

SENYLRC Matters

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Invitation to “Somewhere in Time” SENYLRC’s 39th Annual Meeting & HRVH Debut

By Judy Fischetti

Invitations have gone out for SENYLRC’s 39th Annual Meeting and Debut of the Online Collections of Hudson River Valley Heritage (HRVH). The event will be held at Locust Grove, the Samuel Morse Historic Site in Poughkeepsie on Friday, June 9, 2006 from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm.

If you did not receive an invitation in the mail, go to <http://www.senylrc.org/annualmeeting06.htm> for full information regarding the event.

There is no fee for the event, however, registration is required. Go to: <http://reg.senylrc.org/annualmeeting06.htm> or call SENYLRC at (845) 883-9065. We look forward to seeing you there!

People in the News

By Patricia Carroll-Mathes

Medical librarians are making an impact professionally and personally! **Sue Ben-Dor** from Orange Regional Medical Center directs a two facility library but still makes time for professional activities at the national level. When attending MLA in Phoenix May 19-24, she will begin her term as Upstate New York and Ontario Chapter (UNYOC) Council representative and will also serve as a member of the Majors/MLA Chapter “Project of the Year” Jury. Sue is also participating on the National Planning Committee for ’07 when the annual conference will return to Philadelphia.

Jesse Caudill from Nyack Hospital recently completed the Hook Half Marathon held to benefit the Palliative Care Program for United Hospice of Rockland County. He won the Avanti Cup which will be displayed in the hospital library for 1 year and raised \$3,200! He also ran a half-marathon time of 1:50 on a very challenging course in torrential rain!!

Chris McKee will be leaving his position at The Hastings Center Library in Garrison to begin a new position at the New York City Public Health Library on May 15.

Hospital Libraries Open to the Public

By Patricia Carroll-Mathes

A recent request from the Mid-Hudson Library System inspired this note as many of you may want to know for yourselves, as well as your library users, where to go for specialized medical resources. All of the region’s member hospital libraries have access to a collection of electronic journals from Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins, a collection of current reference books, The Cochrane Library (evidence-based systematic reviews), and much, much more. Most welcome a phone call from librarians regarding their onsite resources, specialty collections (rehabilitation, CAM, oncology, psychiatry) and in-house collections, and most will be able to process a request for a medical article within 24 hours.

Two hospitals have Community Health Information Centers directly open to patients and consumers. **Catskill Regional Medical Center** in Harris serves everyone in Sullivan County and offers a circulating collection of consumer health books. Open hours are Monday through Thursday including evening hours on Tuesday and afternoon hours on Sunday. **St. Francis Hospital** in Poughkeepsie supports a Center for Health Information with limited daytime hours; a call ahead is helpful. Other medical libraries in the region are open to the public by appointment.

Several medical libraries partner with their local public libraries (Good Samaritan, Orange Regional Medical Center, St. Luke’s Cornwall and The Kingston Hospital) as well as area high schools.

Nyack and Benedictine Hospitals accept phone calls from the community and provide in-house access by appointment. Contact Kathy or Patricia at Southeastern to be put in touch with the most appropriate hospital library. **Nathan Kline Research Institute** in Orangeburg is also open to the public with appointments preferred. The NKI Library has a family resource center for mental illness/mental health as well as psychiatric specialty resources.

Subsidies for Electronic Resources from SENYLRC

By Tessa Killian

The Electronic Resources Advisory Committee (ERAC) selected three databases to subsidize with Regional Automation (RBDB) funds. The FirstSearch Package is available to ALL libraries in the region. The Gale Virtual Reference Library titles are available to ALL non-profit libraries in the region. ERAC made the decision to eliminate the subsidy to the ABC-CLIO "History Twins" America: History and Life & Historical Abstracts for 2006/07 for the academic libraries. They also made it a priority to keep the library's cost of the FirstSearch package at the same level as it was for 2005/06.

FirstSearch Base Package with Wilson Full Text.

The subscription year is July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007. The consortium price per library is \$968. The subsidy from SENYLRC pays 50% of the total cost from the vendor. The cost to academic libraries is \$550. The cost to all other library types is \$400.

Gale Virtual Reference Library (*Encyclopedia of World Biography, UXL Encyclopedia of Science, Worldmark Encyclopedia of the Nations*).

The subscription year is September 1, 2006 - August 31, 2007. SENYLRC is subsidizing the entire cost of the GVRL e-books for all non-profit libraries in the SENYLRC region for a second year. These e-books are listed with the other GVRL titles that are part of the state-funded NOVEL collection.

American Council of Learned Societies: History E-Book Project (Academic Libraries only).

The subscription year is August 1, 2006 - July 31, 2007. The SENYLRC subsidy pays an average of \$365 per library and the library pays \$65.

A packet of materials detailing these resources will be sent to you within the next week. Please contact Tessa Killian by email killian@senylrc.org or call her (845) 883-9065 with questions.

Suggestions of CE Topics Welcomed

By Judy Fischetti

The SENYLRC Continuing Education Committee will be selecting topics for future workshops at their meeting in June. The committee welcomes input from library staff to help with the committee's mission "to assess the training needs of librarians and other library staff within the region and to develop and organize educational programs for that staff." Do you have workshop ideas and topics to suggest or training needs? If you would like to

suggest a topic for future workshops, please enter it in the CE suggestion box located at the following: <http://www.senylrc.org/ce/cesuggestions.htm>.

