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Like treats near the checkout, maps and Road Trip info are irresistible!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Staff Out-of-Office: Tom—July 29 to August 9 & 23; Heidi—July 31, August 7 & 9; Deb—August 8; Diana—August 1 & 15; Sarah—August 12-6.

LINKS TO MAKE YOU THINK

[Library guide to civic engagement: Tools and strategies for voter education](#)

[Partnering for Stronger Programming: A Free Toolkit for Libraries](#)



[Cortland Free Library Hires New Director](#)

[The Risks for Libraries in AI Avoidance](#)

[Moving Away from Using Wellness to Using Well-Being](#)

[Waterloo Library Manager on the front page of the Finger Lakes Times](#)

FROM THE DIRECTOR

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far. I have been out visiting many of our libraries over the past month to look at future construction projects and have been so impressed by all the summer reading decorations and programming. Great job to everyone at this busy time of year!

CNS Department Update – On Friday, July 1, Finger Lakes Library System welcomed Wayne Stephenson in our Computer Network Services Department. Wayne has IT experience at Yale New Haven Health Services and Foxwood Casinos as well as local IT experience at Syracuse Orthopedics and Verizon. He has active directory support knowledge, exchange services experience, server experience, and teaching/training experience for a host of tech training. Wayne will be visiting our 33 libraries shortly and has already visited Lansing, Groton, Dryden, Cortland and Moravia libraries.

State Updates – On Tuesday, July 30 and Wednesday, July 31, Ithaca is hosting the biannual NYALS Conference. NYALS stands for the New York Alliance of Library Systems and is made up of the 72 system directors of public library systems, school library systems and regional library councils. System directors will be strategizing about library advocacy efforts, public relations and communication in libraries. We also will be having system meetings for the various system types.

On the afternoon of Wednesday, July 31 and Thursday, August 1, Finger Lakes Library System will be hosting the sixteen cooperative library system directors at our headquarters for a cooperative library systems joint meeting. This meeting will be divided into an organization dialogue, a system services dialogue, and a system finances dialogue.

eMagazines – Did you know that you can now check out e-magazines through the Libby app (OverDrive)? Patrons from any of our 33 libraries can use their library cards to access over 5,000 magazine titles. This new electronic service comes with unlimited copies, no holds, and no wait times for new content. You can also borrow eMagazine titles without it affecting your five e-book/e-audiobook limit. Learn more about this opportunity [here](#).

FLX Library Road Trip – It has been so much fun seeing and hearing about all of the patrons participating in our first FLX Library Road Trip! We've already had one person visit all 33 libraries, and many people have visited at least 20 of the 33 libraries. We have heard of families and friends getting together to do the tour together, as well as library directors and library trustees taking part. Heidi, our Member Services Librarian overseeing this program, is also out on the road this summer visiting our libraries. You can learn more about this summer fun [here](#).

I hope everyone has a great weekend!

Sarah



MEMBER LIBRARY NEWS

Port Byron Library
a day ago · 🌐

It's no question "WEATHER" or not we had a great time hearing from Meteorologist Kate Thornton at today's family story time. The answer is a thunderous yes!!! 🌩️ 🌧️ The kids were all so engaged and we even had some of Kate's grown up fans come to meet and greet too! Thank you for coming Kate! 🙌

👍❤️ 50 4 comments 16 shares

Spencer Library
18 hours ago · 🌐

Change of plans for tomorrow's Summer Reading. We will be painting rocks to add to the snake at the Spencer Pond.

Powers Library
5 days ago · 🌐

New at the library...in case you need a charge and don't have your cable while your out and about. There's no charge to charge your device. Please read the Terms of Use

Charging Station
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- By using this charging station you agree to these terms
- You use this charging station at your own risk
- You agree to safeguard your charging device at all times
- You agree we are not liable for any loss or damage to your device or other property resulting from the use of this charging station

-Powers Library

George P. & Susan Platt Cady Library
4 days ago · 🌐

The fungus among us are simply fascinating! Thank you SVMS for a wonderful presentation and table talk! And thank you everyone who joined us!

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CONTINUING EDUCATION

Upcoming Webinars

[The Safe Library: Security, Safety, and Service at the Moments of Truth](#) (Polaris/Innovative) **Wednesday, August 7 | 1:00pm | FREE**

Spend time online with one of the nation's leading experts on library safety and security. Dr. Steve Albrecht has trained thousands of library employees on handling challenging, entitled, eccentric, or even threatening patrons who may want to disrupt the library. His popular program offers practical and realistic communication, service, and de-escalation tools which will make your facility a better, safer place to work. Enjoy Steve's real-life experiences as a 24-year library security consultant, mixed with his use of humor. Learn safety and security measures, personal protection methods, and how to activate your "high-stress" customer service skills. Will include: Having "Crucial Conversations", Dr. George Thompson's Verbal Judo: The L.E.A.P.S. Model, Our Top 10 List of Challenging Patrons, Setting Better Boundaries With Patrons, Safety and Security for Rural Library Locations, Creative Customer Service Tools, and so much more.

