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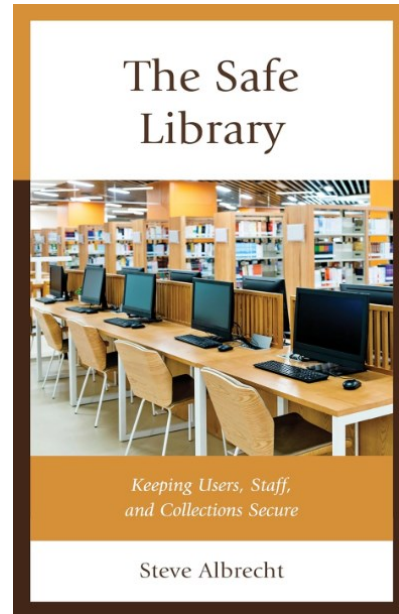
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Professional Collection Spotlight:
The Safe Library (A20519413718)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Out-of-Office in May: Diana 21st, Sarah 21st-22nd, Arlene 24th-31st, Heidi 24th, Tom 24th, Deb 28th. Jenny is scheduled for jury duty the week of May 20th, she will give everyone an update when she knows more.

LINKS TO MAKE YOU THINK

[Library Time: A Modified Storytime for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities](#)

[Musical Bingo for Aging Adults](#)



[Culture of Care](#)

[The Quest for Work-Life Balance](#)

[Growing library garden programs](#)

[Supporting Neurodiversity in the Library Workplace](#)

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Here are some recent updates for you from the past few weeks:

NY State Library Construction Aid – The State Library released the 2024-2025 figures for library construction aid to public library systems on May 8. Finger Lakes will have \$1,171,777 to award to our member libraries for the 2024-2025 construction cycle.

If your library is considering a construction project, here are some important dates to keep in mind:

- The State portal will open on Wednesday, June 5
- Applications are due to FLLS by Friday, September 6
- The FLLS Board of Trustees will vote on funding the projects on Wednesday, September 25. NY State law specifies that public library system boards of trustees are the decision-making entity 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 me 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 have already started library visits for construction projects, so please just email me to set up your visit if you are thinking of a construction project.

Grants in Aid (Bullet Aid) – The legislature is winding down their session and will be finished in Albany on June 6. During our May directors' meeting, we urged libraries to send in their bullet aid letters and requests to legislators as soon as possible. If you need help with your letter, please contact Sarah or Heidi. We are happy to brainstorm ideas for requests or proof read your letters. All letters and requests should be sent in no later than Monday, May 20.

Referendums – Many of our libraries will be on the ballot next Tuesday, May 21. A reminder to please be aware that you are not allowed to do anything that might be interpreted as requesting a "yes" vote. Libraries are allowed to remind people to vote, where they can vote, times they can vote, and that the library is on the ballot, but cannot suggest *how* people can vote. If you are unsure if your message meets the requirements, please email or call Sarah or Heidi. We are happy to assist. Best wishes to all of our libraries going for increases!

Sarah Out of the Office – I will be out of the office on Tuesday, May 21 and Wednesday, May 22. If you need assistance, please contact one of the other FLLS librarians.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable weekend!

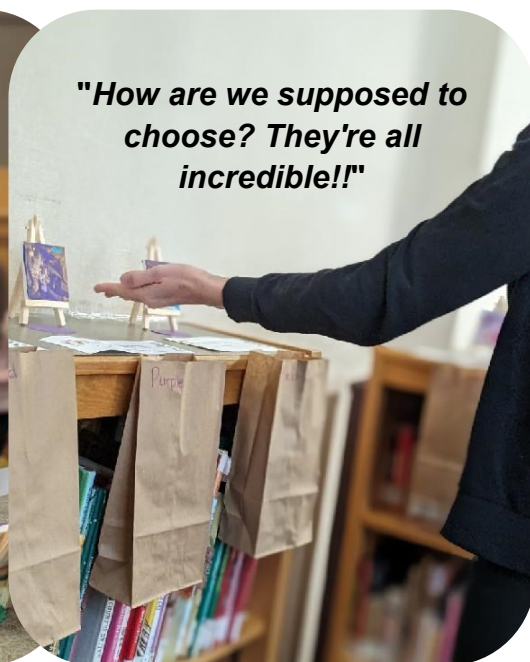
Sarah



MEMBER LIBRARY NEWS

Tiny Art Show at Seneca Falls Library

For the 2nd year in a row, the library held a grant-funded tiny art show. They gave out 75+ kits that included a tiny canvas, paint pods, paint brushes, & a flyer. The show included music and *literal* tiny snacks. Attendees voted for winners in 4 age categories. Winners received gift cards and craft kits as prizes. This amazing event was organized by Youth Services Coordinator, Tara Montoney.





CONTINUING EDUCATION

Upcoming Webinars

[Guided DEI Engagement: What We Learned in a Year \(SCRLC\)](#)

Thursday, May 30 | 1:00pm | Virtual | FREE

Three SCRLC members were awarded grant funding for expert consulting assistance with Dr. Kawanna Bright to make systemic changes within their organizations related to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Join Dr. Bright and the project participants to learn about what they decided to work on over the past year, what advice they received, what worked and didn't work as they put their knowledge into practice, and how this impacts their libraries. This webinar will NOT be recorded.

[Fatphobia: What It Is, Why It Matters, and How to Fight It \(SCRLC\)](#)

Friday, June 14 | 11:00am | Virtual | FREE

In this talk, Kate Manne will delve into the definition of fatphobia, how it is a systemic form of oppression, and how it intersects with many others--including racism, misogyny, classism, ableism, and transphobia. She will discuss the harms of fatphobia across multiple areas of life, and what we can do to combat it, including by seeking out better fat representation in literature and designing our world to accommodate people of every size.

