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The Community Engagement and Resources Program Newsletter

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E-Government & Job Resources



Let's Chat: Community Check-In!

How is your library addressing the needs of autistic patrons?

On April 1, I hosted a webinar about autism that discussed current resources and suggest partnerships for library staff. A recording will be available on the BLD YouTube page. I welcome the opportunity to help your library develop these same partnerships and share resources that might be useful to you.

The Community Engagement program exists to help tell and share library stories, but the program is also a resource to assist library staff with identifying and

Statewide portal for county and local resources, organized by county.



Career and job resources from the Florida Electronic Library.

building potential partnerships and initiatives related to community engagement. Any suggestions or recommendations you would like to share will be well-received.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Contact me at brittany.wright@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6636 with any questions or ideas you'd like to share about this program.

Come Join the Connection Creators!

The E-Government work group has been recreated and renamed "Connection Creators." Over 30 library staff participated in our first meeting, held February 24. We discussed topics such as current library partnerships in place, what works well in support of this program, and resources libraries currently need.



This work group holds quarterly discussions about how to foster and strengthen community and other connections. For example, discussion topics can be about how to create a disaster plan, resources that are useful before/during/after a disaster, how to handle responsibilities as a Voter Registration Agency, and much more.

The [recording of the inaugural meeting](#) is available on BLD's YouTube channel.

The next meeting is **Wednesday, June 9, 2021** and one topic of discussion will be hurricane preparedness.

If you would like to be a part of this work group, please email me at brittany.wright@dos.myflorida.com.

Protect Your Identity!

Every two seconds someone is a victim of identity theft. In 2019, 14.4 million consumers were victims of identity fraud, which



is about 1 in 15 people. Once someone has access to your personal identification information, they can use it to apply for loans and credit cards, open accounts in your name and other criminal actions.

Always remember to keep your personal information private and never upload pictures of sensitive documents to social media.

Here are a few examples of items that can be used to steal your identity:

- Social Security Cards
- Vaccination Cards
- Expired Debit/Credit Cards
- Bank Account Statements

The Federal Trade Commission has [resources](#) to help you prevent identity theft.

If you believe you've been the victim of identity theft, you can file a report at [IdentityTheft.gov](#), a federal government resource to report and recover from identity theft.

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