HRVH Website Upgrade

www.hrvh.org

By Zachary Spalding

During the first week of May, CONTENTdm™ which is the heart of the HRVH site was upgraded to version 4.1. The upgrade involved several code changes to the CONTENTdm™ software that affected the performance of compound documents and collection administration. There were several layout changes that were suggested by the DAC committee, contributors, and SENYLRC staff. These changes improved the layout of the interface used to view images, metadata, and public comments. Other improvements took place in the list of collections to provide each contributor with a page that will describe their collection, list multiple collections for that contributor, and provide details of the contributor's organization. Response to these changes has been very positive, and we hope that the rest of our HRVH user population will find these changes beneficial to them as well.

Wilderstein's 2006 Exhibition -DAISY

By Gregory Sokaris, Wilderstein Preservation

The exhibition "Daisy" opens at the Wilderstein Historic Site, 330 Morton Road, Rhinebeck, NY, on May 4, 2006. Visitors will experience an intimate journey through the life of Margaret (Daisy) Suckley in the context of her 100-year residence, her family estate "Wilderstein." Miss Suckley was the last resident of Wilderstein. Born in December of 1891, she was the fifth child and first daughter of Robert Bowne Suckley and Elizabeth Montgomery Suckley. Miss Suckley was a descendant through her father of the Livingston, Beekman, Rutzen and Bowne families and through her mother of the Tillotson, Lynch, Chew and Montgomery families.

Margaret Suckley was also a cousin and close friend of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Miss Suckley traveled extensively with FDR during his presidency, gave him his famous Black Scottie dog, Fala, and helped establish his library in Hyde Park. She was also at the President's side when he was fatally stricken at Warm Springs, Georgia in 1945. The letters they exchanged during their friendship, which were discovered at Wilderstein, provide one of the best

resources for understanding the private side of Roosevelt's life during his presidency.

For this special exhibition, the first floor rooms of the Wilderstein Mansion will serve as a stage showcasing Miss Suckley's many interests and possessions that were integral to her life. Striking vignettes created from film clips, oral histories, photographs, manuscripts, books, decorative arts, costumes, textiles, and paintings belonging to Miss Suckley will provide insight into her character, interests and passions. United are her love of nature, fascination with science, enjoyment of travel, enthusiasm for music and sports, connection to FDR plus the FDR Presidential Library, and in her later years, her close association with the Rhinebeck Community through the Church of the Messiah and the opening of Wilderstein to the public.

While working as a live-in companion for her Aunt Sophia Langdon in New York City and in Rhinebeck, Miss Suckley wrote to FDR, "You always have your own home in back of your consciousness, or is it simply a matter of where the heart happens to be. Most certainly, a large part of mine lives permanently over at Wilderstein."

Show designers include Jeffrey L. Daly of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Geoff Howell of Geoff Howell Studios and Wilderstein Curator Duane A. Watson. This exhibition was made possible through the generous support of Brady Brennan & Boccuto of A.G. Edwards & Sons, Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation, the Dutchess County Arts Council, Charles D. Hewett and the Samuel H. Kress Foundation.

The exhibit will run through the end of October, Thursday to Sunday from noon until 4 PM. For more information, call 845-876-4818.

Reminder to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

By Cliff Laube FDR Library

The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum has mounted a special display of WWII posters entitled, "'Don't Waste It!': Conservation and World War II." The exhibit is relevant today in light of such contemporary issues as climate change and high fuel prices. The posters will be on display through June 30, 2006. This poster exhibit ties in with the Museum's new major exhibition, "Freedom From Fear: FDR Commander in Chief," exploring President Roosevelt's role as a wartime leader.

To outfit and supply the enormous military forces needed to win World War II, America had to enlist every man, woman, and child in the effort. Some involvement was involuntary. For instance, the public was required to participate in government programs that rationed scarce goods needed for war production. But civilians were also asked to voluntarily conserve scarce goods and gather renewable materials for reuse in defense factories. Millions responded by conserving and recycling everything from scrap metal for tanks and aircraft to rubber for tires. Even cooking fat was recycled for use in the production of explosives. The modern conservation ideal--expressed in the slogan "reduce, reuse, recycle"--was something patriotic Americans practiced throughout the war.

These posters from the FDR Library's extensive World War II poster collection illustrate just a few of the voluntary conservation efforts mounted during the war.

Library volunteer opportunity in the Galapagos Islands Ecuador

By Patricia Carroll-Mathes

A fascinating place and warm weather are just two of the attractions awaiting anyone interested in spending 3 or more months helping the library manager at the Charles Darwin Research Station in Puerto Ayora. Cataloging skills are especially needed; other professional skills would be welcomed. The CDRS serves an international research staff and volunteers as well as Ecuadorian environmental students and the local community. Contact Patricia by email pcarroll@senylrc.org if you are interested.

Classes offered for Microsoft Word and PowerPoint

By Judy Fischetti

SENYLRC is sponsoring two workshops on Wednesday, May 24, 2006 in the use of two Microsoft office suite programs. "Microsoft Word: Beyond the Basics", an intermediate level class, will be held in the morning from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. "Introduction to PowerPoint" will take place from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm and will cover the basics of creating and using a PowerPoint presentation. For additional information and online registration, go to <http://www.senylrc.org/cc/>.
