Greetings!

Greetings! Welcome to the April edition of BLDing Success! Spring has sprung, and one of the best things about living in Florida is that there are so many exciting events and things going on this time of year. For me, one of those things was the Florida Antiquarian Book Fair in St. Petersburg.
Read further for a run-down of the interesting things going on in BLD and beyond.

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Florida Library Youth Program

During the Florida Library Association Conference in March, Jana Fine had the pleasure of hosting an exceptional panel of presenters: Sarah Semensky and Heather Hunter, high school students; Angela Wilhelm and Philip James Lambert Duke, former teen patrons; and Mary Whiting, teen librarian in Volusia County. They each spoke about being volunteers and how that experience has affected them. Mary spoke about working with teens and her experiences. The audience enjoyed the presentation, and Jana was extremely proud that Angela and Philip took the lead as she found her way to Daytona.

El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day) is celebrated on April 30 as a way to emphasize the importance of literacy for children of all walks of life. There are some incredible programs that promote reading and cultural heritage and language throughout Florida. If you care to share, please contact Jana Fine at jana.fine@dos.myflorida.com.

Sunshine State Library Leadership Institute

Now Accepting Applications for Year 13 (2016-2017)

Purpose

• Prepares individuals to lead libraries today and into the future

Process

• A yearlong, comprehensive series of 10 sessions designed to increase and improve individual leadership competencies
• The Institute is based on four foundations: core leadership competencies, shared learning experiences, practical application assignments and mentoring partnerships

Participants - Who Can Apply?

• Library staff members from all types of libraries (public, academic, school and special) who are dynamic, creative and achievement oriented
• Professional librarians as well as individuals in management or supervisory positions without an MLS
• Library staff members with a minimum of two years professional work experience
Once you enter your email address, you will be asked to choose what types of information you want to receive from the Division, such as:

- Continuing Education
- Florida Memory
- Workforce Recovery
- Youth Services

Once you've chosen your preferences, you will be prompted to confirm your subscription.

### Florida Libraries as Publisher

At Florida International University (FIU), digital collections encompass a wide range of materials, including student theses, event videos and archives documenting FIU's history. To find out more, read [FIU Libraries as Publisher](#).

To share your library’s story or for more information on Florida Libraries as..., contact Karen Joslin at [karen.joslin@dos.myflorida.com](mailto:karen.joslin@dos.myflorida.com) or 850.245.6637.

### Edge Initiative

The Edge Initiative assessment window for public libraries is still open and will remain so until April 30, 2016. Take advantage of this valuable tool now by [registering or logging in](#). Once you have completed the assessment, a variety of resources will be available.

If you have questions about Edge, contact Katrice Stewart at...

Are you looking forward to springtime? Is home improvement on your to-do list? Then take a look at the FEL's Home Improvement Collection for access to articles on everything from landscaping and gardening to building a bookcase, plans included. You can even search through the most recent editions of magazines like Timber Home Living, Architectural Digest, House Beautiful, Popular Woodworking and Mother Earth News.

Find an article that you want? Download it as a PDF, share it on Facebook or send it to a friend. Or you can log into the FEL with your Google account and save the entire document to your Google Drive.

For more information about the Florida Electronic Library, please contact Dorothy Frank at dorothy.frank@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6631.

**Grants Spotlight**

Typically, you would be seeing library grant application availability announcements about this time of the year. The grant application packets and deadline dates for 2016 are not yet available due to a rule revision that the Division of Library and Information Services is currently conducting.

We anticipate that the application deadlines for the Library Services and Technology Act Grant, Public Library Construction Grant, and Library Cooperative Grant will be in July. When available, the specific deadlines and current year application packets will be announced and made available via email, our website and other publications.
We are not anticipating any changes to the State Aid to Libraries Grant deadlines of October 1, 2016 and December 1, 2016. Please note that October 1 is a Saturday; this does not affect the deadline.

Information about the grant rule changes will be available soon on the Division's website and through the Florida Administrative Register. You can sign up on the Florida Administrative Register's website to receive email notifications for postings based on topics of your choosing. Keep up with grant rule changes by following Rule 1B-2.011.

For more information about the Bureau's grant programs, contact Marian Deeney at marian.deeney@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6620 or David Beach at david.beach@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6630.

Free LYRASIS Digitization Courses

Don't forget - if you are a staff member of a Florida library, archives, museum or cultural heritage organization, we will pay for you to take LYRASIS digitization courses!

Examples of classes include:

- Caring for and preserving originals during scanning
- Creating effective metadata
- Introduction to digital imaging

Learn more and apply on our LYRASIS webpage.

Please remember: We must receive your registration form at least three weeks prior to your class date.

For more information on the Florida Statewide Digital Initiative, contact Dorothy Frank at dorothy.frank@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6631.

Continuing Education

WebJunction has some cool new archived webinars:

- Taking Time to Teach Technology to Technophobes - An overview of a program offered at the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library in Eau Claire, Wisconsin
- Data Visualization for the Rest of Us - A beginner's guide to visually displaying statistics that will tell your library's story
- Leaving Fort Ref - A look at the Douglas County Library's embedded librarian program
- Pop-Up Storytimes - A guide to taking your storytime on the road

See more on our Webjunction page.

If you have questions, please contact the Continuing Education team at continuingeducationbld@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6631.
Did you know about the new "Related Resources" feature on the Florida Electronic Library's InfoTrac resources, like the Academic OneFile or General OneFile? Check out the What's New on the FEL page and find out more!

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E-Rate

Have you been to the File Along With Me E-Rate Blog? It covers the E-Rate Program application process step-by-step. The blog is designed for first time filers or even multi-time filers who want to make sure they are doing it right. It even serves as a schedule for filing. Check it out!

For more information, contact Katrice Stewart at katrice.stewart@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6608.

Stars in the Sunshine State

Kristin Heifner of Volusia County Public Library felt that local teens needed to boost their tech knowledge and skills. For her Sunshine State Library Leadership Institute project, she developed a program where teens could have hands-on fun with technology. The experiment proved a success and has become a library mainstay. To find out more, check out our write-up on Teen Tech Lab.

If you have any news you'd like to share, please contact Karen Joslin at karen.joslin@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6637.

Outside the BLDing

National Library Week 2016

The theme of National Library Week 2016 (April 10-16) is "Libraries Transform." Libraries transform lives every day, whether through the use of books as a means of entertainment or education, through the use of computers as a way to transform personal futures or as places where families begin and grow. Let us know about how your library "transforms" by contacting Karen Joslin at karen.joslin@dos.myflorida.com.
Snapdragon Book Foundation Grants

Deadline: April 15, 2016

The Snapdragon Book Foundation provides funds to improve school libraries for disadvantaged children. Founded by a former school librarian, this foundation exists to put books in the hands of kids. Grants are awarded to U.S. public, private and experimental schools. Winners are notified in June. For more information and to apply, visit the Snapdragon Book Foundation's website.

Contact Marian Deeney at marian.deeney@dos.myflorida.com for a list of other grant opportunities.

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Please contact Melissa Hooke at melissa.hooke@dos.myflorida.com or 850.245.6632 to submit programs, pictures or cool stuff you would like us to share about your library.

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