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

In staff news this month, we welcome Jhan Snyder to the Bureau and we say goodbye to Dan Lhotka.

We're looking forward to a productive and exciting fall!

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Please Welcome Jhan Snyder!

We are pleased to welcome Administrative Assistant Jhan Snyder to the Bureau of Library Development. While attending Southeast Missouri State University, Jhan worked at the campus' film library and says she's excited about this new opportunity in the world of Library Development. Previously working as an administrative assistant in the medical profession, most recently at Florida State University Health Services, Jhan brings with her a wealth of experience. Her primary responsibility at BLD will be to work with the grants programs.



Jhan may be reached at jhan.snyder@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6619.

Contact My County's Liaison Consultant

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Upcoming Events:



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September 4
10:00 a.m. Eastern
Emily Mageski

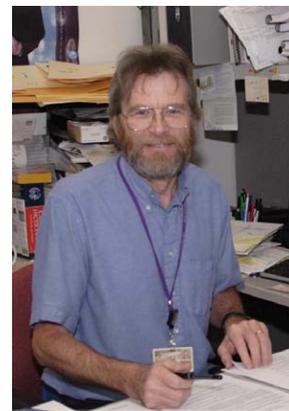
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September 8
11:00 a.m. Eastern
Amy Johnson

[Rock Your School Year](#)

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Dan Lhotka!

It is with a combination of joy and sadness that we say goodbye to Dan Lhotka at the end of this month. Dan has been with the Division of Library and Information Services for several years, and in that time he has worked closely with many of you. Dan has provided E-Rate and grant writing assistance, practical advice and humor throughout the years. Please join us in congratulating Dan on his many years of service and in wishing him all the best in his well-deserved retirement.



Send best wishes to dan.lhotka@dos.myflorida.com or call Dan at 850.245.6625.

2015 Florida Public Library Directors' Meeting

The Annual Florida Public Library Directors' Meeting will take place October 28-29 in Tallahassee. [View the agenda](#) (PDF). The [registration](#) deadline is October 12, and the non-refundable registration fee is \$100.

Invited attendees include directors of public library administrative units and cooperative member libraries, deans of schools of library and information sciences, the multitype library cooperative directors, the LSTA Advisory Council, and the executive director of the Florida Library Association.

Presenters are John Huber, Stacie Ledden and Lourdes Acavez. This will be a great opportunity to spend time with the new Florida Department of State's Division of Library and Information Services director, Amy Johnson, and Bureau of Library Development staff members.

If you have any questions about the Directors' Meeting, please contact Jill Canono at jill.canono@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6648.

Florida Libraries as Health Information Providers

The Florida Libraries as... campaign will feature [Florida Libraries as Health Information Providers](#) throughout the month of September.

We will first feature "[Florida Libraries as Health Information Providers: Using Your FEL Gale Resources](#)" on September 21, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. In this session, Emily Mageski, Customer Education Specialist at Gale, will discuss FEL Gale health resources like *Health and Wellness Resource Center* and *Gale Virtual Reference Library*. You'll learn about features you can point out to users researching sensitive health topics on their own. We'll also brainstorm ways of leveraging content to promote health awareness within your community.



Next, Florida Libraries as Health Information Providers explores the impressive contributions the Maitland Public Library (Orange County) has been making in the Maitland community, including:

[With Research in Context!](#)

September 10
3:00 p.m. Eastern
Emily Mageski

[Explore, Encounter, Exchange: Support National History Day 2016 With Your FEL Gale Resources](#)

September 16
Noon Eastern
Emily Mageski

[Chat With Jana: Get Ready, Get Set, Change!](#)

September 16
3:00 p.m. Eastern
Jana Fine

[Florida Libraries as Health Information Providers Using Your FEL Gale Resources](#)

September 21
10:00 a.m. Eastern
Emily Mageski

[Florida Libraries as Health Information Providers: Healthy Maitland](#)

September 22
2:00 p.m. Eastern
Patrick Milas, Ellen Schellhause, Stacey Larson and Mary Daniels

[Annual Statistical Update FY2014-2015](#)

September 25
2:00 p.m. Eastern
Katrice Stewart



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
Youth Services

- Fresh for Kids healthy cooking demonstrations;
- Maitland Walks; and
- Hatha yoga classes.

