

SENYLRC Matters

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A MISP Moment- Librarians and Technology Working Together

By Patricia Carroll-Mathes

When a patron of the Cragmoor Free Library (RCLS) who happens to be a freelance writer discovered she needed updated information from a medical text quickly, she asked the library's director, Hattie Grifo, who called Maryallison Farley at Catskill Regional Medical Center in Harris. After checking the Hospital Union Catalog, Maryallison in turn called Frank Appell at Good Samaritan Hospital in Suffern. Frank was not only willing to help, he was able to scan the text and email a PDF of the needed chapter directly to the writer at home.

Thanks to libraries (and technology) working together, Mary Kroul was able to complete her lengthy article without having to drive to Albany as she did in earlier days. When she told her editor about getting the needed material so expeditiously, the editor remarked that one couldn't get that kind of personal (and speedy) service at one of the big NYC hospitals. Hats off to all the librarians, and hats off to Kathy Horodyski, SENYLRC's Program Assistant, who keeps the hospital holdings up-to-date, and to the MISP program for supporting the union catalog and medical information in the region.

When you or your users (students, faculty, researchers and consumers) need clinical or professional medical information, where do you turn? If it's not available in your library, in your electronic resources, or in your local system, THINK MISP! The Medical Information Services Program supports medical information needs of all New Yorkers. MISP can serve as your backup resource of choice. Do you know that you can search hospital collections as a group or individually through Southeastern Access to Libraries (SEAL)? You can request almost ANY medical article and get it delivered electronically in a short time. There are medical libraries open to the public as well as others that will work with local librarians to provide what is needed. There is NYS provided money to cover the delivery & supply costs for any eligible interlibrary loan article – even when it comes from Columbia or NYU, the National Library of Medicine, or even the British Library.

All libraries and librarians can benefit from knowing more about MISP and your users will too! SENYLRC will be promoting MISP in various ways during the next several months – stay tuned. Contact me if you have any questions.

People and Libraries in the News

Kenneth F. Snodgrass, previously the Assistant Director at Locust Grove, the Samuel F. B. Morse Historic Site, has been promoted to Acting Director.

Josh Cohen, Executive Director of the Mid-Hudson Library System was elected President of the New York Library Association for the 2008-09 term. Josh is also a SENYLRC Board of Trustees member.

Bob Clark, Supervisory Archivist, Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, was featured in the Business Section of the Poughkeepsie Journal on December 11, 2007. The purpose of the article was to help people better understand the roles and responsibilities of an archivist, by highlighting Bob's job at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum and how he became an archivist.

NEW Name for a Special Library with a Special Mission

The Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook changed its name recently to better reflect its key environmental mission and emphasize new research initiatives in sustainable energy, climate change, and infectious diseases. The Cary Institute will strengthen its ability to analyze complex environmental problems and clearly communicate findings to policymakers, land managers, educators, and the public. Founded in 1983, the Cary Institute is now home to fifteen Ph.D. scientists, including some of the most influential ecological thinkers in the world. Staff achievements include discovering acid rain in North America, predicting the impact of invasive zebra mussels on the nation's rivers, and unraveling the relationship between Lyme Disease and ecological health. The new focus will be visible in workshops such as the recent one exploring the sustainability of biofuel, public lectures such as "Climate Change Impacts to Human Health and Freshwater Resources", scheduled for Thursday,

January 16, and the recent EcoFocus column www.ecostudies.org/ecofocus_2008-01-06.html

Supporting scientific research at the Institute is the key mission for Amy Schuler, Manager of Information Services & Library. Amy, who has served in this one-person, special library role since 2003, graduated from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign with an M.S. in Library and Information Science, following her Michigan State undergraduate studies in International Relations and English. During her time at the University of Illinois, Amy worked in multiple science libraries (Engineering & Computer Science Library, and the Veterinary Medicine Library) which supported her jump to the sciences. Offering a collection of technical reports, research reprints, 10,000 books, 175 print and online journals, the library is a participating SENYLRC member and their environmental collections are available for interlibrary lending. Amy serves on the TRAC Committee, and enjoys networking opportunities offered through SENYLRC as well as the Special Library Association. She welcomes phone calls from librarians and the Cary Institute Library is open to the public by prior appointment. www.ecostudies.org/library.html

