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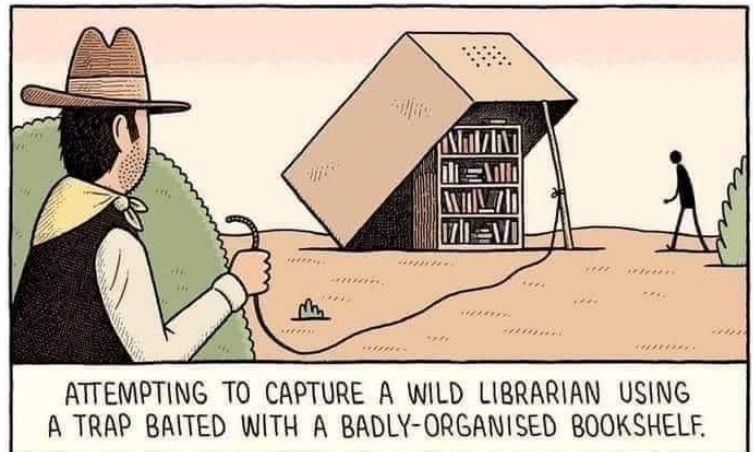
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TOM GAULD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarah will be attending several member library board meetings in the coming weeks!

Staff Upcoming Out-of-Office: Diana 5/2, 5/8-5/13; Eric 5/3; Tom 5/7; Jenny 5/8-5/10; Heidi 5/10.

LINKS TO MAKE YOU THINK

[Library Service Value in terms of Social Wellbeing Outcomes calculators](#)

[Supporting Menopause in Libraries for Workplace Wellbeing](#)

[Children's Book Week \(May 6-12\) Free Resources](#)



[Helping libraries to be autism-ready](#)

[Friends of TCPL Spring Book Sale Information](#)

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

The fantastic news is that we finally have a State Budget as of April 20, 2024 and we finally have an increase in library funding! Governor Hochul first proposed a higher budget amount for library aid and both the Senate and Assembly also recommended a higher amount for both library aid and construction aid. Here is the budget information:

- Library Operating Aid: \$103.852 million
- Library Construction Aid: \$44 million
- Library Materials Aid: \$6.25/pupil (for schools)
- NOVELny: \$3 million

The budget reflects a \$4.252M increase in library aid and a \$10M increase in construction aid. The \$3M for NOVELny guarantees the continuation of the databases available to any New York resident through that project.

A large thank you to our New York Library Association (NYLA) and all of their advocacy efforts this year. Since the start of session, NYLA has urged 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.

Summer Reading – Thank you to all the directors and library staff who attended our summer reading system meeting on Thursday, April 18. Our Member Services Librarian, Heidi, did a fantastic job both preparing for and facilitating the day of learning. This year's theme is *Adventure Begins at Your Library* and we look forward to all the upcoming programming at our libraries. See page 3-4 for photos!

Spring on the Hill – This week I was in Albany for NYLA's Spring on the Hill session. In addition to educational programming focused on advocacy, we also had an in-person PULISDO (Public Library System Directors Organization) meeting in the afternoon. I attended the *Library Liberties, Law and Policy* session lead by Stephanie Cole Adams, where we discussed current library challenges and crisis messaging training. I also got to see Lisa Varga, Library Journal Librarian of the Year 2024, give a presentation on *Preserving Knowledge, Protecting Freedoms: Navigating the Landscape of Censorship in Libraries*. Lisa is the Director of the Virginia Library Association and she highlighted a variety of school and public library material challenges in her state. You can read about why she was chosen as Library Journal Director of the Year [here](#).

I hope everyone enjoys the warm weather we are expected to get this weekend!

Sarah





MEMBER LIBRARY NEWS

2024 Summer Reading Meeting: Adventure Begins at Your Library

We welcomed 36 library staff from 26 libraries at the Spring into Summer Reading meeting last week. The longer format of the day was perfect for engaging in the hands-on workshops from building robot cars, Cricut programming, and Sensory Storytimes. A huge thank you to our presenters! All of the sessions were based on feedback from member libraries and featured staff working at member libraries.

You can find their slideshows and contact info on the [FLLS Summer Reading 2024 LibGuide](#) under the "Spring into Summer Meeting" tab. The LibGuide is your one-stop resource for all things Summer Reading. Be sure to bookmark it and watch for updates.

