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“Celebrate #TransAwarenessWeek with these 20 books about trans joy!” Taken from [We Need Diverse Books](#) on Instagram. Click [HERE](#) to see the list!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLLS will be **CLOSED** on November 28 & 29 and December 24-26.

LINKS TO MAKE YOU THINK

[We Need Diverse Books: Addressing Book Challenges](#)

[Inspire creativity with library arts and crafts programs](#)



[Burnout and the rhythm of world “repair.”](#)

[Mental health resources for libraries](#)

[What is a Culture of Workplace Well-Being?](#)

[Nico Lang On Finding Space For Queer Joy In His Extraordinary New Book](#)

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Here are some updates for you for the month of November:

State News – The New York Library Association (NYLA) Conference was held in Syracuse on November 7 – November 9. While I was unable to attend due a pre-planned vacation, Jenny Shonk attended for FLLS. During pre-conference State meetings, NYALS (New York Alliance of Library Systems) met to discuss and vote on a new advocacy plan which supplements NYLA’s statewide advocacy efforts. This plan is for public library systems, school library systems and regional library councils and helps coordinate advocacy efforts among the different library system types.



NYLA has begun advocacy efforts for the 2025 legislative session, which you can see [here](#). NYLA budget requests include a \$176.8M ask for library operating aid and a \$175M ask for NYS library construction aid. A \$3.1M ask for secured funding for NOVELny databases is also included in this budget requests.

Library Advocacy Day will be held in Albany on Wednesday, February 5. While we encourage all of our library advocates to be involved in library advocacy, FLLS will not be hosting a bus to Albany. We have found that since the pandemic, focusing on localized legislative meetings and inviting our legislators to our local libraries works very well in our system. Look for more advocacy alerts from FLLS and NYLA soon.

FLLS Collection Development Grants – During the November 20 Finger Lakes Library System Board of Trustees meeting, the Board voted to approve \$61,000 to our member libraries for collection development grants. This is the 3rd year of this grant to our members, which can be used for any type of collection materials except for Library of Things items. Our board received feedback areas of collection development our libraries will be focusing their grant money on, including expanding graphic novel collections, purchasing more diverse titles, large type collections, and building a more robust science fiction collection. We especially loved this feedback from Weedsport: “This grant money allows our library to put our patrons first, as we are able to expand our reading collection and purchase more books that our patrons request.”

FLLS Closed November 28 and 29 – Due to Thanksgiving, Finger Lakes Library System will be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29. We will not be doing deliveries on those two days. We will resume our regular delivery schedule on Monday, December 2 with deliveries to the North Route.

During this Thanksgiving time, I want to express my thanks to all of our dedicated library staff, directors and trustees, including the staff and trustees of Finger Lakes. Without all of you, our libraries and our communities would not be what they are today. I hope everyone has a relaxing and enjoyable holiday time.

Sarah



MEMBER LIBRARY NEWS

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

Lamont Memorial Free Library
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Thursday, we welcomed caricature artist Jim Coon to our Senior Social! Everyone was able to have their caricature drawn and we laughed & shared stories throughout the afternoon. Thank you Jim for helping us make such special memories together that day!

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Waverly Free Library
2m · 🌐

The snow is coming down! Wrap up in a nice, warm quilt. Our quilt raffle is still going on at the library. Tickets are \$5 a piece.

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Seneca Falls Library is with North Seneca Ambulance.
November 20 at 10:04 AM · 🌐

THANK YOU to John & Allana from North Seneca Ambulance for making today's storytime so much fun (and super educational)!!

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George P. & Susan Platt Cady Library
5h · 🌐

On a greener note... Then & now @ the Cady Library!
#loveyourlibrary #cadylibrary #thenandnow #nicholsny

George P. & Susan Platt Cady Library
Library

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CONTINUING EDUCATION

Upcoming Webinars

Gather & Grow: Expanding Our Horizons Through Library Partnerships (FLLS)

Friday, December 6 | 9:30am-3:30pm | FREE

Join colleagues from across the region for a day of virtual learning and connection brought to you by Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System, Finger Lakes Library System, Four County Library System, Mid York Library System, North Country Library System, OWWL Library System, and Southern Tier Library System. Sessions will be held online via MS Teams.

Smart Program Risk Management (FLLS)

Tuesday, December 10 | 10:00-11:30am | FREE

Books aren't the only things challenged in libraries. Programming on sensitive topics has also drawn criticism. Hear how three NYS libraries navigated recent challenges to library and community sponsored programs. We'll also hear from AnnaLee Dragon, Executive Director of the New York Library Association, speak on the importance of policies and the role of professional organizations. This session is sponsored by the Chautauqua Cattaraugus, Finger Lakes, Mid York, Onondaga County, Upper Hudson, and Westchester Library Systems.

