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Congratulations 2011 "LIBRARY OF THE YEAR" WINNERS

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Henrietta Public Library LeRoy V. Good Library at Monroe Community College French Road Elementary School Library

Indira Pracalic was an immigrant from Bosnia, speaking little English, when she first entered the **Penfield Public Library** in 2000.

"The first time I entered what was to me an unknown house of computers and books and videos...it was so overwhelming, but a wonderful librarian helped me. He pulled a few books on how to learn English, and a video from my country which had subtitles in English. Only God knows how many times I had watched that movie and I will forever be thankful to that librarian for being so kind and helpful."

That's just one of the inspiring stories people wrote when asked "Do you love your library?" as part of the Rochester Regional Library Council's annual "Library of the Year" contest to celebrate National Library Week, April 10 -16. Hundreds of people



Henrietta Public Library

nominated their library. "There were so many wonderful stories. It was hard to choose the winners," according to **Marcia Eggleston, President of the New York Library Association.**

Eggleston and fellow judge, **Todd Butler, Executive Director of the Ad Council of Rochester,** loved the Bosnia story but ultimately chose

Henrietta Public Library as the

RRLC Public Library of the Year. "The Henrietta Public Library is clearly the heart and soul of the community" said Butler. "Patrons see it as a special place for people of all ages." "Magical", "fantastic", "a place for learning and thought", "great service", "welcoming", "best library I've ever been in" were some of the words HPL patrons used about their library.

The **LeRoy V. Good Library at Monroe Community College** was chosen as "Academic Library of the Year". Judges noted that LVG at MCC is really appreciated by its large and diverse student population of more than 19,000 students.



LeRoy V. Good Library

The librarians are always "helpful and polite", according to its fans. Eggleston said "the library does so much to help these students, even providing laptops and books for certain classes if students can't afford them." As one student wrote: "LVG helps MCC students succeed!"

Nominators of the **French Road Elementary School Library** in Brighton, winner of the "School Library of the Year", not only love the library, they love the librarian **Andrea Koch.**

"My school library rocks because Mrs. Koch brings something new to every class," wrote Jason, who is a 5th grader at FRES. "Our library is more than just books (we have plenty of those)



French Road Elementary School Library

but what makes our library special are the librarians. I would really love it if you would select my school library for this honor." "The librarian *is* the library in the elementary school" says Eggleston, herself a school librarian in Massena, New York. "We were impressed with how students, teachers, parents and volunteers all love French Road."

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Library Advocates Help Restore Library Funding

Governor Cuomo proposed a 10% cut to Library Aid – which would have cut \$62,000 from the RRLC budget. Thanks to the efforts of library supporters, however, the Legislature restored some of those funds, resulting in a 6.5% cut to Library Aid. The cut to RRLC's funding will be approximately \$40,000.

Here's a synopsis of what happened:

The Governor proposed a 10% or \$8.4 million cut in Library Aid, which would have reduced funding to \$76 million or below 1994 levels.

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RRLC Member News

Celebration of Brockport Faculty & Staff Scholarship



Drake Memorial Library celebrated faculty and staff scholarship in two special ways, by hosting a reception and book signing on Friday, April 8, and by launching an online faculty publications database.



The reception, sponsored in part by the College's 175th Anniversary Celebration, spotlighted faculty and staff publications from 2005 to 2010. Authors were on hand for book signings, and numerous works were on display in the library. The College's Barnes and Noble Bookstore participated as well.

College President John Halstead, PhD., Professor of History, W. Bruce Leslie, PhD., and Library Director, Mary Jo Orzech, PhD., welcomed the group, reflecting on the publishing record that has doubled over the past five years.

The printed bibliography includes citations for ninety-one books and videos, 356 refereed journal articles and sixteen book chapters, evidence of a vibrant and productive faculty and staff, along with a growing number of student authors.



Librarian Logan Rath was lead developer for the searchable online bibliographic database. With it, the library can now perform more regular updates to the College's publication record. The database is available at: <http://www.brockport.edu/archives/index/facpubs.php>. Additions may be submitted at: <http://www.brockport.edu/q/5ZJ>.

The faculty-authored books will be on display in Drake Library through May.



The new Friends of Drake Library group was also introduced at the reception. The community is invited to participate by sending an email to Askdrake@brockport.edu.

Ed Rivenburgh wins prestigious ILL award

Ed Rivenburgh, recently retired director of Milne Library at SUNY Geneseo and current Project Director of the **IDS Project**, is the 2011 winner of the Virginia Boucher - OCLC Distinguished ILL Librarian award. The **Virginia Boucher-OCLC Distinguished ILL (Interlibrary Loan) Librarian Award** is an annual award consisting of \$2,000, sponsored by OCLC, and a citation. It recognizes a librarian for outstanding professional achievement, leadership, and contributions to interlibrary loan and document delivery through recent publication of significant professional literature, participation in professional associations, and/or innovative approaches to practice in individual libraries. Ed is the "father" of the highly successful IDS Project.



