



Community Connections

The Community Engagement and Resources Program Newsletter

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E-Government & Job Resources



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



Career and job resources from the Florida Electronic Library.

Let's Chat: Community Check-In!

Does your library offer a planetarium pass? If so, what level of patron engagement has your library experienced with it? If not, are you interested in offering a planetarium pass?



I'd like to hear about the successes you have had with planetarium passes and whether you found they resulted in higher attendance levels to your library.

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 building potential partnerships and initiatives related to community engagement. Any suggestions or recommendations will be well-received. I look forward to hearing from you!

Please email me at brittany.wright@dos.myflorida.com or phone me at 850.245.6636 as I would love to hear about it.

June is Pride Month!

"We should indeed keep calm in the face of difference, and live our lives in a state of inclusion and wonder at the diversity of humanity." — George Takei



Pride Month celebrates the diversity of sexuality, gender and expression. Recognizing and uplifting these differences creates a welcoming and inclusive environment for everyone.

How does your library promote diversity and inclusion? Do you have events for LGBTQ+ patrons? If you have specific examples,

Florida Humanities' Community Projects Grants



The quarterly deadline to submit a Florida Humanities' Community Project Grant application is swiftly approaching! Here is a snippet of information about this recurring grant opportunity:

"Florida Humanities awards grants – known as Community Project Grants – to nonprofit organizations and public institutions across Florida whose projects strengthen vibrant communities and cultures, promote civic engagement, spark thoughtful community dialogue, and reflect on the human experience across the Sunshine State.

These grants are designed to support a vast array of projects. Applicants can request **up to \$5,000** for proposed projects, which should involve a humanities scholar(s), attract diverse audiences, bring the public together for discussion and exchange, and be free and open to the public (or not cost prohibitive). Please see the Community Project Grant [Application Guidelines](#) for more information."

Applications are due Wednesday, July 21 at 12 p.m. Eastern.

Social Workers at the Library

The Bureau's Stars in the Sunshine State webpage highlights some of Florida libraries' special projects, achievements and awards.

[Social Workers at the Library](#) is an article about social services offered at libraries in the Orange County Library System (OCLS), Miami-Dade Public Library System (MDPLS) and Palm Beach County Library System (PBCLS). Learn how this program was developed and community responses to this initiative.

Do you have a project, program or achievement you'd like other Florida library staff to know about? Let me know! Contact me at brittany.wright@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6636



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