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Greetings!

It has been three weeks since Hurricane Michael. The damage to the Panhandle area of Florida was unimaginable. Our hearts go out to the people in Florida, Alabama, Georgia, the Carolinas and Virginia who suffered

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from the storm.

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services prepared a [Florida Consumer Alert](#) guide for Hurricane Irma that is still relevant for those recovering from Michael. It contains tips on how to spot charity, contractor or insurance fraud, guidance on auto repair and landlord/tenant law and where to report price gouging. Check out their [Scams and Frauds](#) page for more information.

For those who have questions about damaged records - how to recover them or how to dispose of them - check out our division's [Disaster Recovery webpage](#).

Best wishes,

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E-Government

Hurricane Michael hit the Panhandle and Big Bend area of Florida, leaving behind a significant amount of devastation and damage. Below are resources to assist those affected:

- [FEMA](#)
- [Disaster Distress Helpline](#) (offers counseling services).
- [Disaster Unemployment Assistance](#) (**Deadline is November 14**).
- Free legal hotline provided by the American Bar Association at 866.550.2929. (Help with landlord/tenant, insurance, FEMA claims and more.)

For more information or to share what your library is doing with e-government services, contact Kaycee Shiley at kaycee.shiley@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6625.

Data and Statistics

Join us in welcoming the new State Data Coordinator to the Bureau of Library Development!

Tatiana Daguillard joins us from the Florida Department of Transportation. Her work as a Statewide Local Program Specialist gives Tatiana significant experience working with statistics. We are delighted she has joined the BLD team!

Contact Tatiana at 850.245.6608 or tatiana.daguillard@dos.myflorida.com.



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The 2018 Annual Public Library Directors Meeting was conducted in Tampa on October 23-24. Over one hundred library professionals attended.



The meeting opened with a Welcome from Deputy Secretary of State Christie Fitz-Patrick; then State Librarian Amy Johnson provided a Meeting overview and outcomes. The first session, "To See With Other Eyes," was presented by Steve Seibert, Executive Director of the Florida Humanities Council. Following his presentation, Meryl Cinnamon, the Member Relations Liaison from OCLC, shared the findings from the recent

study [From Awareness to Funding: Voter Perceptions and Support of Public Libraries in 2018](#).

In the afternoon session, Claire Dygert, President of CDygertSolutions, provided an update on the Florida Statewide Digital Initiative and Keila Zayas-Ruiz from Florida State University provided an update on the Sunshine State Digital Network. Closing out the afternoon session, we held a discussion related to issues faced by public library directors.



The following morning, Kathi Kromer, Associate Executive Director of the American Library Association's Washington D.C. office, provided an update about the office's priorities and activities. The last session was a panel discussion led by four current Florida library directors about the National Library Legislative Day.

Mid-sized Library Assembly

Following the Directors meeting in the afternoon of October 24 and in the morning of October 25, the Division held a Mid-sized Library Assembly for 24 directors of county-wide public libraries. The meeting focused on identifying common challenges faced by mid-sized libraries and sharing solutions and possibilities.

Division Orientation

This orientation will be held in Tallahassee on November 28 and 29. It takes place each fall for Florida's newest public library directors and other library leaders.

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Libraries Helping Adults Earn a High School diploma

Workshops were held across the state for public library staff implementing Career Online High School (COHS) for another year. Staff played a game of COHS Jeopardy at Tampa, Lake City, Port Charlotte, and North Miami as part of the training (pictured).



For more information about the orientation and adult literacy programs in Florida, contact Sandy Newell at sandy.newell@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6624.

Continuing Education



November is a great month to [connect your library with local health organizations](#): It's National Hospice and Palliative Care Month, Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month, and November 15 is the "Great American Smokeout," an anti-smoking initiative.

To learn more about providing health information to your community, visit the [U.S. National Library of Medicine Training and Outreach page](#). Check out the [Health and Wellness Resource Center](#) provided through the [Florida Electronic Library](#).

Our genealogy webinar series continues on November 13: [Using Business Research in Genealogy](#). [Our webpage](#) has resources to help you find training, or feel free to call or email me with any questions or suggestions.

Image: [Florida State Board of Health movie truck used to promote public health practices in rural communities](#). 1924. State Archives of Florida, Florida Memory.



Questions or ideas? Contact Brendon Guilliams at brendon.guilliams@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6636.



Florida Electronic Library

Florida Department of State, Division of Library and Information Services

The Florida Electronic Library is happy to announce a brand new place to access information on both upcoming and archived webinars. We've launched a tab inside our support portal - support.gale.com/fel.

When you go to the site, you can log in using your library name - it's that simple.

Sign in by selecting your library

Enter your Library Name below to access your State Library materials.



Once you log in, click the Webinars tab, and begin browsing upcoming and archived webinars:

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Take a look at the new [Back to School with the FEL](#) video that Gale produced for us.

If you have any questions, please let me know at dorothy.frank@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6631.

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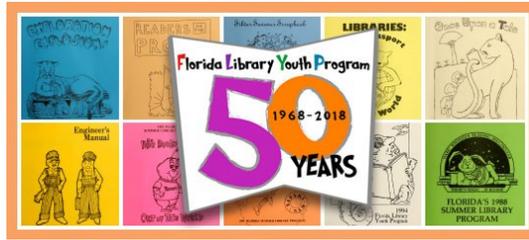
Florida Library Youth Program Summer Youth Workshops

The Division of Library and Information Services invites youth services staff to register for the 2019 Florida Library Youth Program (FLYP) Summer Youth Workshop. A complete list of workshops is on our [FLYP Summer Workshop webpage](#).

The theme for this year is space and is titled *A Universe of Stories*. These free workshops will focus on teens in the morning and early literacy and school-age youth in the afternoon. Dress casually and plan to participate in activities.

Please [register](#) for the youth workshop nearest you.

For ADA assistance or more information, please contact Sena Heiman at 850.245.6628 or sena.heiman@dos.myflorida.com or Jana Fine at 850.245.6629 or jana.fine@dos.myflorida.com.



Underserved Populations

Do you have blind or visually-impaired patrons? Patrons suffering from a disability that impacts their ability to hold or read a book normally? You can do more to provide them with resources even if you don't have the budget for it!

Check out our recorded [webinar](#) about services offered by the [Braille and Talking Books Library](#). James Woolyhand, Bureau Chief, discussed how they provide a free mail-order service to Florida residents.

For more information or if you have questions, contact Emily Hart at emily.hart@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6633.

E-Rate

You know you want to file for an E-Rate discount and you've signed up for a Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) account via their portal. Now what?

Fortunately, USAC held a webinar in October, [E-Rate Productivity Center \(EPC\) Portal 101 for Applicants](#). This webinar is ideal for people who are in their first years with E-Rate, or even for those who just want an update on recent changes to the EPC Portal.

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We can't wait to share what we're doing here at the Bureau. We are especially excited about sharing what YOU are doing!

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