

MEMBER LIBRARY BI-WEEKLY BULLETIN

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CSLP SUMMER SYMPOSIUM
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 07, 2023
11:00AM - 4:30PM EST

- Simplifying the Adventure of Summer Reading: Observations from a Seasoned Storyteller
- 2024 Manual Highlights: Adventure Begins at Your Library!
- Once Upon an Adventure: Practical Tips for Gathering Stories to Promote Your Library
- Taking the Adventures Outdoors - Programming and Partnerships

REGISTRATION OPENS
NOVEMBER 10, 2023

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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.

The [Programming page](#) also has a template for you to use when tracking your library programs for the NYS Annual Report. Download the **Member Library Programs Blank Template** and start using it today!

LINKS TO MAKE YOU THINK

[National Federation of the Blind: Santa and Winter Celebration Letters in Braille](#)

[Pink gives away 2,000 banned books at Florida concerts](#)



[Tell Us About Your Library](#)

[Passive and Relaxed Programs: Things To Keep In Mind](#)

[Sacred Space: Why Libraries Are Essential to Incarcerated Writers](#)

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Here are some updates for you from the past two weeks:

FLLS Collection Development Grants – At the Finger Lakes Library System's November Board of Trustees meeting on November 15, collection development grants to our member libraries were approved by the FLLS trustees. This grant was available to any of the 33 libraries in the system and 32 of our libraries requested grant money. Each library could request up to \$2,000.

This grant money may be used to purchase print or e-content materials for each of our libraries. Examples of possible purchases are: board books, picture books, graphic novels, teen books, adult non-fiction, adult fiction, magazines, reference materials, DVDs, audiobooks, e-books or e-audiobooks.

While the money will be distributed in 2023, you are allowed to carry over the money and use it in 2024. Just make sure to cash/deposit your check in 2023 for accounting and State reporting purposes. As it gets closer to Annual Report time, we will send out reminders to you about reporting the money in the Annual Report.

The FLLS Board of Trustees voted that excess monies in the collection grant fund would be evenly distributed between those libraries who have said they would like to receive funds for this project. We will be updating our libraries on their new amounts shortly.

This is the second year that FLLS was able to provide this grant opportunity to our members and we hope that you find it helpful in growing your collections!

Staffing Change at FLLS – As of Wednesday, November 15, FLLS Business Manager James Stebbins is no longer with FLLS. The Board of Trustees approved an updated job description during their November 15 meeting for the Business Manager position and it will be advertised on Monday. We have temporary business help for our office during the meantime. If your library has a financial related question, please contact me during this time of staff transition.

Thanksgiving Holiday Closure – Finger Lakes Library System will be closed on Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24. There will be no deliveries on those days. We will be resuming our normal delivery schedule on Monday, November 27 with our North Route delivery.

I wish everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

Sarah





MEMBER LIBRARY NEWS

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

Finger Lakes Library System
Published by Finn Lake · Yesterday at 10:00 AM ·

Attend in person or via Zoom at the [Southworth Library](#) with watch parties at the [Newfield Public Library](#) and [Groton Public Library](#)
"The Two Row Wampum Treaty – the Ship and the Canoe"
Thursday, November 16, 2023 6:00pm
Southworth Library, 24 W Main St, Dryden, NY 13053
Please be sure to register. See post for more details

SOUTHWORTH LIBRARY PRESENTS
**THE TWO ROW
WAMPUM TREATY**
THE SHIP AND THE CANOE
**THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 16 @ 6 PM**
WITH CHIEF LYONS, SACHEM GEORGE AND
MIKE BISHOP
Co-sponsors for this event include the Dryden Town Historical Society,
South Central Regional Library Council, Dryden Groton Plus-Human
Dignity Coalition, Tompkins County Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ)

Seymour Library
18h ·

When poetry brings a community together to celebrate the life and legacy of Harriet Tubman! The powerful words of Cyd Charisse Fulton filled not only Seymour Library but captivated our hearts! And the Q&A with Cyd was phenomenal, as she shared her path and process of creating *Feeding Off Of The North Star*.
Thank you to [Aaduna, Inc](#), [Cayuga Tourism, NY](#), an anonymous donor, and the [Friends of Seymour Library](#) for bringing this talented and inspirational poet back to Auburn! We ... See more

Feeding off of the North Star
Original Poems Inspired by the Life and Legacy
of
HARRIET TUBMAN
Premier of a Collection of Poems
in honor of the 100th Anniversary
of Tubman's Death

+18

Lamont Memorial Free Library
19h ·

This Friday at our Homeschool Learning Studio, we'll see how our skeleton works to keep us moving. We'll also learn some of the names of our bones, and build parts of our skeleton with an interesting craft.
Register your students by calling 607-836-6767, class size is limited.

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Candor Free Library
2d ·

Today is National Kindness Day. Stop by the library and pick up some freebie take-home projects that will be in the lobby. No need to hurry though as they'll be out there all week. And please remember...being kind to yourself is just as important as being kind to others.

