

MHLS Director Briefing

COVID-19 | August 6, 2020



Today

- **Updates**

- **Federal:** REALM Announcement | FFCRA Ruling | 2020 Census | Voter Engagement
- **State:** Open Meetings Law | EO 202.51 | Funding Update
- **MHLS:** Delivery Drivers & Masks | Reimagining Library Services Web Series

- **A Deeper Dive:** Reopening

REALM Announcement

- **Round 4 Testing Announced**
 - **Materials Studied in Test 1, (but in a stacked configuration):**
 - DVD/CD case (polypropylene)
 - Hardcover book cover (buckram cloth)
 - Softcover (trade paperback) book cover
 - Plastic protective cover (biaxially oriented polyester film)
 - **Material Commonly Used in Museums and Archives for Storage and Shipping:**
 - Expanded polyethylene foam (1-in. thickness)

REALM Webinars

- **NYS Library REALM Project Overview**
 - Friday, August 14 at 12:00 pm
 - Register: <https://bit.ly/3a2r6A9>
- **OCLC's REALM Materials Testing and Resource Overview Recordings**
 - Access: <https://bit.ly/31uL2rs>

Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA)

On Monday, a New York federal judge ruled that the act's

- work availability exclusion is illegal;
- intermittent leave provisions are unreasonable; and
- Documentation requirements need to be revised.

For more information: <https://www.law360.com/employment/articles/1297787>

NEXT? Watch for new guidance from the US Department of Labor

2020 Census

- All Counting Efforts for the 2020 Census End September 30

- **Response Rates**

- Columbia: 49.5%
- Dutchess: 61.9%
- Greene: 40.6%
- Putnam: 66.4%
- Ulster: 56.7%

- **Promotional Materials**

- www.midhudson.org/census
 - Images with Captions
 - Videos
 - Newsletter articles
 - Fliers

General Election Deadlines

Voter Registration

September 22: National Voter Registration Day <https://nationalvoterregistrationday.org/>

October 9: Voter Registration Deadline

October 14: Change of Address Form for Registered Voters Deadline

Absentee Ballots

October 27: Last day to postmark an application for an absentee ballot

November 2: Last day to apply in-person for absentee ballot

November 3: Last day to postmark ballot. Must be received by November 10.

November 3: Last day to delivery ballot in-person to local board of elections



NationalVoterRegistrationday.org

Open Meeting Law

Open Meeting Law Adjustments have been extended through

September 4, 2020

as per Executive Order 202.55

Executive Order 202.51

Municipal Ballot (414 Votes)

- Signatures: 3 signatures from 10% of voters that voted in the last gubernatorial election
- Due 30 days before election day to the board of elections (BOE)
- Work now to discuss timing issues with the town clerk and BOE

Special District Public Libraries

- Votes can be held between September 15-December 31, 2020
- Nominating petitions for trustees are required
- Petition signatures: 70% of legislated number

Funding Update

- **County**

- 20% cut to Columbia County Library Association
- 10% cut to Ulster County Library Association

- **State**

- 20% “hold back” on Local Government Aid
 - “80%” of “Basic Aid” being “processed”
- DOB full accounting of cuts due in September
- Nonprofit contractors are being asked if they will close without state aid this year

- **Federal**

- Federal Stimulus Plan negotiations this week

MHLS Delivery

- Drivers will now lose a day of pay for violating the COVID-19 Protocols in our contract with Valley Courier.
 - Repeat offense may mean loss of employment
- Delivery volume is down by 30-40%

Reimagining Library Services Series

- **Libraries Addressing Food Scarcity:** September 15
- **Innovative Programming:** October 6
- **Tech Tools for Library Service:** October 28
- **Dealing with the Digital Divide:** November 10

How to “Build Back Better”?



Tell Us What You Think

Contact Information *

First Name

Last Name

What is your email address?

