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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We're excited to announce that [American Sign Language](#) is now available for patrons through our [Mango Languages](#) app. FLLS will be adding this feature to its language line up on Mango for 2024.

The bulletin will move to a monthly schedule for the next 2 months! Watch for the bulletins on February 16 and March 15.

LINKS TO MAKE YOU THINK

[Workplace Wellness Programs that Put the Responsibility of Managing Stress and Outcomes of Work on Employees Do Not Work](#)

[Library 2.0 | Ask Dr. Steve: "Praying, Meditating, or Sleeping?"](#)



[ARSL Leadership Institute Applications Now Open](#)

[Program Model: Community Displays](#)

[Moving Away From the Barrier of Program Registration While Keeping Free of Chaos](#)

FROM THE DIRECTOR

We have important New York State Budget news, and it is heading in the right direction for once!

On Tuesday, January 16, Governor Hochul released her proposed budget. The FY2025 Executive Budget Briefing Book includes the following proposals for spending on libraries in the FY2025 Budget:

- Library Operating Aid: \$102.1M (+2.5M over FY2024 Enacted)
- Library Construction Aid: \$34M (Level to FY2024 Enacted)
- NOVELNY: \$3M

The exact text is excerpted below:

“Support for Libraries. The Executive Budget supports public libraries by providing \$102.1 million of Library Aid, a \$2.5 million increase over FY 2024 Enacted Budget levels, and \$34 million for Library Construction to fund various capital projects. In addition, the Executive Budget appropriates \$3 million to ensure continued access to the New York Online Virtual Electronic Library (NOVELny), a free online library of magazines, newspapers, maps, charts, research, and reference books available to all New Yorkers.”

The New York Library Association (NYLA) is using the slogan “Fund-Protect-Empower” for 2024. With the start of Session, NYLA is urging lawmakers to **fund** New York's libraries, **protect** them from threats to their ability to effectively serve all members of their communities, and **empower** them through legislation that enables the effective use of existing resources and the innovation of new ways to serve their patrons.

In addition to funding requests, NYLA is working diligently with public library systems, regional library councils, and school library systems on a multitude of policy initiatives. Repeat policy initiatives, such as a library media specialist requirement in schools, are still being worked on in addition to newer initiatives, such multiple pieces of legislation intended to curb threats to patron access to materials and services. You can see all the 2024 policy initiatives [HERE](#).

While this budget cycle seems promising, our work isn't done yet. It is still important for library advocates such as library staff, directors, trustees and patrons to advocate for library funding and construction funding. Over the next few weeks, you will be receiving emails from FLLS asking you to participate in email advocacy efforts from NYLA. These emails are a simple, yet effective way in sharing your advocacy support with legislators.

Due to staffing and our new business manager starting right before Advocacy Day, FLLS staff, including myself, will not be able to be in Albany this year. In addition to online advocacy efforts, we are always available to take part in local legislative visits and meetings.

Thank you for your continued advocacy efforts and supporting our member libraries and Finger Lakes Library System.

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend,
Sarah





MEMBER LIBRARY NEWS

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



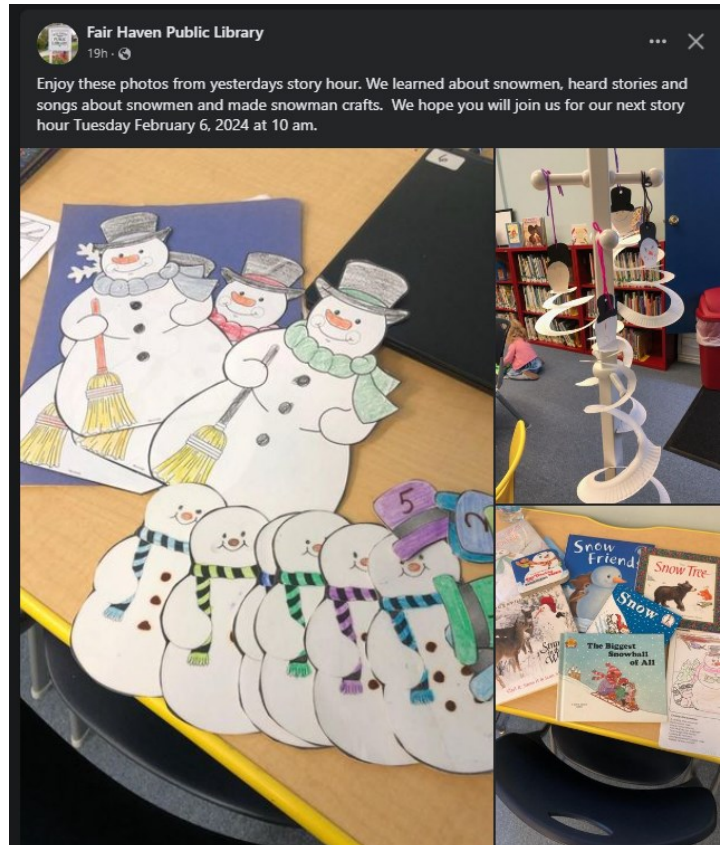
Read the article:

www.tompkinsweekly.com/articles/ulysses-philomathic-library-brings-fun-and-games-to-winter-market/



Learn more here:

www.takeyourchildtothelibrary.org



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CONTINUING EDUCATION

Upcoming Webinars

[Welcoming Deaf Patrons to Your Library \(OWWL\)](#)

Thursday, February 8, 2:00pm | FREE

An interactive overview on Welcoming Deaf Patrons to Your Library. Attendees will learn communication tips for interacting with deaf patrons, information about American Sign Language and Deaf Culture, and some basic ASL vocabulary to introduce yourself and help patrons navigate the library. We kindly request that attendees use a laptop or computer with a working camera. This session will be held virtually.

