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Greetings!

Happy New Year! Isn't it amazing how quickly a year goes by?

Exciting things happened over the last year, and one of them is a partnership formed with NASA. A NASA trainer will be coming to Tallahassee to present a free, two-day workshop for public library staff!

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Division Orientation

Thirteen new public library directors joined library leaders at the Division Orientation in November in Tallahassee.

The breakout sessions introduced new directors to division staff, and they had the opportunity to interact with seasoned library directors including Tabitha Washington from Gadsden County Public Library, Renae Rountree from Washington County Public Library, Eric Head from Citrus County Library System and Gene Coppola from Palm Harbor Library.



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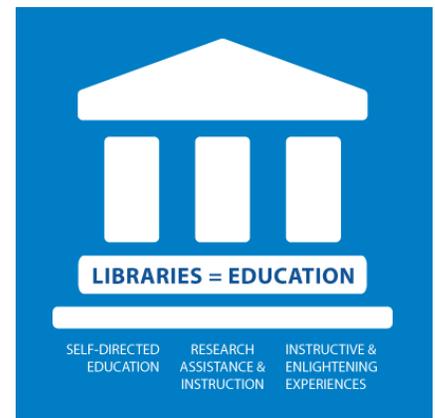
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Libraries and Literacy Grants

Join our Bureau of Library Development discussion on applying for grants for adult literacy.

[Register Now](#)
Wednesday, January 30, 2019
11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Eastern

Come and learn about available grant opportunities and the dynamics of applying for a library adult literacy grant. This follows up on the findings of the Library Adult Literacy Survey distributed last month. Many reported they wanted to learn about funding and sustaining a literacy program.



Florida Literacy Conference

Plan to attend the [2019 Florida Literacy Conference](#) from May 15-17 in Daytona Beach. Check out their Library Literacy Track and exhibits by adult education publishers.

Adult Learner Essay Book

The [Florida Literacy Coalition](#) is providing adult learners the chance to publish their writings in an essay book. Writings are due [February 4](#).

Literacy Awards

The Florida Literacy Coalition [award nominations](#) are due February 13.

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



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Curious about upcoming training opportunities? Fill out this [form](#) to be added to the Continuing Education mailing list, and we will keep you in the loop!



Data and Statistics

Annual Statistical Report

The 2018 Annual Statistical Report for Florida's Public Libraries was due on December 1. We use the statistics provided by your library to represent Florida's public libraries to the federal and state governments. Thank you to all who responded; your participation is vital!

What's Next?

The data supplied on the Annual Statistical Report will be vetted and submitted to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) as part of the annual nationwide data collection for the [Public Libraries Survey](#).

Library Search and Compare Tool

IMLS has made the [Library Search and Compare Tool](#) available for all public libraries. This tool allows users to search, view and compare library data contained in the FY2016 Public Libraries Survey - over 9,000 libraries!

For more information or if you have questions, contact Tatiana Daguillard at tatiana.daguillard@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6608.

Continuing Education



January is National Mentoring Month. Mentoring can help a community, institution or individual grow. Libraries have a unique position in the community to help in all three mentoring areas.

- The library can serve as a meeting place by bringing community groups together from all over the community to share their experiences and learn from each other.
- Connect with other institutions or agencies:
 - Connect with another library and bring staff together to learn and network together.
 - Contact your [county liaison](#) here at BLD and we can give you a hand.
 - Connect with other institutions in your community that have missions that correspond with your own.
- Foster a mentoring-friendly environment for both staff and your community.
 - Advertise spaces in the library for mentor meeting locations.
 - Encourage staff to seek or be mentors and give time to meet with mentors/mentees for lunch.

WebJunction training to get you started: [Community Connections: Break with Tradition!](#)

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Public Library Construction Grants

The ranked list of the Public Library Construction grant applications can be found on our [webpage](#). This list will be provided to the 2019 Florida Legislature.

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Florida Electronic Library
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The new Gale Pages update webinar has been rescheduled for January 15, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. Eastern. [Register Now](#).

There is a new template that allows schools or libraries to present FEL and other content by school age group. Learn about tabs for Elementary, Middle and High School, and for Educators. The template is customizable - you can even add resources that are not provided by the FEL.

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Florida Library Youth Program



The [Collaborative Summer Library Program](#) (CSLP) is teaming up with the Space Science Institute's [National Center for Interactive Learning](#) (NCIL).

NCIL provides interactive STEM exhibits, programming and training to public libraries nationwide through its **Science-Technology Activities and Resources Library Network (STARNet)**.

[STARNet](#) has some terrific resources that can be used with the 2019 summer theme, *A Universe of Stories*.

Underserved Populations

Do you have senior programming at your library? Does your outreach staff see many older adults when going out into your community? Check out the amazing training that was offered by [SEFLIN](#) in December: [The 'Silver Tsunami' and Your Library: Don't Get Swept Away!](#)

King County Library System's (WA) Older Adults Program Coordinator, Wendy Pender's webinar presented some great information about aging, libraries, and how the two meet in the middle.

Grant Opportunity

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) has announced an upcoming grant for small and rural libraries to fund projects that strengthen their communities. Some ideas include:

- Transforming school library practice.
- Community memory.
- Digital inclusion.

To apply, see the grant guidelines: [Accelerating Promising Practices for Small Libraries](#).

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

E-Rate

Each year, the Universal Service Administrative Company opens up accounts in the E-Rate Productivity Center (EPC) Portal.

During this time, they ask libraries to check their account information for accuracy, as the accounts will be locked again before the upcoming filing window, which will likely open in **mid-to-late January**.

You may want to double-check your account for:

- Accuracy in your address and contact information.
- The square footage of each of your branches.
- Verification that your main branch is identified properly in the system.
- Your library's IMLS locale code, as some locale codes are eligible for higher discount rates for Category Two funding.

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E-Government



It's the start of tax season! We know the questions will be coming to library staff about tax [forms](#) and navigating the [IRS](#) system.

Check out the [What's Hot](#) section of the IRS webpage for the latest information.

Share what your library is doing with e-government services. Contact Kaycee Shiley at kaycee.shiley@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6625.

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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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