

SENYLRC Matters

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Join Us for SENYLRC's 41st Annual Meeting

You are invited to network with your library colleagues from the region and enjoy the beautiful Hudson River campus, Danny Kaye Theatre, and a scrumptious lunch at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY. On Friday, June 6 from 8:30 a.m. until mid afternoon, the Southeastern NY Library Resources Council will conduct its 41st Annual Meeting at the CIA.

The meeting will be held in the Danny Kaye Theatre in the lower level of the Conrad N. Hilton Library. Following the business portion of the meeting, the Council is proud to present as the keynote speaker **Susan Stessin-Cohen**, Archives Specialist for Historic Huguenot Street. Susan will relay her many fascinating stories about what she uncovered in researching for the now-completed SENYLRC digital exhibit "The Missing Chapter: Untold Stories of the African American Presence in the Mid-Hudson Valley." (see next article)

After the meeting, we will have the pleasure of dining at the St. Andrew's Café. The menu consists of Caribbean Style Salad with Tropical Fruits and Macadamia Nuts, Stuffed Chicken Breast with Spinach and Fresh Mozzarella with Multi-grains and Red Wine Mushroom Sauce, and for dessert, Mixed Berry Cobbler with Gelato.

Further information and online registration can be found on: www.senylrc.org/annualmeeting08.htm. The final day to register is Friday, May 30, 2008.

We can only accommodate 90 people for the lunch, so please register soon. As of this writing, there are 55 people who have sent in reservations. The total cost for the meeting and lunch is \$45; however SENYLRC is subsidizing \$15 for each person. Therefore the cost payable by each attendee is \$30. SENYLRC now accepts credit card payment through PayPal.

There will be an optional one hour guided tour of the Culinary Institute of America at 2:30 p.m. If you would like to participate in this tour, there is an additional charge of \$5. The CIA can accommodate the first 30 people who register **no later than two weeks before the meeting which is Friday, May 23**. So far, more than 20 people have registered for the tour.

John Shaloiko

The Missing Chapter: Untold Stories of African Americans in The Hudson Valley

A new online exhibit, "The Missing Chapter: Untold Stories of the African American Presence in the Mid-Hudson Valley" www.hrvh.org/exhibit/aa07/ brings history to light through collaboration between the Southeastern NY Library Resources Council and Historic Huguenot Street.



This exhibit is the culmination of several years of research to document the presence and contributions of African Americans in the Mid-Hudson Valley. Research at Historic Huguenot Street in New Paltz, NY has identified countless historic manuscripts relating to African-American history, such as photo-

graphs, bills of sale, wills, inventories, runaway slave notices, journals, ledgers, and correspondences. Newly discovered documents enabled Susan Stessin-Cohn, project developer, to piece together stories of individual people, such as that of James Wesley Sampson and his Caucasian wife, Carrie M. Plant, who covered her face in burnt cork in order to fool a disapproving white reverend into marrying them. James Murphy, born into slavery and freed at the age of 21, went on to become a minister and lived within local "white" society until his true heritage was discovered. Civil War soldier, Richard Oliver, enlisted in the 20th United States Colored Infantry, leaving his wife and children in New Paltz. Tragically he died of malarial fever shortly after completing his tour of duty. Visitors to "The Missing Chapter" can view the exhibit and then link to digitized images of original materials. They can browse categories such as Slavery, Court Cases & Laws, Manumission, People, Attitudes & Stereotypes, Civil War Service, and Schools. Online visitors can search over 170 primary sources by keyword. Teachers will find a wealth of documents with accompanying lesson plans to support curricula from elementary school through

college level. Documents of local interest continue to be added to the site.

“The Missing Chapter” is incorporated in the Hudson River Valley Heritage (HRVH) digital repository.

This exhibit was supported by Federal Library Services and Technology Act funds, awarded to the New York State Library by the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Tessa Killian

Next Generation Library Technologies: An Overwhelming Response!

On Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at the Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Home in Hyde Park New York, SENYLRC is sponsoring a full day program titled **Next Generation Library Technologies**.

Featured speakers include **Marshall Breeding**, Director for Innovative Technologies and Research, Vanderbilt University Library. Marshall will open both the morning and afternoon sessions by focusing his comments in the morning on **User Interfaces**, and in the afternoon on **Open Source Software for Libraries**.

Judi Briden, Digital Librarian for Public Services, University of Rochester River Campus Libraries, will talk about the multi-year grant funded project called **eXtensible Catalog Project**. **Abe Lederman**, President and Chief Technology Officer of Deep Web Technologies, Inc. will make a presentation titled, **Federated Search: Not All Engines Are Created Equal**.

