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Welcome to the May 2015 edition of [BLDing Success](#).

Spring is in the air! We have been busy here at the Division of Library and Information Services. If you'd like to know what we've been doing, come to the online division update on May 29 at 2:30 p.m. and I'll tell you all about it.



Please continue to let us know how we may assist you in your work for Florida's libraries.

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Many Thanks to Sondra Taylor-Furbee

This month, we say farewell and thanks to one of our special projects consultants, Sondra Taylor-Furbee. Sondra has decided to retire from her part-time work with the Bureau.



We have appreciated Sondra's knowledge, support and willingness to rejoin the Bureau over the last three years. Sondra has provided invaluable assistance in the development of the Statewide Digital Initiative and other projects.

We wish Sondra much happiness and good health as she enjoys the beach, visits with friends and family, and pursues her other interests.

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May 7
2:00 p.m. Eastern
Sandy Newell

Grants Spotlight



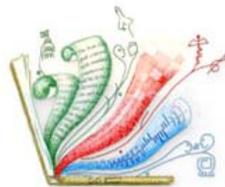
The Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Advisory Council advises the Division of Library and Information Services on the administration of the federal Library Services and Technology Act grant program.

We are pleased to announce the addition of Eric Young of Broward County to the Advisory Council, where he represents library users. We are also pleased to announce the reappointment of Statia McNeese of Okaloosa County, who represents library users.

The LSTA Advisory Council will meet to discuss this year's applications and give their funding recommendations to the Division. The Advisory Council assigns each application a high, medium or low recommendation for funding or recommends not funding. The Division's senior managers will then meet to discuss the applications and make their funding recommendations to the Secretary of State.

The LSTA Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for May 20 at 10:00 a.m. in Tallahassee. The senior managers' meeting is on June 3 at 1:00 p.m. The senior managers expect to send their recommendations to the Secretary of State following their meeting.

If you have questions, please contact Marian Deeney, Grants Coordinator, at marian.deeney@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6620.



Florida Electronic Library



Did you know that you can access archived recordings of our Gale | Cengage training? They are on the Cengage Learning Florida Electronic Library [training registration page](#), under the "Event Recordings" header below "Upcoming Events".

For more information about the FEL, please contact Dorothy Frank at dorothy.frank@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6631.

2015 Florida Public Library Directors' Meeting

Mark your calendar! The Public Library Directors' Meeting will take place October 28-29 in Tallahassee. The New Public Library Directors' Orientation will be held on October 27. Look for more information in late summer.

If you have any questions about the Directors' Meeting, please contact Jill Canono at jill.canono@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6631.

Building a Library Garden

[Never Stop Learning!
Support Your Professional
Development Needs With
Your FEL Gale Resources](#)

May 8
3:00 p.m. Eastern
Emily Mageski

[Be Prepared! FEL Gale
Resources to Support
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Services Week](#)

May 18
2:00 p.m.
Emily Mageski

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May 21
10:00 a.m. Eastern
LuAnn Harrison

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11:00 a.m. Eastern
Sandy Newell

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May 26
10:00 a.m. Eastern
Dorothy Frank

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May 29
2:30 p.m. Eastern
Amy Johnson



Once you enter your email address, you will be asked to choose what information you want to receive from the Division, such as:

**Continuing Education;
Florida Memory;
Workforce Recovery; or
Youth Services.**



Libraries across the country are getting involved in the [community garden movement](#). [Hialeah Public Libraries](#) celebrated their community garden anniversary on April 18. The [community garden in Boca Raton](#) next to the new [downtown public library](#) was established through a partnership between the city and the Junior League of Boca Raton.

If you want to know more about setting up a community garden through a public library, watch this [recording of our February 2015 webinar](#) in which staff from the [2014 Rural Library of the Year](#) shared how they set up their garden in Colorado. This program was the last session of the Florida Libraries as People's University [Virtual Institute](#).

If your library has a community garden or if you are planning one, tell us about it on our [Facebook page](#).

E-Government

Job searching is one task that patrons come to the library to do. The Florida Electronic Library can help your patrons with the [Readymade Job Search Letters](#) virtual reference title. This e-book provides essential tips and guidelines for creating a job search letter as well as a wide selection of letters and emails that can be adapted for individual use. It includes advice on style, presentation, word usage, avoiding common mistakes and writing effective job applications.



For more information on e-government in public libraries, contact Dorothy Frank at dorothy.frank@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6631.

Florida Libraries as Disaster Response Centers

In May, we'll focus on Florida Libraries as Disaster Response Centers. Florida is hard hit on a regular basis by storms and other disasters, and libraries across the state are called upon to respond by serving their communities in a variety of ways. They have helped prepare for and endure a variety of disasters and have worked to reassemble their communities after these events.

