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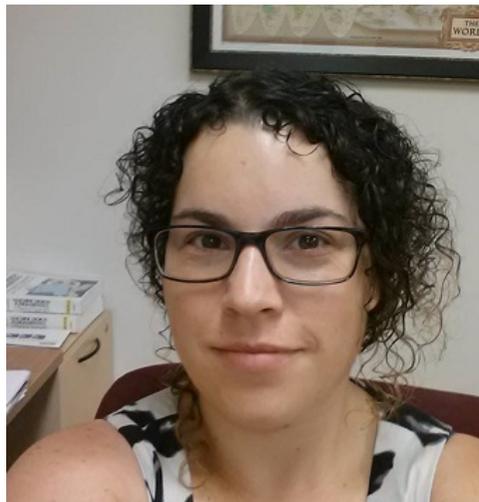
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Vermont Department of Libraries Staff News



April Shaw began as the Department of Libraries' Government Services and Reference Librarian on August 21. April is a native Vermonter who earned her BS in English from the College of Saint Rose and her MLIS from the University of South Carolina.

She has spent the past four years working as a reference librarian at the Hartness Library at Vermont Technical College. You may remember April from when she worked at the Department of Libraries as the assistant to Grace Greene! April is looking forward to making the Department of Libraries the first stop for information needs for Vermont Government Employees.

When she's not working, April can usually be found chasing around her energetic toddler and enjoying family time.

Save the Date!



The **Vermont Department of Libraries** and the **Vermont Library Association** are co-sponsoring the 2017 Trustees and Friends Conference! The event will be held on Saturday, November 4, from 9:00am-3:00pm at Champlain College in Burlington.

Library trustees and friends are invited to brush up on their knowledge, reinvigorate their board, network with other Vermont trustees and friends, and walk away inspired and informed!

More details - including theme, sessions, and registration - coming soon!

Grants to Your Library



The Department of Libraries is in the midst of a very busy grant season! **The Institute of Museum and Library Services**, a federal agency, is responsible for passing on federal funds from the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) to state library agencies and other organizations every year. This summer we are using these funds to support *four* different programs by issuing grants to almost 100 of Vermont's libraries.

- **Verso Grant:** As you might have read in our last newsletter, the Department of Libraries not only "went live" on a new state-wide interlibrary loan (ILL) system, we also implemented a new integrated library system (ILS) in our library called Verso. We offered libraries currently using ILS's that are not compatible with the new ILL system the opportunity to switch to Verso by providing a grant to cover migration fees and their first year of service!
- **Courier Grant:** Once again, we offered the libraries participating in the state-wide courier system a grant to subsidize their costs.
- **First Wednesdays Grant:** The First Wednesdays Speaker Series, organized by the Vermont Humanities Council, offers the opportunity for Vermonters to attend free talks by scholars at nine

libraries around the state. We have once again offered grants to the nine participating libraries to help subsidize the cost of this program.

- **NELA/VLA Grant:** The New England Library Association is co-hosting their annual conference with the Vermont Library Association this October in Burlington. The Department of Libraries is offering every public, school, and academic library in the state the opportunity to apply for a grant to cover the registration fees for up to two librarians!

On the Road with Cass



Cass Mabbott, VTLIB Youth Services Consultant, was able to visit Kellogg-Hubbard Library (Montpelier), Dailey Memorial Library (Derby), Haskell Free Library (Derby Line), and Goodrich Memorial Library (Newport) at the beginning of this month. She has plans to visit Warren Public Library and Morristown Centennial Library later in August. Take a look at her adventures here:

<https://goo.gl/photos/6nQUyp4FWfce8FYq7>
<https://goo.gl/photos/EGRMAqMjSoPuX7pY9>

Cass has also been working on a Mock Caldecott workshop to train people interested in learning how to review children's books (to be held in Spring 2018) and is looking forward to seeing everyone at the Reading Pictures: Visual Literacy & Young Children workshop at Lake Morey later this month.

Bringing Resources to Light

Join us each month as we illuminate a fantastic resource from Vermont Online Library. This episode:

Pop Culture Collection (http://go.galegroup.com/ps/start.do?p=PPOP&u=vol_portal).



Sometimes patrons need to do serious research about current cultural

memes. And sometimes patrons just want to read about fun stuff. The ***Pop Culture Collection*** offers readings from both scholarly journals and magazines (mainstream and small press) on a wide range of cultural touchstones, such as Harry Potter, Tumblr, SXSW, Retro Style, and more.

Interested in Reality Television in other countries? *Metro Magazine* has an article in the ***Pop Culture Collection*** on reality television in New Zealand.

Curious about Jay-Z's "Moonlight" video which recently dropped on YouTube? ***Pop Culture Collection*** has you covered with an article from *Vulture*.

You can use the "Topic Finder" to discover topics related to your search and "uncover hidden connections" - leading you down a rabbit hole of fun word associations. And once you find an article you like, you can download an MP3, share the article to Tumblr (or other social media platforms), email it to someone, and even save it to a folder for later viewing.

Pics from the original publications are often included in the full text, as are MLA 8th edition source citations (for those patrons who are doing more serious research). And the database is updated weekly - an important feature in the rapidly-changing world of pop culture memes.

Libraries offer many timely resources to their patrons. Consider surprising patrons by telling them about the ***Pop Culture Collection*** - available for free from your library through Vermont Online Library!

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