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ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLLS will be closed on Monday, February 19 for President's Day. We will not be doing deliveries. On Tuesday, February 20, we will do deliveries on both the North and South routes. All 33 member Libraries will receive a delivery that day.

LINKS TO MAKE YOU THINK

[Easy as ABCD: Using Asset-Based Community Development as a Lens for Authentic Relationship-Building](#)



[American Library Association Updates Core Values](#)

[A Complex Landscape | Budgets and Funding 2024](#)

[Celebrate Smokey's 80th Birthday by joining the Smokey Bear Reading Challenge](#)

[Protecting Library Workers : The Ongoing Battle for the Health and Safety of Library Staff](#)

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Here are some updates for you from the last few weeks:

Advocacy Day – Advocacy Day was held in person in Albany on Wednesday, February 7. While FLLS did not send staff or a bus this year due to staffing, over 400 library advocates from around the state gathered to make sure legislators know that funding libraries is vital. Governor Hochul is proposing the following:

- Library Operating Aid: \$102.1M (+2.5M over FY2023-2024 Enacted)
- Library Construction Aid: \$34M (Level to FY2023-2024 Enacted)
- NOVELNY: \$3M

The exact text included 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 next step in the budget process is one-house budgets from the Senate and Assembly in early March. There are easy ways to show your support of funding libraries to your legislators. You can send emails, make phone calls, set up local visits, or invite your legislators to your libraries for story times, board meetings, or other community events happening at your libraries.

FLLS Staffing – Carlos Perez joined our staff on Monday, February 5 as our new Business Manager. He’s busy working on monthly board reports and our system’s annual report. Our deadline for accepting resumes for the Computer Network Services position ended on February 9 and we received many qualified candidates. We are reviewing resumes and will be conducting first round interviews within the next two weeks.

We are currently accepting applications for a page position at FLLS as our page, Tanner, is leaving FLLS on February 27. We will miss Tanner and his great work with FLLS!

FLLS Closed Monday, February 19 – A reminder that Finger Lakes Library System will be closed on Monday, February 19 to observe Presidents Day. There will be no deliveries that day. On Tuesday, February 20, all libraries will receive a delivery.

I hope everyone has a relaxing weekend,
Sarah





MEMBER LIBRARY NEWS

Fair Haven Public Library
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April 08, 2024
Fair Haven Public Library
Total Eclipse
Watch-Party
1pm -4:30 pm
Crafts, Refreshments and
Free certified eclipse glasses
from the Space and Science Institute

Eclipse Activity Kit
available for check out
contains 2 fun learning activities
"Bear's Shadow" and "Big Sun, Small Moon"

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Hazard Library Association
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Take Your Child to the Library Day
Saturday, February 10, 2024
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Hazard Library, 2487 State Route 34B

Join us to celebrate February!

- Get a Black History Month activity book and pencil
- Check out books
- Get a library card
- Make a Valentine craft
- Learn about the Lunar/Chinese New Year

Día de Llevar a su Hijo a la Biblioteca
Sábado, 10 de Febrero de 2024.
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Hazard Library, 2487 State Route 34B

¡Únete a nosotras para celebrar Febrero!

- Obtenga un lápiz y un libro de actividades del Mes de la Historia Afroamericana
- Sacar libros
- Obtenga una tarjeta de biblioteca
- Haz una manualidad de San Valentín
- Aprenda sobre el Año Nuevo Lunar/Chino

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

George P. & Susan Platt Cady Library
1d · 🌐

Sayge admiring Ginny's beautiful lily bloom. Come see it next week before it starts to fade!
#winterblooms #loveyourlibrary

Apalachin Library
2d · 🌐

FINAL REMINDER!!!

Tomorrow, Saturday, February 10 is our first Pokemon Club event! Come make new friends, trade cards, build and tune decks, battle, and win prizes! Ages 5+ are welcome, and there is no need to register.

POKÉMON CLUB!

Saturday, February 10
11am-1pm
Apalachin Library

Trade cards. Do battles. Eat snacks!

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CONTINUING EDUCATION

Upcoming Webinars

Homeschoolers and the Public Library (ELSN)

Thursday, February 29th | 10:00am - 11:00am | FREE

According to the US Department of Education, the homeschool population has doubled from one to two million in the last decade. For most school districts in New York State, the number of households providing home instruction has more than doubled since the start of the pandemic (NYSED). Is your library prepared to assist the growing homeschool community? Deanna McGregor, Homeschool Liaison Librarian at the Liverpool Public Library, will explain NYS's laws and requirements for homeschool students and why families are choosing this route. Discover ways your library can support the multiple literacy needs of K-12 students following an individualized home instruction plan (IHIP) through your collections, programs, and services. *Free to ESLN members, select SCRLC as your region when registering.*

Programming for All Ages: Using Assessment Tools to Build from the Ground Up (4CLS)

Friday, March 15, 10:00am—11:00am | FREE

Let's talk about programming. No matter where you are in your library journey, it's important to assess how you're using your resources (financial, emotional, physical) to serve your community—and often, this starts with programming and an honest assessment of your capacity. Using my own library as an example, we'll use an asset analysis framework to guide you through a community survey and then show how to implement new programs as part of a larger strategic plan for your library. *Offered by Four County Library System and Presented by Heather Urtz.*



Registration is now open for the YSS Spring Conference. Discounted Early Bird pricing is available until March 1; deadline for registration is March 31.

