

September is National Preparedness Month

Our service area experienced a high number of heat advisories along with flash flood and tornado warnings this summer. Libraries serve their communities in many ways, but what does that look like in a changing world with regards to climate? And what if the disaster strikes your library or community? The [Jervis Public Library held a legal aid session](#) for patrons in the aftermath of a tornado that touched down in Rome, NY in July. In August, the [Smithtown Library](#) on Long Island suffered damage from flooding.

Library leaders are facing new challenges regarding climate-related events alongside other threats. September is [National Preparedness Month](#), making it an ideal time to re-evaluate or develop strategies and policies for disaster preparedness and response at your library. Reviewing the “Risk Management” chapter in the [Handbook for Library Trustees of NYS \(2023 ed.\)](#) is a solid starting point. Below are other resources available to trustees and library directors from the FLLS Professional Collection:

- *Crash Course in Disaster Preparedness* (A20519410095)
- *The Disaster Planning Handbook for Libraries* (A20519412843)
- *Disaster Response and Planning for Libraries* (A20519409824)
- *The Safe Library: Keeping users, staff, and collections secure* (A20519413718)
- *Library as Safe Haven: disaster planning, response, and recovery : a how-to-do-it manual for librarians* (A20519427440)

66th FLLS Annual Meeting

Our 66th Annual Meeting will be on Friday, October 18th. Please save the date, and make plans to join us at the new Conference Center in Ithaca!

What: FLLS 66th Annual Meeting

When: Friday, October 18, 2024, 9:30 am - 1 pm

Where: [Downtown Conference Center](#), Ithaca, NY



Who: Library Trustees, Directors and Staff

There will be light breakfast offerings, as well as a buffet lunch. Watch for more details and registration information coming in September!

2024 FLX Library Road Trip

The local public library was the place to be this summer. Hundreds of library fans embarked upon the FLX Library Road Trip to experience and explore our thirty-three member libraries (and even us at FLLS). Library staff and trustees also made the trek to see how other libraries do the things they do.

OverDrive Magazines

We've added magazines to our [OverDrive collection!](#) Use your FLLS library card to access over [5000 magazine titles](#). With unlimited copies, there are no holds or waiting for new content. (That's called "simultaneous use" in library-land.) Borrow as many magazines as you like without affecting your 5 ebook/audiobook limit.



Upcoming Workshops

Monday, September 9, 2024

2 pm to 3:00 pm

Learn All About Charitable Gaming from the New York State Gaming Commission

Online | [REGISTER](#)

Monday, September 23, 2024

5:00 to 6:30 pm

Policies 101 with Rebekkah Smith Aldrich

Online | [REGISTER](#)

Tuesday, October 15th

5:00 to 6:30 pm

Trustee Handbook Book Club
Governance Structure: The Role of Board Officers and Board Committees

Online | [REGISTER](#)

Save the Date!

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

10:00-11:30 am (Online)

Smart Program Risk Management
A panel discussion with staff, directors, and trustees about program challenges their libraries faced and how they addressed it.

Trustee Meet Up

You asked, we listened. Trustees have commented on how valuable it would be to meet up with board members from other FLLS libraries to network and discuss issues in their libraries and communities.

We'll be hosting an informal meet-up open to any and all member library trustees in late October at the Finger Lakes Library System building in Ithaca.

Watch for more details soon.

Website Update

The Division of Library Development has revised the [NYS Library's Library and Library System Trustees section](#), with the goal of supporting accessibility and creating clear paths for users to pursue this important information. You will find trustee requirements, tools, and resources under clear headings, with paths through related content supported by an improved side navigation scheme.