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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Staff Out-of-Office: Sarah—Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 7-8, & 11; Eric—Nov. 1; Jenny—Nov. 1 (PM); Tom—Nov. 1, 7 & 19; Heidi—Nov. 11 & 27.

FLLS will be ***CLOSED*** on November 28 & 29.

LINKS TO MAKE YOU THINK

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

The 66th Annual Meeting of the Finger Lakes Library System was held on Friday, October 18 at the new Ithaca Conference Center. Almost 100 library directors, staff and trustees joined us for our annual meeting. It was so nice to see everyone come together to learn, share ideas and network with each other!

During our business portion of our meeting, we heard from Edith B. Ford Memorial Library Trustee, Jean Currie. Jean also is Chair of the Library Trustee Association Section of NYLA (New York Library Association) and she spoke about the importance of trustee education and the benefits of becoming involved in LTAS.

The election of three trustees to the Finger Lakes Board of Trustees occurred. The terms of those elected begin on January 1, 2025. The following trustees were elected:

Stevan Knapp – At-Large trustee. Stevan's term is for one year, as he is completing a prior trustee's term. Stevan was appointed to the FLLS Board in June 2024 and is finishing the term previously held by Cynthia Mannino.

Cynthia Mannino – Tompkins County trustee. Cynthia's term is for one year, as she is completing a prior trustee's term. Cynthia as been serving as our at-large trustee since 2020. She resigned from that role in June and was appointed to represent Tompkins County (finishing the term previously held by Liz Hudson). This was done so Stevan Knapp could be appointed to the at-large position.

Kristina Furi – Cortland County trustee. Kristina will be starting a five-year term. In addition to serving on our board, Kristina is also a member of the Cortland Free Library Board of Trustees and a member of their ad hoc committee working on the unhoused population support. Kristina is Cornell University's Community Response Team Coordinator and has previously worked as a child protective services caseworker.

Our annual meeting speaker was Matthew Burr, who gave the presentation "Human Resources Basics for Directors and Trustees". Matthew is a human resources and operational consultant, and the owner of Burr Consulting, LLC. The presentation offered tips for onboarding new staff, how to makes sure you are meeting HR compliance requirements, items for a library's personnel manual, and how to make sure policies are up to date. Matt also built in time to discuss first-hand accounts of HR successes and challenges in our libraries.

A very large thank you to FLLS staff and trustees who helped us plan our annual meeting. A special thank you to Diana Leigh, our administrative assistant, did such a tremendous job finding our space this year, as well as choosing our menu and making sure registration ran smoothly. Our staff's hard work made our meeting a tremendous success.

A quick note that I will be out of the office and on vacation on Thursday, October 31 and Friday, November 1.

Have a relaxing weekend,
Sarah

MEMBER LIBRARY NEWS

KELLOGG FREE LIBRARY

GREAT GIVE BACK

Thank You

For supporting our donation drive for Hurricane relief to NC.

With your donations, we were able to fill the entire 8ft bed of a truck along with the front seat. - just enough room left for the driver!

Thank you to the Town of Marathon and all your volunteers for all your hard work.

The Great Give Back

Giving to King Ferry Food Pantry

October 1-31, 2024

HELP SUPPORT OUR NEIGHBORS AT THANKSGIVING

WE ARE REQUESTING

CANNED CREAM CORN
CANNED MIXED FRUIT
RITZ CRACKERS

OR YOU CAN MAKE A MONETARY DONATION TO KING FERRY FOOD PANTRY

ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT EITHER
AURORA FREE LIBRARY OR **HAZARD LIBRARY**

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aurorafreelibrary.org   hazardlibrary.org

THE GREAT GIVE BACK

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Cortland Free Library
Books are just the beginning!

38 likes

cortlandfreelibrary Check out our new sign! Thank you to the crew from Signlanguage, Inc. for installing it!

Finger Lakes Library System
4h · 🌐

Meet Cutesy: Jenny and Carlos couldn't resist this kitten when they delivered items the FLLS staff collected for the SPCA of Tompkins County. Wonder if Cutesy has any cat-aloging skills?

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

CONTINUING EDUCATION
Upcoming Webinars

From Diversity to Inclusion—How to Audit Your Collection and Why (CLRC)
Tuesday, November 19 | 2:30pm-3:30am | FREE
Join Kymberlee Powe to learn how to perform a diversity audit on your library collection.
Kym shares what a diversity audit is, why we should audit our collections, why the structure of the publishing industry may make it difficult to cultivate inclusivity, and most importantly, why it's important to build collections that are diverse AND inclusive.