Florida Libraries as Disaster Response Centers takes a look at how libraries serve their communities in times of distress by:

- Helping to prepare prior to disasters.
- Providing emergency information during and after the event.
- Providing shelter and physical aid.
- Caring for community members.
- Working with relief organizations.
- Cleaning up damage.
- Providing continuity of services, stress reduction and a feeling of

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normalcy throughout the event.

Please see the events sidebar to register for our upcoming webinars.

If you have been a Disaster Response Center for your community, let us know -- we want to share your story. Contact Dorothy Frank at dorothy.frank@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6631.



Florida Library Webinars

Florida Library Webinars (FLW) provides online training for almost every aspect of the library world. Here are just a few exciting courses offered this month:

- [All History Is Local: Find, Preserve, and Digitize Collections That Tell the Story](#)
- [Customer Service Institute: Who's To Blame Here?](#)
- [Mindful Leadership: How Mindfulness Can Make You a Better Manager](#)
- [Geek Out @ Your Library](#)

Are you busy but still need to squeeze in high-quality, valuable training? No worries. *FLW* offers hundreds of [on-demand training opportunities](#), with more added each day.

Did you know *FLW* is social? Join the group on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) to keep up with the latest news.

[Join](#) the *Florida Library Webinars* email list to receive the latest updates.

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Patrick Milas at patrick.milas@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6636.

Libraries as Education Discussion

Join your colleagues on [June 17 at 11:00 a.m.](#) for a discussion about branding your library as education. This webinar is a follow up to the Public Library Director Academy.

Directors who have attended the Public Library Director Academy will be invited to share their observations on how to implement changes within real life environments.

If you have comments or questions or need more information, contact Sandy Newell at sandy.newell@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6624.

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Continuing Education: WebJunction Skillport



The Division of Library and Information Services has contracted with WebJunction to provide access to Skillport training resources for Florida library staff. Skillport serves as both an online learning portal and an on-the-job support tool to enhance skills. On Skillport, you'll find 450 online, self-paced courses, plus over 4,000 short instructional videos.

To request a Skillport account:

1. Go to webjunction.skillport.com.
2. Use the Register link near the bottom of the page.
3. Complete all fields of the registration form, making sure to select "Florida Division of Library and Information Services" in the State Library Sponsor field.
4. Affirm and submit the form. You will receive an email acknowledging your request.
5. Within two working days, you will receive an approval email.
6. Once approved, you can log in and start learning.

Once you have an account, you can use any of the following functions:

- **Search and Learn:** Perform searches across the full library of courses, job aids and videos.
- **Watch IT and Desktop Videos:** Select and view over 4,000 short skill-building videos on technical topics such as desktop software, Web design, systems administration and cloud computing.
- **Browse the Catalog:** Find available courses, organized by subject matter. Add courses to your learning plan or launch them directly from the catalog.
- **Create My Plan:** Create a customized learning plan to address personal development goals. You can quickly return to them under My Plan with a single click.
- **Review My Progress:** Review both completed and in-progress courses. Quickly create printer-friendly reports of your learning history and certificates of completion.

If you have questions, comments or concerns, contact Patrick Milas, Continuing Education Consultant, at patrick.milas@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6636.

One Book, One State Online Discussion

Give and Take by Adam Grant was chosen by the Florida Library Association president as the One Book, One State



selection for 2015. Read the book today and get a new take on how your interactions with others -- how you give and take -- might hold the key to your success.

Join the Bureau-hosted [online discussion on May 7](#) at 2:00 p.m. Gladys Roberts, coordinator of the [Polk County Library Cooperative](#) and past FLA president, will facilitate the discussion.

You are encouraged to [host your own meetup](#), bring *Give and Take* to your book club, showcase it at your Library, or, if you're attending the Florida Library Association conference, get ready to participate in what will be a truly meaningful breakout session.

If you have comments or questions or need more information, contact Sandy Newell at sandy.newell@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6624.

Sunshine State Library Leadership Institute (SLLI)

Sunshine State Library Leadership Institute Year 11

Sunshine State Library Leadership Institute Year 11 participants will meet on May 19 (Palm City) and May 21 (Marianna) for their eighth session, "Demonstrates Resiliency."



Sunshine State Library Leadership Institute Year 12

We are now accepting applications for SLLI Year 12. The deadline for submission is June 15. For more information about the upcoming Institute, visit our [webpage](#) or contact Jill Canono at jill.canono@dos.myflorida.com or 850-245-6848.

Get Connected: Learn More About Florida's Public Libraries

There are many ways you can learn more about public libraries, such as attending the Bureau of Library Development's [free online sessions](#) or going to the [library administration and planning](#) webpage. Take advantage of sessions provided by the [multitype library cooperatives](#) and join library state and national associations like these:

- [Florida Library Association](#)
- [Association for Rural and Small Libraries](#)
- [American Library Association](#)
- [Public Library Association](#)

If you would like more information on state and national public library associations and other public library resources, contact Sandy Newell at sandy.newell@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6624 for more information.

