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Dear Library,

How fortunate we are that technology allows us to stay connected to each other virtually while physical disconnection is necessary. We began hosting "DLIS Discussions" in May, continuing into June and beyond, to offer library staff throughout Florida an opportunity to share ideas, plans, concerns and, yes, successes during challenging times. Thank you to all who have participated thus far. I hope you'll join us on June 8 and 22 at 10:00 a.m. Eastern as we continue hosting these conversations for you.

The Division has received over \$1.9 million in CARES Act funding from IMLS to support projects proposed by Florida libraries and museums that meet the eligibility requirements and CARES Act criteria. The

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Bureau has been busy developing the guidelines and application for these funds, so stay tuned for an announcement. In the meantime, check out the Cares Act article below. We look forward to receiving your application!

I'm pleased to announce that Emily Hart has accepted the position of New Director Connections and E-Rate Consultant! Emily is taking on a program that was long held by our dear friend and colleague, Sandy Newell. As part of her responsibilities, Emily will be reaching out to new public library directors to orient them to the Division, delve into the various library governance models in Florida and explore additional relevant topics. She will continue to support assistance with and education about the intricacies of E-Rate. Please join me in congratulating Emily!

Mark June 23 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern on your calendar for the quarterly Division Update. Amy Johnson, DLIS Director and State Librarian, will fill you in on pertinent and current topics affecting Florida libraries. You'll have an opportunity to ask Amy about issues important to you during the update.

Best wishes for a healthy and sunny June!

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DLIS Discussions

The Division will be hosting biweekly, online, open discussions for library staff throughout Florida. Join us to share with, console and learn from each other.

- June 8, 2020 from 10-11 a.m. Eastern
- June 22, 2020 from 10-11 a.m. Eastern

No registration necessary. [Join us from your computer, tablet or smartphone](#). We will likely continue these discussions in the forthcoming months.

Contact Claudia Holland at 850.245.6622 or claudia.holland@dos.myflorida.com if you have questions.

Florida Library Youth Program (FLYP)

If you were unable to attend the *Make it Count: FLYP Summer Reading Statistics* webinar, you can watch the recorded [video](#) to learn about all the new changes for this year's statistics. We have also created a Summer Reading Statistics [Cheat Sheet](#).



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Important FLYP Summer Reading Statistics dates:

Survey opens: July 17, 2020
Survey closes: August 17, 2020

Counting Opinions log-in information will be sent out no later than July 3, 2020.

For more information about the Florida Library Youth Program (FLYP), contact Kaycee Shiley at 850.245.6625 or kaycee.shiley@dos.myflorida.com.

E-Rate

On March 23, the Federal Communications Commission [released a public notice](#) clarifying that schools and libraries participating in the E-Rate Program are permitted to allow the general public to use their WiFi networks, even when they are closed.

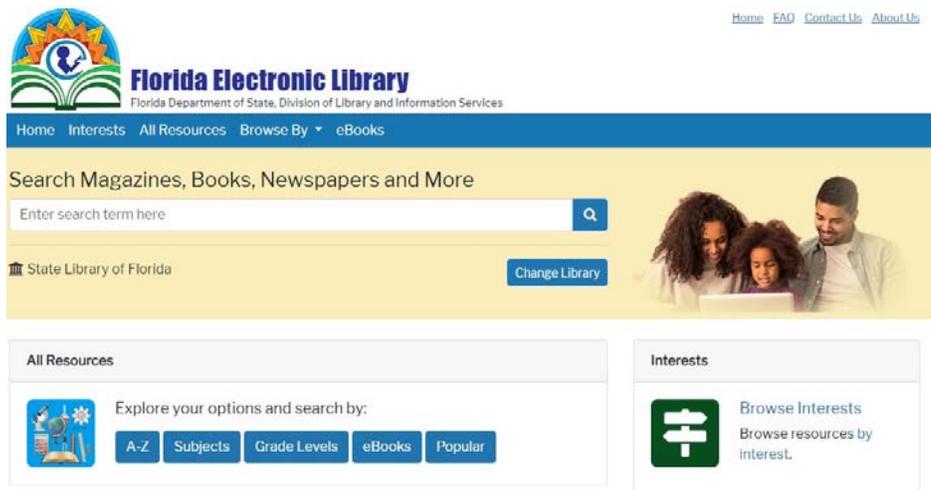
This service applies only to networks physically located on the entity's property. The FCC leaves it up to individual entities to make their own policies regarding hours of use, including compliance with local health and safety orders.

