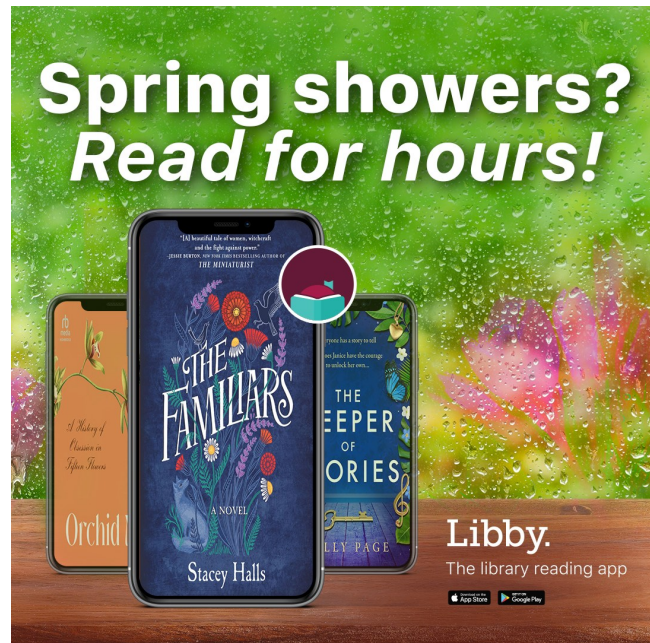


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OverDrive/Libby marketing tools can always be found [HERE!](#)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

As a member of Finger Lakes Library System, you are *also* a member of the South Central Regional Library Council. You are welcome to join SCRLC's [mailing list](#) to receive announcements about learning opportunities, member spotlights, and the bi-weekly newsletter which includes member news, updates on digital collections, archived webinars, grant opportunities and more. There is also a weekly Tech-Talk newsletter which you can subscribe to if you are interested.

## LINKS TO MAKE YOU THINK

[How to Add Sensory-Friendly Programs & Resources to Your Library](#)

[Programming Librarian: Once Upon a Prom](#)

[Not Everything That Matters Can Be Measured](#)

[27 Sustainability Ideas to Implement Right Now](#)

[Tracking the Trump Administration's Attacks on Libraries](#)

# FROM THE DIRECTOR

**State Budget** - The New York State budget is due on Tuesday, April 1. However, all indications show that the budget will most likely be late. One key factor that has cropped up over the last few weeks is that the Trump administration's push to cut federal funding will most likely impact the NY State budget. In jeopardy is roughly \$91 billion in federal money that NY State was expected to receive. Currently, annual budget negotiations do not account for reductions in federal aid.



Here is what is currently being discussed for library funding in NY:

- One house budgets for Senate and Assembly have been released:
  - Senate - \$109.6M in Library Aid/\$54M Construction Aid
  - Assembly - \$107.1M in Library Aid/\$68M Construction Aid
  - Governor - \$104.6M in Library Aid/\$34M Construction Aid
- School Library Materials Aid currently at \$6/student:
  - Senate proposed \$11.33/student
  - Assembly proposed \$11.50/student
- Senate, Assembly, and Governor want to continue funding NovelNY, which are databases used by NY residents.

You still have time to reach out to your State elected officials before the State budget is passed. Please consider making phone calls to both your Senators and Assemblymembers. You can use the NYLA email messaging service [here](#). After you submit an email, it also gives you wording for making phone calls to your elected officials.

**Federal Funding** - On Friday, March 14, President Donald Trump signed [an executive order](#) regarding the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), and six other federal agencies.

The Executive Order states that the agencies' "non-statutory components and functions ... shall be eliminated to the maximum extent consistent with applicable law," and they should also "reduce the performance of their statutory functions and associated personnel to the minimum presence and function required by law." If you would like to know more about this, please read the *American Libraries* [article](#) that explains the IMLS situation in greater detail. This article includes a link to the *Show Up for Libraries* campaign and an FAQ on the original Executive Order on IMLS.

