

# February 2017

**Fake News, Summer Reading,  
Advocacy, and More**



## **Fake News and a New Era of Information Literacy**

Can you spot fake news? With the digital world complicating the process of finding verifiable information, libraries will play a vital role in providing the truth. Learn more about the fake news phenomenon and how it spreads, learn ways to identify what is fake and what is true, and explore methods on how to assist patrons it doing the same. A webinar by the name of ["Post-Truth: Fake News and a New Era of Information Literacy"](#) will be available on Wednesday, February 22 at 2:00 PM for free through Programming Librarian. We'll have the webinar on display at CEFLS' headquarters if you're in the region, and the webinar will be archived so you can tune in at your convenience.

## Post-Truth Webinar



### Build a Better World

Have you heard that 2017's Summer Reading Program theme will be "Build a Better World" yet? We're looking forward to all of the great tie-ins we and all of the member libraries will come up with for the theme. Want more ideas and planning tips? The Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) is offering [three separate webinars](#) for free to help appeal to target audiences for a great experience at public libraries.

## Build a Better World Webinars



### Speak Up for Library Funding

Governor Cuomo is putting the final touches on his Executive Budget proposal, so the time has come again to make sure that library funding is secure. Keep in mind that in 2014, \$4 million was cut in library aid. With the current funding at \$95.6 million already being inadequate to meet the needs of the population, another cut would be huge hit. So take a few seconds to use [New York Library](#)

[Association's pre-drafted letter](#) to the Governor and local representatives so we can all ensure future funding.

Speak Up for Library Funding



### Advocacy Day

Mark your calendars for March 1, Advocacy Day. The day will see our own employees taking a trip to Albany and meeting with representatives to ensure public library funding. If you can't make the trip, you can find more ways to voice your support at NYLA's [Advocacy page](#).

Advocating for Libraries in New York State



### Apply to Spring Conference

Want to go to 2017's YSS (New York Library Association's Youth Services Section) Spring Conference on Friday, April 28 in Ithaca, NY but are strapped for cash? That might not be a problem if you apply for one of the scholarships available until February 1. The Spring Conference

Scholarship was designed to encourage continuing education, allowing both new members and seasoned vets to attend.

The planning committee's goal with this year's theme, Out of the Box, is to help our fellow youth library professionals find trends, practices and programs that will work for them, their library and their communities. We have a great lineup of programs ready for those new to the profession as well as seasoned librarians, from forming community partnerships to grant writing to STEM and STEAM programs, and much more!

Check out the [YSS 2017 Spring Conference Scholarship page](#), the [2017 YSS Spring Conference Scholarship Application Form \(PDF\)](#), and the [2017 YSS Spring Conference Registration page](#) for more info.

YSS Spring Conference Scholarship



## 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Keeping in gear with an early literacy theme, we have a great resource brought to us by Peg Mauer, Director of the Goff-Nelson Memorial Library in Tupper Lake. [1000 Books Before Kindergarten](#) promotes reading to newborns, infants, and toddlers and seeks to encourage parent-child bonding through reading. They even have [a page](#) full of printable logging pages and certificates to reward children with, along with links to apps to use to keep track of what they've

read. Take a look at [the list of "Books Your Child Should Hear Before Kindergarten"](#) too!

### 1000 Books Before Kindergarten



#### Local Art

Make sure to stop by [Wells Memorial Library](#) in Upper Jay to take a gander at the artwork of Peru Library Director Becky Pace. Her pieces will be on display at the library from now until the end of February.

### Wells Memorial Library



#### From the Web

- [RUSA's Emerging Technologies Section selects 18th annual list of Best Free Reference Websites](#)
  - [The challenge facing libraries in an era of fake news](#)
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## NYLA Town Hall

From CEFLS' own [Dawn Recore](#):

We have registered for NYLA's first-ever on-line Town Hall and invite member library directors, staffs, and members of the Boards of Trustees, to join us here at CEFLS on Thursday, February 16 from 3:00 to 4:00. This will be an excellent opportunity to learn up-to-the-minute information on where the library community stands in the NYS Budget negotiation process, and the outlook for our 2017 Legislative Agenda.

We hope you can be here with us as we join library advocates from around New York State for this first-ever occurrence.

Refreshments will be served.

You might still have a chance to get a spot to participate separately, but it is limited to 90 registered users. Hope to see you here at CEFLS!

NYLA Town Hall



## The Return of 3 Apples

From the Department of Library Development:

The Youth Services Section and School Library Section of NYLA are reintroducing the 3 Apples Book Award for New York State readers. This award was developed to encourage the joys of reading for pleasure, and to give the children of New York State the opportunity to participate in honoring their favorite books. The 3 Apples Award is unique because titles are culled and nominated entirely by kids, for kids. School Librarians and Children's Librarians from across the state oversee the process, but the titles chosen are generated entirely by participating youth.

