Hello from CEFLS! We’re happy to collect news from around the library world and share a bit of our own insight and resources. So let’s get to all that content from your backyard!

Smile for National Picture Book Month!

Have you heard about #BookFace yet? Loads of libraries from around the world have taken to posting their best iterations of staff, patrons, and even pets posing with their favorite books. CEFLS took the chance to take a few pictures for National Picture Book Month in November and posted them to their Facebook account. Check out www.facebook.com/CEFLS for more fun pictures.

You Can Google That

Google has linked their searches with our ebook system! If you do a basic Google search for a title, the information panel on the right side shows if you can borrow the book online based on your geolocation. Try it out for yourself!
Get Kitted Out

Big ideas come in small packages! We’ve been having a great
time sending out our new kits to libraries and correctional
facilities. We’ve made it a priority to add unique bags that bring
new learning opportunities to patrons, and we want to bring them
to you and your community. Have you seen any of these yet?

**JUMP START Kit**

Focuses on the five
simple activities of
talking, writing,
reading, playing, and
singing which
strengthen early
literacy skills for
Kindergarten
readiness.

Check out the kits
that cover ABCs,
Colors, Weather, Fun with Food, Get Up and Go, and Nursery
Rhymes. Search for “JUMP START early literacy” on
[cefls.ent.sirsi.net](http://cefls.ent.sirsi.net)!

**Maker Kits**

Bring hands-on
learning to your
library without the
dedicated space and
pricey entry fee.

Check out the kits
that cover beading,
3D printing pens, and
Snap Circuit Jr. simple
circuits for kids.

Libraries can check out the kits for library events or for
individual use. We just ask that they stay in the library due to the
small parts and heat hazards that come with some of the kits.
Contact David at [dfuller@cefls.org](mailto:dfuller@cefls.org) to be put on the list for a kit.

- David Fuller, Senior Library Clerk
Our Libraries Will Be Rockin’ This Summer

Music brings people together; throughout history and around the world, music has been a special part of people’s lives, and it continues to play a fundamental role in celebrations, self-expression, communication, connection, and daily life. Whether you’re a fan of classical, jazz, oldies, country, or peace and quiet, this summer’s manual has something for you! Through books, games, musical experiences, and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) activities, participants will interact with music and sound in a wide variety of ways. Learn about famous musicians, try your hand at making an original instrument, find out about the science behind the music you love, think about the music that nature is making every day, and rock your way all the way around the world with hands-on activities for children and families. Lace up your dancing shoes, plug in your microphone, and get ready for a swingin’ summer as you and your patrons celebrate the fact that libraries rock!

- Amanda Struckmeyer, CSLP Editor

It looks like this year’s theme will be about music, which will be a fun and easy way to engage children and families in your library this summer. Once again this year, they have provided each of the systems with only two printed manuals but it can be accessed the same way you did last year. If you already created an account, it should still be there.

Here are the steps to access the online manual:

- Go to: cslpreads.org
- You must have a CSLP login and password. If you are not registered on the CSLP website, please create an account by clicking on Login/Register in the upper right hand corner of the CSLP website.

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Once you are logged into the site, click on Proprietary Downloads located on the toolbar.

The first time you enter this section, you must request the online manual access code by clicking on Online Manual Request, located in the left hand column of the page.

Choose your STATE code.

Complete the request form with your: City, library name, your name, and email address and then click the Submit button.

The 2018 manual access code will appear on your screen and an e-mail confirmation will be sent to you. You should only share this code with those staff members in your building who have a CSLP website account.

Once you have the building access code, go back to the CSLP website Proprietary Downloads and click on “Online Manual Access.” From here you will be able to see each of the four manuals to download or print any part you are interested in.

If you have any problems with accessing your manual, contact CSLP at contact@cslpreads.org or by phone at 866-657-8556 or 833-225-8661. You can also contact me kbatchelder@cefls.org.

Once you start thinking about programming and begin planning, you can check this link to our libguide for possible presenters/performers: cefls.libguides.com/program-presenters.

More links to check out:

www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/facts.htm

www.summerreadingnys.org

Go to Pinterest and type in Summer Reading 2018 Libraries Rock for wonderful ideas for displays, crafts, program ideas and more!

- Karen Batchelder, Principal Library Clerk
Total Eclipse of the Libraries

We’re willing to bet that you know that on Monday, August 21st of this year, we experienced a solar eclipse for the first time in nearly 40 years in Upstate New York. Thanks to STAR_Net and NASA, we were able to send bundles of eclipse glasses to each library and reading center in the System. But, as just about every library staff member would tell you, we never expected it to be such a big hit with the public. Libraries, reading centers, and even CEFLS headquarters were inundated with calls and foot traffic in a rush to get the glasses in time for the eclipse. Libraries did their best to fulfill demand in various ways. Some required a library card to have access to glasses. Some ordered as many extra as they could from their own budget. Some asked patrons to stay at the library and share the glasses they still had. Regardless of how it was handled, the eclipse drove an incredible increase in traffic to libraries and cemented the connection between libraries and science education. We’ll do our best to procure a larger amount for Monday, April 8, 2024, when we’ll be able to see a total solar eclipse in our backyard.

