

July 2017

E-audiobooks, Databases, Libguides, and More



Director's Day

We will be hosting "Director's Day" on Thursday, August 24 with special guest New York
State Assemblyman Billy Jones! As of now, the event will take place from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM with lunch being provided. This will be a chance to get to know more about what the System does, meet the staff, and share experiences between directors. Mileage will be paid at the state rate to all attendees. Four \$75 stipends are available for those who would like to attend but will need to come on their day off or need to find a substitute to cover their library for the day. Lunch will be served at noon to those who plan to join us for the entire day. Please contact

Michael (518–563–5190 ext. 12) for further information about stipends.

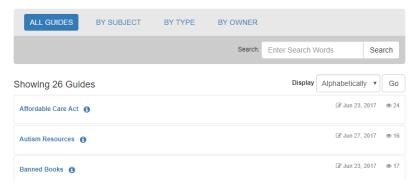
Contact Michael



Libguides



Research assistance, subject guides, and useful resources compiled by your friendly library staff.



Our collection of <u>libguides</u> (also known as Hot Topics) has been upgraded! All of the same great content from <u>job search and career resources</u>, to <u>autism information</u>, to <u>substance abuse and recovery assistance</u>, to <u>banned book lists</u>, to <u>local authors lists</u>, is still present. The new layout is a bit cleaner and easier to parse through. It also allowed us to reorganize the layout. Take a look for yourself!



Databases

A-Z Database List

Full list of Databases the library subscribes to, including trial access.

Go to A-Z List

Speaking of the changes to <u>libguides</u>, <u>databases</u> have been affected as well. One of the new features of the updated libguides page is a collection of all of the great databases that libraries have available to them. <u>Learning Express Library</u>, <u>Rocket Languages</u>, <u>Britannica Academic Edition</u>, are all available with new databases such as <u>AtoZ Maps Online</u> and <u>Medline Plus</u>. Being able to sort and link on this new site is easier than ever, so check it out!

New Database Page



RBdigital



OneClickdigital, our platform for the majority of the e-audiobooks in our collection (<u>OverDrive</u> features a select number of audiobooks), is no more! It has been replaced by <u>RBdigital</u>. With this change comes a new app for smart devices that should be easier to use than OneClickdigital's old interface, along with a more simplified process to get up and running. Take a look at the <u>new tutorial for RBdigital</u> and a <u>breakdown of the steps to get started</u>. It should also be noted that the old links to OneClickdigital redirect to <u>RBdigital</u>, so any old promotional material does not have to be replaced right away.



The "All-American" Eclipse

On Monday, August 21, 2017, a partial eclipse of the Sun will be visible in upstate New York for the first time in nearly 40 years. By now, each library has received a package of activities that they could host at their libraries and a bunch of special glasses to view the eclipse. (Remember, always use specific protective eye wear when looking directly at the Sun.) Libraries won't necessarily have the resources to host formal events, but they're more than welcome to spread the word about the rare event, along with the glasses.

We also invite the libraries to share any information about events or just photos of patrons that will see the eclipse at their libraries. Contact <u>David</u> at CEFLS and we'll spread the word that your library is going above and beyond to support interest in science and space.

For more info on the eclipse, check out <u>NASA's</u> official site.

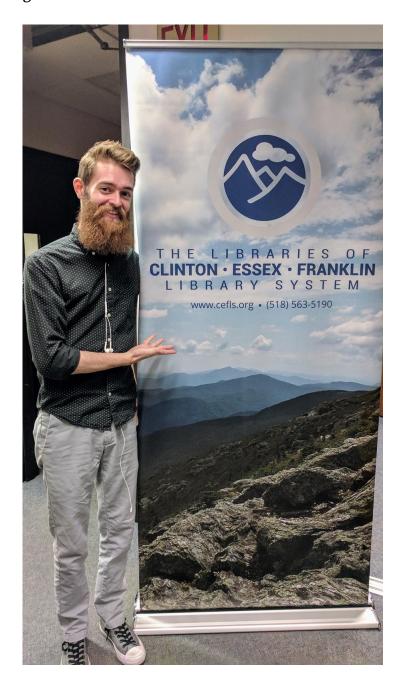
NASA: Total Solar Eclipse 2017



Promotional Resources

Do you want to get out of your library every once in a while? It's great to promote libraries while in a library, but sometimes it's best to get out to the people during a farmers' market, fair, or other event to get the word out about the great opportunities that are available at your location. But it can be tough to get the resources together to make sure you have a spot to present yourself.

