

## MEMBER LIBRARY BI-WEEKLY BULLETIN

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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.

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[Figuring Out Fair Use: Debunking copyright myths and misconceptions](#)



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# FROM THE DIRECTOR

On Thursday, November 30, the 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Tompkins County Public Library took place in the BorgWarner Room of TCPL. The Friends of TCPL donate \$230,000 to TCPL for their collection, but did you know that the Friends also give money to Finger Lakes Library System?

While the Friends annual donation to FLLS has decreased since the pandemic, the group graciously budgets \$50,000 to Finger Lakes Library System and voted on November 30 to continue that \$50,000 donation for 2024. FLLS uses that money annually to help offset the costs of services we provide to our 33 member libraries including:

- **E-content** purchases of e-books and e-audiobooks for all of our libraries to check out.
- **FLLS Annual Meeting speakers**, such as paying for our speaker at our October 2023 Annual Meeting.
- **Continuing Education**, which includes paying for member library directors to either attend webinars or conferences.
- **Storytime Collection and Summer Reading Extensions**. To help our member libraries provide exemplary services to their youngest of patrons, the Friends' monetary support keeps these in demand resources current and relevant to changing standards for storytimes. Funding includes updates to kits to enhance local library storytimes and other early literacy programs, as well as puppets, Accu-Cut dies, and an array of materials to enhance the storytime experience.
- **Database funding**, including JobNow that is a unique suite of resources for job seekers, including access to trained career experts who provide live, one-to-one assistance, and TumbleBooks, which is an online collection of animated, talking picture books which are created from existing picture books. TumbleBooks also includes read-along titles for children of all ages, unabridged classics in audio format, e-books for children, and educational videos, games, and puzzles.

In addition to providing funding, the Friends also allow FLLS staff and our correctional facility librarians at Auburn Correctional Facility, Cayuga Correctional Facility, Five Points Correctional Facility, and our county jails to attend the pre-sale selection days and obtain books. This is incredibly helpful to our correctional facilities who have limited budgets. The Friends allow a "Plus-One" lottery that we raffle off to our members, which gives one library an opportunity to attend a pre-sale day and select 100 items for their library. This past sale, the Candor Free Library was the winner and was very excited to be able to select materials. The Friends also provide education grants to people attending library school, and two of our FLLS staff, as well as some of our member library directors, have benefited from this opportunity.

I was happy to attend the Annual Meeting and speak to the Friends membership how their donations benefit not only Finger Lakes Library System, but also all 33 libraries in our system. If you have ever purchased items from one of the Friends famous book sales, I hope this helps explain how all of our libraries benefit from the Friends of the Tompkins County Public Library.

Have a wonderful weekend,  
Sarah





# MEMBER LIBRARY NEWS

**Apalachin Library**  
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Last night, The Tioga Downs Regional Community Foundation awarded \$1.5 million to 100 local non-profits on #GivingTuesday, and the Apalachin Library was among their grateful recipients. Our heartfelt thanks goes out to the Tioga Downs Casino Resort and the Tioga Downs Regional Community Foundation for their incredible generosity. Their support will allow our library to upgrade existing on-site technology and acquire loanable devices for home computer and Internet access. La... [See more](#)

Thank you, Tioga Downs  
Regional Community Foundation!  
We are so grateful for your  
tremendous generosity!!!

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**Newfield Public Library**  
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## Author visit: Gail Mazourek and Cynthia Machamer

Local authors discuss their  
new book:  
“Dreaded Voice: A Memoir,”  
a remarkable true account  
of a mother's ordeal to  
find her daughter.



**Friday, December 8 at 3:00 pm**  
**At the Newfield Public Library**

*Do you have something to share?  
Please email [jshonk@flls.org](mailto:jshonk@flls.org)!*

## KELLOGG FREE LIBRARY

CINCINNATUS, NY

### ACRYLIC PAINTED VINTAGE CHRISTMAS TREE CLASS



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# CONTINUING EDUCATION

## Upcoming Webinars

### [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.

### [Genrefying Your Library \(STLS\)](#)

**Thursday, January 11, 2:00-3:00pm**

Increase patron browsing satisfaction and make use of difficult layouts by genrefying your library! This presentation is designed for Librarians who want to start organizing and classifying books by genre but are unsure how to start. Using real experiences from the Ocean City Library, we will go over the complexities of genrefying a collection that is actively being circulated. We will also go over how to include staff at all levels in this process. Presented by Alec Staley, the Branch Manager of the Ocean City Branch of Worcester County Library.

## 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.](#)



**LJ&SLJ** PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### **How to Build (and Re-build) Effective Work Relationships**

Half-Day Online Course | Wed., Jan. 31  
4 Credit Hours

Create a safer, warmer, and more inclusive library by learning techniques to build and nurture authentic relationships.

[REGISTER](#) by December 6 to get the early bird rate of \$199 (plus \$10.94 fee).

## 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](mailto: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](#)

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# PROGRAMMING & OUTREACH

## 2024 Summer Reading Pre-Season Events

[Sunny summer workshops](#) for those winter days:

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

**Library System Summer Collab Programming Workshops**  
*Children's Programs:* Thursday, February 15, 9:30am to 12:30pm  
*Teen Programs:* Wednesday, March 13, 9:30am to 12:30pm

*Watch for the registration link coming to your email soon!*

Feeling adventurous? We're looking for program presenters for both the children and teen Library System Summer Collab programming workshops. Email Heidi [heckerson@flls.org](mailto:heckerson@flls.org) to learn more.

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## Easy eContent

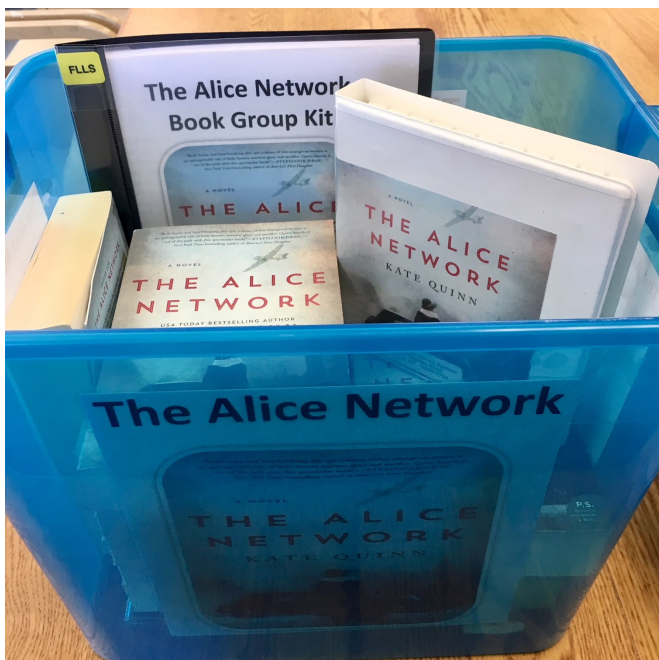
Sure, OverDrive and Libby get all the glory, but don't forget about other eContent available to your patrons:



[TumbleBooks](#)  
**Mango Languages**  
**HeritageQuest**  
**JobNow**



Visit <https://www.flls.org/public/> for details and guides on these collections.



## Request a Book Kit!

FLLS has **30+** Adult Book Group Kits that member libraries **AND** patrons can borrow! Each kit includes a sturdy plastic case with multiple copies of the title and a helpful guide. Some kits may also include multimedia. Fiction and Non-Fiction titles available. Visit the programming page to see the full list!

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

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# 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

***Deadline = December 11, 2023***

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:**

- [Apply now](#)
- [Guidelines](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [View the application PDF](#)

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