The 3 Apples Book Award is awarded annually in three different categories: Young Reader, Children, and Teen. In order to participate, children must read or listen to three of the finalist books and place their vote at their local school and/or public library from November 2016-April 2017. The winning book and its author from each category are honored with the presentation of the 3 Apples Young Reader's Book Award, and celebrations take place across the state in May 2017.

To see promotional ideas and get more information about participating in the 3 Apples Book Award, please visit [www.nyla.org/3apples/](http://www.nyla.org/3apples/)

3 Apples Book Award



Mini-Grants for Creative Programs

Courtesy of NYLINE's youth services consultants:

The Ezra Jack Keats Foundation is offering mini-grants of \$500 to design and implement a creative program for libraries.

These mini-grants are awarded to public schools, public libraries, and public preschool programs that provide free, creative, and innovative programs that support or extend the Learning Standards for children ages preschool-grade 12. Past projects that have been supported by an EJK Mini-Grant include story walks, intergenerational activities, programs that bring disparate communities together, and newspapers or other print publications, to name a few examples.

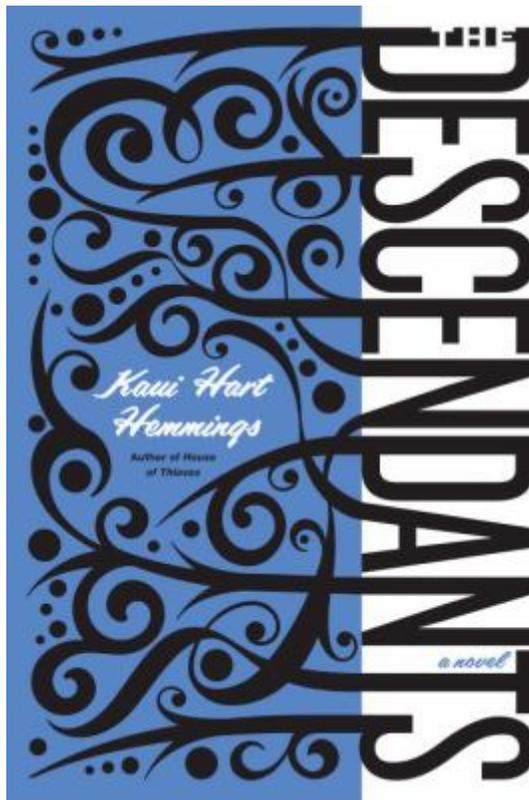
The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, March 31st, 2017 by midnight. For more information, please visit <http://www.ezra-jack-keats.org/section/ezra-jack-keats-mini-grant-program-for-public-libraries-public-schools/>

Ezra Jack Keats Foundation

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## Hidden Gems

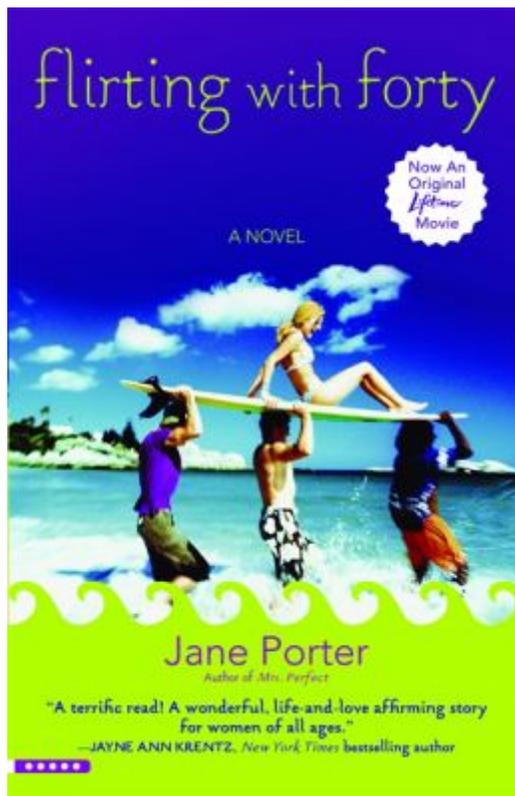
Moana, Disney's newest animated feature, has brought Hawaii and its culture into the spotlight. Check these Hawaiian titles out from libraries around the system.