Next Generation Library Technologies

Save the date, May 7, 2008, for a SENYLRC-sponsored conference on new technology directions for libraries. "Next Generation Library Technologies" is a full day event to be held the Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home in Hyde Park. The conference will be split up into two parts: the morning will focus on some exciting new user interfaces, while the afternoon will include presentations on open source software for libraries.

Marshall Breeding, Director for Innovative Technologies and Research at the Vanderbilt University Library and contributor to several major library technology publications, will be the keynote speaker for both sessions. The morning will also include a presentation by Judi Briden from the University of Rochester on its Mellon Foundation-funded initiative -- eXtensible Catalog Project. Following Ms. Briden is the Chief Technical Officer of Deep Web Technologies, Abe Lederman, who will talk about his firm's development of a federated searching solution targeted to technical and research organizations.

Marshall Breeding will introduce the afternoon session by describing the present developments in

the open source software arena for libraries. Joshua Ferraro, LibLime's President of Technology, will describe that company's efforts for support libraries in their quest to adopt open source solutions for libraries. John Stromquist, Executive Director of WALDO, will conclude by presenting the consortium's efforts to embrace an open source solution for an integrated library system for its member academic libraries.

This conference is being planned in conjunction with SENYLRC's Technology Review and Advisory Committee and is partially funded through SENYLRC's Regional Automation Program. More information to come on SENYLRC's website.

SENYLRC Staff News

Congratulations!



Congratulations to newlyweds, Zachary and Michelle Spalding! Zack and Michelle were married October 21st in Our Lady of Wisdom Chapel located on the Marist College Campus, Zack's alma mater. Zack joined Southeastern's staff in December 2005 as our Systems Manager. We extend our best wishes to them.

Welcome Graham!

Jennifer and Frank Palmentiero are the proud parents of a son, Graham Gregson born on Friday, December 21st at 3:30 PM. Graham weighed 7lbs. 2 oz. and was 19 inches long. All are doing well. Jen joined Southeastern's staff in February 2000 and is our Digital Services Librarian. Congratulations!

Sound and Story Project

Southeastern will partner with the Lower Hudson Conference of Historical Agencies and Museums, and the Sound and Story Project of the Hudson Valley, on a proposal to the IMLS for a collaborative planning grant. If the proposal is funded, Southeastern will be the lead fiscal agent for the project. The proposed plan is for the identification, digital reformatting, and increased accessibility of sound recordings that document the history of New York's Hudson River Valley region. Many oral history collections exist through out the region, but very few, if any, have been reformatted for 21st century digital access. These recordings languish on shelves unused and deteriorating.

The project to be planned is intended to benefit a number of audiences, including museum, library and historical society professionals; scholars; teachers and students; and a segment of the general public often referred to as "life-long learners." Benefits will consist of increased access to first person histories, in the form of historical audio collections, via the World Wide Web, for classroom use, or by other technical methods, and repurposing of the collections in ways that will bring history alive for the general public.

The mission of the Sound and Story Project of the Hudson Valley www.soundandstory.org/ is to strengthen community through the power of listening. The principal people working on the Sound and Story Project are Eileen McAdam and Jim Metzner.

-Tessa Killian

New HRVH Collections from Poughkeepsie

Two new collections in HRVH www.hrvh.org/ feature institutions in Poughkeepsie: Dutchess Community College and Vassar Brothers Medical Center.

Vassar Brothers Medical Center digitized a collection of images from their archives that depicts the history of the institution, from incorporation as Vassar Brothers Hospital in 1886 to modern day. Dutchess Community College digitized a collection of images and an audio file that documents the history of the college.

