



# BLDing Success

Bureau of Library Development: If you work for a Florida library, we work for you!

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Greetings! There was an impressive turn out for Library Day this year in spite of the rain. Thank you for stopping by the Bureau for our Library Day tea party! It was lovely to see friends and colleagues, both old and new. I was particularly delighted, and even flattered, to hear your stories and a few legends that brought back fond memories. These gatherings, where we can connect with each other and share experiences, are invaluable. Looking forward to next time.

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## Where Are All of the Grant Applications?

Typically, you would be seeing library grant application availability announcements about this time of the year. The grant application packets and deadline dates for 2016 are not yet available due to a rule revision that the Bureau is currently conducting.

Information about the grant rule changes will be available soon on the Division's webpage and through the *Florida Administrative Register*. You can sign-up on the [Florida Administrative Register](#)'s website to receive

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email notifications for postings based on topics of your choosing. Keep up with grant rule changes by following Rule 1B-2.011.

For more information about the Bureau's grant programs, contact Marian Deeney at [marian.deeney@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:marian.deeney@dos.myflorida.com) or 850.245.6620 or David Beach at [david.beach@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:david.beach@dos.myflorida.com) or 850.245.6630.

## Florida Libraries as Workforce Recovery Centers

The Bureau has updated our [Florida Libraries as... webpage](#) with another great library story.

While communities everywhere continue to recover from the 2008 economic crash, New Port Richey faces especially difficult circumstances. Fortunately, residents seeking employment or social services can receive vital assistance at New Port Richey Library. Find out more in [New Port Richey Library as Workforce Recovery Center](#).

To share your library's story or for more information on Florida Libraries as..., contact Karen Joslin at [karen.joslin@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:karen.joslin@dos.myflorida.com) or 850.245.6637.

### Upcoming Events

[Serving Those Who Served: Online Veteran Services](#)

February 19  
2:00 p.m. Eastern  
Alex Brownlee

[Financial Stability for All Floridians](#)

February 23  
10:00 a.m. Eastern  
Alex Brownlee

### Continuing Education

The Bureau of Library Development brings you online self-paced courses and instructional videos from SkillPort. SkillPort conducted a survey in December, and as a result, they've updated the [SkillPort](#) course catalog!



Check out the new courses and more on our [Continuing Education page](#).

### Grants Spotlight

Free library service is available in all 67 of Florida's counties, thanks in part to the [State Aid to Libraries grant program](#).

State Aid is currently funded at almost \$22.3 million. About \$14.8 million of that is awarded as Operating Grants, which go to all qualified libraries. Rural counties get Operating and Equalization Grants, which total about \$4.6 million. Multicounty Grants are funded at approximately \$2.9 million.

State Aid to Libraries grants match for expenditures from the second previous year. This is why friends groups should make every effort to spend donations through their library's budget. Doing this results in more state money down the road.

For more information on the State Aid to Libraries grant program, contact Marian Deeney at [marian.deeney@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:marian.deeney@dos.myflorida.com).

### Continuing Education

Have you checked out [Books24x7](#)? You have



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## E-Government Webinars

Later this month, we are hosting webinars on  
topics that will help keep you up to date on new  
and current e-government programs in Florida.



On February 19 at 2:00 p.m. Eastern, Steven  
Murray from the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs will present on  
new and current online services available to Florida's veterans. [Sign up  
here!](#)

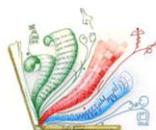
On February 23 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern, Bill Mills of the Florida  
Prosperity Partnership will give an overview of their services and  
how they impact Florida's citizens in many positive ways. [Register for  
this webinar here!](#)

For more information, contact Alex Brownlee at  
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## E-Rate: Form 471 Window

The window for filing FY2016 Federal Communications Commission  
(FCC) Form 471 is open and should remain so until at least March 31.

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Florida Electronic Library

Did you know?

Did you know that there are health reference  
works included in the Florida Electronic  
Library's [SAGE e-book](#) collection? Titles include  
the [Encyclopedia of Lifestyle Medicine & Health](#),  
the [Encyclopedia of Family Health](#) and the [Encyclopedic of Trauma: An  
Interdisciplinary Guide](#).

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## Outside the BLDing

Check out these grant opportunities from the Califa Library Group and IMLS:



### **Rural Gateways Grant Opportunity-- Deadline February 15, 2016**

The Califa Library Group is accepting applications for mini-grants to librarians in rural public libraries who are interested in providing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) programming for adults. Learn more on [Califa's website](#).

### **Sparks! Ignition Grants for Libraries-- Deadline February 15, 2016**

These small grants, from \$10,000 to \$25,000, encourage libraries and archives to test and evaluate specific innovations in the ways they operate and the services they provide. Visit the [IMLS website](#) for more information.

*Florida Statewide Digital Action Plan: Guidelines for Creating Good Digital Content* is now available on the [Florida Statewide Digital Initiative webpage!](#)



This document is designed to guide planning and use of appropriate standards to create original or reformat existing digital objects. The need and desire to create digital copies of existing materials or to manage born-digital files for research or historical purposes opens exciting possibilities. These guidelines will help libraries, archives, museums and other organizations (large and small) with making decisions for creating quality digital collections that will have lasting value to their owning institutions and others.

For more information on the Florida Statewide Digital Initiative, contact Dorothy Frank at [dorothy.frank@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:dorothy.frank@dos.myflorida.com) or 850.245.6631.

## Stars in the Sunshine State

This month, [Stars in the Sunshine State](#) features the Florida libraries that won the Urban Libraries Council's [Top Innovators](#) award. Palm Beach County Library System won for their embedded librarians program, and Jacksonville Public Library's revamped foreign language program earned kudos.



If you have any news you'd like to share, please contact Karen Joslin at [karen.joslin@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:karen.joslin@dos.myflorida.com) or 850.245.6637.

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