On the Way: Look for your library's CSLP posters and bookmarks in the delivery next week!



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

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CONTINUING EDUCATION

Upcoming Webinars

[Leadership Strategies for Building Connection & Defusing Difficult Situations](#) (WebJunction)

Tuesday, April 30 | 3:00–4:00pm | Virtual | FREE

As library staff, our collective morale and goodwill are often eroded by a tidal wave of factors, including book challenges, budget constraints, staffing shortages, toxic online discourse, and an increasingly divided culture. In times like these, searching for common ground might sound naïve or idealistic, but intentionally cultivating these mindsets can have a profound effect on your organizational culture, communication, problem-solving, and mental health. This webinar introduces skills grounded in the “Good Inside” approach, and will cover practical strategies to develop empathetic, curiosity-led leadership that assumes good intent in moments of conflict and stress, along with actionable communication skills for connection and cooperation. Presented by Rebekah Cummings.

[AI Workshop for Librarians: Learn About Implementing AI in Libraries](#) (4CLS)

Tuesday, May 14th | 3:00 pm | In-Person | FREE

Join us for an interactive, in-person workshop led by Katy Charles, designed to help librarians learn about the potential for AI in their libraries. We will explore using AI to enhance and decrease your workload as well as how to promote AI usage with patrons in an ethical manner. Session will be held at Otselic Valley Public Library, 125 County Rd 13A, S. Otselic, NY 13155. FLLS member library staff are encouraged to attend.

[Cardholder Signup Policies: Access in Practice](#) (WebJunction)

Wednesday, May 22 | 3:00–4:00pm | Virtual | FREE

In 2023, Brooklyn Public Library launched a research project to collect and study cardholder signup policies from public libraries across the nation. The project aims to identify the range of policies and procedures that govern cardholder access as well as the rationale used for establishing these policies. Research findings have been summarized in a report made available to the library field beginning spring 2024. Join us for a discussion about the inspiration for this study, how the research was conducted, and key findings and takeaways using data from more than 1,800 public libraries across the United States. Presented by Amy Mikel and Emily Thomas.

LOOKING FOR MORE?

[CLRC](#)

[METRO](#)

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[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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PROGRAMMING & OUTREACH

FLLS Lunch and Learn

FLLS Lunch and Learn w/ WSKG on Tuesday, May 14 @ 12:00pm. Watch for the registration link in your email during the first week of May. Brianna M. from WSKG will be chatting with us on May 14th about PBS LearningMedia. Learn how to use this resource as a free media on demand service that provides access to the best of public media for librarians, educators and students across the county. We'll take a look at all the areas that you are interested in. Also, find out about exclusive services that WSKG provides to libraries across our viewing area.

FLX Road Trip

The (almost) weekly updates about the 2024 FLX Library Road Trip have begun! Next up are two Road Trip Info sessions explaining the ins and outs of this promotional event highlighting Summer Reading at your library.

- Tuesday, April 30 at 11am
- Monday, May 6 at 1pm

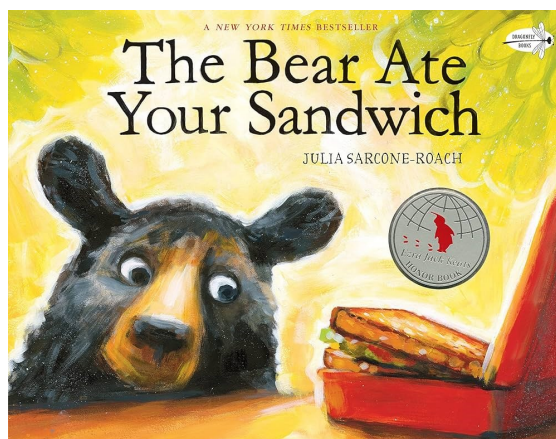
All library staff are encouraged to attend or view the recording of the Road Trip Info Sessions. The registration link is in Email 2 which was sent out on Wednesday.

eContent

OverDrive's Big Library Read: From May 9th through May 23rd, the nonfiction book *Wild New World* will be available for simultaneous use through the Libby app during the **Big Library Read** with no holds or waiting. Patrons can borrow the ebook or audiobook format of Dan Flores' portrait of iconic creatures such as mammoths, horses, wolves, and bison, as he describes the evolution and historical ecology of North America. It's the perfect title for a digital book club. Learn more at <https://www.flls.org/libby-may-2024-big-library-read/>.