**Just a reminder:** Finger Lakes Library System funding and member library funding is NOT from federal funding except for very small instances, such as E-rate which helps with internet costs, and grant opportunities. Finger Lakes Library System is primarily funded by NY State funding which is provided through our State legislature and is currently safe. Your member library funding is currently safe.

Please expect updates from FLLS on both State funding and federal funding/IMLS as we receive them.

Sarah





# MEMBER LIBRARY NEWS

Do you have something to share? Please email [jshonk@flls.org](mailto:jshonk@flls.org)!



## Waverly Free Library

“Thank you, Etty, for teaching another fantastic one-stroke painting technique class! We are so thankful for everyone who joined us yesterday to paint beautiful sunflowers and fill the library with smiles and laughter!”

See more pictures on [Instagram](#).

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# CONTINUING EDUCATION

## Upcoming Webinars

### **Menstrual Literacy and Advocacy in Libraries** (OWWL)

**Tuesday, April 15 | 11:00am-12:30pm | FREE**

Brooklyn Public Library's Rakisha Kearns-White, [a 2023 Library Journal Mover & Shaker Change Agent](#), will share how she became a period advocate and why she decided the public library was the perfect place for her advocacy. She'll discuss the different positive outcomes of starting this initiative and the many ways menstrual literacy can look in a library.

### **Mastering the Art of Difficult Conversations** (RRLC/ESLN)

**Wednesday, April 23 | 2:00-3:00pm | FREE**

In this webinar, we examine the elements of difficult conversations and why we struggle to communicate. We'll discuss methods you can use to prepare yourself for having a difficult conversation to increase the likelihood of a positive outcome. We'll also touch on difficult conversations in the workplace like how to have difficult conversations with your boss or people you manage and how to receive a difficult message. Presented by Amanda Johnson and Lauren Clossey.

### **Outreach, Advocacy, and Marketing: Understanding the Venn Diagram** (FLLS)

**Tuesday, April 29 | 11:00am-12:00pm | FREE**

Outreach, Advocacy, and Marketing are often used interchangeably, but they are three distinct activities. Learn the unique and important roles they play in furthering a library's strategic plan, including to what degree they are separate and when they overlap. Having a clear understanding of each and how they interact will help administration and staff make intentional, mission-focused decisions on library services, programs, and materials to best support and serve their communities. Presented by Suzanne Macaulay. Registration is required. Session will be held on Zoom and will be recorded.

### **Manga in Libraries** (OWWL)

**Tuesday, May 13 | 4:00-5:00pm | FREE**

Join [Manga in Libraries Expert Jilliam Rudes](#) for this one-hour virtual workshop that will demystify manga, inform staff about the value of manga, and help librarians build their manga collections. Learn the history of manga, genres, age ratings, resources, recommendations, and more!