[Shifting the Narrative: What does it mean to center BIPOC library worker needs? \(SCRLC\)](#)

Tuesday, June 25 | 10:00am | Virtual | FREE

In the last four years, library employees have experienced and witnessed the need for workplaces to center their employees' well-being and how vital psychological safety, emotional intelligence, mental health, and trauma-informed care are. In *Fostering Wellness in the Workplace*, Twanna Hodge states, "No matter where you work, you have a right to a physically and emotionally healthy and supportive workplace" (p. 48). For Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) library workers in traditionally and predominantly white institutions, psychological and emotional violence is constant and harmful. This session will focus on how institutions can center the needs of BIPOC library workers and how BIPOC workers can incorporate self-care and self-advocacy strategies into their practice.

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

FLLS Family Literacy Mini-Grants Awarded

Congratulations to...

Apalachin Library

Peck Memorial Library

Aurora Free Library

Cady Library

Berkshire Free Library

Hazard Library

Candor Free Library

Port Byron Library

Cortland Free Library

Seneca Falls Library

Phillips Free Library

Waverly Free Library

Southworth Library Association



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/>.

SCRLC Digitization Grant Recipient: Cady Library

The South Central Regional Library Council (SCRLC) has announced the winners of its Digitization and Technology Grant. While the grant is exclusively for SCRLC members, FLLS can sponsor **one** of our member libraries. (FLLS is a member of SCRLC and we can allow you to “use” our membership to apply.) We’re excited to share that the grant request from the Cady Library in Nichols to digitize the Tioga Central School yearbooks, the Nicholsonian and the Nichols Comet, as well as various historical records housed in the library as well as the Nichols Historical building was selected. These digitized records will be available online through [New York Heritage Digital Collections](#) for easy access worldwide.

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. Keep watch for more details to make sure your library is ready as we get closer to the July 1st start date!

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POLARIS TIP

Finding Dewey Decimal Call Numbers

Try LibraryThing to find a Dewey Decimal call number. Thank you to Regina from TCPL for sharing this tip!

1. Visit <https://www.librarything.com/mds/>.
2. Search by ISBN/UPC in the search field at the top right corner.

| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|---|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Information 216,948 i | Philosophy and Psychology 229,419 | Religions 562,779 | Social sciences 1,169,921 | Language 177,109 | Natural sciences and mathematics 380,441 | Technology 844,132 | The arts 857,504 | Literature 1,201,263 | History and Geography 703,933 |

What is the MDS?
The Melvil Decimal System (MDS) is named after Melvil Dewey, whose Dewey Decimal System is used by libraries around the world.
[Read more](#)

3. Click on the appropriate item when your search results display.

Your Books

Bibliographic

Works

Book

Sound Recording

Video Recording

Other

Multimedia

Unknown

9781454946120

Works Search > 9781454946120 1 edition

To add books to your library, use the [add books search](#).

To Her Credit: Historic Achievements—and the Women Who Actually Made Them Happen by Kaitlin Culmo
6 members, 2 editions

4. When the item record opens, locate the suggested call # along the right side of the screen under the "Melvil Decimal System (DDC)" heading.

Melvil Decimal System (DDC)
305.409 > Social sciences > Social Sciences; Sociology and anthropology > Groups of people > Women > Women - subdivisions > Biography And History

If there is no Dewey Decimal number present (perhaps the item is too new), you can also use the MDS tool to narrow down the number on your own. Click on the appropriate category on the original screen. Then click on the subsequent categories that display until you have a Dewey Decimal number that fits your item.

Please share feedback with Jenny, jshonk@flls.org.



AWARDS & GRANTS



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! We will be funding the projects below, visit [our website](#) to view project descriptions.

Apalachin Library

Project: *Senior Sampler*
Awarded: \$621

Seymour Public Library District – Auburn

Project: *Increasing Diversity of Collections and Programs with Enhanced Language Resources*
Awarded: \$1,700

Candor Free Library

Project: *Introducing DEI as part of Early Literacy Play*
Awarded: \$464

Groton Public Library

Project: *Gentle Rejuvenation for Elders*
Awarded: \$800

Phillips Free Library – Homer

Project: *Sweet sixty (and up!)*
Awarded: \$890

Peck Memorial Library – Marathon

Project: *Adventure Begins at Your Library 2024*
Awarded: \$1,073

Lamont Memorial Free Library – McGraw

Project: *Senior Social Supplementary Programs*
Awarded: \$1,130

Powers Library – Moravia

Project: *Access to Innovative Technology*
Awarded: \$1,328

Tappan-SpaULDing Memorial Library – Newark Valley

Project: *LEGO Club*
Awarded: \$500

Cady Library – Nichols

Project: *3D Printing Comes to Cady*
Awarded: \$1,724

Coburn Free Library – Owego

Project: *Evergreen Cemetery Kids Adventure Backpacks*
Awarded: \$250

Port Byron Library

Project: *Adventure Passes at Your Library*
Awarded: \$555

Waterloo Library & Historical Society

Project: *Integrated Crafts*
Awarded: \$2,000

Waverly Free Library

Project: *Diversity of Languages in Coll. Dev.*
Awarded: \$2,000

Congratulations to the recipients!
COSAC looks forward to hearing about the success of your projects!

Information about the Outreach Mini Grant: *Funding was made possible for these grants through the New York State Library's Coordinated Outreach Services Program. More information about the program can be found at www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/outreach.*

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