- David Fuller, Senior Library Clerk
New Library Catalog Emulates Google and Amazon Search

Public library directors and staff gathered recently to celebrate a new step forward in customer convenience. A new catalog, represented by a cake in the shape of a spaceship, was introduced, and the old one, represented by a dinosaur cake, was “retired.”

The way we search for information in libraries continues to change. Card catalogs are no longer relevant. And once-impressive electronic systems are antiquated. To stay on the forefront of technology, libraries are looking to the example of Google and Amazon.

In our region, the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System has had an electronic catalog since 2001, and the new version replaces one that dates to 2004. In November, however, it switched from a traditional online system, which required specialized knowledge and advanced search skills, to “smart” search options similar to conducting a Google search.

“Library patrons have told us for some time that they wanted a more intuitive interface,” said Betsy Brooks, Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System’s Automation & Technical Services Manager. “Unfortunately the products that were available were missing key features, so we spent some time researching options.”

In 2016, the Library System and its 30 member libraries, determined that the Enterprise Catalog from SirsiDynix would be the best product to meet patron needs, however funding was not available. Fortunately, in 2017, Senator Betty Little provided a bullet aid grant which made the project possible. By November 2017, the essential features were in place, and the new catalog was made available through the library system website (www.cefls.org).
The goals of Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System’s new Enterprise Catalog are to create a positive customer experience, retain key features and options from the traditional catalog product, and to integrate the new version with a new website, which should be unveiled in the next few months.

The Enterprise system offers a user-friendly experience and additional features. Library visitors can now access:

- Smart and simple searching: As search terms are typed into the search box, fuzzy logic provides auto-complete, corrects misspellings, and offers dynamic search suggestions based on past successful searches for the same keywords.
- Precise results: The user can narrow a search by selecting options for author, format, publication date, availability or holding library, and can also deselect options of no interest.
- Increased options: Users can multi-select titles for placing several holds at once or add a group of items to a list, and email results.
- Easier downloading of ebooks: The new catalog lets users skip several steps in the process, and shows which ebooks are actually available.
- Better mobile display, with further improvements on the way.

These features are available to anyone, especially the more than 1,000 people that libraries in the Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System serve each day.

“We view this as a service enhancement, an investment in customer satisfaction and loyalty, and a necessary cost of staying technologically relevant,” Brooks said. “The implementation also provides a foundation to better support our customers’ access to both physical and digital media in the future.”

The Library System’s website at www.cefls.org provides visitors with the option to conduct searches with the new system or continuing to navigate with the traditional catalog.

Eventually, the library will discontinue access to the old system, but only after users have had a chance to become familiar with the new one.

- Betsy Brooks, Librarian III
“Read and Grow! The Dream Garden” was officially introduced to the city of Plattsburgh on Friday, October 27 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on the lawn at the Plattsburgh Public Library.

Throughout October, city residents watched as the culmination of a yearlong project bloomed on the wall of the library as each ceramic piece was added and the city’s sixth mural was installed. Starting as a partnership between the library director Anne de la Chapelle and Outside Art artists and advocates Julia Devine and Amy Guglielmo, it brought together the community to make this mural a combination of art, education, and technology.

The night began on the side lawn of the library in the brisk autumn air where adults and children, artists and scientist gathered to enjoy the mural, crafts, and donuts. The public had the opportunity to talk with Amy, Julia, Anne, and other community members involved in making the tiles and engineering the mechanisms that will demonstrate the water cycle with rain falling from the clouds in the sky to water the earth.

Local author Kate Messner kicked off the evening’s ceremony by reading her children’s book, “Up in the Garden and Down in the Dirt” illustrated by Brooklyn-based artist Christopher Silas Neal, the inspiration for the mural designed by Sue Burdick-Young. Afterwards Julia Devine expressed her thanks for all the members of the community who came together on the project both by funding and with dedicated hands-on help in creating the ceramic tiles at the library. The big excitement of the night was the demonstration of the tech to be installed that would take the “rain” from the ground up through the plants.
While the mural project marked the end of its journey, the maker space at the Plattsburgh Public Library is just beginning. The library continues to move forward on the project purchasing 3D printers, hosting a youth robotics group, and planning to add technology, sewing machines, and more to the growing maker space.