### **Rooting out Dysfunction and Creating Successful Teams** (RRLC/ESLN)

**Wednesday, May 14 | 2:00-3:00pm | FREE**

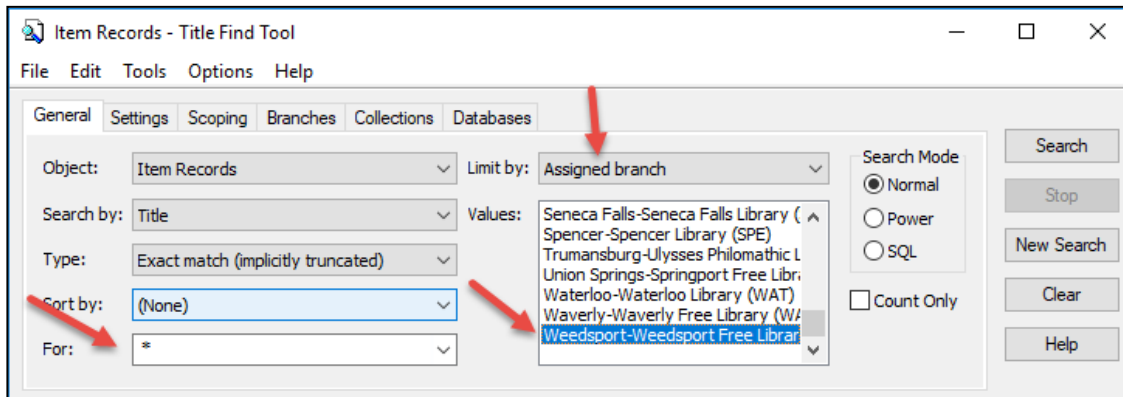
In this webinar, we discuss how to identify the pitfalls of dysfunctional teams and how to avoid those to create a communicative, motivated team. This training will touch on pitfalls that many teams fall prey to and how to avoid those as team leaders and team members. No matter the role you play in your library's team, we have information that any member of the team can implement. Presented by Amanda Johnson and Lauren Clossey.



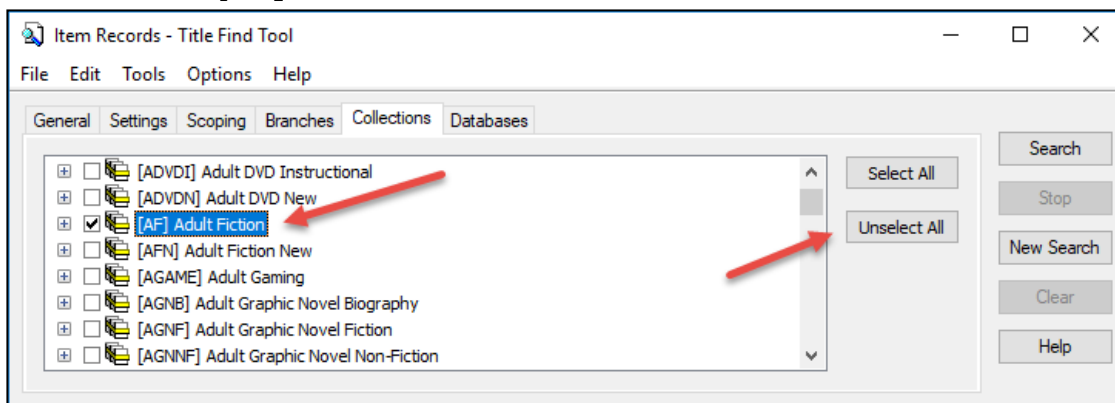
# TECH TIP

## To View Issues in a Specific Collection in Polaris

1. Open an item record search. On the taskbar, click on **Cataloging** → **Item Records**.
2. Click on **(None)** in the **Limit by** box and select **Assigned Branch**. Click to select your library in the **Value** box. Put \* in the **For** field.



3. Click on the **Collections** tab. Click on **Unselect All**. Check the box next the desired collection, ex. **[AF] Adult Fiction**. Click on **Search**.



4. Hit **Ctrl Shift A** on your keyboard to retrieve all results. You may have to increase the Retrieval Limit on the **Settings Tab** if your collection contains over 1000 items. Click on the **Call Number**, **Volume Number**, **Collection**, or **Shelf Location** headings to sort the items. Try sorting multiple ways. Scroll through and visually scan the items. Double click on an item to open the record and fix any disparities, i.e. the call number and collection don't match, volume number is incorrect, etc.

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# PROGRAMMING & OUTREACH



## AI Challenge and Webinar

FLLS teamed up with 11 other public library systems to create the *Youth Services AI Challenge* where you can explore this ever-evolving technology and engage in critical dialogue about its place in your library work. Challenges are posted every Monday on the FLLS-Y listserv now through April 21. Participation is optional.

The challenge wraps up with [Nick Tanzi's](#) "Future-Ready Youth: Preparing Our Patrons to Navigate the Age of AI" webinar on May 2. Watch for registration details in your email.

