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Greetings!

Welcome to the September 2013 [BLDing Success newsletter](#).

There are many activities within the Bureau of Library Development highlighted below. Please continue to let us know how we may assist you in your work for Florida's libraries.

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Banned Books Week (September 22-28, 2013)

Are you planning an event for Banned Books Week? You can [submit an event](#) to BannedBooksWeek.org or get inspiration from [what others are doing](#).

You can find assistance from WebJunction as well. Check out the [Toolkit for Book Censorship in Schools](#).

[Florida Library Webinars](#) has a three part webinar series on Library Ethics. This series provides guidance on issues such as dealing with book challenges, protecting library records, and implementing fair treatments regarding library policies. Check them out anytime; they

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[Leadership Institute \(SSLI\)](#)

[Professional Resources](#)

[WebJunction Florida](#)

Don't Miss the Deadline

[2013-2014 State Aid Applications Due](#)
October 1, 2013

Upcoming Events



[Questions and Answers on Completing the Online State Aid Application](#)
Marian Deeney
September 17
@ 10:00 a.m.

[Update of 2013 Annual Statistical Report Form for Florida's Public Libraries](#)
Katrice Stewart
September 18
@ 10:00 a.m.

[Project Connect - Reemployment Assistance Update](#)
Pam Thompson
September 19
@ 10:00 a.m.

[Chat With Jana](#)
Jana Fine
September 25
@ 12:00 p.m.

[Online Meeting for Public Library Directors](#)
Sandy Newell
September 26
@ 10:00 a.m.

are available on demand!

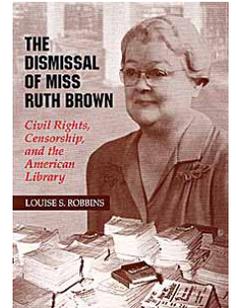
- [Everyday Library Ethics Series: Part One](#)
- [Everyday Library Ethics Series: Part Two](#)
- [Everyday Library Ethics Series: Part Three](#)

For more information, please contact Cynthia Leigh Welch, Continuing Education Consultant, at: cynthia.welch@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6636.

Free people read freely!

Do you need background information as you prepare for Banned Books Week? Don't miss these titles on [intellectual freedom](#) available electronically with your [State Library card](#).

- *The American Public Library Handbook*
- *Dismissal of Miss Ruth Brown: Civil Rights, Censorship, and the American Library*
- *Public Libraries and Resilient Cities*
- *Sacred Stacks: The Higher Purpose of Libraries and Librarianship*
- *True Stories of Censorship Battles in America's Libraries*



You can also use your State Library card to access *Library Literature and Information Science* to search for articles about [banned books](#).

For additional information, contact Cathy Moloney, Chief, Bureau of Library and Network Services, at: cathy.moloney@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6687.

FLYP Update!

Sunday, September 8 is International Literacy Day. Admission to any [Florida State Park](#) is waived for anyone who has a library card, a book checked out from a library, or donates a new or gently used family friendly book. Learn how your library can [partner with a Florida State Park](#) during National Literacy Month.



Since 1987, [Library Card Sign-up Month](#) has been held each September to mark the beginning of the school year. It is a time when the ALA and libraries across the country join together to remind parents and children that signing up for a library card is the first step in starting the school year off right. What are your plans for Library Card Sign up Month?

Don't know what you would like to do with school aged children and teens for Banned Books Week? Design a scavenger hunt using [frequently challenged books](#) that lets children seek answers from questions or clues about each book.



There are many ways to commemorate [Hispanic Heritage](#)

FEL Friday: Hiding in Plain Sight

Stephanie Race
September 27
@ 10:00 a.m.

New Library Directors' Orientation

In Tallahassee
October 2

2013 Annual Public Library Directors' Meeting

In Tallahassee
October 3-4

Online Meeting for Public Library Directors

Sandy Newell
October 10
@ 10:00 a.m.

Division Update With Judi Ring

October 15
@ 10:00 a.m.



Once you enter your email address, you will be asked to choose which information you want to receive from the Division.

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Month(September 15 - October 15). The [Smithsonian Educational pages](#) offer a variety of interesting program ideas for youth including: *From Vaquero to Cowboy* and *textiles of the North American Southwest*.

Looking for something different to start off the school year? Create an author and illustrator birthday tree. [Through the Looking Glass Children's Book Review](#) has quite a few author and illustrator birthdays for each month. To create a tree, all you need are some tree branches, a container to place the branches in, and either sand, colored stones, or shells to create a stable base. Children can color or draw the cover for their favorite author whose birthday is that month. Teens can create a portrait of their favorite character from a book written by an author during their birthday month.

For more information about the Florida Library Youth Program, subscribe to [FLYP Forward](#) or contact Jana Fine, Youth Services Consultant, at: jana.fine@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6629.

Project Connect: Reemployment Modernization

In October 2013, Florida's [Department of Economic Opportunity](#) (DEO) will launch [Project Connect](#), which will replace the current online reemployment assistance system. *Project Connect* is a modernization project intended to improve the claims, benefits and appeals processes.



[Register](#) to join a representative from DEO online September 19 to learn about changes in procedures that improve service for patrons filing for unemployment compensation benefits and registering their work searches. The session will include a demonstration of the new site and answer questions.