Rochester Regional Library Council Welcomes *Disney Institute* to Rochester on June 22, 2011

It doesn't take any training to recognize that the world's economy has taken a significant downturn. It does take effective and proven professional development training to guide impacted organizations back to the summit.

A one-day local workshop, **Disney's Approach to Business Excellence** program is a rare and affordable opportunity to learn best business practices from Disney insiders, and discover ways to easily and immediately adapt and apply those best practices to pick up the pace in these slow economic times. Organizations from across the nation and around the world have learned proven philosophies, adapted critical lessons, and implemented effective processes to reap the rewards of improvements in leadership, management, service, and brand loyalty. Professional development doesn't cost - it pays. It pays by creating a framework of focused energy in a vacuum of uncertainty. It pays by helping an organization gain share in a slow economy. It pays because it has been proven to strengthen employee morale and retention, which will be critical to emerge from tough times.

IMPORTANT: Please use the Rochester Regional Library Council promotional code **RRLCPNE** to receive **\$50 OFF PER GUEST** when registering. Additional group discounts are available.

TO LEARN MORE AND REGISTER GO TO:

www.RochesterMouse.com

No prerequisite training required.

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Congratulations 2011 "Library of the Year" Winners

Penfield Public Library, which helped Indira Pracalic learn English, was given an honorable mention, along with the **Golisano Library at Roberts Wesleyan College** (the 2010 NLW winner) and **Churchville-Chili High School Library**.

All our award winners and their staff will be honored at the RRLC Annual Meeting June 2 at Casa Larga. You can find out more about our award winners, on the [RRLC website](#) and you can see the videos also on [YouTube](#).

This award, made by the RRLC Board of Trustees, seeks to promote exemplary libraries – public, academic or special, and school – in the five county RRLC region. "When it comes to funding, libraries are everybody's second favorite thing. That sometimes means they don't get the recognition or the funding they deserve," said RRLC Executive Director Kathy Miller. "But our daily interaction with our area's 450 libraries tells us that libraries are loved by library users. We wanted to give people a chance to express that love – and they did!"

RRLC People in the News



St. John Fisher College

Mike Creedon joined the **Lavery Library** staff at **St. John Fisher College** as a **Systems Librarian** in March 2011. Mike gained prior work experience as a Systems Librarian and a Library Digital Media Specialist at Boston College Libraries (2005-2011), and as a Database and Systems Administrator/Analyst at Cornell University Libraries/Museum (2001-2005). Mike holds a B.A. from Cornell University in Social Relations and an M.A. from SUNY Binghamton in Social Science. He completed the M.S.L.I.S. from Syracuse University in May 2009. Mike has interests in digital libraries and digital preservation, multimedia and information literacy, and scholarly communications.

Kathi Sigler, Education Librarian in **St. John Fisher College's Lavery Library**, had an article published in the Winter edition of *The Journal of the New York State Middle School Association*, a publication of the New York State Middle School Association (NYSMSA). The article was titled, "An Abundant Harvest of Middle School Websites," and talked about Sigler's recently developed research project - a thorough list containing 100 websites she compiled for the NYSMSA's Annual Conference for middle school teachers.

Micquel Little, Access Services Librarian for **St. John Fisher College**, was awarded the RUSA STARS-Atlas Systems Mentoring Award for 2011. RUSA (Reference and User Services Association) STARS (Sharing and Transforming Access to Resources Section) is a division of ALA (American Library Association) which focuses on supporting the exceptional delivery of library services. The STARS mentoring award is sponsored by Atlas Systems, Inc and offers \$1000 toward travel expenses to attend the ALA's annual conference. A mentor will be provided throughout the conference to help Micquel navigate the experience and continual support will be given throughout the year to assist with professional development, networking and guidance to become more involved with RUSA. To be eligible for this award you must be new to the field of resource sharing and interlibrary loan, having two years of experience or less. Micquel was nominated by IDS Project Director, Ed Rivenburgh, and is excited to represent St. John Fisher, the IDS Project and the Rochester community at ALA.

Penfield Public Library

Penfield Public Library is the recipient of the Community Service Award from the Hearing Loss Association of America (HLAA) Rochester chapter. **Library Director Bernadette Brinkman** and **Peggy O'Neil, Adult Services Librarian** will receive the award at the annual awards dinner on Tuesday evening, May 24.

University of Rochester

Miner Library, University of Rochester Medical Center, welcomes **Lorraine Porcello** as the new **Liaison Services Librarian for Primary Care**. She will divide her time between Miner and the **Williams Health Sciences Library at Highland Hospital**. Lorraine comes to Miner from the University of Rochester River Campus Libraries where she held the position of Senior Reference Library Assistant for eight years. She recently earned both a Masters of Science in Library & Information Science and a Masters of Science in Information Management from Syracuse University. Congratulations to Lorraine and welcome aboard!

