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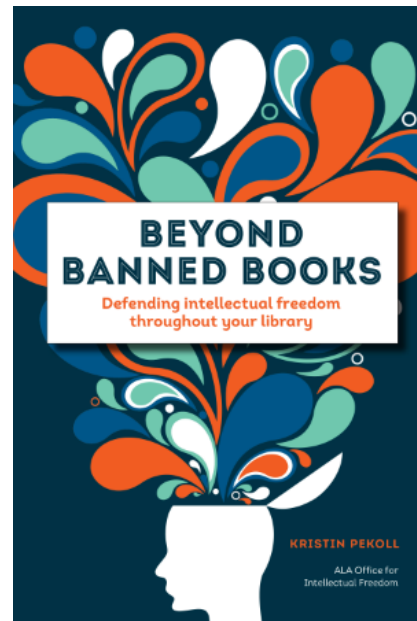
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Professional Collection Spotlight:
Beyond Banned Books (A20519413938)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Out-of-Office in June: Deb 3rd-7th & 14th; Jenny 5th-7th; Diana 5th & 11th; Tom 14th.

LINKS TO MAKE YOU THINK

[FYI Podcast Episode: Brooklyn Public Library – Library Card Access Study](#)

[Librarian's Pet | Public libraries add robotic animals to their collections](#)



[WebJunction resource roundup](#)

[Causes of Burnout in Libraries](#)

[Reasons to Love Libraries: 23 Notable Authors & Public Figures Share Their Joy](#)

[Boston Public Library Releases 2024 "We Are Pride" Booklist, 75 Books for Children, Teens & Adults](#)

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Here are some items from over the last few weeks:

Library Referendums – Congratulations to all of our member libraries that were on the ballot on May 21! All library votes were successful by wide margins. We had one instance where a budget vote for the school failed (Newfield School), but the library vote (Newfield Public Library) was successful. It is always affirming to see voters believe in the positive nature of library ballot funding.

Pest Management in Libraries – While this is something that brings a lot of fear in our libraries, outbreaks of bed bugs and other pests like cockroaches do happen occasionally in our libraries. We have had one extremely minor instance of bed bugs at a library and one library that had cockroaches in library materials recently returned to them.

FLLS has worked with our directors to have pest policies and advise our library directors on how to work with patrons that might be bringing bed bugs or other pests into the library. If you need sample policies, please reach out to Sarah or Heidi—we are happy to help.

This is a great chance to remind you that before the pandemic, when our libraries were experiencing larger outbreaks of bed bugs, Finger Lakes Library System purchased bed bug heat boxes or “cookers” as we commonly refer to them for all of our libraries. These devices safely heat books and other common library materials to the temperature needed to kill the pests. The hot box provided by FLLS will kill ants, bed bugs, cockroaches, dust mites, scabies, lice, moths and carpet beetles. FLLS also owns and lends out a larger heat box that can even fit furniture such as chairs. This device is for use by libraries only and can't be loaned out to patrons.

State Aid for Library Construction – A reminder that the NY State portal for library construction opens next week. I've visited three libraries this week who are planning construction projects, so I wanted to remind you of important dates to keep in mind if your library is considering a project:

- The State calculations were released on May 8. FLLS will have \$1,171,777 to award for 2024-2025 construction projects.
- ***The State portal will open on Wednesday, June 5.***
- Work done between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2030 is eligible for award and library share (library share refers to the amount the library must contribute).
- Applications are due to FLLS by Friday, September 6 (with slight wiggle room until Monday, September 9 if needed).
- The FLLS Board of Trustees will vote on funding the projects on Wednesday, September 25. NY State law specifies that public library systems' board of trustees are the decision-making entities for NY State library construction projects.
- FLLS must submit all projects by Tuesday, October 1. This is a firm deadline with no exceptions to systems.
- If you are considering a construction project for this cycle, you **MUST** contact Sarah for a site visit. I will need to come to your library between now and the beginning of August to review your projects and take pictures.

I hope everyone enjoys the fantastic weather this weekend!

Sarah



MEMBER LIBRARY NEWS

Lang Memorial Library
May 23 at 10:03 AM · 🌐

Members of the Strategies for Success Class at the high school stopped by today to thank the library for our support of the school district! It is always our pleasure to support growing minds! Thanks for your acknowledgement!!

