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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Looking for that perfect puppet or giant game? Visit our [Programming page](#) where you'll find everything in our physical collection organized by type. Each item is listed with its description and barcode so you can quickly place it on hold.

ALSO! See above for a pic of our newly organized kit hall!

LINKS TO MAKE YOU THINK

[Northeast Summit on Climate Adaptation for Library Facilities](#)



[Creating Accessible Programming Spaces](#)

[Tales From The Youth Services Librarian](#)

[American Libraries Magazine](#) | Must Reads: [One of a Kind](#) & [Lighting the Way](#)

[Gen Z and Millennials: How They Use Public Libraries and Identify Through Media Use](#)

FROM THE DIRECTOR

I am back from the New York Library Association Conference with the new, 2023 edition of the **Handbook for Library Trustees of New York State**. FLLS purchased over 500 copies of the new edition and will begin distributing them to our libraries next week. Here is some important information about the new edition:



For the 2023 edition, authors Jerry Nichols and Rebekkah Smith Aldrich invited an editorial board made up of public library and public library system trustees and directors as well as the leadership of the NYS Division of Library Development, New York Library Association (NYLA) and the Library Trustee Association of NYLA to help guide this new edition.

“Trustees are operating in an increasingly complex environment, said Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, co-author of the Handbook for Library Trustees of New York State, “In the five years since the last edition we have learned hard lessons related to public health, inclusive governance and service design, and the impacts of climate change on our world; we’ve seen new laws introduced and existing laws amended; and we are contending with a significant increase in challenges to intellectual freedom. A well-informed board can help ensure a library is responsive and relevant to their community while minimizing risk to the institution by making well informed governance decisions. Our hope is that this new edition empowers boards to create the libraries their communities will depend on for a bright future.”

Highlights of the 2023 edition:

- Integration of issues surrounding equity, diversity and inclusion as well as sustainability more cohesively into the various chapters, the glossary, and the appendices;
- Significant upgrades to the Planning and Evaluation and Board Development chapters, including information about the new Trustee Education requirements;
- An introduction to Board Committees;
- Surfacing of intersections with programming and display policies in the Intellectual Freedom, Censorship and Privacy chapter;
- Clarifying reserve fund and fundraising issues;
- Intersections with the new [Public Library District Toolkit: Strategies to Assure your Library’s Legal and Financial Stability](#) from the New York State Library;
- Updated explanation of the current state of the NYS Open Meetings Law;
- New appendices on hiring a new director, sustainability as a core value, and PILOT payments;
- Upgrades to the sample bylaws and Civil Service 101 appendices;
- Updated policies checklist and glossary.

Training on the new material will take place for our directors in our upcoming directors’ meetings in November and December. FLLS will be holding a trustee workshop about the new edition this winter, so stay tuned for more information! I will be working with directors on delivery of your copies to your libraries.

A reminder that FLLS will be closed on Friday, November 10 to observe Veterans Day. There will be no deliveries on that day. Each library will receive a delivery on Thursday, November 9 in preparation of our closing.

Have a relaxing weekend,
Sarah



MEMBER LIBRARY NEWS

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

Apalachin Library
October 24 at 8:00 AM · 🌐

A HUGE thank you to our amazing library patrons for donating socks for our sock drive as part of the Great Give Back (a day for New York State public library patrons to participate in meaningful, service-oriented experiences). Dobby is now a free elf!!! 🧦🧦🧦🧦🧦




Look at our sock pile!
Our heartfelt thanks
for our community's
generosity!

Thank you!