Ellen Schellhause, Mary Daniels and Stacie Larson will present on the successes of the Healthy Maitland program in the Bureau of Library Development webinar "[Florida Libraries as Health Information Provider: Healthy Maitland](#)" on September 22, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

For additional information or to share about how your library serves as a health information provider, please contact Patrick Milas at patrick.milas@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6636.



Tour of the State Archives

New Public Library Directors

Florida currently has 26 new public library directors. The Bureau provides training and assistance for new directors in multiple ways, including a face-to-face formal orientation scheduled to take place in the fall (more details below).

A checklist for new directors is available on our [website](#). BLD provides technical assistance for new directors by phone, and Bureau staff visit new directors in person in their communities. New directors can network with more experienced colleagues through regional meetings and online discussions. The next regional meeting will be hosted by the Polk County Library Cooperative at the Winter Haven Library on Friday, September 25.

For more than 30 years, new directors have come to Tallahassee each fall to attend the formal orientation workshop held the day before the Directors' Meeting. This year it is on Tuesday, October 27, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For more information about available training and upcoming sessions, contact Sandy Newell at sandy.newell@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6624.

Working Better Together

A workshop for library supporters is scheduled for Thursday, September 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Palatka. This free session is provided by the Bureau of Library Development in cooperation with the Putnam County Public Library system.

The workshop will cover the relationship between library boards, library support groups, library staff, governing bodies, and other key library players. Attendees will explore strategies for working together as a team for the benefit of the library and learn how to be a more effective group.

The session will be facilitated by Sandy Newell, Public Library Administration Consultant with the Division of Library and Information Services' Bureau of Library Development. Sandy has presented similar sessions in other counties, including Citrus, Lake, Manatee and Palm Beach.



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Libraries are encouraged to send a team to the workshop that could include the public library director, the library board chair, the president of the Friends, other key leaders, and library staff assigned to work with Friends.

For more information and if you are interested in attending, contact Sandy Newell at 850.245.6624 or sandy.newell@dos.myflorida.com.

Grants Spotlight



GUIDELINES AVAILABLE FOR STATE AID TO LIBRARIES GRANT PROGRAM

Grant guidelines are [available online](#) for the State Aid to Libraries Grant program administered by the Florida Department of State's Division of Library and Information Services. Guidelines may also be requested by mail from Grants Office, Division of Library and Information Services, R.A. Gray Building, 500 S. Bronough St., Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0250; by email at grantsoffice@dos.myflorida.com; by phone at 850.245.6620; or by fax at 850.245.6643. Applications must be submitted online using the Florida Libraries and Grants system, which can be found at fllibraries.org. The deadline for application submission is 11:59 p.m., October 1, 2015.

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

E-Government



This month marks the relaunch of the E-Government Newsletter. There, you will be able to find e-government and workforce recovery news along with event dates, training information, and opportunities for grants related to e-government services.

E-Government webinars and online training will begin in November. Be on the lookout for more information about these opportunities, and don't forget to subscribe to the BLD YouTube channel to see recordings of training events.

View our videos on YouTube

To sign up for the E-Government Newsletter or for more information about E-Government, please contact Alex Brownlee at alex.brownlee@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6633.

What's Your Story?



Last month, we asked you for stories related to Florida Libraries as Publishers, and you delivered! We'll be adding those stories, along with stories on our other topics, to our website in the coming months. First up, we're looking at Rollins College's [Olin Library as Publisher](#).

Also new to our [Florida Libraries as Publishers](#) page is a list of publishing resources, where libraries can find plenty of information to help create their own publishing projects. Coming soon, we'll be adding links to

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Florida public libraries that publish patron work.