- Sarah Spanburg, Outreach Librarian

Links We Like

We Need Diverse Books™ (www.weneeddiversebooks.org) is a non-profit and a grassroots organization of children’s book lovers that advocates essential changes in the publishing industry to produce and promote literature that reflects and honors the lives of all young people. The website includes a section on “how to find diverse books” and information on applying for several grants to support diverse collections.

The National Coalition Against Censorship (NCAC) (www.ncac.org) promotes freedom of thought, inquiry and expression, and opposes censorship in all its forms. The group assists students, teachers, librarians, parents, and others opposing censorship in schools and libraries. One of their signature initiatives, the Kids’ Right to Read Project (KRRP) has helped defend hundreds of titles, in cases in almost every state in the nation.

The Library Bill of Rights which is highlighted on ALA’s website at www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/librarybill along with the Prisoners’ Right to Read (www.ala.org/advocacy/intfreedom/librarybill/interpretations/prisonersrighttoread) asserts a “compelling public interest” in the preservation of intellectual freedom for all individuals.

The LLAMA page of the ALA website (www.ala.org) features many other webinars that support seven “Communities of Practice” which are: Assessment, Buildings and Equipment, Human Resources, Library Organization and Management, Marketing and Communication, New Professionals, and Technology. There is a wealth of resources to mine here!
Keene Valley Library

The library is changing. This fall, we are reinventing the small, quaint, one-room library, familiar to many of us when we were growing up. The best of every collection will be shelved in the main reading room, with the exception of the picture books, which will remain in the newly renovated toddler area and will be accessible through the archives. Anything read or purchased in 2016 and 2017 remains on the shelves; all other books have been put into storage during the renovation. Browsing the shelves now will bring up rare and delicious finds that have been hidden in plain sight.

Collections are in different places and they may move as we try out different configurations of space. The DVDs are in the reading alcove, upper elementary books are where the DVDs were. Mysteries still live on the 6 moveable stacks but we haven’t decided where to move them and the nonfiction is on one shelf under Nina Winkel’s “Joan of Arc.” It may take a little while to find the collection you are looking for, but oh, the treasures that are there! And if you are looking for a particular book not on the shelf, well, we have access to all 30 libraries in the system, and it may take a week to bring it directly to you. We will continue to buy about $500 worth of new books each month. We are committed to having a fresh appealing collection of books for you in the space available.

Summer lectures will be on the second level. The new electronic screen. Clay classes offered by Craig Ardan. School programs have begun.
The future holds more changes; too many even to list here. We are excited to plan a Maker Space, a brighter, more accessible Alpine Room, and a second floor meeting room where groups can meet without worrying about disturbing people in the public reading area. We are more than happy to show you the many plans and possibilities of the new construction. The contractor estimates that the renovations will be finished by June of 2018. This website provides a link to a virtual tour of the new library area: www.kvlacc.org. Access the virtual walkthrough by clicking on the picture on the lower left. Donations can also be made from the webpage.

-Wells Memorial Library, Upper Jay

Peter Bellamy's exhibit of photographs Back in the Day – Brooklyn and Beyond was on display this summer, and the library was a stop on the Au Sable River Valley Studio Tour. Peter donated a copy of his book The Artist Project: Portraits of the Real Art World: New York Artist 1981-1990, now available through the online catalog at www.cefls.org. Paintings by Upper Jay artist Maxwell Eaton are on display this fall.

Our six-week summer reading program took place on Tuesday afternoons - Casey’s English/Spanish Storytime: Build A Better World/Construye Un Mundo Mejor. ¡Muchas gracias, Casey!

Lauren McGovern presented The Worry Workshop in July, sharing tips and tools to manage worry more effectively.

Thanks to volunteer green thumb Ellen Metcalf, many beautiful plants have been sold to benefit the library. Much appreciation to Sid Ward, Chairman of the Board, for donating all proceeds from his cutting boards for sale at our library. Our annual holiday sale begins Saturday, November 25 and runs through Saturday, December 23.

We received a grant from the Lake Placid Education Foundation for technology costs. We are grateful to LPEF and the Adirondack Foundation.

-Wells Memorial Library, Upper Jay

Karen Glass, Director
Black Watch Memorial Library, Ticonderoga

The Black Watch Memorial Library has been a busy place over the last several months. After ten years of service, Beth Nadeau retired in July and we hired our new library clerk, Vicki Sargent. The board, staff and patrons will miss Beth, and we wish her the best in her retirement. At the same time, we would like to welcome Vicki to our library; she is doing a fantastic job and is learning very quickly.

Our children’s summer program this year was made possible by two of our Board Members, Linda Cunningham and Cheryl O’Connor. Children were invited to the library to make craft projects over a four-week period. The themes for these projects included shaving cream art, crayon melting, paint ‘n’ sip, tie-dying, and magazine art. We also provided children with an opportunity to read and earn grab bag prizes.

