

# June 2017

**New Online Catalog, Summer Reading, Weeding, and More**



## **A New Online Catalog**

We're very excited to announce that, thanks to the gracious Bullet Aid grant provided by Senator Betty Little, we will be able to purchase a much-improved version of our online catalog. Currently, we are using [Horizon Information Portal \(HIP\)](#) that has limited functionality and design options, and does not have a predictive search engine. That means, if you mess you misspell a title or author, HIP won't give you what you're looking for. However, with the next iteration - Enterprise - it will have the ability to guess at what you meant to type. (Think of Google's standard "Did you mean..." function.) If you want to get a taste of what the new online catalog will be like, take a look at [SAILS Library Network's online catalog](#).

And thanks again to Senator Betty Little for helping us provide better library services to the Northeast!



## JUMP START Early Literacy Kits Coming Soon

CEFLS has assembled 6 kits focusing on five simple activities that promote early literacy which are Talking, Writing, Reading, Playing and Singing. Each themed kit consists of items such as books, toys & games, and CDs as well as an activity booklet that has additional ideas and early literacy tips. The JUMP START KITS will be added to our catalog and will be available for member libraries to use in their programs and for parents to checkout and bring home to share with their child.

Themes include:

- Colors
- Nursery Rhymes
- ABCs
- Weather
- Fun With Food
- Get Up an Go!

Additional kits are in the works to address the needs of those children on the Autism Spectrum. Items included in these kits will be sensory focused and will address the five activities that help to strengthen early literacy skills. They will also

include a book for parents to offer information and support.

These JUMP START KITS will be available soon!  
Watch for the upcoming announcement!

Have questions about the new kits? Contact [Karen](#) (518-563-5190 x20).

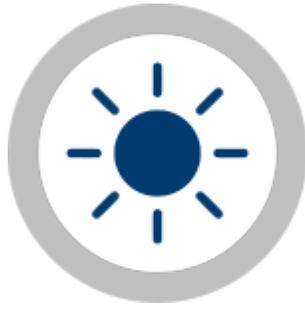
Email Karen



### **Program Presenters: Your Input Needed**

We've been busy updating our [libguides](#) for better ease-of-access and information. One of the most requested guides is a collection of the performers and presenters in the area for library events, and we have [just that](#). Pulled mostly from the [statewide site](#), we've collected all of the acts that are from or travel to the area, but we know we don't have them all. That's where you come in. Please contact [David](#) if you know of a person or group that should be on the list and we'll make sure to add it as quickly as possible.

Contact David



## **Summer Reading Activities**

A slew of great materials for the Summer Reading Program have made it to plenty of libraries in the area, and it should make it easier for them to have some great events for kids, teens, and adults. Have you heard about some of the great events going on at libraries this year? Along with their regular family story times on Thursdays from 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM, Plattsburgh Public Library is hosting events like Baby Art Lab - babies and toddlers get some time to be messy with paint, dough, and even spaghetti - on Wednesdays from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM and Zen-Days - relaxation and meditative sessions that include worry pets, calming jars, and mini Zen gardens - on Wednesdays from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.



## **Early Literacy and Library Information Going Out to New Parents**

We're excited to announce that in the next few weeks, early literacy information as well as library information will be included in the packet that goes home with new Moms as they leave the hospital with their baby. The goal of including this information is to impress upon parents that they are their child's first teacher and that developing

literacy skills early, makes it easier for children to read once they begin school.

The packet contains a pamphlet put out by the Association for Library Service to Children and the Public Library Association – *Early Literacy Begins with You*, another one from the Washington State Library – *Read to Your Baby*, a CEFLS brochure with library contact information, a bookmark with an early literacy tip, as well as a “dummy” library card which has this message on the back:

*“Reading to your child, starting at birth, for at least 15 minutes a day, is the single most important way to important way to help your child get ready to read.*

**Bring this in to your local library to get your family reading by signing up for library cards and you’ll get a free gift for your child!”**

CEF will be sending 10 brand new books for to each member library to have on hand for this purpose. These brand new books came from First Book through a collaboration between CEFLS and North Country THRIVE and will be included in the delivery in the next few weeks.