After lunch, we will switch to the topic of open source software for libraries. Following **Marshall Breeding's** presentation on his view of the current environment regarding open-source software, **Joshua Farraro**, Chief Executive Officer LibLime, we will talk about **Open-Source Software Support by LibLime**. **John Stromquist**, Executive Director of the Westchester Academic Library Directors' Organization (WALDO), will talk about **Integrated Library System Open-Source Software for Academic Libraries**. Marshall will close the day by providing additional observations and a synopsis of the day.

Attendees will be able to visit the FDR Museum and Archives after the event until 6 p.m. at no additional charge. A guided tour of the home of FDR will be available but for an additional on-site charge.

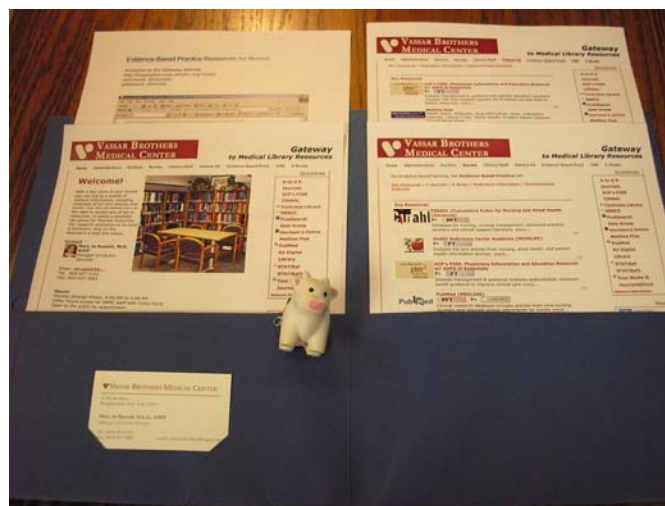
The response to this event has been overwhelming! The maximum of 170 people have registered –

including about 80 people from outside the region. As of this writing, we are placing people on a waiting list in case there are any cancellations. www.senylrc.org/ce/Next_Generation_Library.pdf

John Shaloiko

Promotion, Promotion, Promotion: What Do Cow Stress Toys and Golf Scopes Have in Common?

They are being used in promotional campaigns to raise awareness of library-sponsored resources and evidence-based nursing practice research at Vassar Brothers Medical Center and to heighten physician usage at St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital. Utilizing the Micro-Award Grant funding from NN/LM-MAR, portfolios have been filled with handouts advertising library services, full text access to e-journals and e-books, evidence-based practice resources, and information about Loansome Doc.



At Vassar these portfolios will be part of brief presentations on VBMC library services at medical department meetings, nursing leadership meetings, nursing orientation and other internal forums. Physician briefings will highlight e-resources and Loansome Doc. Nursing presentations will include discussions of nursing evidence-based practice and how to think about the sacred cows of patient care.

Nurses who provide suggestions for evidence-based nursing practice research topics will be given a cow stress toy to reinforce the need for such research activity. Door prizes, USB drives for physicians and disposable digital cameras for nurses will be awarded at the end of each presentation.

Evaluation forms are included in every portfolio for feedback. It is hoped that there will be an increase in the use of library services, especially of the library

web page and its content, and an increase in the number of Loansome Doc registrants. By putting these resources into the hands of physicians and nurses, **Mary Jo Russell** hopes to empower them to look at research as a tool for improved patient care and quality.

Digital golf scopes and flash cards?

Twila Snead is using her Micro-Award Grant funding from NN/LM-MAR to increase the number of physicians registered to use St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital's Virtual Medical Library and to get resource evaluation and feedback from those already using the extensive array of electronic resources. Physicians who participated chose a 256k credit card style flash drive or digital golf scope both imprinted with the library logo and URL. Her initial effort in conjunction with a physician's seminar resulted in thirteen new physicians registering to use the library website and fifteen physicians responding to the three question survey.

Surprisingly many of the physicians stated that the resources they normally use are already available through the website. Other significant results were that 13 of the 15 physicians expressed a desire to order articles directly through PubMed. Twila will follow up with individual office visits to set them up and review procedures for Loansome Doc use.

