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## IN FLORIDA

The Sky is ever bluest And friendship is the truest And enemies the fewest— In Florida	Sea-bathing here is funny The beach is fine and sunny And it's worth your money— In Florida
Sunshine is the brightest, Merry hearts are the lightest, And moonbeams are whitest— In Florida	Evergreens are greenest, Beach-Sand is the cleanest And Realtors are the keenest In Florida
Blue lakes are the clearest, Home-hearts are the dearest, And heaven is the nearest— In Florida	Grass Widows are the tamest Bachelors the lamest, And tarpons the gamest— In Florida
Maidens are the sweetest, Sailboats are the fleetest, And bungalows the neatest— In Florida	Lovers are the boldest, Oranges are the golddest, And people live the oldest— In Florida



Greetings!

April brings springtime, flowers and poetry! What are you doing for National

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Staff

Poetry Month? Check out the Florida Electronic Library and Florida Library Youth Program blocks below for resources.

April 7-13 is also National Library Week (April 9 is Library Worker's Day). What a great time to celebrate the hardworking staff in your library. The Bureau of Library Development values all of the library staff across Florida. Thank you for all that you do!

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## Florida Electronic Library

Florida Department of State, Division of Library and Information Services

April is [National Poetry Month](#). The Florida Electronic Library's [LitFinder](#) and Gale's National Poetry Month [resources](#) have downloadable web banners, a GIF, social media posts and even a scavenger hunt idea!



# CELEBRATE national poetry month

Uncover the stories behind the world's most famous poems.

Read full text poems and their origins in *LitFinder*.



Find full-text poems you can use with this helpful [LitFinder video](#).

For Florida Electronic Library training, or for tips and tricks on using the FEL Gale resources, check out the [Training Page](#) on our [FEL Support](#) portal. It lists upcoming webinars and all our FEL training archives, including an archived webinar about using the support site.

For more information, contact Dorothy Frank at [dorothy.frank@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:dorothy.frank@dos.myflorida.com) or 850.245.6631.

## Sunshine State Library Leadership Institute

The Sunshine State Library Leadership Institute (SSLI) is celebrating its 15th anniversary! The reception will be held on May 14, 6 - 7:30 p.m. at the Florida Library Association Conference hotel, Doubletree Hilton at Universal, in Orlando.



All are welcome to attend, especially SSLI graduates and their mentors. We hope to see you there!

Since SSLI is a federally funded LSTA program, no grant funds can be used for this activity. As the SSLI administrator, NEFLIN is seeking [donations](#) for the reception space and refreshments. Your contribution will help acknowledge the value of SSLI.

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## Data and Statistics

The Division of Library and Information Services is updating the *Internet Policies & Filtering in Florida's Public Libraries* survey.

Please fill out this [questionnaire](#) to update your library's Internet policies and filtering status. The survey will close **Friday, April 5, 2019**.

You can use the [2017 data](#) for reference.

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## Continuing Education



April is the [National Month of Hope](#). How does your library bring hope to your community?

An August 2017 Pew study shows that "most Americans - especially millennials" say libraries are trustworthy and help them find reliable information, which means libraries already embody hope in the trust category. How do we amplify that bit of hope from trust to expectation? How do we get our community

excited about the library and the hope it brings to the community?

Here are two opportunities to see it in action:

- [The Power of Small: How Rural Libraries Help Their Communities Thrive.](#)
- [The Library as Social Connector: Forging Community Connection.](#)

The National Library of Medicine is offering a two-week, in-depth course exploring [Wellness in the Library Workplace](#) from April 15 to 28. The course provides four continuing education hours from the Medical Library Association.

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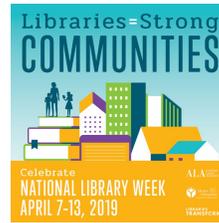
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April is National Poetry Month. April 7-13 is also [National Library Week](#). If you are looking for fun ideas for youth and adults, check out [Library Programs and Displays for National Poetry Month](#) for terrific poetry activities.



Share your events and ideas with us. Contact Jana Fine at [jana.fine@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:jana.fine@dos.myflorida.com) or 850.245.6629.

### LAST CALL FOR FLYP YOUTH WORKSHOPS

[Register](#) for the FLYP Youth workshops available for staff in South Florida.

- April 8, [West Dade Regional Library](#), 9445 Coral Way, Miami, FL 33165.
- April 9, [North Dade Regional Library](#), 2455 NW 183 St., Miami Gardens, FL 33056.



## E-Government

If you believe your community may be a census-designated Hard to Count (HTC) Community, check out the [Hard to Count Communities map](#). This helpful tool can guide your library's plans for Census 2020.



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

## Stars in the Sunshine State

Sometimes change is necessary, like when you're the sole person available to run a program that normally requires at least two. That's what Nancy Cardinal at Fort Walton Beach Public Library faced last summer with *Libraries Rock!*



The changes Nancy made resulted in a popular summer program that parents and kids alike loved. Read more about it in [Revamping Summer Reading](#).

If you have a story about your library that you'd like us to share, contact Karen Joslin at [karen.joslin@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:karen.joslin@dos.myflorida.com) or 850.245.6637.

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