How do we rebuild trust in authoritative information sources? (WebJunction)
Tuesday, November 12 | 3:00pm-4:00pm | FREE
In recent years we have seen a dramatic decrease in trust in societal institutions including traditional news media, government, science, and academia. At the same, we're facing a barrage of online misinformation and new technology that undermines our ability to confidently tell truth from fiction. More than ever, we need to rebuild trust in authoritative information sources to allow good information to rise above the noise. Researchers from the University of Washington's Center for an Informed Public (CIP) will lead a conversation aimed at understanding current causes of distrust and routes to rebuilding public trust in authoritative information providers. Presented by Rachel Moran, Jamie Collins, and Kristen Calvert.

Reports Reimagined: Using Infographics to Showcase Library Data (SCRLC)
Wednesday, November 20 | 10:00am-11:00am | FREE
Tired of dull, uninspiring library reports? Ready to turn your data into something that grabs attention? Join us for "Reports Reimagined: Using Infographics to Showcase Library Data" and discover how to transform your statistics into visually appealing, informative infographics. This session will cover essential design principles, easy-to-use tools, and creative tips to help you craft dynamic reports that not only engage your audience but also advocate for your library program. Let your data tell a more compelling story!

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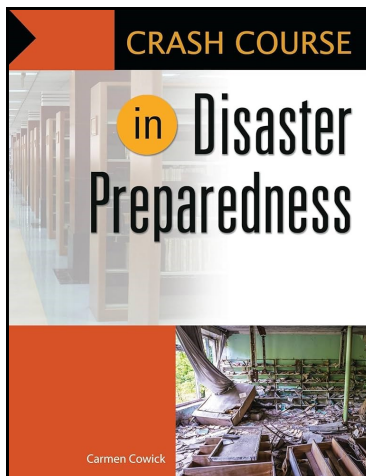**CLRC**
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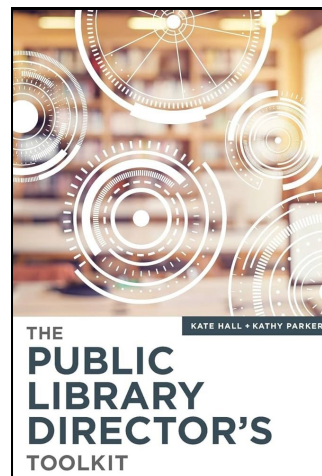## Search Polaris and place a request today!

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POLARIS TIP

Polaris Resources Available for Staff & Patrons!

There are tons of Polaris resources available on the FLLS website. If you are looking for something specific, please don't hesitate to reach out to Jenny, Eric, or Wayne! Heidi can help with eContent info!

FOR MEMBER LIBRARY STAFF:

The newly created **Polaris Documentation** page has helpful handouts, Polaris training videos, training links from Innovative (Polaris parent company), and more: **https://www.flls.org/polaris-documentation/**

Polaris Documentation

- Polaris New User
- Checking Out an Out-of-System Interlibrary Loan (ILL) Item
- Using Polaris Offline for Upgrades
- Hold Status Descriptions
- Polaris Item Maintenance Part 1: The Basics
- Polaris Item Maintenance Part 2: Data Integrity
- Polaris Leap
- Polaris Leap Item Maintenance
- Polaris Reporting (Includes SimplyReports)
- Polaris Collection Development Reports

What's new in Polaris?

- What's New In Polaris 3.3
- What's New In Polaris 3.4
- What's New In Polaris 3.5
- What's New In Polaris 4.0
- What's New In Polaris 4.1
- What's New In Polaris 4.1r2
- What's New In Polaris 5.0
- What's New In Polaris 5.0SP1
- What's New In Polaris 5.0SP2
- What's New In Polaris 5.0SP3

FOR PATRONS:

The **For the Public** page was specially designed for patrons, it includes PAC brochures and accessible handouts. Additionally, you can find Resource Guides, Reference information, and links to our eContent offerings like Libby and Mango on that page. Feel free to direct your patrons to this link or print out PAC brochures and make them available at your circ desk: **https://www.flls.org/public/**

SEARCH THE POWERPAC CATALOG

Search the **PowerPAC Catalog** to find books, DVDs, Blu-Ray, Videogames and more delivered to your home library for FREE. You can also access our **Online Databases** through the catalog. See helpful brochures below:

- Managing Your Patron Account in the Library Catalog Brochure *(Updated 08/2024)*
- Searching and Placing Requests in the Library Catalog Brochure *(Updated 08/2024)*
- Accessibility in the Library Catalog Brochure *(Updated 07/2024)*
- Accessibility in the Library Catalog Handout [Accessible with Screen Reader]

Out-of-System Interlibrary Loan is now available! Read special **Information** and view our **FAQs**. Helpful instructions are included below:

- Placing Out-of-System Interlibrary Loans (ILL) *(Updated 08/2024)*

PROGRAMMING & OUTREACH
Community Foundation of Tompkins County Library Grant Cycle

The **Library Grant Cycle** timeline and process has been updated for 2025. The Community Foundation will host a Q&A session to review the revised guidelines, application questions, and do a demo on the grant platform on **December 20 at 12 pm**. Contact Heidi for registration info.