If you missed any of our earlier stories, you'll find them all on [What's Your Story?](#) We're still looking to add a story about Florida Libraries as [Information Portals](#).

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.

Feedback Wanted: Florida Libraries as...

As we approach the one-year anniversary of our Florida Libraries as... campaign, we're evaluating how to refine it for next year.

We discussed several ideas at our August meeting of Florida Public Library Cooperative Single Administrative Heads, and now we'd like to get your feedback as well.

To respond, simply copy and paste the questions below into an email and add your answers:

1. How do you feel about focusing on one topic for the year, with each month devoted to a subtopic?
2. Two topics were proposed at the meeting: Education and Economic Development. How do you feel about those topics?
3. Marketing was a major concern for our meeting attendees. What kind of marketing materials, information or resources would your library find most valuable?
4. What other topics would you like us to cover, if any?

Please send your answers and any other feedback about the campaign to Karen Joslin at karen.joslin@dos.myflorida.com. Thank you for participating!

Sunshine State Library Leadership Institute

Forty participants have been selected for Sunshine State Library Leadership Institute Year 12. A link to a list of participants and their mentors will be available in the October edition of *BLDing Success*.



This month, participants will interview and select their mentors. If you are contacted by a participant to be a mentor, we encourage you to serve. It is a 10-month obligation that requires attending the first and last Institute sessions as well as providing leadership development guidance over the duration of the Institute.

Host sites are in Daytona Beach and Ellenton, and the Institute runs from October 2015 to July 2016.

For more information about the program, contact Jill Canono at jill.canono@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6648.

Florida Library Youth Program Updates



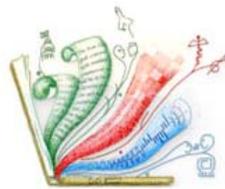
The deadline for submitting summer statistics for your Summer Library Program is September 4, 2015.

Allotments for the 2015-16 Summer Library Program will be sent to each library system during September with order forms for manuals and summer items.

There are a number of celebrations in September that would lend themselves to interesting programming:

- [Hispanic Heritage Month](#)
- [Library Card Sign-Up Month](#)
- [International Literacy Day](#)
- [National Grandparent's Day](#)
- [International Talk Like a Pirate Day](#)
- [National Comic Book Day](#)
- [Johnny Appleseed Day](#)

For more information on the Florida Library Youth Program, please contact Jana Fine, State Youth Consultant, at jana.fine@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6629.



Florida Electronic Library

Some great updates have arrived on the Florida Electronic Library!

Gale's [Research In Context](#) is a new resource on the FEL. Covering the most-studied topics in literature, science, social studies, and U.S. and world history, *Research In Context* features:

- Engaging reference, periodical and multimedia content.
- Authoritative information from sources like Gale, National Geographic and Scholastic.
- Alignment to national and state curriculum standards.
- Topic pages and overviews written explicitly for middle schoolers.

[Business Insights: Essentials](#) is another new resource on the FEL. *Business Insights: Essentials* combines all of the content formerly found in *Business & Company Resource Center* with a new interface designed around the research goals and workflows of your diverse business research community. *Business Insights: Essentials* features:

- Detailed company and industry profiles, including SWOT reports, market share reports and financial reports.
- Thousands of company histories and industry essays from Gale's core business collection.
- Deep research coverage with scholarly journals, business news and more.

We are pleased to announce that *The Britannica Elementary Collection* has been added to [Kids InfoBits](#). This is a collection of 3,869 Britannica articles written for students in grades 3 to 6. The articles cover a wide

variety of subjects, including animals, sports, science, history, key figures, literature, technology, countries and government. These selections, according to Britannica, "help children gain a better understanding of their world." Intended to be a resource for homework help and assignments for upper elementary students, the content contains articles, photographs, charts and tables that help explain concepts and subjects; it also includes maps and flags from across the globe.