If you have further questions, see our [E-Rate webpage](#) or contact E-Rate Consultant Emily Hart at emily.hart@dos.myflorida.com.**Florida Electronic Library**

Florida Department of State, Division of Library and Information Services

Exciting news! The Florida Electronic Library's website at FLeLibrary.org has gotten a makeover! There is a slight change in the color palette (for better accessibility), updated user authentication, and it's even more mobile friendly!

Check out the FEL's new look!



The screenshot shows the Florida Electronic Library homepage. At the top left is the logo, which features a stylized sun and a person reading. To the right of the logo is the text "Florida Electronic Library" and "Florida Department of State, Division of Library and Information Services". In the top right corner, there are links for "Home", "FAQ", "Contact Us", and "About Us". Below the header is a navigation bar with "Home", "Interests", "All Resources", "Browse By", and "eBooks". The main content area has a search bar with the text "Search Magazines, Books, Newspapers and More" and a search button. Below the search bar is a dropdown menu for "State Library of Florida" and a "Change Library" button. To the right of the search bar is a photograph of a family (a man, a woman, and a child) looking at a laptop. Below the search bar are two columns: "All Resources" with a sub-header "Explore your options and search by:" and buttons for "A-Z", "Subjects", "Grade Levels", "eBooks", and "Popular"; and "Interests" with a sub-header "Browse Interests" and "Browse resources by interest."

Elementary Curriculum and Gale In Context: Elementary Enhancements

Gale In Context: Elementary (formerly *Kids Infobits*) has received interface enhancements designed to increase access to library resources and have a greater impact on student success. In this webinar, we'll share what's changed with *Gale In Context: Elementary*, including both interface and specific tool enhancements and connections to the Florida elementary curriculum. Join us to learn how these improvements will help students research smarter, not harder.

[Register Now](#)

June 11, 2020

11:00 to 11:30 a.m. Eastern

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

Continuing Education

WebJunction has posted a two-part blog about virtual [Library Storytimes](#) on their website.

In addition to these blog posts, this upcoming WebJunction webinar offers helpful and applicable tips:

[Getting Started With Virtual Storytimes](#) will include include book selection and copyright, technology and social media tools, strategies for accessibility and inclusion, early literacy activities and ideas for promotion.

[Register Now](#)

June 16, 2020

2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Eastern

Some of the tips mentioned may also come in handy for Summer Reading!



[Tech-Talk](#) is continuing to produce their very popular webinars about technology tips, tricks and how-to's. *Tech-Talk* is an informative weekly newsletter that offers monthly webinars and a website filled with articles, toolkits, recorded videos and much more. The Division pays for your subscription. Contact your regional multitype library cooperative to get on the mailing list.



Community Engagement

[Libraries Prepare to Answer Civil Legal Questions in Times of Crisis](#) will explore common civil legal issues associated with times of crisis and provide guidance on ways for public libraries to respond to patron questions.

[Register Now](#)

June 11, 2020

3:00 to 4:00 p.m. Eastern

Cares Act Funding

The Division received over \$1.9 million from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to be used "to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, including to expand digital network access, purchase internet accessible devices, and provide technical support services."

Grants will be available for up to \$25,000 per eligible organization. No match is required.

The Division is developing application guidelines and forms, as well as deadlines. More information will be forthcoming soon.

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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!

Please contact Kaycee Shiley at kaycee.shiley@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6632 to submit programs, pictures or interesting news you would like us to share about your library.

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