[An Introduction to Canva](#) (SCLA)

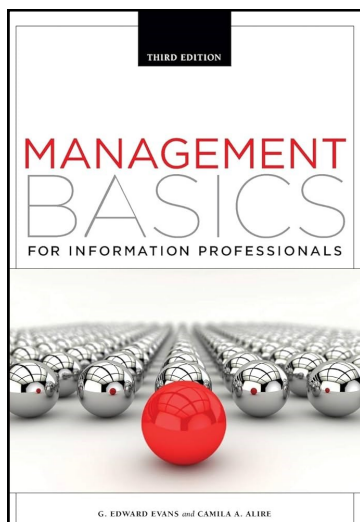
Wednesday, August 14 | 10am-12pm | \$5

Canva is an online design and visual communication platform that serves as a popular tool to create library marketing. Flyers, brochures, business cards, and more, are able to be designed, downloaded, and printed. In this class, learn how to create beautiful designs and professional graphics with Canva. Whether it is a photo editor, create picture collage, logo, invitation or poster, Canva makes online graphic design easy. If you are interested in learn more about the Support Staff Division or the Computer and Technical Services Division of the Suffolk County Library Association, please visit our membership [page](#).

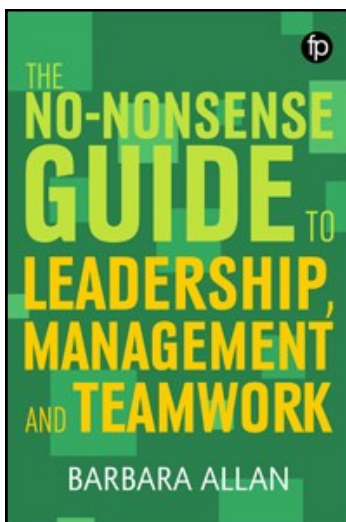


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POLARIS TIP

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.

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ryden Road
NY 14850
@flls.org
9-5613
022

Loan Period
Reset Special...

Material Type Due Date

Special Loan

Enter a loan period or specify the due date:

Loan period

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Apply to next item only
 Apply to all items for this patron
 Apply to all check-outs

OK Cancel Help

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Today: 7/13/2022

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

FLX Library Road Trip

Travelers, including some library staff and trustees, have been exploring our 33 libraries...and FLLS! We've loved hearing stories, seeing pictures, and meeting fun, library-loving folks this summer. The Road Trip goes through August 31, and we are still promoting it and all your summer programming. You can help! Please make sure Road Trip maps are out and easy to spot (not hidden behind the desk). People should be able to easily grab a map and go. Placing maps at/near the circ desk helps reach folks who may have no clue the Road Trip is happening. Please help us talk it up and maybe even take a trip yourself!

Special shout out to the Southworth Association Library in Dryden-they were the last stamp for Chip, who stopped by every FLLS library, becoming our first Road Tripper to do so!

eContent

In June, OverDrive eMagazines were added to our digital collection! With over 5000 titles across many genres in several languages there is something for everyone, including kids and teens. eMagazines are simultaneous use which means there are unlimited copies and no holds or waiting. It's instant access for patrons. Even better-magazine checkouts are in addition to the 5 ebook/audiobook limit. eMagazines have a 21 day borrowing period.



Looking for book reviews, Reader's Advisory, and collection development guidance? [Booklist](#) is available in OverDrive's eMagazines collection.

2024 Summer Reading

Adventure indeed! See all the summer fun around FLLS in the Member Library News section of the FLLS Bulletin.

CSLP 2027 Survey

The Collaborative Summer Library Program/CSLP is looking for feedback to help inform the choice of a Summer Reading slogan for 2027. Fill out the SURVEY [here](#) to provide feedback on the top 6 slogan options for 2027. The 2027 slogan survey will be open through **Friday, August 23**. Please fill out and submit the survey. You are also invited to attend one of the upcoming listening sessions. Here's the information on the virtual feedback/listening sessions coming up in August.

- **Feedback Session #1** | Tuesday, August 13, 1-2pm | [Register Here](#)
- **Feedback Session #2** | Thursday, August 22, 4-5pm | [Register Here](#)

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AWARDS & GRANTS

Friends of TCPL: Library Grants

Since 1946, Friends of the Library has granted substantial funding to the Tompkins County Public Library (TCPL) and the Finger Lakes Library System (FLLS) providing much needed assistance to both organizations in meeting their service goals. In recent years, we have increased our scope of funding to include other public libraries and reading rooms in the Finger Lakes region that serve Tompkins County residents.

Eligible libraries are invited to apply for a grant from the Friends according to the following guidelines:

- Most awards will be in the \$500 to \$1,000 range. **Funding is limited, and we cannot guarantee that all requests will be supported.** If grant requests exceed available funds, **preference will be given to public libraries in the FLLS within 30 miles of Ithaca.**
- Grants should be requested for projects that will make a significant difference to the Library.
- Grant funding may be used to purchase books, CDs, DVDs, audio books or other media, equipment and furniture, and to implement programs for library patrons.
- Grants may not be made for ongoing operating expenses or salaries.
- If a grant is awarded, the Library Grants Committee requires a copy of any paid invoices for which grant funds were used.
- Libraries receiving grants should publicly recognize that the project was funded in whole or in part by “The Friends of the Tompkins County Public Library.”
- We would also appreciate feedback as to how the grant has helped the library and its patrons, and especially request photographs of materials and activities and any related public announcements so we can publicize this added value generated by shoppers at our sales.

Applications are due Wednesday, July 31, 2024.

The application form is available in [Word](#) and [PDF](#). The form is not complicated and requires only a modest amount of time to complete. Please email completed application with supporting documents, if any, to foltcplibgrants@gmail.com and cc: nf11@cornell.edu, or mail them to:

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