This is a pilot project and we’re beginning with the UVM/CVPH as the first location to distribute this information but we’re considering other hospitals and agencies in the future.

Do you have questions about this program or suggestions for us? Contact [Karen](#) (518-563-5190 x20).

[Email Karen](#)

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## Weeding Project

Sure, we've had webinars and meetings about weeding, but we're also walking the walk. We're about to weed our large print, juvenile, and young adult collections. In the coming weeks, we'll be sending out lists of titles that we'll be taking off the shelves at CEFLS headquarters to make room for all of the new content that constantly flows in. It will be first come, first serve, so make sure to let us know what you want from the lists getting sent out as soon as possible. For more information, contact [Karen](#) (518-563-5190 x20).

Contact Julie About Weeding



## Around the Block

You probably know about the fact that CEFLS has a van delivery system that visits each member library along with a slew of other locations over the course of a week. But did you know how much ground the drivers cover or how many items they delivery on a weekly basis? Take the week of June 5 to June 9, for instance. Between 3 drivers on 5 different days, they had to make 50 stops at member libraries, reading centers, correctional facilities, senior housing and assisted living facilities, and more. And over the

course of those 5 days, the drivers go over 800 miles. And why do they do this? To deliver about 3,000 books, DVDs, and audiobooks to and from each location.



## A New Round of Construction

It may feel like the process for the NY State Public Library Construction Grant had just ended, but the time has come to start applying for the next round. As CEFLS' Julie says:

The online application portal for the 2017-2018 round of Public Library Construction grant funding is now open. Attached is a “startup packet” that includes all of the information you will need to consider and apply for a grant from this complex yet rewarding program.

This year we have a total of \$546,021 to award system wide. Although this is a large increase over the 2016 system total for this program, we expect competition to be quite keen again this year. Summer is a busy time for all, so it is important to start early and keep in touch.

- **Here are important dates to keep in mind:**
- **Friday, July 7:** Required “[intent to apply](#)” form due, attn. [Julie @ CEFLS](#)
- **Friday, September 15:** Local deadline for applications (set by CEFLS)
- **Monday, September 25:** CEFLS Board of Trustees meeting: applications recommended and approved
- **Wednesday, October 4:** Public Library Construction deadline set by DLD (Drop Dead Deadline)

[David](#) and I look forward to working closely with all applicants again this year to ensure “success without (much) stress” for all applicants. We will review Intent to Apply information received on 7/7 on July 10 and will be in touch with all applicants that week to plan next steps.

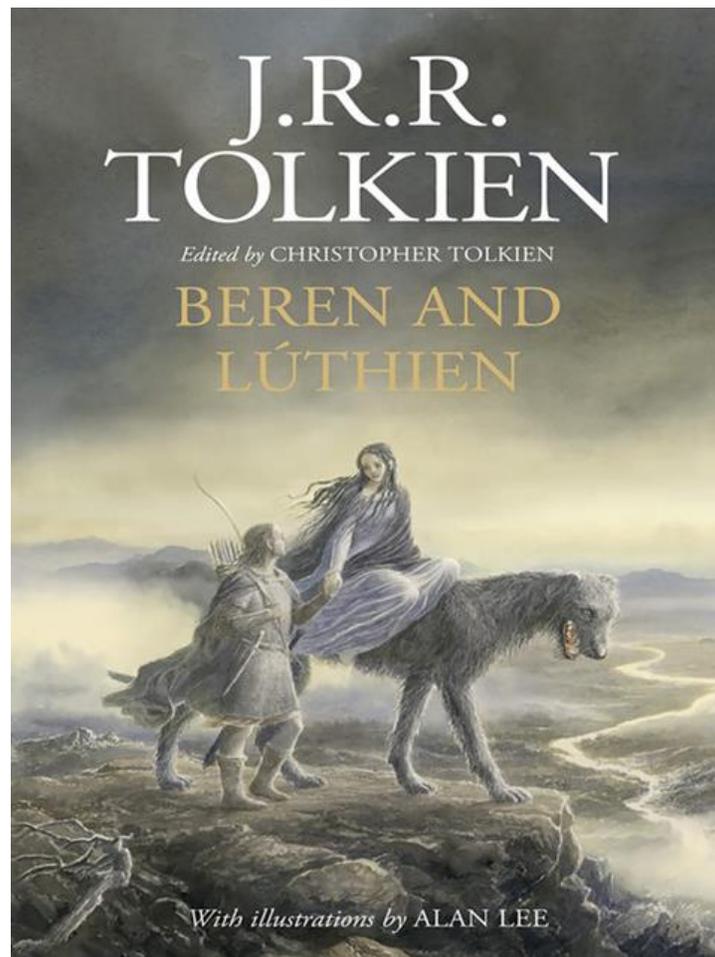
For more, take a look at our [Public Library Construction Program](#), and you can always contact [Julie](#) (518-563-5190 x18) or [David](#) (518-563-5190 x22) for help.