FLLS Physical Collections

FLLS has a variety of physical collections housed at the system that are only available for member library staff! We have **Storytime Boxes, StoryWalk® Kits, Die Cuts, Games, Puppets, Program Boxes, & Realia!** These are not to be checked out to patrons. **Adult Book Group Kits** can be checked out to library staff OR patrons. All of these items can be found and requested in Polaris. Visit <https://www.flls.org/programming/> and use the call numbers or barcodes listed in the PDFs on that webpage to locate the item you are looking for and place a hold!



StoryWalk Kit: A20518673284

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POLARIS TIP

In-Transit & Transferred Items

FLLS offers two reports that can help you manage **In-transit** and **Transferred** items. You should be periodically resolving why your items are in either status for an extended period of time. The reports only look at items that have been in either status for more than 15 days. This is longer than it should take to send and receive from one library to the other since every library receives at least two deliveries and pickups each week.

AA-Items In-Transit or Transferred by Receiving Library: *Select your library. These will be items you should have already received so please check your shelves or Hold Shelf and check-in if found. A Hold receipt may print.*

AA-Items In-Transit or Transferred by Sending Library: *Select your library. These will be items you should have sent in the delivery so please check your shelves and check-in if found. An In-transit or Transfer slip should print.*

If you have checked your shelves and can't find the item that your library should have received/sent, please follow-up with the sending or receiving library to resolve. If neither library can find the item, open the item record, check it in, reactivate the hold request, and change the status to **Missing**.

The screenshot shows the Polaris Reports application window. On the left is a tree view of report categories, with 'Custom' expanded to show 'Circulation' and 'Holds'. On the right is a table of available reports. A text box at the bottom of the window provides navigation instructions.

Name	Type	Date Modified
AA-Hold Items that Telephony Completed the Notification	Report	9/30/2021 3:22 PM
AA-Hold Items that Telephony couldn't contact	Report	11/7/2014 4:13 PM
AA-Items In-Transit or Transferred by Receiving Library	Report	4/11/2023 2:28 PM
AA-Items In-Transit or Transferred by Sending Library	Report	4/11/2023 2:16 PM
AA-Items with Transferred Status	Report	3/10/2016 2:45 PM
AA-List of UnClaimed Held ILL's	Report	6/26/2012 1:33 PM
AA-Listing of Local Holds and Items	Report	10/23/2019 2:23 PM

On the Polaris toolbar, go to **Utilities > Reports & Notices**.
In the Polaris Reports window, double click on **Custom > Circulation > Holds**.
Then double click on the report you would like to run!



AWARDS & GRANTS

Applications Open for 2024 Judith F. Krug Memorial Fund Programming Grants

Deadline: April 30, 2024

Each year the Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF) distributes grants to organizations to support activities that raise awareness of intellectual freedom and censorship issues during the annual Banned Books Weeks celebration (September 22-28, 2024). Staff at all types of libraries, schools, universities, and non-profit community organizations are encouraged to apply. Grants are awarded for \$1,000 and applications are accepted now through April 30, 2024.

Grants are evaluated based on the following criteria:

- *IMAGINATION*: What makes your plan unique? How have you integrated the concept of the freedom to read?
- *SCHEDULE/ACTION PLAN*: Include key dates, responsibilities, and collaboration with other groups to carry out a creative project.
- *PR PLAN*: What are the ways you will promote your event and who is your intended audience? Do you have a media and social media plan? How will your promotion be creative, unique and eye-catching?
- *BUDGET*: Please detail your proposed budget. Institutions, and other groups they are working with, should partially contribute to the funding of proposed events rather than solely relying on the grant. Do not designate all of these grant funds for the purchase of books, or as an honorarium for one speaker.
- *EVALUATION*: Detail how you will evaluate the success of your program.

To be eligible for a grant, organizations must not have been a recipient of an FTRF grant within the past five years. FTRF Founder Judith F. Krug was a fierce proponent of education and intellectual freedom. During Krug's lengthy career she worked non-stop to prevent censorship and protect First Amendment rights.

Visit the [Freedom to Read Foundation](#) online to apply and learn more about past recipients and their projects through the [Judith F. Krug Memorial Fund](#). Contact Joyce McIntosh at jmcintosh@ala.org or Karen Gianni at kgianni@ala.org with questions.

[Apply now with this application.](#)