## IMLS Sciencenter and FLLS STEM Kit Project Listening Sessions

Our IMLS Stem Kit project with the Sciencenter and the Tompkins County Public Library is underway. What does this mean for youth services staff around the system? We need your expertise. A vital way you can participate is to attend a listening session this May. These one hour virtual meetings are a chance for you to tell us about your programming needs and how STEM kits may fit into that. Sign up to get on the Listening Session Interest List here: <https://forms.gle/Ud7AFLZqgj9xwBoZA>

## Summer Reading

Our in-person Summer Reading [planning meeting](#) is coming up on Thursday, April 17th. Registration has closed; if you missed it please reach out to Heidi. Watch for CSLP bookmarks and posters coming soon in the delivery!

## 2025 FLLS Family Literacy Grant

Do you have an idea for a literacy-based project but lack funding? FLLS member libraries can apply for the FLLS Family Literacy Mini-Grant! The FLG officially opens April 1. Watch for the application and details in your email next week



## TumbleBooks

Let your patrons—and school partners—know about our subscription to [TumbleBook Library](#). This curated collection boasts over 1100 titles for grades K-6 with talking picture books, read-along chapter books, graphic novels, and non-fiction and fiction books and videos. There are books in Spanish and French. No library card is necessary.

## OverDrive

We've also curated [magazines for kids](#) in our OverDrive collection.

If you or your staff are looking to get up to speed with Libby, visit [OverDrive's Training sessions and webinars](#).

★ **Program Idea:** Want to help patrons understand all the ins and outs of Libby? Here's a tutorial on how your library staff can host a Libby Training session for your community: <https://rise.articulate.com/share/odMzpya5ctmKxHo8SDIybzanl4irDRCs#/>

Get the word out about our OverDrive collection with free resources to print, distribute, or share digitally. Learn more at <https://resources.overdrive.com/library/>

# AWARDS & GRANTS

## SCRLC Digitization Awards

**Deadline: April 11, 2025**

For 2025-2026, applications are especially encouraged for:

- partnerships increasing representation of and with communities that have been historically and systematically oppressed;
- geographically underrepresented communities in the SCRLC region;
- innovative approaches to availing digitized collections, e.g., holding or co-organizing a Wikipedia edit-a-thon to add links to New York Heritage collections, walking tours, virtual tours through ESIE, or HistoryForge participation.

All proposals received will be presented to a review panel comprised of expert individuals from outside the SCRLC region for evaluation and funding recommendations. Individual applications are limited to \$5,000; partnership applications, to \$8,000.

The application packet is available in Word or PDF format: <https://scrlc.org/grant-information>. Applications must be completed and submitted electronically to Claire Lovell, SCRLC's Digital Services Librarian, at [clovell@scrlc.org](mailto:clovell@scrlc.org) by Friday, April 11. Please contact Claire with any questions.

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## First Book National Book Bank Offers Free Books for Children

**Deadline: Ongoing**

**First Book** is a nonprofit dedicated to educational equity, providing free and affordable books to children in under-resourced communities. The First Book Marketplace offers new books at low or no cost, thanks to donations from publishers and vendors. Eligible nonprofits and schools serving at least 70% low-income children, such as Title I schools, early childhood programs, literacy programs, or afterschool programs, can order books for just the cost of shipping and processing.

Sign up at [www.fbmarketplace.org/register](http://www.fbmarketplace.org/register); new members receive a \$25 welcome code for their first order. Becoming a First Book member takes about 5 minutes, and includes access to special funding opportunities made available from donors and partners.

If your library has an E-rate of 90, if you have specific programming for students with disabilities, and/or if you work in a Title I-eligible school library (or in a public library that serves 70% or more kids and families from Title I-eligible schools nearby), then you are automatically eligible to sign up with First Book. View the First Book [Frequently Asked Questions](#).



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