For more information, contact Pam Thompson, E-Government Consultant, at: pam.thompson@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6633.

2013 Florida Public Library Directors' Meeting and New Directors' Orientation October 2-4 Registration Open

2013 Annual Statistical Report Online Update

Public library directors should plan to attend the [Update of the 2013 Annual Statistical Report Form](#) on September 18. We will discuss the changes to the upcoming survey, review definitions, and look at

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changes for completing the survey. We also want to hear how we can help libraries tell their stories through data.

Please send any questions to Katrice Stewart, State Data Coordinator, at: Katrice.Stewart@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6608.

Meet a Member of the Resource Bank of Public Library Directors

The Bureau of Library Development has a Resource Bank of Public Library Directors who are advisers for new directors in Florida. Previously we introduced [Julie Sieg](#) and [Gene Coppola](#). This column features another director who has graciously agreed to share her experience.

Mary Jane Little has served as an adviser for the Bureau's new public library directors program since it was established. Prior to her retirement, she was director of the St. Johns County Public Library System in St. Augustine. She has served in multiple leadership roles including President of the [Florida Library Association](#), and has been active in many local and statewide groups. Mary Jane is eager to share her knowledge and serve as a sounding board on a wide variety of topics including staff management, ethics, community relations, children's services and more.



Here is Mary Jane's philosophy of leadership in a library:

Be a customer driven organization and place high emphasis on the relationship side of all interactions. Know your customers, both external and internal ones! Find others who help balance your strengths; strive for win wins.

The Resource Bank of Library Directors is a component of the Connected Director Community, a Library Services and Technology Act grant that provides training and support for public library directors.

If you want to know more about the program, contact Sandy Newell, Library Administration Consultant, at: sandy.newell@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6624.



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2013: The Summer of E-Rate

E-Rate, always someplace on the ALA policy agenda, is now way up at the top, thanks to the [ConnectED initiative](#) announced by President Obama in June. Linda Lord, the state librarian of Maine, [testified](#) about E-Rate at the Senate Commerce Committee on July 17. On July 23, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) [released](#) a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on [the E-Rate program](#). It isn't every day that a federal agency puts an entire existing program out for public comment,

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so this is truly extraordinary, and ALA appreciates the opportunity the FCC has presented.

[Read more.](#)

For additional information about E-Rate, contact Dan Lhotka at: dan.lhotka@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6625.

Libraries are a Lifeline

As part of the [Five-Year Evaluation of the Library Services and Technology Act grant program](#), collateral materials were developed to communicate the importance of libraries and the findings of the evaluation. If you would like to receive quantities of the [postcards](#), [bookmarks](#), and/or [brochures](#), please email Debi Schroeder at deborah.schroeder@dos.myflorida.com with the number needed.



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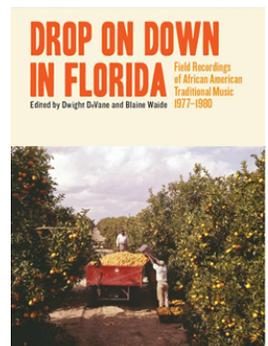
Public Libraries Data Available

The Institute of Museum and Library Services' latest update of the [Public Libraries Survey data](#) (FY 2011) is now available. Statistics can be downloaded from more than 9,000 public libraries. Data is available for individual public libraries as well as aggregated state and national levels.

If you have questions or need assistance, contact Katrice Stewart, State Data Coordinator, at: Katrice.Stewart@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6608.

Drop on Down in Florida

In partnership with the Florida Department of State's Division of Historical Resources' [Florida Folklife Program](#), the Division of Library and Information Services is helping to distribute [Drop on Down in Florida: Field Recordings of African-American Traditional Music, 1977-1980](#). This is an expanded reissue of the double LP from 1981, which was produced in collaboration with Grammy award winning record label Dust-to-Digital and the State Archives of Florida.



Because of their community's regional heritage, or local contributors, 181 public library outlets were chosen by the Florida Folklife Program to receive the books shipped in early August.

If your library would like a copy, please contact Susanne Hunt, Division of Historical Resources Outreach Programs Supervisor, at: Susanne.Hunt@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6373.



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State Aid Grant Program

Don't forget, 2013-2014 [State Aid to Libraries Grant Applications](#) must be submitted using the [Florida Libraries and Grants System](#). Applications are due October 1 and additional documents must be submitted by December 1, 2013.

Please join us online on September 17 for [Questions and Answers on Completing the Online State Aid Application](#). If you are unable to attend the Q&A session, or missed the original session on completing the application, the recordings will be available on the [BLD YouTube channel](#).

If you need assistance or have questions about the State Aid to Libraries program, please contact Marian Deeney at: marian.deeney@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6620.

Did You Know...

According to data collected from Florida public libraries for the 2012 Annual Statistical Report, 77% of Florida residents have library cards. For those needing library assistance with research that do not have a library card, help may be found from the [Florida Electronic Library's Ask a Librarian service](#).

According to a [Pew survey](#) of Advanced Placement and National Writing Project teachers, the majority say digital tools encourage students to be more invested in their writing.

For additional information, or if you have questions or comments for the State Data Coordinator, contact Katrice Stewart at: katrice.stewart@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6608.

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