2025 Community Foundation Library Grant Cycle Timeline:

Action	Date
Prior Year Report Available on Portal	November 15, 2024
Prior Year Report Due	December 31, 2024
Applications Available on Portal	December 20, 2024
Applications Due	January 31, 2025

Summer Reading

The 2025 CSLP flash drives and incentive catalogs were sent out to libraries this week. We have two hard copies of the manual that will soon be available to borrow via Polaris. The online manual access code was sent out via email on October 17.

Be sure to bookmark the FLLS Summer Reading 2025 LibGuide: **https://scrlc.libguides.com/flls-summer-reading-2025**

FLLS Workshop: *Rethinking Summer Reading* **on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 @ 11:00am**
Join Courtney Tsahalis, director a small rural library in the Hudson Valley, for a fresh look at Summer Reading: The Summer Reading Program was originally created to promote literacy and education but now can be a source of stress and burnout. How can we ensure this program makes a meaningful impact on our communities? *This presentation will provide an overview of summer reading research and trends and help library staff re-focus on how to set kids up for future success using real-world examples.* There will be a discussion session for participants following the presentation. Watch for a registration link in your email soon.

Summer Reading Save the Dates:
- Wednesday, November 20, 2024: **Artful Connections: Stephanie Haines' Vision for Inclusive and Inspiring Communities**
- Tuesday, December 3, 2024: Rethinking Summer Reading (FLLS workshop)
- Thursday, December 5, 2024: **CSLP Summer Symposium**
- Thursday, April 17, 2025: FLLS Summer Reading Planning Meeting (In-person)

eContent

OverDrive's Big Library Read:
From November 7-21, *Montgomery and the Case of the Golden Key* is available for free as an eBook and audiobook on the **Libby app** through **Finger Lakes Library System**. This middle grade mystery promises to captivate readers of all ages with its delightful story of discovery, resilience, and the power of community. Learn more at **https://www.biglibraryread.com/current-title/**

MP3 Audiobook Format Going Away:
OverDrive will remove the MP3 audiobook format from our website on November 13, 2024. At this time they will also end support for OverDrive's legacy desktop app for Windows and Mac. Patrons will receive messaging about this on the website from OverDrive.

AWARDS & GRANTS
Apply Now: Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities

The American Library Association invites applications from small and rural libraries for the third round of funding of the **Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities** grant. The initiative will offer 3.5 million in grants to small and rural libraries to increase the accessibility of facilities, services and programs to better serve people with disabilities. In February 2024, ALA announced it received an additional $10 million dollars in support of the LTC: Accessible Small and Rural Communities initiative. A substantial portion of the funding – $7 million – will be distributed in grants of $10,000 and $20,000 to small and rural libraries.

Library workers may now apply online for funding from September 11, 2024, to December 11, 2024. Up to 300 libraries will be awarded in this application period. Previous awardees from round one and/or two are eligible to apply. Note that prioritization will be given to applicants not previously awarded.

Watch the Recording of the Pre-Application Webinar from October 10, 2024.

Libraries selected for round three will receive $10,000 or $20,000 to support costs related to their community engagement project; virtual training to assist project directors in developing their community engagement, facilitation, and disability service skills; a suite of online resources developed to support local programs; and technical and project support from the ALA Public Programs Office throughout the grant term.

Libraries chosen to participate in LTC: Accessible Small and Rural Communities will first conduct community input-gathering sessions to assure that their work aligns with local disability community needs. Libraries will be required to identify the primary audience they are hoping to reach (e.g., older adults with mobility disabilities, children with autism, Deaf community members) and facilitate a community conversation with the impacted patron group to guide improvement of the library's services. Grantees will then use the grant funds to create services or improve their facilities based on the needs identified by their audience.

The opportunity is open to libraries serving small and rural communities in the U.S. and U.S. territories. To be eligible, a library must be located in an area that's more than, or equal to, five miles from an urbanized area and with a population of 25,000 or less, in keeping with Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) definitions of small and rural libraries.

Since 2014, ALA has distributed Libraries Transforming Communities funding to foster community engagement skills among library workers and support need-driven projects. Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities is part of ALA's longtime commitment to preparing library workers for the expanding role of libraries. The initiative is offered in partnership with the Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL). It is supported by a private donor.