The Friends of the Library held a reception at the end of July. Refreshments and music were provided to people who were potentially interested in joining the Friends group. We had several interested in joining.
In August, we were inundated with people looking for solar glasses. It was difficult to meet the demand, but we were happy to see all kinds of new faces in the library.

The library is in need of new lounge chairs. We will be replacing three chairs with new ones in the very near future. They are leather, and will replace some of the heavily stained fabric chairs. We also had a generous donation of a wooden rocking chair to replace the fabric lounge chair in the children’s room.

On Halloween, our library will participate in the town wide trick-or-treat event. Each year we see about 500-600 kids. We would like to thank the Friends of the Library for providing the candy this year.

We will be hosting a Family Holiday Reading on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 in conjunction with Ticonderoga’s Chamber of Commerce. Children are invited to attend the event and listen to holiday stories. A snack will be provided. This year we are excited to have Shaundra Bartlett Lerman, local author and illustrator, who will be with us to read her newest book.

-Heather Johns, Director

Tutorials for Patrons and Staff

Not sure exactly how to download ebooks? What about e-audiobooks? Want to know more about databases like LearningExpress Library, Rocket Languages, and NovelList? Take a look at the green tab on the right side of www.cefls.org the next time you visit. You can go through step-by-step instructions on how to use some of our best resources at your own pace, with text and video.
Lake Placid Public Library

We seem to be as busy as ever through October while settling back into our fall-winter-spring routine of after school programs, book club meetings, and saying hi to residents who have been too busy to make it into the library—much less read—over the past few months.

The addition to the children’s room that was opened early last summer, now contains young adult fiction. The extra space proved its worth when more than 100 children attended the first two days of Build a Better World. The reading program was a great success, drawing kids and families for terrific Tuesday programs that included meeting a real architect, creating castles, and a production of Pinocchio by the Hampstead Stage Company.

Children’s librarian Karen Armstrong and library director Bambi Pedu have reconvened After School Adventures on Monday afternoons. The focus is to help grade 3 through 5 students successfully tackle homework assignments followed by crafts, reading, and projects.

For Kids by Kids

The Books 4 You Club, which was formed back in the spring, as a way to hone middle schoolers’ speaking, writing, and electronic skills while promoting books, is preparing demonstrations and presentations for parents and children on November 16. The group of 6th through 8th graders have come up with ways to match other kids in Kindergarten through grade 7 with books that they think they will enjoy. The “for kids by kids” approach will also include games, activities, and snacks.

Free Math Tutoring

A free tutoring program was begun a couple years ago offering help with math to middle and high school students in Lake Placid. Several students took advantage of it to improve their grades. In case the current Saturday morning hours are not meeting the needs of all students, tutoring will also be offered on Wednesday evenings on a trial basis.

“We were happy at the progress that was made by the students who took advantage of the program last year and we have welcomed several new ones in the past couple weeks,” said Bambi Pedu in October.
The new Wednesday evening sessions will continue if there is enough attendance. Students will have the option of attending one or both each week.

**Grownups’ Classes**
After a summer hiatus, we’re rebooting computer classes. We will begin offering basics in the evening with hope of reaching people who are interested, but not available during the day.

**Make Your Own Cards**
Making your own holiday cards was more popular than we ever anticipated last year during the annual village Holiday Stroll. We are going to be doing it again on Saturday, December 9. This time we will be setting up more stations for people to express their creative talents.

**An Arts Book Club**
If anyone is looking for a reading group with a focus on human creativity, we recommend the Lake Placid Institute for the Humanities Book Club. These arts aficionados specialize in books about the arts and letters, and occasionally take road trips to galleries and events. Their choice for October, *Broad Strokes* by art historian Bridget Quinn, seeks to bring to light the lives and accomplishments of overlooked female artists from around the world, dating from 17th century Italy to American contemporary. The club’s next selection will be *What I Loved* by Siri Hustvedt, and for December the group will read *Fasting and Feasting: The Life of Visionary Food Writer Patience Gray* by Adam Federman, who hails from Saranac Lake. The author was generously praised for this work in the *New York Times Book Review*.

The book group usually meets at 7:00 PM. at the library on the last Monday of the month from September through June. They are always happy to host drop-in participants. For more info email Barbara Erickson at besunny@roadrunner.com.

**A Sad Goodbye**
Our favorite pooch, Lewis, an almost perfectly behaved (he was an escape artist) blond Labrador retriever, passed away late this

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summer. He was about 13 and had insisted upon accompanying his owner, assistant librarian Kate Curry, to work for the past couple three years. He had just the right temperament for a library, calmly allowing kids to climb all over him and amiably stepping up to greet people who came in to get their “dog fix.”

We miss him. A lot.

The Gallery

It’s been a busy summer for photography in the LPPL Guy Brewster Hughes Gallery. In June the works of high school photographers from throughout the Adirondacks were presented in the annual competition sponsored by the Lake Placid Institute for the Humanities.