[Co-Creating Library Services for Transformative Impact \(WebJunction\)](#)

Tuesday, February 27, 3:00pm | FREE

The most relevant and dynamic ideas can grow from collaborating with impacted communities. Co-creation is one of the most effective ways for libraries to turn diversity, equity, and inclusion ideals into real-world services. In this session, you'll learn about the fundamentals of co-design and explore how to apply them in your library for wildly creative and deeply impactful programs and services. Presented by Dr. Audrey Barbakoff, Angel Jewel Tucker, & Beck Tench. As a result of this webinar, you'll be able to:

- Define co-design and its role in creating library services
- Identify multiple ways of sharing power with community
- Apply basic principles and techniques from human-centered design to facilitate co-creation
- Draw on real-world examples for inspiration

[Tasting History @ Your Library \(NYSL\)](#)

Thursday, February 29, 12:00pm | FREE

Presented by Elizabeth Jakubowski, Senior Librarian, NY State Library Manuscripts and Special Collections. Ms. Jakubowski will share the story of the NYS Library's ongoing Tasting History project. She'll go over the creation of the project, the eras of history the project has covered, and highlight some recipes from each era. Using Tasting History as a blueprint, Ms. Jakubowski will provide examples of programming ideas for ALL age groups, which can be used as given or as a jumping off point for further creativity for library programs. Your culinary adventure awaits!

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](#)

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POLARIS TIP

Checking Out an Out-of-System Interlibrary Loan (ILL) Item

Out-of-System Interlibrary Loan items will have a different loan period than regular items. Steps 1-4 of the process below should be completed **BEFORE** you scan the item. ***Please share with all frontline staff!***

Please Note: Do not renew ILL items. If a patron would like to renew an ILL item, the member library should contact ill@flls.org to request a renewal. If the request is approved by the lender, the ILL department will update the due date. Please direct all ILL emails to ill@flls.org to ensure you receive a timely response.

1. Open the Check Out window. Scan the patron's card or locate them using the **Find** button.
2. Click on the **Special...** button in the Check Out window.
3. Locate the correct due date on the item's yellow book band. Select the due date using the calendar.

4. Make sure that “*apply to next item only*” is selected and click **OK**.
5. Scan the ILL item. At this point, you may check out regular items for the patron or hit **Enter** on your keyboard to complete the transaction.

Watch a quick video: <https://vimeo.com/733707077/5c17880bd3>.



PROGRAMMING & OUTREACH



Summer Reading 2024

Planning your summer reading programming just got easier! Join us for the two SRP System Collaborative Workshops where library staff around the state share ideas, tips, and tricks.

- **Children's Program Ideas: Thursday, February 15th** [Register here](#)
- **Teen Program Ideas: Wednesday, March 13th** [Register here](#)

The workshops are:

- *Virtual*
- *Free*
- *Recorded*
- *Based on the 2024 CSLP theme "Adventure Begins at Your Library"*
- *A great way to get some program ideas from all types of libraries*
- *Worth 3 CE hours (available upon request)*

Save the Date! The **Spring into Summer: Summer Reading Planning Meeting** will be held on Thursday, April 18, from 9:30am-2:30pm in-person at FLLS! We hope to see you there!



Solar Eclipse Planning



A State Library virtual webinar, [Preparing for the Shadow: What You Need to Know about the 2024 Eclipse](#) is designed to help libraries understand and plan for the total April eclipse is scheduled for Thursday, February 8 at 1:30pm. The session will be presented by Mindy Townsend, astronomer at the Dudley Observatory of Siena College. See the event details and register on this event page of the [State Library LibCal](#). The session will be recorded.

eContent Updates



eContent Contributions

Thank you to all the libraries that contributed to the FLLS OverDrive pool. This helps keep our digital collection rich and sustainable. Invoices were sent out in the delivery this week and are due March 1st.

Don't forget to let patrons know about our **Reciprocal Lending Arrangement!** Finger Lakes Library System patrons also have expanded access to OverDrive materials through a Reciprocal Lending Arrangement (RLA) with the OWWL Library System and the Southern Tier Library System (STLS). Learn more at [Read Across the Region](#).

This year, the eContent Committee will dissolve as we move the topic of eContent to our bi-monthly FALCONS meetings. This way all FLLS member libraries can be part of the conversation. See you in February!

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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 FAQs/Tips.

Have a question? Stuck on an idea? Email Jenny Shonk at jshonk@fls.org.

New Year, New Grants!

FLLS grant writing season is upon us! If you need a grant writing refresher, feel free to view the *Grant Writing for Libraries* webinar from December 2023. Below you will find materials from the session.

- [Recording](#) (Passcode: **Y5=nqeJ7**)
- [Slideshow with Notes](#)

Don't hesitate to reach out to Sarah, Heidi, or Jenny with your grant questions!

You can also find grant opportunities, writing resources, foundation information, and statistics/data resources on our website. Visit www.fls.org/grants.



Check <http://librarygrants.blogspot.com/> frequently for more grant announcements or subscribe to have new blog posts sent to your email!