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

Continuing Education

The Continuing Education (CE) team has been working this year to develop some promotional aspects of the CE program. Three key improvements include a new logo (depicted at right), a new web address - [-info.florida.gov/BLDCE](http://info.florida.gov/BLDCE), and a new section of our website for the [latest archived webinars](#).



Don't worry -- your bookmarks for the CE webpage will still work. The new web address is simply a shorter, easier-to-remember version that links to the existing webpage.

Need training on a specific topic? In addition to browsing, you can now search for webinars using the new search feature on the [Florida Library Training calendar](#). Can't find the training you need? Contact Patrick Milas to propose new topics for library staff training.

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

Online Learning Opportunities for Directors

Monthly Online Discussions

The Bureau holds regular discussions for public library directors. We have a theme to guide the discussion each month, but you are encouraged to bring any questions and topics, theme-related or otherwise. For these interactive sessions, it helps to have a microphone or to call in by phone, but this is not required. Upcoming discussion themes:

October	Facility Management
November	Library Staff

You can sign up for these discussions on our [CE page](#).

For more information, contact Sandy Newell at sandy.newell@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6624.

Florida Libraries as Galleries

Does your library have a gallery? Tell us how you display your art!

For additional information or to share about how your library serves as a

gallery, please contact Dan Lhotka (before September 30) at dan.lhotka@dos.myflorida.com.

Florida Statewide Digital Initiative

For nearly 20 years, archives, libraries, museums and other cultural heritage organizations in Florida have been digitizing materials from their collections and making them available online. In a 2014 survey, 71 of 101 institutions indicated that they are creating digital resources.



To achieve the goals of increasing digital content and expanding access to digital collections, the Florida Department of State's Division of Library and Information Services engaged nationally-recognized consultants and convened a statewide steering committee of cultural heritage and information service leaders to develop a statewide digital action plan. Out of this collaboration grew the Florida Statewide Digital Initiative. The Initiative is in its very early stages of implementation, but there will be much more to come, so stay tuned!

For additional information about the Florida Statewide Digital Initiative or to share your digitization story, please contact Dorothy Frank at dorothy.frank@dos.myflorida.com.

BLD Staff Coming To You

We love seeing firsthand all the great work going on in libraries around the state!



Sandy Newell met with five new library directors in July. She stopped by Temple Terrace, Plant City and Sebring, and she helped facilitate a planning workshop for the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative.

In July, Marian Deeney and David Beach, along with Michele Farrell, Florida's Institute of Museum and Library Services Program Officer, visited the Washington County Public Library, the Mossy Pond Branch of the Calhoun County Public Library, and the Panhandle Library Access Network (PLAN) office. The visit allowed Division and IMLS staff to review projects implemented with LSTA funding and to visit libraries who have benefited from LSTA grant funding.

Later in July, Marian and David monitored LSTA projects at the Jacksonville Public Library and the Northeast Florida Library Information Network (NEFLIN) office.

In August, Dorothy Frank and Amy Johnson attended PLAN's Innovation Conference, *Digitization -- Preserving the Past for the Future*, in Panama City.

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, contact Jill Canono at jill.canono@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6648.



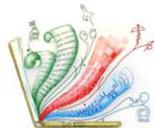
[Florida Library Webinars](#) (FLW) provides online training for almost every aspect of the library world. Here are just a few of the exciting courses offered this month:

- [Public Speaking Pointers for Librarians](#)
- [Committees & Co-Workers: Using Online Collaborative Tools Effectively](#)
- [Virtual Reality 2015: A Renaissance](#)
- [Setting Goals and Maintaining IT Success](#)

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.

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Florida Electronic Library



Did you know that the Florida Electronic Library has a new e-book collection on the website? We now host a collection of reference books by SAGE Knowledge. To explore the collection, just go to the Florida Electronic Library [e-book page](#) and click the [SAGE Knowledge link](#) at the top.

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

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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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