



OWWL LIBRARY SYSTEM

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT Wednesday, September 13, 2023

SYSTEM UPDATES

Program and Event Updates

Coordinated Outreach Events and Programs

- August 10 - CiTi BOCES Migrant Education Tutorial & Support Summer Program, hosted storytimes for three classes and distributed 39 books.
- August 10 - CiTi BOCES METs End-of-Summer Celebration, tabled with Amanda Buell (SOD) and Kate Karnisky (WIL) to distribute 90 backpacks with school supply bundles, 40 Merriam-Webster's Word-for-Word Spanish-English Dictionary, and 61 books; registered nine new library card holders; and had a button-making station.
- August 10, 17, and 24 - Participated in a series of Drive Thru Baby Showers in Wayne County (Sodus, Newark, and Clyde) hosted by Rochester Regional Health's Rural Health Network, distributed a total of 55 board book bundles and 19 sibling books.
- August 30 - Conducted a three-hour workshop with Becky Sloane (CS) for seventeen Head Start teachers and classroom volunteers for Wayne Community Action Program; registered six new library cards and one renewal.
- Book Fairy Program -Between June 16 and September 3, Ron and Suzanne distributed 100 books at parks, schools, playgrounds, bus stops, etc. throughout Ontario, Wayne, Wyoming, and Livingston Counties; ten school supply bundles were also distributed during August.

System Meetings & Continuing Education

- September 1 – OWLUG (OWWL User Group)

Books by Mail

- Added five new patrons
- Circulated 313 items, the highest monthly total to date
- Shipped 56 bags, the highest monthly total to date
- Cross the 600th bag mailed milestone on August 15

LIBRARY SUPPORT UPDATES

Trustee Education

1) Trustee Handbook Book Club: Strategic Planning

Ron presented on Strategic Planning with Rebekkah Smith Aldrich to 260 Trustees across the state.

2) Final Edits for 2023 Trustee Handbook

Rebekkah Smith Aldrich and Jerry Nichols asked me to complete one final review of the updated Trustee Handbook. I submitted a list of edits and recommendations to be included in the final version. I also helped pick the color of the next cover! It's a secret, so I can't tell you, sorry.

Some Other Meetings

- Digipalooza Conference – August 9 to 11, 2023.
- NYLA Legislative Committee Meeting – August 16, 2023.
- Call with Attorney on Policy – August 16, 2023.
- Finger Lakes Emerging Leaders Course – August 17, 2023 at Newark Public Library.
- Worked with a Member Library on Conflict-of-Interest Issues – August 30, 2023.
- Met with OverDrive about the Diversity Audit of our OverDrive Collection – August 30, 2023.
- Met with the Book Challenge Review Committee – August 31, 2023.
- Met with a member library for board retreat planning – September 5, 2023.
- Met with Chris Ryan to discuss the upcoming board meeting – September 5, 2023.
- Worked with the Trustee Handbook Book Club Team for the next workshop – September 6, 2023.
- Met with the Personnel Committee – September 7, 2023.
- Took the Staff out for lunch – September 8, 2023.
- Long-Range Planning Cohort Meeting – September 11, 2023.
- PULISDO Meeting – September 12, 2023.
- Member Library Board Meeting to discuss Municipal Libraries – September 12, 2023.
- Staff Meeting – September 13, 2023.

Director Briefings

- [Director Briefing - September 11, 2023](#)
 - [OWWL Library System Annual Meeting and Trustee Workshop - October 11, 2023](#)
 - [Questions Regarding Trustee Training Requirements](#)
 - [All System Meeting: Solar Eclipse Training](#)
 - [This Week in OSC Audits](#)
 - [Reruns](#)
 - [September 5, 2023 Director Briefing](#)
- [Director Briefing - September 5, 2023](#)
 - [Exciting News: Kanopy and OverDrive Databases](#)
 - [NYS Construction Aid Reminder from Suzanne](#)
 - [Discontinuing Book Sale Signs, But We'll Buy One for Your Library](#)