CE NEWS

Payment by Credit Card for CE

People registering online for SENYLRC's continuing education workshops now have the option to pay for the workshop fee by credit card. SENYLRC is using the PayPal Service for online payment. A PayPal account is not required.

Microsoft Excel and Word Workshops

Registration is almost full for these classes. SENYLRC is sponsoring 3 hour workshops to learn Microsoft Word and Excel version 2003. The classes will begin on January 22 and end on April 8. Three classes will be held for Word and for Excel. Registration is full for Microsoft Word and Excel classes Level 1 and 2. One or two spaces are still open for Level 3. If you did not have an opportunity to register for these classes and are interested in attending a workshop, please call us at (845) 883-9065 to be placed on the waiting list. If there is sufficient interest, we will schedule additional classes for version 2003.

Workshop with Pat Wagner

SENYLRC is pleased to bring Pat Wagner back to teach the workshop "Presentation Skills: Ask for Money, Teach a New Skill, Influence an Audience." The workshop will be held on March 6, 2008 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Pat Wagner, Pattern Research, Inc. is a frequent presenter at state and national conferences and a popular trainer with SENYLRC library audiences.

Here is what people said in their evaluations after attending Pat's earlier program on communication skills:

- * One of the best workshops I've ever attended. I would like to attend another session by Pat Wagner – bring her back again!
- * Today flew – it was superb! Instructor was magical! It was both fun and informative.
- * The instructor was outstandingly engaging and kept our attention throughout the whole time. It was a tremendous learning experience and I will be using the information gained from this class. I intend to pass along this information to co-workers at my institution whom I know will be interested in this.

For more information and to register online: www.senylrc.org/ce/ .

Interlibrary Loan Day

The Regional Interlibrary Loan Committee is sponsoring “Interlibrary Loan: Working in the Present, Looking to the Future” Conference to be held at Mount St. Mary College in Newburgh on March 17, 2008 (snow-date March 18, 2008). Save the Date! And stay tuned for full details to be announced shortly.

Forthcoming Conferences

The 2008 PLA National Conference will be held March 25 – 29 in Minneapolis. For conference information: www.placonference.org/

Computers in Libraries 2008 will be held April 13-15, 2008 in Arlington, Virginia. www.infotoday.com/cil2008/

The 2008 ALA Annual Conference will be held in Anaheim, CA, from June 26–July 2, 2008.

www.ala.org/ala/eventsandconferencesb/annual/2008a/home.htm

IRS Mileage Rate for 2008

The IRS has announced the 2008 standard mileage rates at 50.5 cents per mile for business miles driven. The rate is increased from the previous rate of 48.5 cents per mile.



SENYLRC's NEW RESIDENT

By Judy Fischetti

Last fall, a mother cat and her kitten took up residence in the shrubbery outside Southeastern's lower level entry door. The kitten was easy to catch and found a wonderful home with John Shaloiko, Southeastern's Executive Director, but the mother cat was more elusive and efforts to catch and tame her in order to find her a home too were unsuccessful. Our dilemma was what to do with a stray and rather feral young cat that arrives on your door step. Calls to organizations such as the Ulster SPCA along with Internet searches led to the “Trap, Neuter and Release” philosophy. Not wanting a colony of feral cats living in the shrubbery, Southeastern staff worked diligently to catch the cat so she could be neutered. We were finally successful shortly before Christmas. The cat was transported to the SPCA on December 17 to be spayed and inoculated with the rabies vaccine. She was released back outside at Southeastern a couple of days later and has taken residence under our front porch.

“Missy”, as she has been nicknamed by a staff member, is well fed by staff, even on the weekends. She has become more affectionate and she will let you pet her at times. When you visit Southeastern for a workshop or committee meeting, you may see her sunning herself in the flower bed near the front porch or sitting on the steps.

