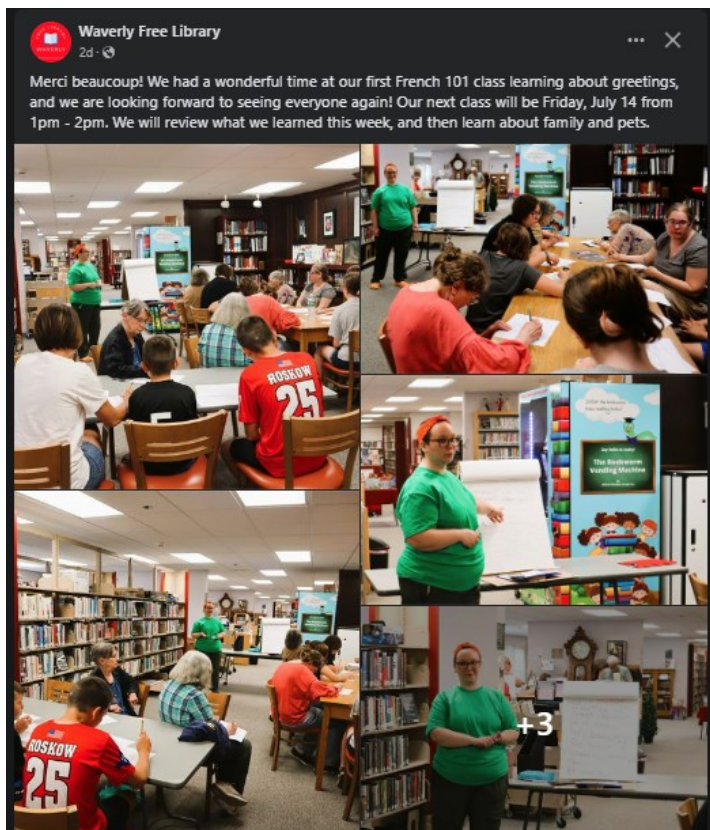
The Freedom of Information Law and Open Meetings Law Virtual Trainings recently presented by the New York State Committee on Open Government and hosted by the NYS Library have been captioned and can now be viewed on the NYSED Vimeo page at the links below.

- [Freedom of Information Law Virtual Training](#)
- [Open Meetings Law Virtual Training](#)

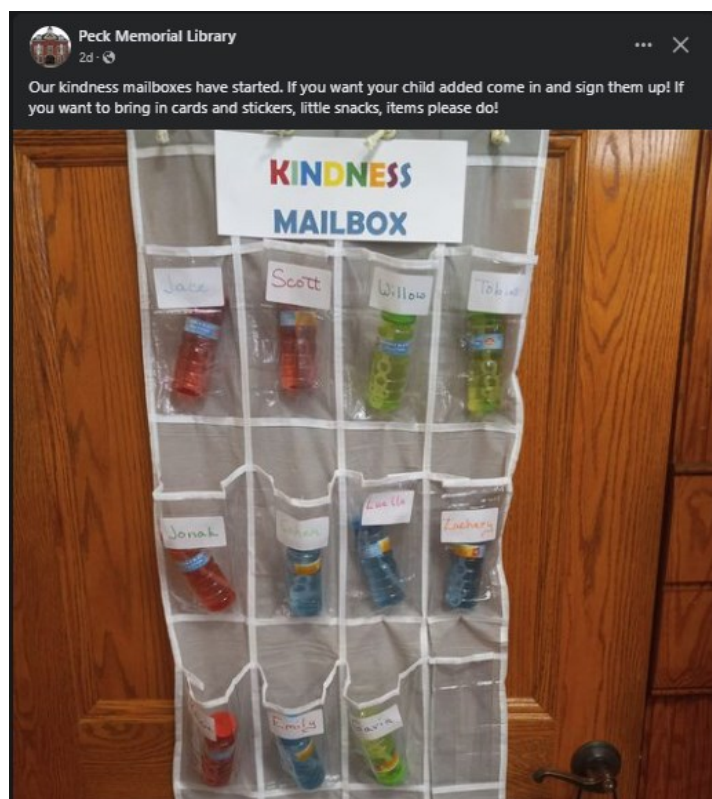
I hope you have a wonderful weekend!
Sarah



