

SENYLRC Matters

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Joseph F. Shubert Library Excellence Award for 2006

The Southeastern New York Library Resources Council received on December 14, 2006 the Joseph F. Shubert Library Excellence Award for 2006, presented by the New York State Regents Advisory Council on Libraries, for the Council's Hudson River Valley Heritage www.HRVH.org service. The purpose of this award is to recognize the effort of an individual library or library system in the State of New York that has initiated an innovative and/or exemplary program aimed towards enhancing library services for its constituents.

The award was presented to SENYLRC representatives during a meeting of the HRVH Digital Advisory Committee. Two Regents Advisory Council members, Dr. Karen Patricia Smith, Chair of the 2006 Award Committee and Professor at Queens College, Graduate School of Library and Information Studies, and Sam Simon, a retired Public Library Director in the Ramapo Catskill Library System, presented the award, which includes \$1,000, generously funded by EBSCO Information Services.



From left to right: Muriel Verdibello, Sam Simon, Helen McLallen, Dr. Karen Patricia Smith, Ron Patkus, and John Shaloiko

NN/LM Membership Offers Benefits and Opportunities for 2006-2011

If health information access matters to you and your patrons, you might want to explore or renew free membership in the NN/LM for 2006-2011.

Membership in the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM) offers a variety of benefits and services including eligibility for grant funding for health information access and other projects.

The FREE membership has two levels – full member and affiliate member.

Full membership is open to any health sciences library or health related information center that:

- 1) Is regularly staffed,
- 2) Has its *own lendable* collection of health sciences materials such as current biomedical journals (25 minimum in collection), books, audiovisuals, and/or electronic databases.
- 3) Provides information services, including collection sharing through the DOCLINE* system and providing information services to health professionals and/or the general public (e.g. answering or referring reference questions and performing information searches).
- 4) Members are encouraged to provide Loansome Doc service to their users and/or to unaffiliated users.

* *Reciprocal borrowing through the DOCLINE system is a key responsibility* for members. Members are required to fill loan requests within two to three business days.

Affiliate membership is open to libraries or information resource centers that are called upon for health information by their users, but which do not meet all of the criteria for full member participation. An affiliate member might form a cooperative relationship with a member, for example, for reference assistance or document delivery.

SENYLRC, itself a full member, currently has 22 member libraries who are full members and 3 who are affiliate members including hospital, special libraries, academic, and public libraries. The Hastings Center Library is currently in the process of joining while the Astor Home for Children Professional Library did so in the last year. There are also 13 public libraries from Mid-Hudson and RCLS participating as affiliate members as well as The Epilepsy Foundation of Southern NY in Pearl River. **Libraries who are current members should renew before January 31, 2007.** This is a good opportunity to consider becoming a member. If you have any questions contact Patricia at SENYLRC.

AHIP, Who's Hip?

Those four letters following the names of some of SENYLRC's best librarians are well earned. Awarded by the credentialing arm of the Medical Library Association, The Academy of Health Information Professionals (AHIP) recognizes health information professionals based on three areas of achievement — academic preparation, professional experience and professional accomplishment. There are different levels of academy membership – Provisional, Member, Senior, Distinguished and Emeritus. Membership in the Academy is based on recognition of the time and work put into professional development.

Five of our hospital librarians are currently members of AHIP. Maryallison Farley from Catskill Regional Medical Center is a Member, Mary Evans of Benedictine & Ellenville Hospitals and Sue Ben-Dor from Orange Regional Medical Center are Senior Members, while Mary Jo Russell from Vassar Brothers Medical Center and Kathy Fiola of Helen Hayes Hospital enjoy the Distinguished Membership category.

Professional experience is tied primarily to working in a medical library or related setting. In addition, these AHIP memberships represent many hours of continuing education courses that generally follow receipt of a Master's degree in Library Science or a related field. Some CE courses are taken at SENYLRC headquarters; others are taken in locations in New York State such as Albany, Binghamton, Buffalo, or NYC, or at more distant locations when national meetings and conferences are held out of state. In some cases, these librarians have earned CE credits by joining a MLA sponsored reading club.

The professional accomplishment piece of the credential has been met by these five librarians in part by participating in SENYLRC's Hospital Library Services Program Advisory Committee. Some have earned extra points by serving as Chair of the group. Involvement in professional activities also includes work for other organizations tied to medical librarianship. Kathy Fiola served as the long-time Basic Health Sciences Library Network (BHSL) Coordinator for the region; Sue Ben-Dor and Mary Jo Russell have put in many hours working for the Upstate NY/Ontario Chapter of the MLA. Sue Ben-Dor is involved with the national MLA organization and planning for the spring 2007 MLA Conference to be held in Philadelphia.

Points towards professional development are accumulated by other involvements. Some of these

librarians have written columns or articles for different publications in the field. Others have secured grants from the Regional Medical Library or from the National Library of Medicine. These activities all add points to the potential AHIP resume.

So, when you see those letters, remember it is hip to be AHIP. *(Contributed by Patricia Carroll-Mathes and Maryallison Farley)*

Workshops

SEAL ILL System Workshops

Southeastern Access to Libraries (SEAL) ILL System beginner level training workshops will be held at Southeastern on February 14 and 27, 2007 from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm. The SEAL ILL System connects more than 200 libraries in the Southeastern region for resource sharing via the electronic web-based gateway. Participating libraries can search each other's catalogs, place requests and manage their interlibrary loans online. For online registration and additional information, go to www.senylrc.org/ce. If you have questions about participation in SEAL or the workshops, contact Judy Fischetti at Southeastern (845) 883-9065.

Rachel Singer Gordon to Speak Via Teleconference

The next College of DuPage teleconference features nationally renowned librarian and author Rachel Singer Gordon for "Next Gen Librarianship: Where Do We Go from Here?" The program will take place via the Internet on Friday, February 9, 2007 from 12:00 noon until 1:30 pm.

Registration in advance is required for the College of DuPage teleconferences. These free programs are sponsored by the New York State Library, DLD. For additional information and online registration, go to www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/dupage.htm. If you already registered for the programs for 2006-07, you do not need to register again.

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