Florida Libraries as Mental Nourishment

It's no secret that libraries are no longer just about books. Patrons want to cultivate their minds beyond the written word.



During the month of June, we'll explore how libraries are constantly reinventing themselves to meet their patrons' needs. Florida Libraries as Mental Nourishment explores the unique, mind-expanding services and programs libraries offer, such as:

- Makerspaces, which provide patrons with places to gather and share ideas and with tools to bring those ideas to life
- Seed libraries patrons can borrow from to start their own gardens
- Interest-based gatherings, such as comic/nerd conventions, where patrons can network with like-minded people

If you have stories to share or would like additional information, please contact Katrice Stewart at katrice.stewart@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6608.

What's Your Story?



Have you been wondering why we're collecting library stories for our Florida Libraries as... campaign? Are you interested in contributing but need tips on how to tell your library's story effectively? Do you simply want to read about what other libraries are doing?

Take a look at our website's newest addition, [What's Your Story?](#) You'll find all of that information there, as well as a handy list of all the topics we're covering.

For examples of library stories, check out [Bay County Public Library as Community Memory](#) and [New Port Richey Library as Community Memory](#). We've also got a few new stories in the works that may be available by the time you read this.

Like what you see? Then choose a topic your library excels at and send us *your* story. No matter what size your library is, no matter what type of library it is and no matter who it serves, we want to hear from you.

To submit your library story or for more information, contact Sandy Newell at sandy.newell@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6624 or Karen Joslin at karen.joslin@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6637.

Are you FLUID?

Are you interested in assessing your library, then using the data to make informed decisions? Two Florida library professionals will be attending training later this summer in Colorado and bringing back what they've learned. Stay tuned for more information about Florida Libraries Using Information and Data (FLUID).

The FLUID Institute is coming -- stay tuned!

For more information, please contact Katrice Stewart at katrice.stewart@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6608.

Disaster Planning Resource at the State Library

The State Library has an online professional collection that you can access any time! In conjunction with Florida Libraries as Disaster Response Centers, check out the e-book [Disaster Response and Planning for Libraries](#).

Florida Library Jobs Website

The [Florida Library Jobs](#) website is a great resource for posting position openings and finding quality candidates. If you're hiring or looking for a position, make *Florida Library Jobs* one of your first stops.

If you have comments or questions or need more information, contact Jill Canono at jill.canono@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6648.

Florida Library Youth Program Updates

Celebrate the following special days with some wonderful activities!



May 4-10 -- **Children's Book Week** is the annual celebration of books for young people and the joy of reading. Established in 1919, [Children's Book Week](#) is the longest-running national literacy initiative in the country. Every year, commemorative events are held nationwide at schools, libraries, bookstores, homes -- wherever young readers and books connect.

May 5 -- **Cinco de Mayo**, or the fifth of May, commemorates the Mexican

army's 1862 victory over France at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War (1861-1867). Cinco de Mayo has evolved into a celebration of Mexican culture and heritage, particularly in areas with large Mexican-American populations. Cinco de Mayo traditions include parades, mariachi music performances and street festivals in cities and towns across Mexico and the United States. From crafts to food to historical events, how will you [celebrate](#)?



May 10 -- **Mother's Day** in the United States is an annual holiday celebrated on the second Sunday in May. Mother's Day recognizes mothers, motherhood and maternal bonds in general, as well the positive contributions that mothers make to society. Anna Jarvis

campaigned to make Mother's Day an official holiday and it was celebrated for the first time in 1908. Find Mother's Day [activities](#) to use to celebrate motherhood in your library.

For more information or to share how your library is celebrating any of these events, contact Jana Fine, Youth Services Consultant, at jana.fine@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6629.

Libraries: Key to Florida's Education Enterprise

Come to this program on Wednesday, May 13 at 8:00 a.m. in Bonaire room 5 at the [Florida Library Association](#) Conference in Orlando to learn

how staff working at the 2013 Library of the Year transformed their library to its current prominence as a renowned education institution alongside the region's schools and colleges.

At the Howard County Library System in Maryland, there are instructors -- not librarians. Participants will hear how this library changed its language from "library speak" to terms respected by the education community. The library's CEO will share how she inspired her staff to innovate, which resulted in funding increases and new programs.



This session will follow the 2015 Public Library Director Academy full-day session on May 12. Public library directors will also discuss libraries as education and be expected to implement one or more ideas by the end of the year.

Speakers: Sandy Newell, Florida Department of State's Division of Library and Information Services; Valerie Gross, MM, MLS, JD, Howard County Library System

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Please contact Melissa Hooke at melissa.hooke@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6632 to submit programs, pictures or cool stuff you would like us to share about your library.



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