Visit <https://www.nyla.org/youth-services-section---2024-spring-conference-information> to learn more and to register. To book your room in our discounted block at the 1000 Islands Harbor Hotel, call the hotel at (315) 686-1100. Online booking will be available soon on the conference website! Contact yssconference2024@gmail.com with any questions.

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](#)

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POLARIS TIP

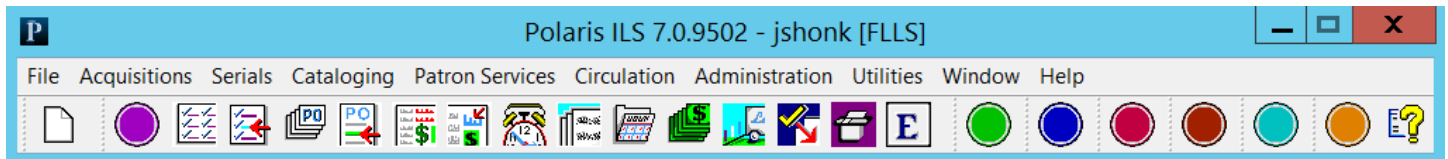
Logging On & Off Properly

It is critical to log on and off correctly!

To Log On

Double click on the Remote Desktop/Polaris icon on your computer's desktop. The Remote Desktop will open on your screen and you can double click the Polaris icon along the left-hand side of the screen. Enter your unique User Name and Password.

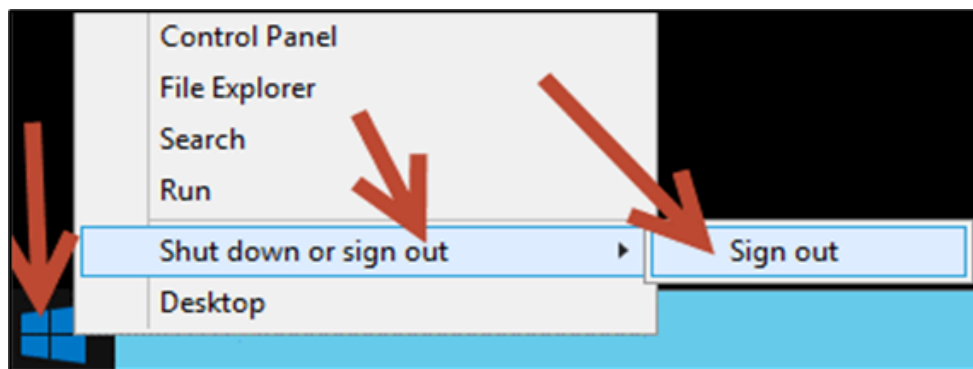
Note: Passwords are case sensitive.



Having trouble with your receipt printers? You may have logged onto the Polaris toolbar before the printers were able to map completely. It is recommended that you wait a few seconds before opening the Polaris toolbar to ensure that everything loads correctly.

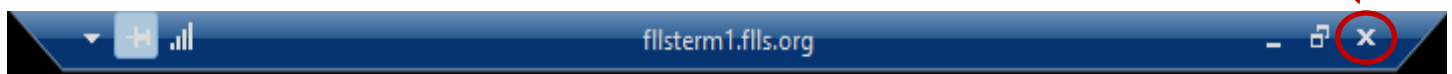
To Log Off

On the toolbar, go to the **File → Log Off** or **Ctrl L**, then click **OK**. Next, go to **File → Exit** to close the toolbar. Lastly, go to the Windows button in the bottom left-hand corner of the screen, right click, move your mouse to **Shut down or sign out**, and left click on **Sign out**.



Please Note: When closing Polaris, simply clicking on the X on the toolbar or the Remote Desktop without logging off may cause issues with the Polaris server and could impact the entire system!

DO NOT click the X to get out of Polaris!





PROGRAMMING & OUTREACH



Summer Reading 2024



We've got two FLLS library folks who will be presenting at the SRP System Collaboration Teen Program Ideas Workshop on Wednesday, March 13th. Come cheer on Joah Tang (TCPL) and Priscilla Berggren-Thomas (FLLS) and get some unique program ideas for summer. [Register here](#)

Registration for FLLS's in-person summer reading meeting opens on Monday, February 26th! Watch for the link in your email. In the meantime, bookmark [FLLS' Summer Reading 2024 LibGuide](#), your summer reading resource.

Community Foundation of Tompkins County Library Grant Cycle

The 2024 application is due Thursday, February 22, by 5 pm. If you need assistance with the grant platform or have application questions, you can email admin@cftompkins.org with technical questions and/or Suzanne Smith-Jablonski, ssmithjablonski@cftompkins.org with any other questions.

Tip: Looking for DEI resources? Visit <https://flls.org/idea/> to learn about upcoming events, toolkits, collection guides and more.



Total Solar Eclipse: April 8, 2024



We won't have another [total eclipse](#) in our area until 2079! Libraries that requested eclipse glasses can expect them in the delivery by March 1.

Don't forget about the Solar Eclipse Kits from our friends at the Sciencenter. They make a great program and/or can be checked out to patrons.

Want more ideas and resources? Visit SCRLC Solar Eclipse LibGuide <https://scrlc.libguides.com/c.php?g=1378750>.

Celebrate Black Authors!

Download the Black History Month marketing kit here:

<https://resources.overdrive.com/library/marketing-outreach-trending/>



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AWARDS & GRANTS



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.

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



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@flls.org.