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Coburn Free Library
2 days ago · 🌐

Thank you to everyone who came to Coburn Academy tonight! We made some great poetry! 😊

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Newfield Public Library
May 9 at 11:16 AM · 🌐

Sweet Reads

Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30 pm
Let's talk about what we are reading over dessert!
All ages welcome!
At the Newfield Public Library

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Groton Public Library
May 15 at 3:15 PM · 🌐

Power outage does not stop D&D at the Groton Public Library

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

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CONTINUING EDUCATION

Upcoming Webinars

[Supporting domestic and sexual violence survivors at your library \(WebJunction\)](#)

Thursday, June 6 | 3:00-4:30pm | FREE

Libraries are in a unique position to offer resources and referrals to those experiencing domestic and sexual violence and stalking. In this webinar, learn how to identify the signs of domestic/sexual violence and stalking, what/when/how to say something to a survivor, and how to provide resources to someone who does not disclose abuse. Presented by Miranda Dube.

[Outreach at Any Size with Suzanne Macaulay \(FLLS\)](#)

Thursday, June 20 | 11:00am-12:00pm | FREE

Small and rural libraries and library systems can engage in meaningful outreach even with limited personal, time, and budget. This program will introduce ten successful outreach programs--including staff time, costs, and outcomes--implemented by a small library system. Learn how you can scale down (or up) to make a similar program (or programs!) work for your library--no matter its size. Tips, tricks, and lessons learned included! Registration is required.



Join OWWL Library System for the 3rd *Small Libraries Summer Symposium* on Friday, July 12 at the system headquarters in Canandaigua, New York.

This event sold out the past two years so be sure to register early if you want to attend! Contact Suzanne with questions, programs@owwl.org.

[Register Now](#) or view the [Program Schedule!](#)

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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PROGRAMMING & OUTREACH

2024 Summer Reading: Adventure Begins at Your Library

The [FLLS Summer Reading 2024 LibGuide](#) is your one-stop resource for all things summer!

You'll find CSLP info, FLLS physical collection lists, statistics tracker sheets and more to help with your summer planning!



FLX Library Road Trip

Speaking of “adventure”, your summer programming will be a huge highlight of the 2024 FLX Library Road Trip. Since April 10th, we’ve been sending out weekly emails with important information and updates about the upcoming FLX Library Road Trip.

As we turn the calendar to June it’s time to start thinking about Road Trip promotion.

Starter kits will be coming soon!



★ [Outreach at Any Size!](#) ★

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Registration is required, visit our [event calendar](#) for more information!



AWARDS & GRANTS

OMG! Outreach Mini-Grants Awarded

Thank you to everyone who applied for our 2024-2025 Outreach Mini-Grant cycle! We had 16 applicants and our [COSAC](#) team selected 14 applications! Visit [our website](#) to learn more about each project.

Congratulations to... *Apalachin Library, Seymour Public Library District, Candor Free Library, Groton Public Library, Phillips Free Library, Peck Memorial Library, Lamont Memorial Free Library, Powers Library, Tappan-Spaulling Memorial Library, Cady Library, Coburn Free Library, Port Byron Library, Waterloo Library & Historical Society, & Waverly Free Library!*

FLLS Family Literacy Mini-Grants Awarded

Congratulations to... *Apalachin Library, Aurora Free Library, Berkshire Free Library, Candor Free Library, Cortland Free Library, Southworth Library Association, Phillips Free Library, Peck Memorial Library, Cady Library, Hazard Library, Port Byron Library, Seneca Falls Library, & Waverly Free Library!*

Many exciting projects are taking shape—some tried and true, others new and experimental. Thank you for providing a variety of literacy-focused experiences for your communities. See what everyone's doing at <https://www.flls.org/2024-flls-family-literacy-mini-grants-awarded/>.

I Partner with my Public Library Award



Do you work at a public library? Has a community partner made a difference by collaborating with you?

The **I Partner With My Public Library Award** invites you to recognize the accomplishments of exceptional partners. Each year, up to 10 are honored at an online ceremony held in their honor.

[Submitting a nomination](#) is the perfect way to thank your partners, and to celebrate the work you have done together. These annual awards also inspire others to reach out to new partners.

Nominations will be accepted through the end of **August 2024**. Final decisions will be made on **October 15, 2024**, with a public awards ceremony occurring in **November, 2024**. Awardees will be publicly celebrated on the Let's Move in Libraries webpage. Join us in this endeavor!

[Click here to submit a nomination!](#)

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