MEMBER LIBRARY NEWS



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





CONTINUING EDUCATION

Upcoming Webinars

[New Librarians Meetup \(FLLS\)](#)

Tuesday, July 18, 12:00-1:00pm

Come chat with us! We will discuss certification/re-certification, continuing education, & jobs/resumes. Time for a Q&A will be provided. The session is designed for current MLS/MLIS students, recent graduates, and new librarians (within 5 years) - but anyone is welcome, including those thinking about going back to school. Hosted by Jenny Shonk & Heidi Eckerson. View our Code of Conduct for Programs [here](#). Session will not be recorded but notes will be distributed.

[Sustainability 101 \(WebJunction\)](#)

Tuesday, July 18, 2:00-3:00pm

Start here for an overview of our profession's newest core value, Sustainability, as adopted by the American Library Association in 2019. Identify the four characteristics of a sustainable library and learn how the triple bottom line definition of sustainability can be used to adapt library operations, service and program design, and partnerships in our community, to respond to the impacts of climate change. This webinar will focus on introductory concepts that will set the stage for the other offerings in this series. Presented by Rebekkah Smith Aldrich (MLS, LEED AP), Executive Director, Mid-Hudson Library System (NY) and Co-founder/Current President, Sustainable Libraries Initiative (SLI).

[Planning for a Library Construction Project \(NYSL\)](#)

Tuesday, September 12, 2:00-3:30pm

A construction project is one of the most daunting challenges a librarian can undertake. In partnership with the design firm Sasaki, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners has developed a set of best practices for designing library space that may be applied to libraries across the nation. In this webinar, MBLC Library Building Specialists Lauren Stara and Andrea Bono-Bunker will provide an overview of the resource and answer questions about library design and construction. The webinar will be recorded and uploaded to the New York State Library website once closed-captioning work has been completed.

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:

- **Strategic Planning** (Tuesday, August 15, 2023 | 5:00-6:30pm) [REGISTER](#)
- **Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, Access & Justice** (Tuesday, October 17, 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](#).

AN INTRO TO THE GREAT GIVE BACK

**THURSDAY, JULY 27TH
2PM
ZOOM**

The Great Give Back is a day for public libraries to shine as a community hub by inviting community members to participate in meaningful service-oriented experiences. Join us at this webinar to hear how The Great Give Back began, its impact, see examples of projects from around the state, and get a glimpse at the resources available to those that participate!

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PROGRAMMING & OUTREACH

Promotional Materials

Need rack cards and promotional/educational materials for your library? Make your selections here <https://forms.gle/ym5BvVTJFvfZdq9F8> by Friday, July 21. Quantities are limited; first come, first serve. Heidi will send them in the delivery.

Program Challenges Primer

While book challenges have dominated the headlines, in May, the ALA webinar [“Preparing for Program Challenges at your Public Library”](#) considered an equally important issue: how to address program challenges. It begins with looking at (or developing) your library’s program policy. While we recommend viewing the webinar and/or its resources, here are a few takeaways:

- A Program Policy is like a collection development policy for programs (i.e. outlines how programs are selected, how community partners are chosen, etc.)
- Programs should have their own Reconsideration Policy/Process (The presenters discuss creating a “Statement of Concern” form rather than a “Reconsideration Request”)
- Program challenges are time-sensitive and may require decisions in the moment
- Physical safety of staff, audience and performers must be considered
- Library Boards need to know their roles in crafting policy and handling issues when they arise (Sarah and Heidi provide trustee training/consulting on this.)