## The Descendants

Kaui Hart Hemmings

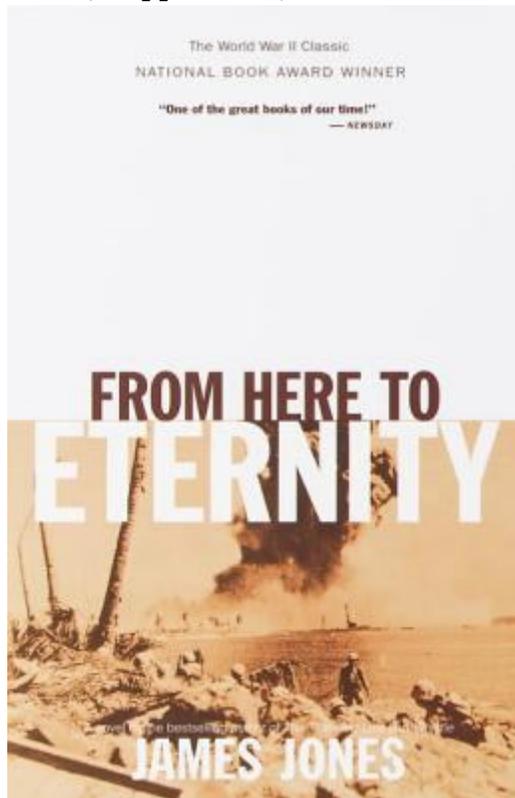
Grab this adult fiction title from Willsboro, Lake Placid, or Essex.



## Flirting with Forty

Jane Porter

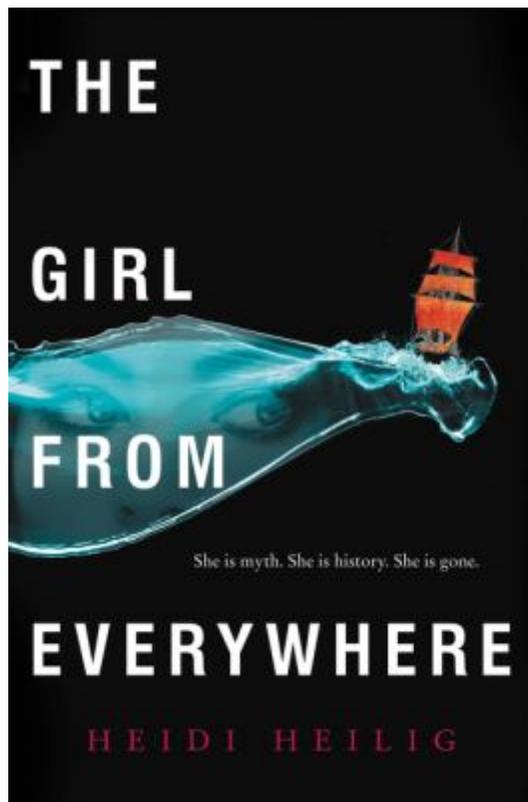
Grab this adult fiction title from Akwesasne, Rouses Point, Tupper Lake, or CEFLS.



## From Here to Eternity

James Jones

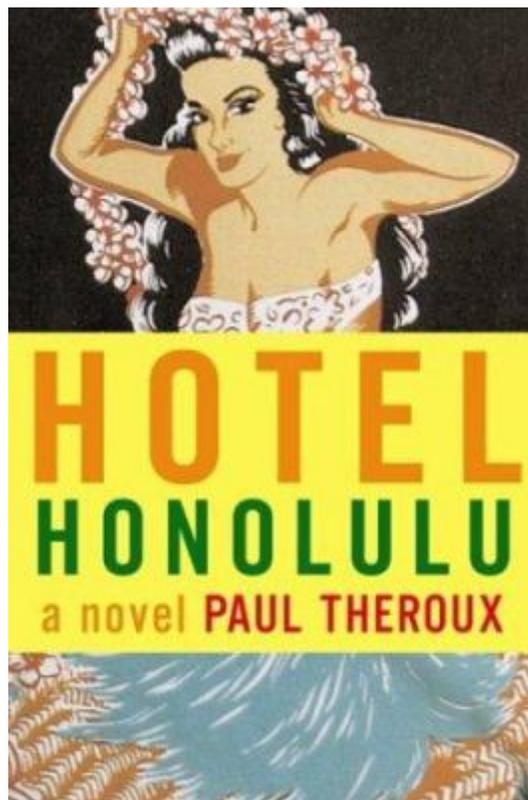
Grab this adult fiction title from Plattsburgh, Keene, Malone, Westport, Tupper Lake, Lake Placid, or Au Sable Forks.



## **The Girl from Everywhere**

Heidi Heilig

Grab this young adult fiction title from Tupper Lake.



## Hotel Honolulu

Paul Theroux

Grab this adult fiction title from Keene Valley or CEFLS. An [e-audiobook version](#) is also available.



## Wild Meat and Bully Burgers

Lois-Ann Yamanaka

Grab this adult fiction title from Plattsburgh.

[Browse for More Titles](#)

“Librarians are actively engaged in the community. They connect individuals to a vast array of local and national resources and serve as neutral conveners to foster civic health. They facilitate learning and creation for children and adults alike.”

–Aspen Institute’s October 2014 report,  
*Rising to the Challenge: Re-Envisioning Public*

## 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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