City

State

Zip

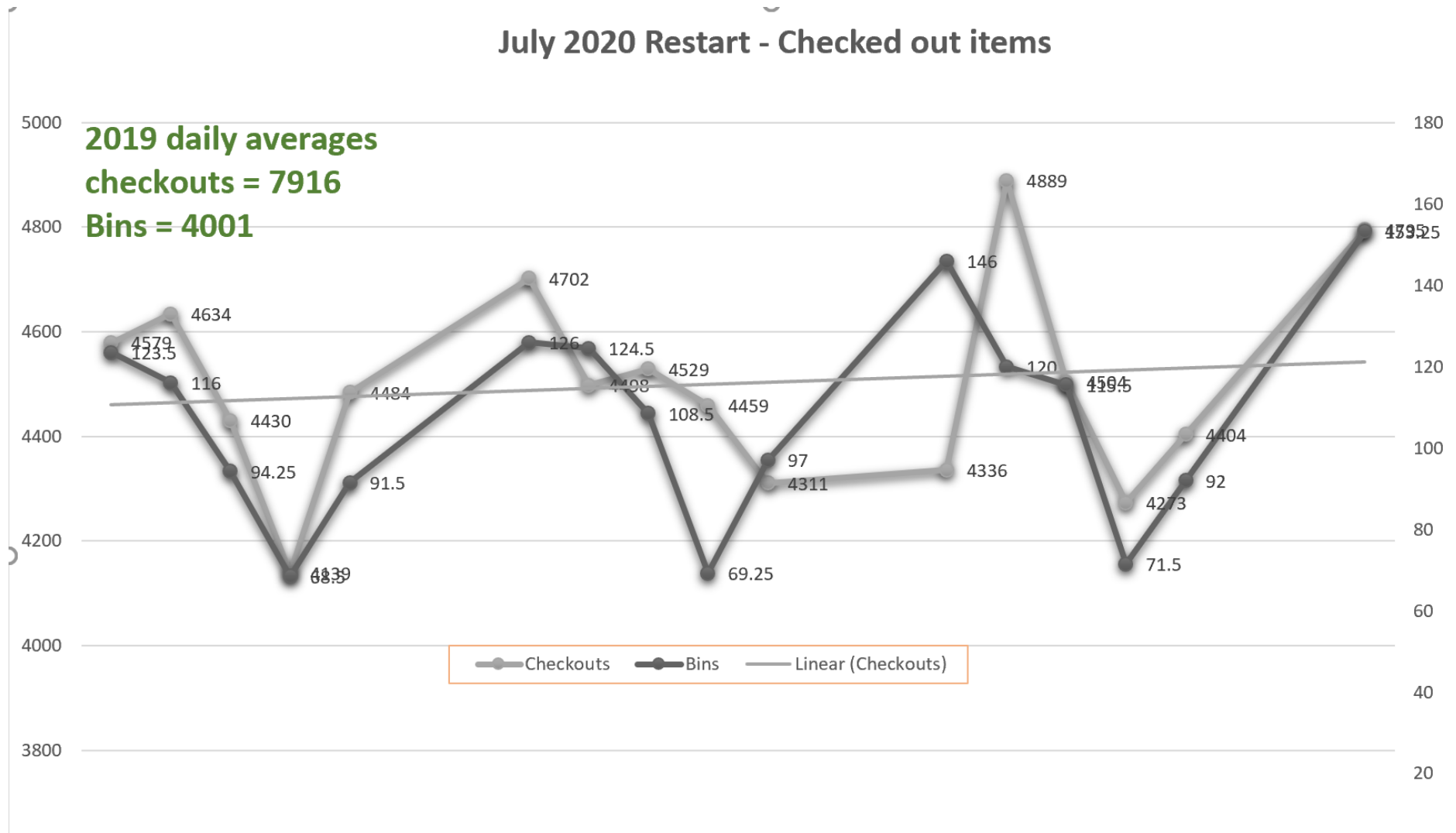
Select the topic you would like to provide feedback on. *

- Connectivity: Enable connectivity for all New Yorkers by identifying barriers to connection and implementing solutions to overcome those barriers to ensure the next wave of technological advancement advances equity.
- Telehealth: Expand and improve telehealth delivery to build a more accessible, effective, and equitable healthcare system.
- Workforce: Equip New York’s workforce for an increasingly digital economy through retraining and public-private partnerships
- How we work: Identification and acceleration of tech-enabled approaches to better serve NY businesses and equip all workers for the post-COVID digital economy
- Other / general comments.

A Deeper Dive: Reopening

- All libraries are providing at least curbside service
- 42% Libraries have re-opened their doors to the public
- 47% Plan to re-open by the end of August

Circ & Delivery Data



- ✓ **Reopening Plan**
- ✓ **Proactive Infection Plan**
- ✓ **Affirmation Form Submitted**
- ✓ **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**
- ✓ **Cleaning Supplies**
- ✓ **Social Distancing Procedures**



2020 Trustee Education Series

- **COVID-19 Trustee Briefing:** August 12
- **Trustee Essentials:** September 10 & October 13
- **Core Values & Ethics (aka Policies 101):** September 17 & October 21
- **Intro to the New Minimum Standards:** September 22
- **Financial Roles & Responsibility:** December 2
- **Seven Habits of Highly Effective Trustees:** December 8

LST Intern



Amy Smith, award-winning Director of Programs & Youth Services at the Red Hook Public Library, will join us as an intern working with the Library Sustainability Team for the remainder of the year.

Amy is pursuing her MLIS at the University at Albany.

Thank you!

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