- [Directors' Advisory Council \(OWWLDAC\) Meeting on September 14, 2023](#)
- [All System Meeting: Solar Eclipse Training on September 15, 2023 at 10 AM](#)
- [This Week in OSC Audits](#)
- [Important Reruns](#)
 - [Past Director Briefings](#)
 - [High Priority: Windows 10 Computers End of Life from Kelsy](#)
 - [Ineligible Computers](#)
 - [OWWL Post](#)
 - [National Voter Registration Day](#)
 - [The Great Give Back Registration](#)
 - [NYLA Annual Conference](#)
 - [Re-thinking Thanksgiving: A Native American Perspective on an American Holiday](#)
 - [System Field Trip: The Strong](#)
- [Director Briefing - August 28, 2023](#)
 - [2023 Summer Reading Survey from Suzanne](#)
 - [OWWLDAC Meeting - September 14, 2023 at 10 AM](#)
 - [News from Libby on Digital Magazines](#)
 - [The Great Give Back Registration](#)
 - [NYLA Annual Conference](#)
 - [This Week in OSC Audits](#)
 - [Rerun - High Priority: Windows 10 Computers End of Life from Kelsy](#)
 - [Ineligible Computers](#)
- [Director Briefing - August 21, 2023](#)
 - [High Priority: Windows 10 Computers End of Life from Kelsy](#)
 - [Ineligible Computers](#)
 - [Book Challenge Review Committee](#)
 - [Save the Date: OWWL Library System Annual Meeting](#)
 - [Trustee Handbook Book Club Recording Available](#)
 - [Comptroller DiNapoli and William Glasgall Op-Ed](#)
- [Director Briefing - August 14, 2023](#)
 - [OWWL Library System Board Meeting Follow-Up](#)
 - [Language in Meeting Minutes](#)
 - [WNYLRC Ask A Lawyer New Web Address](#)
 - [NYLA Voice - August 2023](#)
 - [Recent OSC Audit Rundown](#)
 - [Trustee Workshop on Patron Privacy and Access Policies](#)
 - [Upcoming Trustee Workshops](#)
- [Director Briefing - August 7, 2023](#)
 - [Minimum Standards Assurances](#)
 - [First Amendment and Libraries](#)
 - [OSC Webinar: Management's Responsibility for Internal Controls](#)
 - [NYLA Conference 2023](#)
 - [Passwords and Security in OSC Audit](#)

This is a weekly email that goes out to all Directors.

For a full list, visit, <https://docs.owwl.org/Community/DirectorBriefing>

LIBRARY COMMUNITY UPDATES

Legislative Updates

- NYLA plans on asking for the same state aid and construction aid amount as last year.
 - \$147.1M (Aid); \$69.4M (Construction Aid)
 - \$99.6M (FY 2023 Enacted); \$34M (FY 2023 Enacted)
- NYLA's Preliminary Policy Initiatives Include:
 - Intellectual Freedom/Anti-Book Ban Legislation
 - Prohibition of Non-Discourse Agreements (this is a school library item)
 - Data Privacy Laws (not an initiative, but something they will monitor)
 - NOVELNY (Libraries need to decide how best to move forward with this item)
- Libraries Are Education – Most likely the collective message for 2024.
- 414 Petition Reduction (S3594/A5266) – Passed Senate and Assembly
- Library Materials Definition – Digital Expansion (S5986/A6807) – Passed Senate and Assembly
- LCA 50% Cap Elimination (S7093) – Passed Senate, still in Committee for Assembly
- Book Fair Tax Exemption(S5955A/A5538B) – Passed Senate, still in Committee for Assembly
- Freedom to Read Act (S6350B/A6873B) – Passed Senate, still in Committee for Assembly
- Library Capital Funding Study (S1418) – Passed Senate, still in Committee for Assembly

Others are on the Senate Floor Calendar, but not the Active List:

- Checkout NY (S5956A, A4112A) – In Senate Committee
- Sen. Chu eBooks Bill (S6868) – In Senate Committee

These bills will Remain in Committee Without Advance in Either Chamber:

- Association Library Retirement Options (S4245/A4885) – In Senate Committee
- Access to Publicly Funded Research (S6562) – In Senate Committee
- The New York Privacy Act (A7423) – In Assembly Committee

Draft bills related to book banning:

- New York Assembly Bill 7878:
 - “No library or library system shall receive state aid pursuant to this section unless such library or library system adopts the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights that indicates materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval or, in the alternative, develop a written statement prohibiting the practice of banning books or other materials within the library or library system. A library or library system shall adopt such Bill of Rights or develop such written statement within

ninety days of the effective date of this subdivision¹.”