Resources from the webinar:

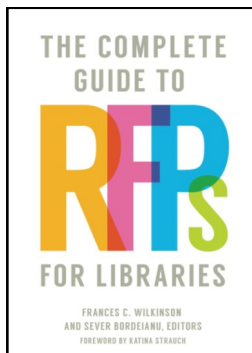
- [Presenter Slideshow \(PDF\)](#) (Includes sample program policies)
 - [Program Challenges Toolkit \(PDF\)](#)
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Sun Spot

The [annular eclipse](#) is three months away on Saturday, October 14, 2023! Here’s an easy and fun program to do this summer to start generating buzz: [Eclipse Chalk Art - STEM Clearinghouse \(starnetlibraries.org\)](#)

Featured Professional Collection Books

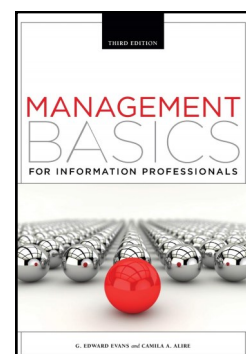
Search Polaris and place a request today!



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POLARIS TIP

How to Find a Call Number

OCLC created a great tool called OCLC Classify that would find almost any call number for you. It appears as though they've stopped updating the tool, but you can use WorldCat to help you find a call number for a non-fiction book.

Visit <https://www.worldcat.org/> and type in the title or the ISBN of the book you are looking for. Click on the appropriate title. You will see a page similar to the image below. Check the box: "*Only public libraries.*"

Dreams : unlock inner wisdom, discover meaning, and refocus your life ★★★★★ 17 reviews
Author: Rosie March-Smith (Author)
Summary: Learn how to interpret your dreams and use your unconscious mind as a tool for self-help with this in-depth guide to dream analysis. Have you ever dreamt you were being chased? How about a dream that your teeth were falling
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Borrow

Favorite Library

Click **Borrow** next to a specific library or system, Onondaga County Public Library is always a good choice since they also use Polaris.

You will be redirected to the library or system's catalog. Click on **Availability** if it is a Polaris library. You will be presented with the item information, see below. Otherwise, you will have to do some searching around.

Call Number

▼ Hazard Branch Library
(1 of 1 available)

▼ Adult Nonfiction

154.63 MAR

If you have zero luck finding the call number, just contact dgeier@flls.org or jshonk@flls.org for assistance. We would be happy to help!

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AWARDS & GRANTS

Americans and the Holocaust Traveling Exhibition *Applications Close October 14, 2023*

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM) and the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office present Americans and the Holocaust, a traveling exhibition that examines the motives, pressures and fears that shaped Americans' responses to Nazism, war and genocide in Europe during the 30s & 40s.

Following a highly successful tour to [50 libraries](#) from 2021 to 2023, the exhibition will now be available to **50 additional public and academic (i.e., college and university) libraries** from 2024 to 2026.

Libraries in communities with a demonstrated interest in and need for quality Holocaust education are especially encouraged to apply. Read the [project guidelines](#) and [apply online](#) by **October 14, 2023**.

Selected libraries will receive:

- The 1,100-square-foot exhibition on loan for five to six weeks;
- A \$3,000 allowance to support public programs;
- Expenses paid for a library staff member to attend an orientation workshop (May 15-16, 2024) at the Museum in Washington, D.C.; and
- Publicity materials, programming resources, ongoing support from the Museum and the ALA, and more.

Apply here: <https://www.ala.org/tools/programming/USHolocaustMuseum/>

Dear teachers and librarians,

The A.R.T. Library Program invites you to [place your annual order of free art books!](#)

We have 350+ titles in stock, including 25 new additions and old favorites. Recently, we launched two box sets of free art books for public libraries, schools, and prisons. They are structured around two topics: the artist [Keith Haring](#), and the field of [Architecture](#). As always, they are all free and shipped free of charge.

Visit our website to [log in to your account](#) and [browse our book catalog here](#).

If you haven't already, you can [sign up to our mailing list here](#) for further updates about new books and online resources.

Thanks for your participation and happy reading!

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