

MEMBER LIBRARY BI-WEEKLY BULLETIN

No. 23.21

Friday, December 15, 2023

TABLE OF CONTENTS

You can click on each link below to quickly navigate to your favorite bulletin sections!

- [Member Library News](#)
- [Continuing Education](#)
- [Programming & Outreach](#)
- [Awards & Grants](#)



Visit the [OverDrive Outreach and Marketing](#) page for pre-made social media posts!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLLS will be **CLOSED** on December 25, 26, and January 1.

FLLS Staff Out-of-Office: Diana on December 18; Tom from December 18-late Jan.; Deb from December 18-29; Jenny from December 20-29; Heidi from December 22-29; Arlene from December 27-29; and Tanner from December 21-22 & 27.

LINKS TO MAKE YOU THINK

[Tompkins County Public Library set to roll out RFID tech in early '24](#)



[NYLA Voice: Good Things, Small Packages](#)

[The 25 Most Anticipated Books of 2024](#)

[To fight so-called book bans, some states are threatening to withhold funding](#)

[Senator Webb Announces \\$50K in Funding For Local Educational Programs Within Cortland County](#)

A collection of light blue snowflakes and stars of various sizes scattered across the top half of the page.

Happy Holidays!

Sending warm wishes to member library directors, staff, and trustees! As the year comes to a close, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you. Thank you for your unwavering commitment, diligence, and devotion to serving your communities. We are excited to continue supporting you throughout the coming year and beyond. Here's to a happy and prosperous 2024!

*From all of us at
Finger Lakes Library System*





MEMBER LIBRARY NEWS



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





CONTINUING EDUCATION

Upcoming Webinars

Notary Public Training (OWWL)

Mondays, January 22 & January 29, 5:00pm

Two-part comprehensive class on the Notary Public License Law for those looking to become a new Notary Public or those needing a refresher on Notary Law and the duties/responsibilities afforded to you. The instructor will provide all the information necessary to pass the Notary Exam, ways to shield yourself from liability in the execution of your duties, as well as appointment, testing, and renewal policies and procedures. Note: This class does not include the exam; information regarding how and where to take a Notary Exam will be provided. This presenter is considered independent and is not an employee of OWWL Library System. The opinions and views expressed are solely those of the Presenter and do not necessarily reflect those of OWWL Library System.

Leading Transformative Change - Making a Better Organization (CLRC)

Wednesday, January 24, 3:00pm

It is hard being the face of change in any organization. You have to balance the triumphs and restraints of institutional memory, the ever-evolving temperature of your staff, customer needs, local government, and industry trends, all while creating and planning for the future. This workshop/event will show participants how to lead positive change from the front, the side, and the back of the organization. Presented by Maurice Coleman.

Trauma Informed Librarianship (STLS)

Tuesday, January 30, 10:00am

Trauma-informed librarianship (TIL) is a vital practice that invites us to be intentional and deliberate about creating cultural shifts in how we approach our work to move towards healing, for our patrons, for each other, and for ourselves. This webinar will introduce participants to what trauma is and how it impacts both individuals and communities; the principles and goals of trauma-informed librarianship; how we can apply this lens to library services in actionable ways to better support survivors in our libraries, whether they are patrons or colleagues; and how we can take care of ourselves too, through 10 concrete self-care strategies. Presented by Karina Hagelin.

LOOKING FOR MORE?

CLRC

METRO

SCRLC

WebJunction

Libby Webinars from OverDrive

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](#)

[Back to Top](#)



PROGRAMMING & OUTREACH

Summer 2024 Pre-Season

We have two hard copies of the 2024 CSLP manual available to borrow! The barcodes are **A20519411790** and **A20519411758**

Everyone should have received a green flash drive that contains the manual as well as the code to access the online manual at <https://www.csipreads.org/2024-adventure-begins-at-your-library/>.

Wondering who to book for your Summer Reading program? Then check out the [NYSL's Performers and Programs Database](#). It's searchable by region and program type.



Looking for some Summer (or anytime) program ideas? Be sure to save the dates for the [System Summer Reading Collaborative Workshops](#) taking place on Thursday, February 15th and Wednesday, March 13th from 9:30 a.m. -12:30 pm. Watch for the registration link coming soon.

Do you have a program you'd like to share? We need volunteers to present at our System Summer Collaborative Workshops. Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/mZDxTfiLEVASffM79>.

Lego STEM Challenge: Build the Change for Birds

TCPL is looking for partner FLLS libraries to present a live-streamed, interactive LEGO STEM challenge program, Build the Change for the Birds, on February 10th, 2024 from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Your library would provide:

- LEGOs,
- building tables
- connectivity/screen/sound for Zoom
- creative patrons

If your library is interested in hosting a satellite session, please fill out this form by December 31: <https://forms.gle/bJw5sQHBwVkJXPQEFA>.

If you have questions, you can reach out to Heidi or Kat Savage, TCPL Interim Youth Services Manager: ksavage@tcpl.org.

The LEGO program is part of their Build the Change series and we'll be focusing on how to build the change for birds. The LEGO moderator will be talking about some of the challenges that birds face in our neighborhoods (light, habitat, windows, etc) and participants will brainstorm and build things that could help birds. We'll also be chatting with Lab of Ornithology scientists about their research. The program will be lively and interactive! It's hosted on Zoom as a webinar – the audience will be able to participate via polls, the chat, but not through video or audio.

[Back to Top](#)



AWARDS & GRANTS



It's that time again! Do you have an idea for an outreach project but lack funding?

Member libraries in our service area can apply for an Outreach Mini-Grant!

Applications are **NOW OPEN** for the 2024-2025 grant cycle. \$15,000 is available! **All applications are due March 22, 2024.** Visit the [Outreach Services](#) page to download an application or to view the FAQs and Tips. *Have a question? Stuck on an idea?* Email Jenny Shonk at jshonk@flls.org.



SCRLC Digitization Grants

SCRLC routinely supports creative proposals to improve regional access and resource sharing through technology. Digitization projects allow materials to be accessed regionally through [New York Heritage](#), [New York State Historic Newspapers](#), [the Empire Archival Discovery Cooperative](#), and [the Empire State Immersive Experiences](#) projects. For 2024-2025, applications are especially encouraged for:

- partnerships increasing representation of and with communities that have been historically and systematically oppressed;
- geographically underrepresented communities in the SCRLC region;
- innovative approaches to availing digitized collections, e.g., walking tours, virtual tours (e.g. participation in the 360-degree Empire State Immersive Experience project), and HistoryForge participation.

Applications are due by Friday, April 12, 2024.

The application packet for 2024-2025 can be viewed here: [.DOCX](#) or [.PDF](#)

Feel free to [contact Claire Lovell with any questions](#).