- New York Assembly Bill 7843:
 - “No library or library system shall be eligible for state aid unless such library or library system has included as part of their operating plan or has established policies incorporating the provision of the American Library Association's Library Bill of Rights that indicates that materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval or has developed a written statement prohibiting the practice of banning books or other materials within the library or library system and prohibits the practice of banning specific books or resources².”
- New York Assembly Bill 7830
 - “Every free association library, public library, hospital library, Indian library and library system which receives any portion of moneys appropriated by the state shall adopt the American Library Association's library bill of rights that indicates materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval or, in the alternative, develop a written statement prohibiting the practice of banning books or other materials within the library or library system...

Each school district, board of education, trustees or such body or officers as perform the functions of such boards shall adopt the American Library Association's library bill of rights that indicates materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval or, in the alternative, develop a written statement prohibiting the practice of banning books or other materials within any school library which receives aid for the purchase of school library materials³.”

¹ LegiScan, Bill Text: NY A07878, <https://legiscan.com/NY/text/A07878/2023>

² LegiScan, Bill Text: NY A07843, <https://legiscan.com/NY/text/A07843/2023>

³ LegiScan, Bill Text: NY A07830, <https://legiscan.com/NY/text/A07830/2023>

SOME FUN PICTURES...

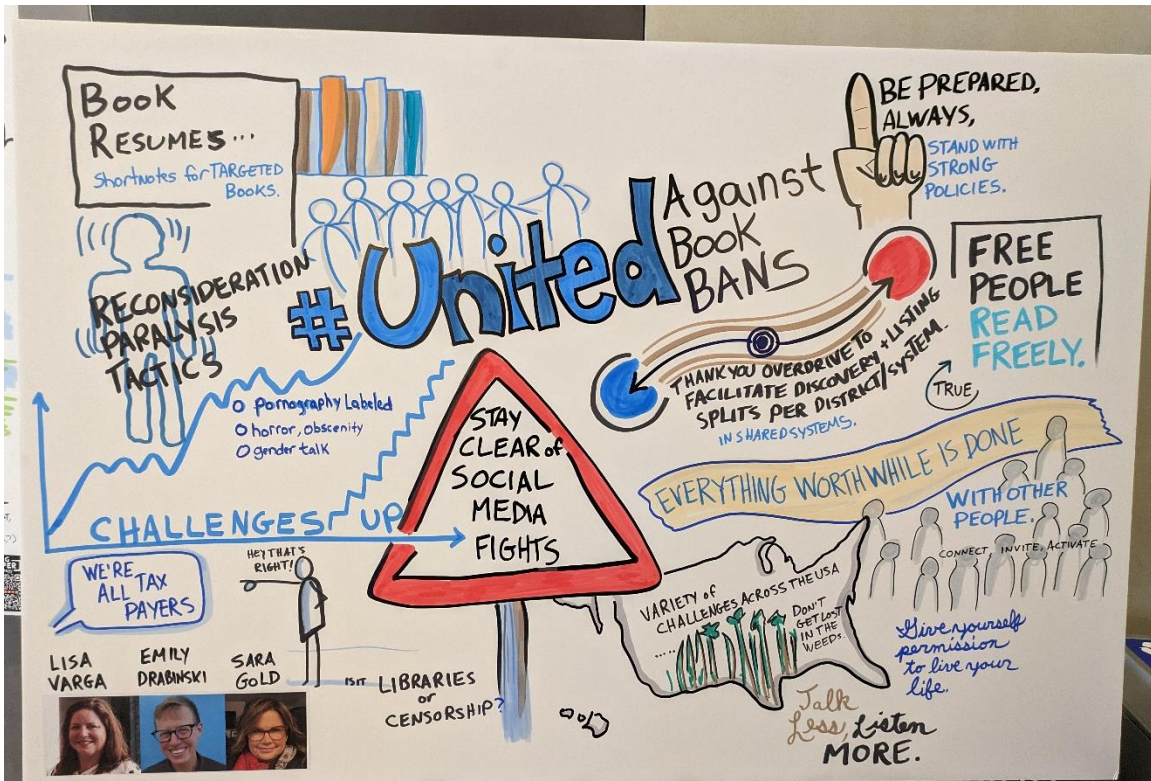


Figure 1 OverDrive Conference

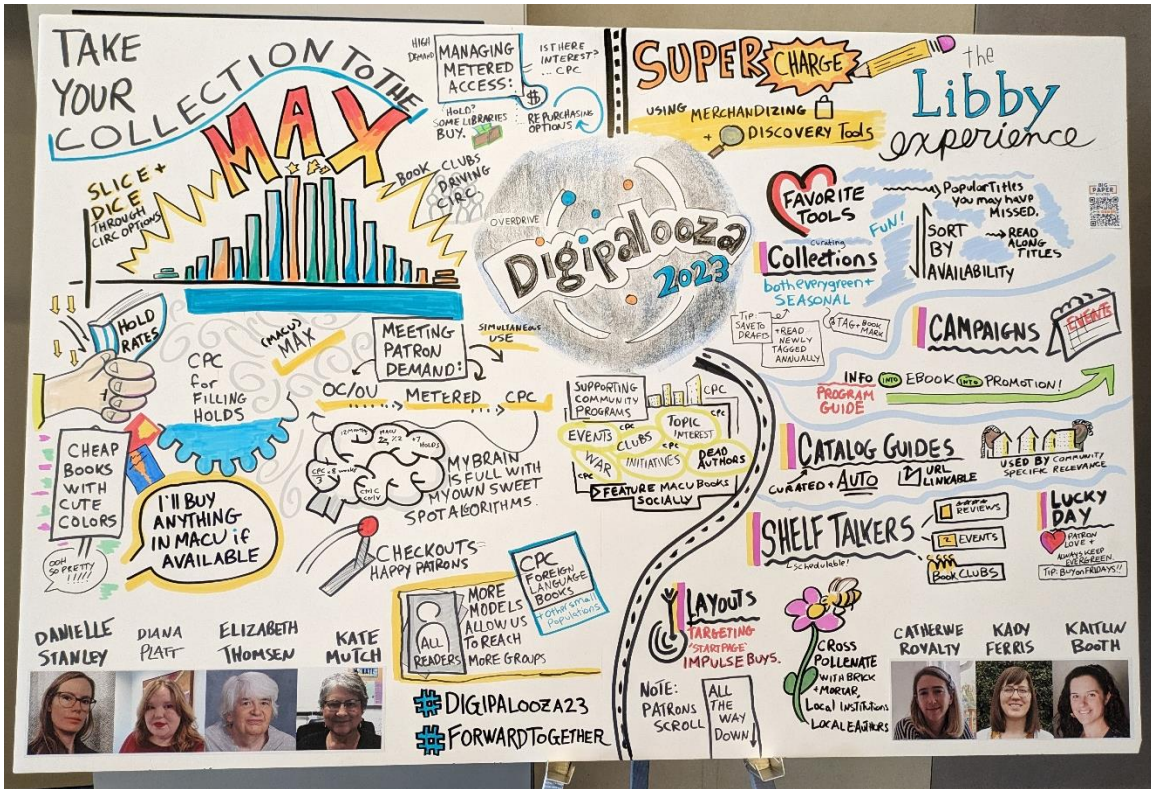


Figure 2 OverDrive Conference



Figure 3 Lots of People at the OverDrive Conference



Figure 4 Suzanne and Becky (Clifton Springs) Talking Family Literacy Team



Figure 5 New ADA Door!



Figure 6 Book Fairy Back to School Supplies



Figure 7 600 Books by Mail Bundles!