### Public Library Construction Program



### **New and Noteworthy**

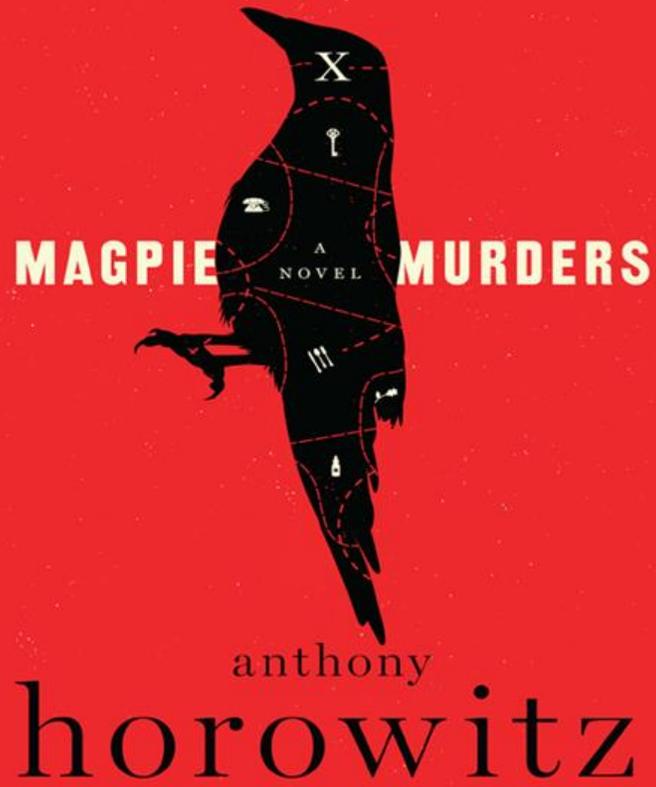
Take a look at some of the new ebook titles that are available free of charge to anyone with a library card in the region!



[Beren and Lúthien](#)