The artistic photographs of Saranac Lake photographer Eleanor Sweeney were featured during the summer months and we now are hosting beautiful glimpses of nature by Jeri Wright of Wilmington.

Next up will be our annual exhibition of winter and holiday masterpieces by local elementary kids.

Happy Holidays everyone!

- Lisa Forrest, Assistant Librarian

Elizabethtown Library Association

Miss Potter visited the pre-kindergarten development class in Elizabethtown Schools. She read Peter Rabbit and talked about all her animal friends and books for Halloween.

- Angela Heroux, Director
Paine Memorial Free Library, Willsboro

The Paine Memorial Free Library was pleased to host a Watercolor demonstration by Ric Feeney on Wednesday, November 1st. Patrons learned basic watercolor techniques through live demonstration. The following were discussed:

1. “Filling” Areas with Watercolor
   To use watercolor to fill areas, simply think of the watercolor as crayons with which you are coloring in the page of a coloring book (you can even practice on our free coloring book page downloads). The watercolor will give the area a unique, textured appearance. It’s a great way for beginners to get used to handling the brush, mixing paint, and working with this medium.

2. Layering Colors and Accents
   Once a color of paint has dried, you can add additional layers of watercolor to add dimension, texture, and color variation. This is similar to what you’d do to make a gradient, but on a completely dried surface so that the paint doesn’t blend. To do this, wait until your initial color has dried completely (not damp — dry), then paint a second color on top. Do not add much water to the second color, as this can re-wet the initial color and make the two colors blend in ways you don’t want. To make lines less severe, you can wet the brush with water and brush gently to form a gradient of the color on top so it is not so stark.

3. Creating a Simple Texture
   Creating texture with watercolor is as easy as flicking the brush. For a great texture to get started with, simply load up your brush with paint, and create small flicks of paint on the page. You can let them dry and layer more flicks on top for more texture or leave them as is. This versatile texture is great for creating grass, foliage, or even fur on animals.

   Our next program is Wine Tasting for the Beginner Connoisseur. Wines will be presented by Natalie Peck from the Champlain Wine Company. This program will take place on Saturday, November 17th at 2:00 PM at the Paine Library.

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On the music scene, we still are providing beginning banjo lessons on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month and intermediate banjo lessons on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, along with a jam session on the 1st three Thursdays of the month. Both programs are free and open to the public. Our Jam Band group performs at our local Assisted Living Center, Champlain Valley Senior Community on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 2:00 PM. This is also free and open to the public.

Friday Story Hour has eleven children signed up so far this year. These three-year-old children learn how to socialize and share, practice colors, learn the ABC's, practice counting, learn number recognition, and learn name recognition. We read stories, do some crafts, and have a snack. My favorite part is the conversations we have around the table while we are eating. These children never cease to amaze me.
For our older crowd, we have one-on-one Tech Time on Monday mornings, by appointment. Volunteer Dennis Kalma is a very patient teacher and is willing to tackle any question brought to him. Call 518-963-4478 to make an appointment.

In 1930, Augustus G. Paine Jr. gave the Paine Memorial Free Library to the town of Willsboro as a gift. It was built in memory of his parents, Augustus G. and Charlotte M. Bedell Paine. In addition to furnishing the library and establishing its original collection of five thousand books, Mr. Paine provided it with a permanent endowment. In order to keep this library in the beautiful condition that Augustus Paine bequest it to us, we are also in the process of updating and renovating. This year’s project will be a new code-compliant egress from our lower level and a new electrical entrance. Next year will be some plaster restoration and a de-watering project for our lower level. The third phase will be re-arranging programming space and a new handicap entrance. All of this is made possible by New York State Construction Grants. I would like to thank David and Julie from CEFLS for all of their help and input in making these construction grants possible.

-Cheryl Blanchard, Director

Have You Heard?

Aaron Miller will be starting work as the director of the Keene Library in December. Aaron replaces former director Marcy LeClair who retired in November. We welcome Aaron to the CEFLS fold and wish Marcy all the best in her retirement.

Alyssa Neverett has replaced Tracey Ducharme as the director of the Mooers Free Library. Alyssa and the members of the Mooers Library board moved in to the new library building in the middle of November.

CEFLS Board member Mrs. Emily Castine, passed away on November 19. Emily was a long time and active friend of libraries in the area and will be missed by all.
Saranac Lake Free Library

Library celebrates 110th birthday!

While there were several early lending libraries in Saranac Lake, it was in 1907 that a group of dedicated citizens formed a library association, obtained the charter from the Regents of the University of the State of New York, and proceeded to raise funds to purchase land and build the new library. The building was completed in 1910. As the collection grew, a number of additions have been added, but the original building still serves as a young adult and an audio/video section, and houses the circulating Adirondack books.

