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

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Upcoming Changes

As libraries continue to evolve to meet the changing needs of their communities, the Bureau of Library Development has

striven to do the same to ensure that we are best meeting the needs of library staff across Florida.



Starting July 1, 2019, the E-Government program will become the Community Engagement and Resources program. E-Government resources will still be provided as a part of the expanded program focus, but we are excited to grow the types of efforts and work being done for libraries.

Some of the areas to which I will be giving special attention will include, but are not limited to:

- Statewide program opportunities.
- Telling the library story.
- Community outreach.
- Creating graphic materials using data for



Career and job resources from the Florida Electronic Library.

information outreach.

I will continue to send out an e-newsletter with new information reflecting the new scope of the program.

The name of the newsletter will also be getting a makeover, which is where I need you! If you have a brilliant, creative idea for a new name for the newsletter, please send it my way.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact kaycee.shiley@dos.myflorida.com.

Census & Sensibility: Census 2020 Resources & Town Hall

Census 2020 is approaching and with the census going digital, libraries are anticipated to play a vital role in the count. Join us for a webinar to learn about the census process and basic resources available. We'll also give attendees a chance to discuss their plans for participating in local partnership efforts, as well as how different library staff around the state are planning to handle the influx of users as a result of the census.

[Registration](#) is open! If you are unable to attend, but would like to receive the recording, you can register and it will be sent right to your inbox.

The webinar will take place **May 22, 2019 at 2 p.m., Eastern.**



Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs

Governor DeSantis helped kick off a new initiative with the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs called [Forward March](#). Forward March will work to bring together government agencies, community partners, private partners and veteran-focused organizations to meet the needs of Florida veterans.

This could be a great partnership opportunity for

your library to coordinate with your local VA offices in reaching out to patrons who are veterans.

Does your library already provide specific resources to your local veterans? We would love to hear about it! Email

kaycee.shiley@dos.myflorida.com and share a quick note about programs or resources that your community finds helpful.



Hurricane Preparedness

It's hard to believe that hurricane season is just around the corner, especially as the Panhandle of Florida is still recovering from last year's record-breaking season. While June 1 may seem far off, now is the time to make sure your libraries and staff are prepared.

The [E-Government](#) webpage has some useful resources if you're looking for a place to start. You can also ask yourself some of the following questions to gauge your staff's readiness:

- Am I required to assist during an emergency?
- Have I or my staff been properly trained on emergency response?
- Is there a phone list?
- Is my building physically ready?
- Is there anything I would need to take with me from the library in the event of a storm?
- Do we have a plan if communication systems fail?
- Where are important documents kept?

If you need assistance in developing a plan, check out Florida's [Get a Plan](#) webpage.

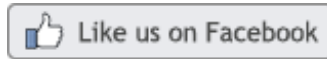


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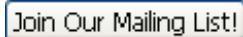
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