Fundamentals of Human Resources (CLRC)

Tuesday, January 7 | 10:00-11:00am | FREE

This webinar will cover a basic introduction to many of the essential facets of running a business with employees. Presented by Ginny Biesiada. Attendees will:

- Be introduced to many of the laws that employers are required to abide by relating to employees,
- Be given an overview of many of the best practices that are suggested when dealing with personnel, and
- Have the opportunity to ask specific questions regarding issues that may have arisen in their workplace.

LOOKING FOR MORE?

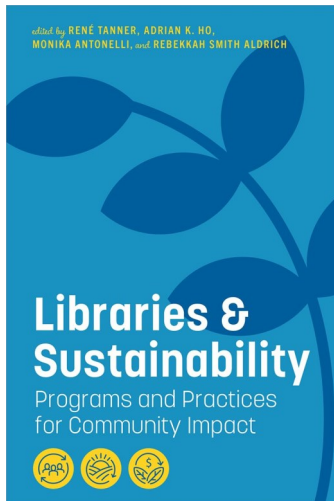
[CLRC](#)
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Featured Professional Collection Books

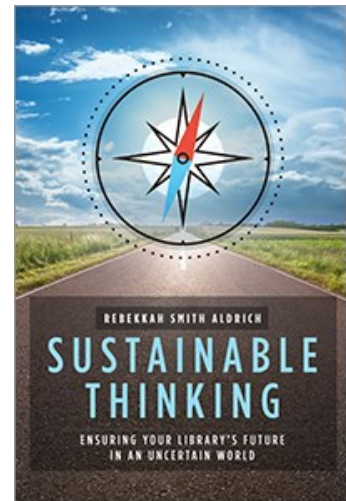
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POLARIS TIP

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** 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

2025 Professional Magazine Routing List Survey

It's time to update our professional magazine routing list. Please indicate which titles you'd like to receive here: <https://forms.gle/v4AxbzPVPEAhT6QZ7>. Please respond even if you are currently on the routing list. The form closes on Tuesday, November 26, 2024.

Did you know that [Booklist](#) is available via Libby in our [OverDrive Magazine collection](#)?

eContent

Patrons have borrowed over 10,000 magazines since we added this format to our OverDrive collection in late June 2024. Top circulating titles include *The New Yorker*, *National Geographic*, and *Cook's Illustrated*, but there are over 5000 titles available. This subscription was funded with Central Library Services Aid (CLSA) money.

Earlier this month, your library received an OverDrive Contribution Request Letter explaining how our digital collection is funded and how your library can support this resource that is used by all FLLS patrons. Please send your completed forms to Diana Leigh dleigh@flls.org by Friday, December 6th.

Summer Reading Save the Dates

Tuesday, December 3 | 11:00am-12:00pm: [Rethinking Summer Reading Workshop](#)
Thursday, December 5 | 11:00am-4:30pm: [CSLP Summer Symposium](#)

Bookmark the FLLS Summer Reading 2025 LibGuide: <https://scrlc.libguides.com/flls-summer-reading-2025>. Here you'll find info about all things summer. Updated as new resources become available.

Community Foundation of Tompkins County Library Grant Cycle

The [Library Grant Cycle](#) timeline and process has been updated for 2025. A PDF of the application questions were emailed to library staff this week. 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**. You can register [HERE](#).

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



AWARDS & GRANTS

Apply for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Program!

The New York State Legislature has appropriated \$500,000 to be awarded through a competitive grant program to encourage participation in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library (DPIL) is a community-based program mailing free, high-quality, age-appropriate books to registered children from birth until their 5th birthday, no matter their income. It is the goal of this grant program to provide financial assistance to allow additional organizations to participate as new Local Program Partners and for established Program Partners to be able to increase their enrolled members in existing coverage areas and/or expand into new areas.

Funds will be available to libraries, library systems, non-profits, school districts, BOCES, non-public schools, and charter schools in New York State. Individual grants will be limited to a maximum of \$49,000 to pay up to 50% of a Local Program Partner's costs from the Imagination Library. All applicants must have a Memorandum of Agreement with Dollywood as a Local Program Partner in DPIL by the application deadline. Eligible applicants who are a Local Program Partner for more than one Imagination Library program may submit one application per program.

The grant application is now open. All applications must be submitted by 1/10/2025 at 5:00 PM. For more information and the link to apply, please visit the [NYS Grants for Participation in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library website](#). View the full [Announcement of Funding Opportunity and Grant Guidelines here](#).

Please email NYSImaginationLibrary@nysed.gov with any questions.

[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.

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