Fall 2017 Programs

Our very popular Library Luncheon Series resumes on Thursday, November 2, at 12:00 PM, with Larry Master, conservation biologist, zoologist and wildlife photographer, presenting Adirondack Wildlife—Past and Present in the Cantwell Community Room.

The luncheon programs take place every other Thursday from...
November to mid-April, with featured speakers with interesting topics to relate. They last 50 minutes, followed by a 10-minute question period. Attendees bring a lunch and enjoy homemade desserts and beverages provided by the library’s Hospitality Committee.

On November 16, Brittany Christenson, executive director of ADKAction, will present *Saying YES to Important Projects in the Adirondacks.*

**It’s New! Current Events Café**

This group meets Monday morning at 10:30 a.m. for good coffee and good conversation about local, national, and world events. Judy Oehler, adult programing, reports that the discussions have been far-ranging, covering a number of topics.

**The Fiction Book Group, Science Book Group, Race: The Power of Illusion Group and Film Noir Series** all meet once a month at 2:00 PM.

**Preschool Story Time** is offered every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. with stories, crafts and holiday parties.

-Pat Wiley, Library Assistant

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**When All This Paper Isn’t Quite Enough**

Can’t get enough library news and information? We have you covered! The *Pathfinder* is Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System’s digital newsletter to keep you up-to-date on the stuff that just can’t wait for the presses. Head over to [www.cefls.org](http://www.cefls.org) and click “Subscribe” to get the latest and greatest sent directly to your email inbox. Miss out on any of the past issues? Don’t worry, you can click or tap your way through previous editions available in PDF.
We have had a busy and snowy winter! Stella closed the library down for a few days with three feet of snow, but after digging out, we were back in action. The winter is a perfect time to attend our Friday night movie showings – the kids come with pajamas, blankets, and snacks for a good time! Our RSVP volunteer, “Grandma Helen” Levesque, reads every Friday afternoon to children, and we all enjoy her cheerful presence.

Our local home school group held a science fair at the library in March. There were some great displays on biomes, planets, minerals, and wildlife. The children had fun, and everyone learned a lot. We also jointly sponsored an art show with the Foothills Arts Society the featured the work of middle and high school students from five school districts. The opening reception was held on Saturday, April 1, and included a book signing by Glenn Guiles, author of a children’s series about Harriet the miniature donkey. Raymond Whalen, the illustrator of the books was also in attendance with much of his original artwork. It was a fun day, and a great collaboration with our local artists.

Jim Hardman of the Alzheimer’s Association has been at a number of North Country libraries, including ours, to offer a series of programs for caregivers and families of patients. The local Alzheimer’s support group is meeting at the library regularly. Outside community groups are using the library more frequently which brings new faces into the building. The Malone
Complete Streets Committee, the Malone Revitalization Committee, the Ministerial Association, and Girl Scouts use the library for their activities.

This spring, the Malone Central School District will host a book talk by children’s author James Preller at the Wead Library. Story hours, LEGO Club, Knitting group, book club, and Read to a Dog will continue through the spring. We are looking forward to summer.

This year we plan to coordinate with our school district to provide free lunches for kids.

-Sue Wool, Director

Peru Free Library

Peru Free Library hosted John Kokoszka’s exhibit Sculptural Drawings until the middle of November. 20 large drawings and several sculptures were featured and all the sales collected from his work were graciously donated to the library.

Peru is also hosting their Annual Potter’s Guild show, which opened on Friday, November 24 with an artist’s reception. There’s still a chance that you can kick off your holiday shopping by picking up some local, beautiful, and functional ceramics. All proceeds support the local artists and the library. The show ends at the end of the first week of January.

-Becky Pace, Director

Digital Collections

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Where can you get a list of all the resources and subject guides that CEFLS staff has compiled and all of the databases available to patrons at any member library? Click your way to cefls.libguides.com for autism resources, banned books, genealogy resources, program presenters, resources for recovering from addiction, and all of the databases like AtoZ Maps Online, Drug Information Portal, LearningExpress Library, MedlinePlus, and Rocket Languages.

Ready to Try Something New with Your Cake Batter?

Interested in making a treat for a special occasion but don’t want to invest in a baking pan for a single event? CEFLS is pleased to announce that we now have a collection of baking pans that can be borrowed at no cost! The pans include Elmo, SpongeBob Squarepants™, teddy bears, a dinosaur, mini bundt cakes, bread pans, a baguette pan, and more. Use “baking pan” in a search in our catalog at cefls.ent.sirsi.net to see what’s available. And check back regularly as more are being added to the collection. The pans have a 14 day loan period. Many thanks to CEFLS staff, Kim Sanger, and Debby Powers for donating pans and helping launch this collection. Happy baking!