ALWAYS
BE HONEST
BE KIND
BE FRIENDLY

All about
KINDNESS

KINDNESS
**STARTS
HERE**

Share
a Little
Kindness
Written and Illustrated by
Colleen Brunetti

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CONTINUING EDUCATION

Upcoming Webinars

[What You Need to Know About New York State Public Librarian Certification \(NYSL\)](#)

Wednesday, December 6, 11:00am-12:00pm

Are you a new library school graduate or a new or relatively new public librarian in New York State? Struggling to figure out how to apply for and receive your public librarian certification? This free webinar will provide an overview of the public librarian certification process, including professional development requirements and resources. Get answers to all your certification questions and keep your librarian career moving forward. [Registration is required.](#)

[Protect The Right To Read: Neutrality, Challenges, and Censorship \(WNYLRC\)](#)

Thursday, December 7, 1:00-4:00pm

Join us for this half-day virtual symposium featuring speakers Kelly Jensen (Book Riot), Stephanie Cole Adams (Ask The Lawyer), and Max Prime (NYLA). The session will inform attendees about the current landscape of the book challenge movement happening across NYS and the rest of the country. Attendees will learn about legal measures and policies that can be used to both prevent and combat these challenges in schools and libraries. Additionally, they will be equipped with the tools needed to address any coordinated harassment campaigns directed towards libraries or library staff by malicious individuals.

[Helpful Information for Meeting Minimum Public Library Standards Webinar \(NYSL\)](#)

Thursday, December 14, 1:00-3:00pm

All public and association libraries in New York State must meet minimum standards of service according to Section 90.2 of the regulations of the Commissioner of Education. This webinar will include an overview of the minimum standards plus helpful information and resources for each standard. Learn about the challenges, strategies, resources, and best practices needed to successfully meet the minimum standards. [Registration is required.](#) This webinar will count towards the required 2 hours of annual trustee education and the 60 hours of professional development needed to maintain NYS Public Librarian certification.

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.](#)

2024 Continuing Education Survey

Please take the **2024 FLLS Continuing Education Survey**, open to all library workers (directors, librarians, clerks, paraprofessionals, etc.) at our 33 member libraries:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/fllsce2024>.

Jenny is hoping for at least 1 response from each library. Ideally, any library staff member who participates in FLLS webinars & workshops would respond! Responses needed by **5pm on Wednesday, November 29.**

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 Pre-Season

CSLP's Virtual Summer Symposium: Adventure Begins at Your Library
Thursday, December 7, 2023 from 11am-4:30pm. [Registration now Open!](#)

There are many recorded events that live on the [archived webinars page](#) of the NY State Library Youth Services website like the recently added [Performers and Programs webinar](#) from October 26th.

Watch for your CSLP 2024 Adventure Begins at Your Library flash drives and merch catalogs coming in the delivery soon!

Summer Reading Save the Dates

Be sure to mark these dates on your 2024 calendar:

2024 SRP System Collaborative Virtual Workshops (our 3rd year!)

- Children's Programming Thursday, February 15 from 9:30am to 12:30pm
- Teen Programming, Wednesday, March 13 from 9:30am-12:30pm

2024 FLLS Spring into Summer Meeting on Thursday, April 18! We're giving our in-person Summer Reading Meeting a make-over! Watch for details in the new year.

NYS Library Summer Reading Resources Survey

The New York State Library surveys library staff to ask for feedback on a variety of Summer Reading resources. The responses help with evaluation, future planning and Federal IMLS/LSTA reporting. You're encouraged to take the short NYSL Summer Reading Resource Satisfaction Survey by December 1, 2023: https://nyslibrary.libwizard.com/f/Summer_2023_satisfaction_survey.



Request a Storytime Box!

Request the new American Sign Language (ASL) Storytime Box. Jenny took the best items from the Baby Sign kits and added 2 board books by Kathy MacMillan to create this new kit! Search by barcode for A20519413603 to request it.

You can browse all of our items using the helpful physical collection lists located on the [Programming page](#) of our website.



AWARDS & GRANTS



Grant Writing for Libraries Webinar (FLLS)



Wednesday, December 6, 2023
11:00am-12:15pm

Whether you are new to grant writing or you are a seasoned grant writer, this webinar is for you! Jenny will share tips, tricks, and resources for winning grants. Jenny, Sarah, & Heidi will also discuss specific grant opportunities for FLLS member libraries: Community Foundation Grants, Construction Grants, Family Literacy Grants, and Outreach Mini-Grants. Time will be allotted for a Q&A.

Registration is required: <https://flls.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEvceChpj8uHtVpJ-hRsuOfTmCbNJAqvfwK>. Session will be held on Zoom and recorded/distributed. View our Code of Conduct for Programs here: <https://tinyurl.com/FLLSCodeofConduct>.



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](#)