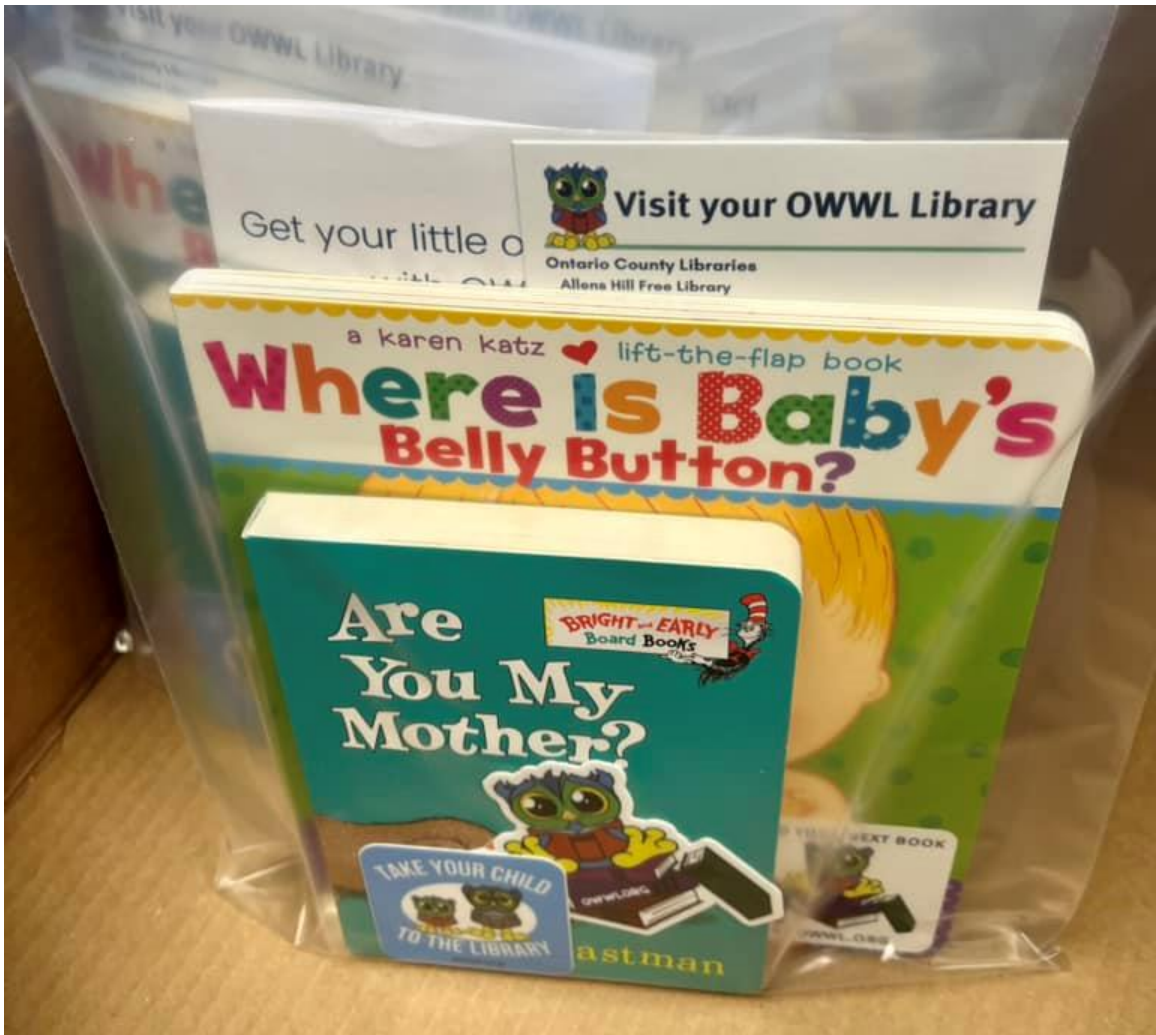


Figure 8 Drive Thru Baby Showers in Wayne County



Figure 9 Old Computers Will Self-Destruct in 2025, Libraries Have Been Warned



Figure 10 Kelly's Lovely Garden.



Figure 11 We had our carpets cleaned!