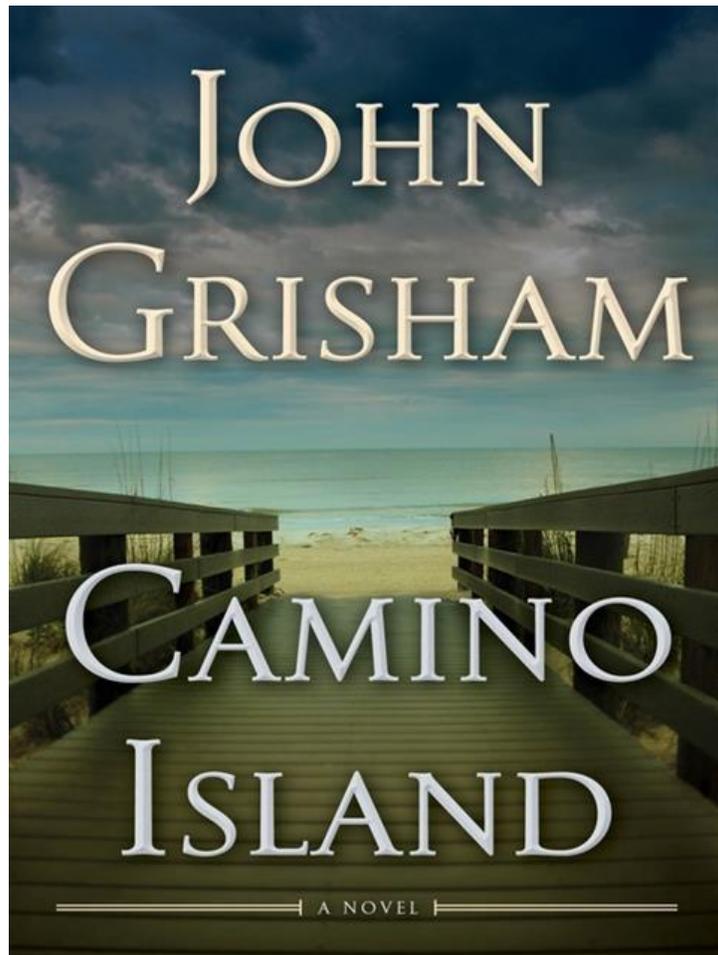
J.R.R. Tolkien

*new york times* bestselling author



[Magpie Murders](#)

Anthony Horowitz



[Camino Island](#)

John Grisham



[No Middle Name](#)

Lee Child



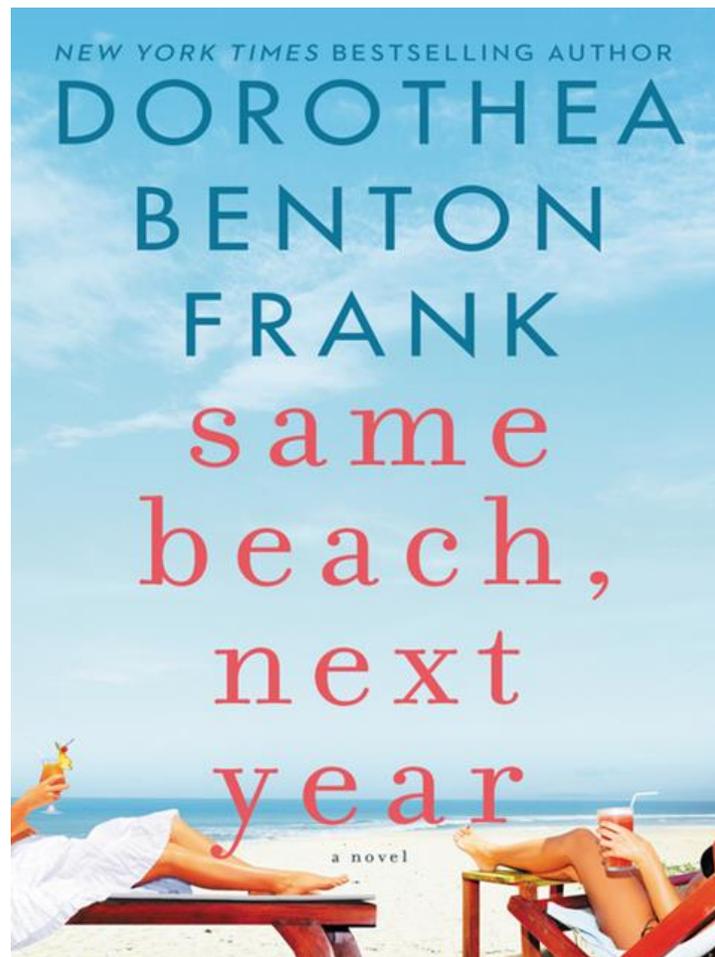
# NORA ROBERTS

#1 *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR

# COME SUNDOWN

[Come Sundown](#)

Nora Roberts



[Same Beach, Next Year](#)

Dorothea Benton Frank

“As a kid, I would get my parents to drop me off at my local library on their way to work during the summer holidays, and I would walk home at night. For several years, I read the children's library until I finished the children's library. Then I moved into the adult library and slowly worked my way through them.”

- Neil Gaiman

## Share Something

Don't be shy! The Pathfinder is meant to share useful information across member libraries in a timely and condensed manner, but doesn't replace the Trailblazer, which is meant to share stories from around the System. Do you have something to contribute to the Pathfinder? Contact [David Fuller](#) and it could be in our next issue.

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