Find Books at Your Library Before Buying

Library Extension can be added to your Chrome browser, letting you see if titles are available at your library. Get it today from www.libraryextension.com. (Firefox version coming soon.)
Grants Corner

ALA and the Dollar General Literacy Foundation invite public libraries to apply for grants to expand services for adult English language learners or adults in need of basic education and workforce development.

Up to 15 grants of $10,000 each will be awarded. Public libraries are eligible if they serve adult English language learners and are located within 20 miles of a Dollar General Store, distribution center, or corporate office. Visit the Dollar General Store Locator (www.dollargeneral.com/store-locator.html).

Read the full project guidelines and apply online (apply.ala.org/americandream2018) by January 2, 2018.

The American Dream Literacy Initiative (www.ala.org/advocacy/literacy/americandream) strives to develop tools and resources for libraries and library staff to provide effective literacy services to adult English language learners in their communities and across the country.

Since the program’s inception, 185 libraries in Dollar General communities have initiated or expanded literacy services for adult English language learners. The grants allow libraries to augment their print and digital English as a second language (ESL) collections; increase computer access and training; provide job training; hold English language learning (ELL), general educational development (GED) and citizenship classes; and raise the visibility of services for immigrant populations.

American Dream libraries build replicable programs, develop coalition-building strategies, and provide annotated lists of vetted resources for libraries across the country. ALA shares the libraries’ successes and strategies through the website, on webinars, and at state, regional, and national conferences.

The American Dream Literacy Initiative is made possible through the generous support of the Dollar General Literacy Foundation.
Fake News Is Still In the News

Fake news, misinformation, and disinformation is still rampant both online and off. And being purveyors of accurate, reliable information, we at libraries have a duty to help stave off fake news whenever and wherever we can. So, fresh from *Breaking News Consumer Handbook: Fake News Edition* (WNYC/WNYC), here is a great list of tips to figure out if that news article is real or not:

1. Big red flags for fake news: ALL CAPS, or obviously photoshopped pics.
2. A glut of pop-ups and banner ads? Good sign the story is pure clickbait.
3. Check the domain! Fake sites often add “.co” to trusted brands to steal their luster. (Think: “abcnews.com.co”)
4. If you land on an unknown site, check its “About” page. Then, Google it with the word “fake” and see what comes up.
5. If a story offers links, follow them. (Garbage leads to worse garbage.) No links, quotes, or references? Another telltale sign.
6. Verify an unlikely story by finding a reputable outlet reporting the same thing.
7. Check the date. Social media often resurrects outdated stories.
8. Read past headlines. Often they bear no resemblance to what lies beneath.
9. Photos may be misidentified and dated. Use a reverse image search engine like TinEye to see where an image really comes from.
10. Gut check. If a story makes you angry, it’s probably designed that way.
11. Finally, if you’re not sure it’s true, don’t share it! *Don’t. Share. It.*

Keep in mind that there are a few websites that can help too. Three great resources are [factcheck.org](http://factcheck.org), [politifact.com](http://politifact.com), and, of course, [snopes.com](http://snopes.com). But no matter how much you can disprove fake news, there are still some who won’t hear it. Remember, you can’t win them all, but you can always do the work to make sure that others don’t fall prey to shady tactics.

- David Fuller, Senior Library Clerk
**Trending: Social Media**

Chances are that you’ve heard about social media. In fact, it’s safe to say that the majority of you reading this have a social media account of some kind. But some libraries might wonder if it’s worth the hassle to have a Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram page for their library. Well, let’s look at it are far as numbers go:

The Pew Research Center (www.pewinternet.org/fact-sheet/social-media) shows that the majority of all people in the U.S. between the ages of 18-64 use at least one social media platform. Another interesting fact is that social media use is fairly equal across race, gender, income, and community.

Facebook still holds the reins of the most widely used platform with 68% of the population. So, can you justify not attempting to share information with at least 68% of the population? 86% of those might be young adults and job seekers. 80% of those could be new parents. 64% might be retiring and traveling more.

But where do you start? Facebook will be the best place to begin. If you already have a personal profile, click on “Pages” on the left-hand side if you’re using a computer, then click “Create Page”. You’ll want a good profile picture (probably a logo, if your library has one, or a picture of the building).

But what do you post? Upcoming events, pictures from past events, promotions, celebrations, new items, major changes, closures, and sharing articles and posts from other libraries and organizations. Get a picture, keep it simple (a few of sentences at most), and link to other pages or your website. Also, ensure the page remains active, with at least 1 post per day.

We’re here to help. Contact David at dfuller@cefis.org to get more in-depth help.