Lamont Memorial Free Library
October 21 at 10:00 AM · 🌐

Donations have been coming in for the Great Give Back! Thank you to those who have donated. Next week is the last week to make a donation. The complete list of items we are collecting for the McGraw Community Pantry and CAPCO Family Essentials are on the library's website. <https://lamontlibrary.org/programs/the-great-give-back/>



Edith B Ford Memorial Library. Ovid with Ovid Federated Church.
Paid Partnership · October 24 at 11:20 AM · 🌐

Library patrons donated more than 70 pounds of food to support hunger relief in our community and several bags of cold weather gear during the library's "Great Give Back" this year. The mission of the Great Give back is to provide opportunities for the patrons of public libraries in New York State to participate in meaningful, service-oriented experiences. THANK YOU! Food and cold weather gear will be distributed through the Ovid Federated Church. [#greatgiveback](#) [#librariesgiveback](#)



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CONTINUING EDUCATION

Upcoming Webinars

[Crisis Management and Recovery \(CLRC\)](#)

Thursday, November 16, 10:00-11:30am

It is no longer a question of whether a crisis will happen in an organization: it is only a matter of when, which type and how it will occur.

Managers and employees need to think about the unthinkable as a way of protecting themselves and their organizations. An inability to anticipate crises is a major factor in their causation and escalation. The better you can anticipate a crisis, the better you can manage it. Presented by Nellie Brown.

[Living Our Values Out Loud: Programs that Walk the Talk \(WebJunction\)](#)

Tuesday, November 28, 2:00-3:00pm

From zero-waste events to upcycling to refreshments, how we choose to carry out our work in libraries says a lot about our values. We can't just pay lip service to sustainability—we need to practice what we're talking about! This webinar will be an inspiring discussion with a panel of practitioners who have found ways to design, implement, and evaluate library programs using frameworks that better represent their libraries' values.

[Bedbugs in the Workplace \(RRLC\)](#)

Wednesday, December 6, 2:00-3:30pm

Bedbugs, unfortunately, can spread rapidly in the workplace — including libraries. Bedbugs can spread through luggage, furniture, clothing, and even library books. Libraries and other workplaces can easily find themselves with a bug problem, even with the best practices of cleanliness. In this webinar, we'll cover how your workplace can best prepare for, prevent, and handle a bedbug outbreak. Presented by Nellie Brown.

[Going the Extra Mile - Making Your Library ADA-Friendly Instead of ADA-Compliant \(CLRC\)](#)

Tuesday, December 19, 10:00-11:00am

Librarian Rachel Stevenson will discuss various techniques to make your physical library space more ADA-friendly instead of only ADA-compliant. She will also discuss ways to look at programs to make them more ADA-friendly as well. We will look at physical, mental health, and sensory ways to make your library a more welcoming space to all.

Conferences & Special Programs



Trustee Handbook Book Club

Upcoming Session:

Financing & Managing Construction Projects

Tuesday, December 19, 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.](#)



The fall Library 2.023 mini-conference will explore the evolution of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) efforts within the library profession, focusing on how libraries can help to create belongingness and meaningful connection and what individuals, specifically, can do to help make change.

[LEARN MORE & REGISTER!](#)

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](#)

[Polaris New User Part 2](#)

[Polaris Item Maintenance Part 1](#)

[Polaris Item Maintenance Part 2](#)

[Polaris Reporting Part 1](#)

[Polaris Reporting Part 2](#)

[Polaris Leap](#)

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PROGRAMMING & OUTREACH

Summer Reading 2024: Off Season

All member libraries now have access to the 2024 online Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) Summer Reading Program manuals and artwork through the [CSLP site](#). It's free to access all these components provided to you by New York State. The access code was sent out via email last month. Member libraries can also request the code from Heidi.

The recording from the Fall 2023 READsquared training session is now posted on the [READsquared page](#) of the New York State Library Youth Services Summer Reading site. The session covered wrap-up of Summer Reading 2023 programs, running reports, and cleanup of 2023 reading programs. The session also discussed tips for using READsquared for fall or winter reading programs.

eContent News

OverDrive Contribution request letters were sent out on Tuesday, October 31. If you have questions please reach out to Heidi at heckerson@flls.org.

