



Community Connections



The Community Engagement and Resources Program Newsletter

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Stars in the Sunshine State: Sea Turtles at the Library



Photo by: South Regional Public Library

[Sea Turtles at the Library](#) is now a live article on the Stars in the Sunshine State webpage! Learn how the [South Regional Public Library](#) branch of the Collier County Public Library adapted their space over the summer to provide educational outreach with the help of a community organization!

Do you have a project, program or achievement you'd like other Florida library staff to know about? Let me know!

Community Engagement Needs Assessment

How can the Community Engagement and Resources Program help your library?

I'm conducting a [Needs Assessment](#) to identify areas in which library staff need assistance with community engagement.

Please respond by February 15, 2022.

Your responses will help make this program better than ever! I look forward to hearing from you.

If you have any questions, or would like to respond directly, please email me at Brittany.Wright@dos.myflorida.com or call me at 850.245.6636.



Libraries Transform Communities Engagement Grant



The [Libraries Transform Communities Engagement Grant](#) is available from ALA, once again! This grant supports meaningful community engagement efforts in libraries.

The theme for this year's grant focuses on a social justice issue that is important to your community. Libraries should collaborate with community members and at least one partner organization. A letter of support from the partner organization is required.

Applications are open and will be accepted through **February 1, 2022**. Projects that are innovative and community-driven will be prioritized.

Two libraries will be selected to receive the grant, each awarded \$2,000 grant. Grant funds are restricted to project-related expenses and cannot be used to support indirect costs or donations to other organizations.

The library/applicant must hold either an ALA institutional membership OR an ALA personal membership. See the [grant guidelines](#) for eligibility and other requirements.

Image by the American Library Association (ALA)

WebJunction Webinar: Promote Community Engagement and Challenge Prejudice with a Human Library®

WebJunction is hosting a webinar on how to use the [Human Library®](#) model to create community conversations. The Human Library provides an opportunity to "borrow" human "books" for meaningful dialogues about life experience or beliefs in a safe space.



Attendees will learn how to plan and implement a Human Library program, how to prepare the "books" and how to offer the program online.

[Promote Community Engagement and Challenge Prejudice with a Human Library](#)

Thursday, January 20, 2022
3 to 4 p.m. Eastern

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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.



Florida Library Jobs is a listing of job openings for library and information science-related positions in Florida.



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