- David Fuller, Senior Library Clerk
10 Ways to Protect Yourself from Malicious Emails

One of the most important things you can do to protect your computer or device from malware is to look critically at your email. At this time in the evolution of our electronic communications, there’s no foolproof way to stop malicious email from reaching your inbox, but using these tips, you will be able to confidently avoid falling for their various tricks.

1. Recognize that email can be spoofed. Spoofing means that an email sender is pretending to be someone else – someone you may know. This does not necessarily mean that the person you know has been hacked, just that their email address was “harvested” somewhere and is being used to entice you into clicking on something.

2. Understand what the malicious email senders want. They may want your personal information, to use it for credit cards or other accounts in your name. This is called phishing. They may want to get you to download a program onto your computer that allows them to send out more malicious email.

3. Know how to spot the malicious emails.
   - Do you recognize the sender? OK, that’s good, but we’re not out of the woods yet – remember spoofing!
   - Does the message contain misspellings and grammatical errors? That’s a warning sign – be suspicious.
   - Does the email ask you to take action and talk about something you didn’t request? Examples might be invoices for things you didn’t purchase, prizes you didn’t enter to win, or urgent help requests from people travelling overseas.

What to do if you think the email is malicious

1. Don’t click on links. Instead, hover your cursor over links to determine if the address is unknown, suspicious, or misleading: for example, www.microsoft.com.cz.it. Notice the new ending which was added on to a familiar address. Don't open any attachments the email contains. And don’t provide any personal information.
2. Report it to the sender if it is a person you know. Use your contact list or type the address – don’t reply! The sender may not be able to control spoofers, but they can warn other people in their usual distribution list. The sender may want to see the email, so you might want to wait before you delete it.

3. Finally, delete it. It will not harm your computer unless you click on links or download attachments.

If you’re not sure

Try to contact the sender another way, for example by phone or by initiating an email (not responding) via your contact list to ask about the content of the email you received. Banks and the IRS are examples of organizations that will not usually send you email with links or attachments. You can contact a company directly – using information provided on an account statement, on the company’s official website or on the back of a credit card, and you can also search for the company online – but not with information provided in the email!

If you think you were compromised

1. Scan your computer for malware, using your own security software and/or a free online scanner such as Trend Micro’s HouseCall (free: housecall.trendmicro.com) or Microsoft Safety Scanner (free: www.microsoft.com/security/scanner/en-us/default.aspx).

2. Check your financial accounts and notify your bank of your concern.

3. Change important passwords.

4. Keep your computer updated with the latest security patches. (You should do this even if you don’t think you were compromised!)

For more information about a wide range of cybersecurity topics, Check out the Stop.Think.Connect Toolkit (www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect-toolkit) from the Department of Homeland Security for more tips on how to stay safe online.

- Betsy Brooks, Librarian III
Put on Your Hard Hats

While working with construction grants can be some of the most stressful time spent for us at CEFLS and for the directors and board members at libraries, there’s no denying their importance in keeping libraries up-to-date, safe, efficient, and able to provide the best for their communities. Below are all of the exciting changes coming to libraries in the area. We can’t say all of these numbers are finalized, but we’ve done all we can until New York State asks for any revisions.

Champlain Memorial Library
$5,089—Replacing their current florescent lighting with more energy-efficient LED lighting throughout the library building.

Chateaugay Memorial Library
$31,879—Disposing and replacing the old roof with a new metal one, along with new vinyl siding. The entrance sidewalk will be replaced with a new one and a new bike rack will be installed.

Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System
$3,956—Reinforcing the tunnel that runs between CEFLS headquarters and Plattsburgh Public Library to prevent it from collapsing and damaging the driveway and parking area.

Dodge Memorial Library, Rouses Point
$11,192—Expanding the shelving, adding new energy-efficient lights, and the removal of asbestos in the basement.

Keene Valley Library
$192,718—The addition of a second story to the current library building to house their special collection and create a community room for meetings, lectures, and programs.

Keeseville Free Library
$14,250—Exterior and interior foundation for and proper draining control to ensure the long-term life of the building and any collections.

Mooers Free Library
$58,426—Completion of the exterior of the new library building along with the furnishing of its interior to finally move the library’s collection to their new home.
Paine Memorial Library, Willsboro
$73,162—Restoration of the fireplace and the surrounding plaster and the installation of a de-watering system to prevent damage to the basement level and collections.

Saranac Lake Free Library
$15,731—Installation of automatic doors, air source heat pumps with programmable thermostats, replacing fluorescent fixtures with energy-efficient lights, and adding a second door to the Director’s office for safety.

Schroon Lake Public Library
$112,618—Upgrades for the lighting, security, and technology after the expansion of their building. This will also cover the repurposing of their existing space, and add a book drop.

Sherman Free Library, Port Henry
$27,000—Repair and renovation of the existing stone steps at the library’s entryway, with the installation of a new wheelchair access ramp.

- David Fuller, Senior Library Clerk

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