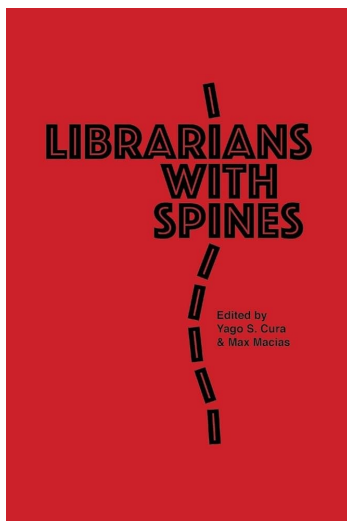
OverDrive's next [Big Library Read](#) is live! The featured title [“Artie and the Wolf Moon”](#) by Olivia Stephens will be available for simultaneous use in ebook and audiobook formats between November 2-16th from [Libby](#).

Digital Collection Promotional Materials

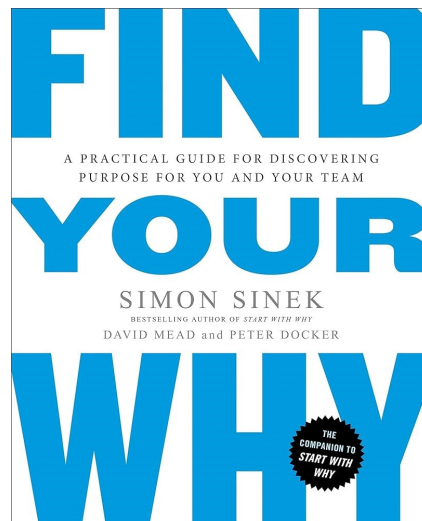
You can find marketing resources and order a free marketing kit from Libby here: <https://resources.overdrive.com/library/marketing-outreach-print-ready/>.

Professional Collection Books

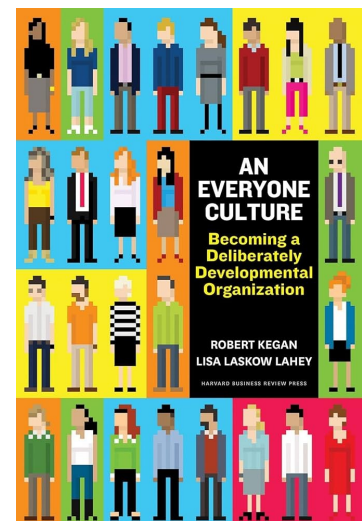
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AWARDS & GRANTS

[Apply for a PLA 2024 Scholarship!](#)

As part of our commitment to equity, diversity, inclusion, and social justice, the Public Library Association (PLA) is pleased to offer 50 scholarships to attend the [PLA 2024 Conference](#). [Scholarships](#) will cover registration fees, travel stipends, and one year of PLA membership.

Scholarships are available to support applicants who belong to at least one of the following categories:

- Early career (i.e., fewer than five years) or un/under-employed (annual salary less than \$45,000)
- Students pursuing a master's degree in library and/or information science (i.e., MLS, MLIS, MIS)
- Working in small or rural libraries (i.e., serving communities with fewer than 25,000 people)
- Current or past [Spectrum Scholars](#) working in public libraries
- [ALA ethnic affiliate members](#) (i.e., members of the Joint Council of Librarians of Color)

Applications are DUE November 12 by 11:59pm (CST)!

[Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities](#)

This program will offer more than \$7 million in grants to small and rural libraries to increase the accessibility of facilities, services, and programs to better serve people with disabilities. To be eligible, a library must have a legal area population of 25,000 or less and be located at least five miles from an urbanized area, in keeping with the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) definitions of small and rural libraries. ALA will award two rounds of grants to be distributed over the next three years ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

Participating libraries will first conduct community input-gathering sessions to assure that their work aligns with local needs. Libraries will be required to identify the primary audience they are hoping to reach (e.g., homebound seniors, children with autism, Deaf community members) and facilitate a community conversation with the impacted populations in order to guide the improvement of the library's services. Grantees would then use the funds to create services or improve their facilities based on the needs identified by their audience.

Applications are NOW OPEN, as of Monday, September 11, 2023.

- [Apply now](#) (*applications close December 11, 2023*)
- [Guidelines](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [View the application PDF](#)