As these medical librarians have discovered, promotion is an ongoing and essential part of their role in the hospitals. All National Network member libraries, whether academic, special, or public are eligible for the awards for library promotion which have been renamed, **Small Project Awards**. Check them out. nmlm.gov/mar/funding/microawards.html

Mary Jo Russell, Twila Snead and Patricia Carroll-Mathes

HRVH Software Upgrade

Coming in late May, visitors to the HRVH web site will notice a few changes to the web site interface. The ContentDM software that drives the HRVH web site will be upgraded to version 4.3 which will add additional viewing, browsing, and search features for users. At the same time the home page and color scheme of the site has been refreshed and a newer home page will allow all of our contributors to have one image part of a slide show that is feature on the home page of the site.

Keeping Up With LinkOut for PubMed

LinkOut has changed drastically in just the past few months—a new look (April), new features, and new functions. SENYLRC will host a free course on May 22, 2008 from 1:30 – 4:30 pm, to help orient novice and experienced users to the current LinkOut utility. Attendees will learn how to update and activate their LinkOut holdings including establishing a shared MyNCBI filter that will display icons and create filtered tabs within PubMed. This is a hands-on session and users are encouraged to bring their LinkOut usernames and passwords and their questions. **Miguel Figueroa**, Network Services Coordinator, NN/LM Middle Atlantic Region, New York University Medical Center is the trainer for the workshop.

The program is free, but we ask you to please register online at www.senylrc.org/reg/.

All who plan to attend should register with LINKOUT before the class. When your library is ready to implement LinkOut for your users, send an email message to lib-reg@ncbi.nlm.nih.gov to register for an account. Please note that a LinkOut account will not be issued for demonstration or trial purposes. State that your library would like to have its holdings represented in LinkOut. Use "LinkOut Registration Request" as the subject of the email.

People in the NEWS

Mary Evans, Medical Librarian at Benedictine Hospital was the recipient of a 2008 Benedictine Hospital Mission Award. The annual Benedictine Hospital Mission Award honors employees who exemplify the qualities inherent in the Benedictine mission/core values: Community, Hospitality, Excellence, Respect, Peace, & Stewardship. Mary was nominated for the award based on her long term commitment to helping hospital medical personnel have the educational resources and research assistance necessary to provide the best healthcare to Benedictine Hospital's patients.

SENYLRC Listservs

SENYLRC runs several listservs that allow members of the library community to communicate, discuss, and be notified of library related issues in Southeastern New York. To join any of our listservs, you can subscribe at the following web address.

www.senylrc.org/about/listserves/subscribe.php

Electronic Resource Subsidies for 2008-2009

The following electronic resources were selected by the Technology Review and Advisory Committee to subsidize with Regional Automation (RBDB) funds:

1. **FirstSearch Base Package with Wilson Full Text.** The subscription year is July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009. The cost to academic libraries is \$700. The cost to all other library types is \$500.
2. **Virtual Reference Library - ebooks from GALE - Cengage Learning. NEW** - for 2008/09 are three supplements to the *Encyclopedia of World Biography*, Volumes 25 - 27, which are the supplements for 2005-2007.
The subscription year is September 1, 2008 - August 31, 2009. SENYLRC is subsidizing the entire cost of the GVRL e-books (*UXL Encyclopedia of Science, Worldmark Encyclopedia of the Nations* and *World Biography*) for all non-profit libraries in the SENYLRC region again this year. These e-books are listed with the other GVRL titles that are part of the state-funded NOVEL_{NY} collection.
3. **American Council of Learned Societies: Humanities E-Book Project** (School and Academic Libraries only). The subscription year is August 1, 2008 - July 31, 2009. The cost per library is \$100.

Please contact Tessa Killian by email [mailto:killian@senylrc.org] or call (845.883.9065 x 14) with questions.

Information Delivery Service (IDS)

Ed Rivenburgh, Executive Director SUNY Geneseo Library and IDS Project Director, will describe the IDS Service on Thursday, May 8, from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at SENYLRC. The service is currently used by academic libraries in NY State to expedite resource sharing. All interested in this innovative statewide initiative are welcome to attend this session whether your library is planning to join IDS, already a participant or would like to learn more about it. There is no cost to attend, but we ask you to please register online: www.senylrc.org/reg/.

Digitization Basics for Hudson River Valley Heritage (HRVH): A Workshop Series Required for Contributors

This workshop series is designed to provide staff at libraries and cultural heritage organizations with the basic skills necessary to participate in HRVH: management, copyright, digital imaging, metadata and CONTENTdm (software application). The goal is to develop staff with the expertise to create and maintain digital collections, on their own, with the assistance of SENYLRC staff.