We've recently purchased a slew of things to make events a little easier to attend. A 10' x 10' canopy for sunny or rainy days, with three optional sides in case of wind. A 4' collapsible table and 4 collapsible chairs. Also 2 4' faux capensia bushes if you wanted to make your display really snazzy. We also have a retractable banner that can be raised to about 7' to grab some attention.



Another exciting piece to the plan is to have 2 laptops with barcode scanners and a Mi-Fi modem (a wireless modem that connects to cell phone towers) so that you can check items out to patrons in places that don't typically have Internet access. Once SirsiDynix's BLUEcloud service adds its full functionality, it'll even be possible to sign up new patrons on the go!

If you need to use one of our promotional items or just want to learn more about this project, contact <u>David</u> at CEFLS (518-563-5190 ext. 22).

Contact David



Schroon Lake Looks Different

Take a look at the new and improved Schroon Lake Public Library! Our driver Bob took a few quick snapshots of the NYS Construction Grant going to good use.

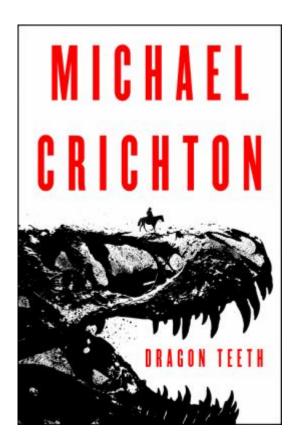






New and Noteworthy

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

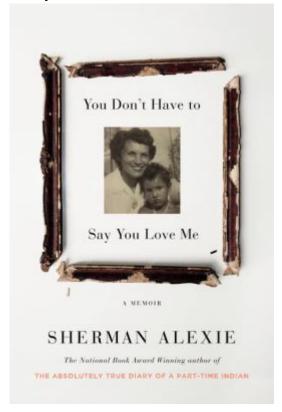


Dragon Teeth

Michael Crichton

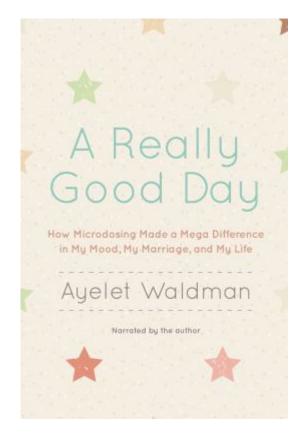


20th Century Fox



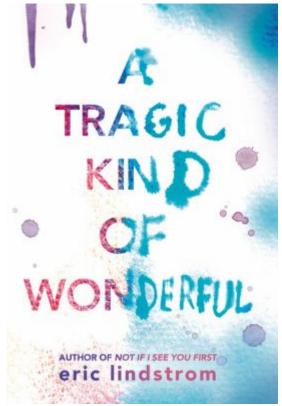
You Don't Have to Say You Love Me

Sherman Alexie



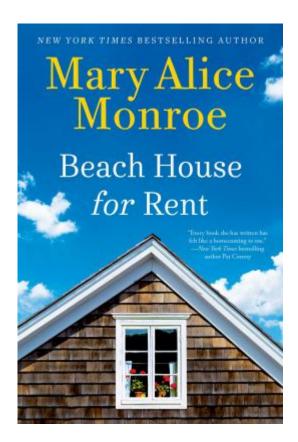
A Really Good Day

Ayelet Waldman



A Tragic Kind of Wonderful

Eric Lindstrom



Beach House for Rent

"Books are a uniquely portable magic."

- Stephen King

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 <u>David</u> <u>Fuller</u> and it could be in our next issue.

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