This workshop series is intended for staff members that are ready to embark on digital projects. Organizations that currently contribute to HRVH are encouraged to send new staff members to the training or attend again if they need a refresher on any of the topics covered in the workshops.

For complete program information and registration go to: www.hrvh.org/about/workshops.htm

There is no cost to take part in this workshop series, although membership is required prior to active contribution to HRVH.

Below is the schedule for the workshops:

Management Essentials and Copyright Issues

June 25, 2008, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Trainer - Tessa Killian

Introduction to Scanning

July 9, 2008, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Trainer - Jennifer Palmentiero

Metadata for Digital Projects

July 16, 2008, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Trainer - Jennifer Palmentiero

Develop and Manage Digital Collections using CONTENTdm™

July 23, 2008, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Trainer - Jennifer Palmentiero

Please contact Tessa Killian [mailto:killian@senylrc.org] or call (845.883.9065 x14) if you have questions or would like more information about HRVH.

Evidence-Based Practice (EBP) and The Astor Home for Children

A Case Study in the May/June 2008 issue of *The Joint Commission Benchmark* features SENYLRC member, the Astor Home for Children and its effort to improve care using evidence-based practice and outcomes management. Library Director, **Denise A. Garofalo**, supports the program through the Professional Library which provides EBP resources and current awareness, research, and document delivery services for professional staff located at over two dozen different locations. The Astor Home for Children offers a variety of inpatient, educational and community-based programs serving more than 65,000 children, adolescents and their families in a region stretching from Dutchess County south through the Hudson Valley and into the Bronx in New York City.

The following history of this unique special library is by Denise A. Garofalo:

The Astor Home for Children, originally the Astor Home for Boys, was established in 1953 in response to a New York State initiative to create children's residential treatment programs that would reduce the need for psychiatric hospitalization of children. The home was established in Rhinebeck, on property Vincent Astor donated in memory of his father, John Astor (who died on the *Titanic*), that had been Holiday Farm, a convalescent home for children. This location now houses the agency's administrative offices, residential treatment center and school. The Astor Learning Center was incorporated in 1980 as a state approved private school for children with emotional problems. Other services provided by Astor include Head Start, day treatment, home-based crisis intervention, school-based services and preventative services to children and their families.

The Astor Home for Children has one librarian but two libraries (in one room!) in Rhinebeck, a school library that supports the Astor Learning Center (ALC) and a professional library that supports the staff at all the Astor locations. The ALC library is about 25 years old and houses over 4000 items for students in K-8. The Astor Professional Library is about 50 years old, with over 1500 items that focus on child psychology and psychiatry, child psychopathology, child development and education. The Library's bibliotherapy collection contains materials aimed at children and therapists on topics such as anger, adoption, abuse, and emotions, as well as a parenting collection used with counseling and parenting classes.

Many Astor staff at remote locations take advantage of the e-TOC service (electronic table of contents service), and request articles from the Library's 45 journal subscriptions. When staff has a pressing need for detailed information on a specific topic, the librarian provides an annotated bibliography prepared for review. For those times when staff information needs require resources beyond what is housed in the Astor Library collection, most requests are successfully filled through the excellent resource sharing tools available to libraries—SEAL, NYSILL, DOCLINE and OCLC are utilized. Participation in NNLM's Docline ILL system has enhanced resource access but also has allowed the library to supply articles from highly specialized items in Astor's collections to requesting medical libraries across the nation.

The ALC school library serves children aged 5-14. Each class receives instruction in basic library literacy (using resources, doing research, etc.), literature appreciation (storytimes) and library organization. ALC teachers are provided curriculum support as well as support for their information needs so they can better teach the children. Classes come to the library on a fixed schedule, so there are times each day set aside to do the "Professional Library" side of the job. Although it sounds like it could get confusing, having "two jobs in one" is a good stress release – when one side gets a bit much, there's always work on something for the other side of the job.

The Astor Home for Children Library—check us out on the web: www.freewebs.com/alclibrary .

Upcoming Conferences in NY State

The 2008 New York State Library Assistants' Association (NYSLAA) 30th Annual Conference will take place at the Liverpool Public Library in Liverpool, NY. The dates for the conference are June 4 – 6. Go to their website www.nyslaa.org/ for the conference description, speakers and registration forms.

UNYOC (Upper New York and Ontario) Chapter of the **Medical Library Association** will hold their annual Fall Conference, October 22 – 24 in Ithaca, NY. unyoc.mlanet.org/

2008 NYLA Annual Conference will be held November 5 – 8, 2008 in Saratoga Springs, NY. www.nyla.org/