Susan Gibbons, Neiley Dean of River Campus Libraries, University of Rochester, has been appointed as **University Librarian at Yale**, starting July 1. Susan was the MCLS/RRLC "ebook" librarian under an LSTA grant many years ago, and she did such a stellar job that the University of Rochester quickly hired her – even before the grant ended. Susan assumed greater and more diverse responsibilities over the years, eventually being named Dean in 2008.



RRLC Orientation Packets Available

RRLC has an orientation packet to welcome new staff at RRLC member libraries and library systems. The packet includes information on the RRLC listserv (rrlc-l), and our popular and in-demand continuing education program. If you are interested in receiving a packet, please call or email the Council office. The packet is also available for download on the RRLC website at <http://tinyurl.com/RRLCOrientationpacket>



Back to School This Summer

The RRLC "summer school" program is entering its sixth year and as always, there is something for everyone. The series of summer classes started out as "Summer School for School Librarians", in response to a request from librarians at the Rochester City School District. They told us it was difficult to get away from their libraries during the school day to attend our classes and training sessions, but they would love to have some opportunities for continuing education over the summer. While this series is designed for school librarians, **all RRLC members are welcome to attend** if interested.

That first summer program offered nine classes; this year there is a total of 16 classes on the schedule. Some classes are repeats of popular programs that were offered at other times during the year, while others were developed specifically for the summer program.



Peggy Sharp

Highlights of this year's Summer School include "Gaming in Libraries 2011 Update" presented by Brian Mayer and the return of **Peggy Sharp**, expert on children's books, who will share the best new children's books of 2011.

[Click here for list of Summer School 2011 Programs](#) scheduled. (Watch the RRLC listserv and workshop listing page as more classes will be added!)

Discounts available for RRLC member libraries for performances of **The Music Man** Onstage April 27 – June 5 Geva Theatre



All of the musical magic that Professor Harold Hill spins out of his imagination on the unsuspecting citizens of River City, Iowa will ring throughout the Geva Mainstage. One of the most beloved musicals of all time, **The Music Man** is a joyful shout to the power of music in the human heart. Geva Theatre offers specially discounted tickets to performances of **The Music Man**.

Book early and save

- 1st week save 35% (April 27 – May 1)
- 2nd week save 30% (May 3-8)
- 3rd week save 5% (May 10-15)
- ½ Price Student Tickets!!**

These tickets are only available for purchase Monday-Friday through Colleen Brown, and NOT through the Geva Theatre Box Office.

For more information or to order tickets contact Colleen Brown at 585-232-1366 ext. 3057 or e-mail to cbrown@gevatheatre.org.



Join us as we Honor the 2011 RRLC Libraries of the Year and Other Award Winners at the Rochester Regional Library Council Annual Meeting Thursday, June 2, 2011

Casa Larga Vineyards



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Library Advocates Help Restore Library Funding

The 10% cut was in comparison to a 7.3% cut in School Aid and a 2% cut in Municipal Aid.

The Senate proposed a \$4.2 million restoration in Library Aid and the Assembly proposed no restoration. In conference to reconcile the difference, the Assembly agreed to a \$3 million Library Aid restoration. In the end, Library Aid was reduced by approximately 6.5%, or \$5.4 million, leaving \$79 million left intact.

The Governor's proposal to make permanent the supplemental system aid and the Education Commissioner's ability to grant waivers from local maintenance of effort requirements was accepted by the Legislature. Making permanent the supplemental system aid was crucial to RRLC, MCLS, PLS and the five school library systems in our region. Loss of that funding would have cut another \$40,000 from RRLC's budget.

In addition, the Legislature not only rejected the merger of School Library Materials Aid (\$ 6.25 per pupil) with Textbook and Computer Software Aid, but also allowed these two categorical aids to be used to purchase Library Materials.

The Votes on the Budget were:

Senate 49-13 (Voting no were Senators Adams, Espallat, Perkins, Diaz, Kennedy, Hassell-Thompson, Parker, Duane, Krueger, Peralta, Rivera, Stewart-Cousins and Smith).

Assembly 144-5 (Voting no were Assembly members Barron, Butler, Corwin, Graf and Tenney).



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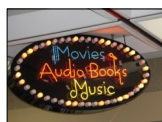


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Henrietta Public Library

What makes the Henrietta Public Library such a special place?

"I love the Henrietta Public Library! My family has used their services, books, videos, donated for book sales, etc, supported it since 1971 when we moved to Henrietta. The staff is very knowledgeable, courteous, patient, and happy to help. ... I believe it's a "magical place" for children to learn just about anything they can think of."



"The library is my home away from home and I know I can always go there and find a novel for relaxation or a non-fiction book for learning. They are such an integral part of the Henrietta community. I can't imagine not having the library."



French Road Elementary School Library Brighton Central Schools

What makes the French Road Elementary Library such a special place?

"Andrea Koch is the champion of literacy, reading and lover of literature on our building. She has our third, fourth and fifth grade children reading for pleasure, for research, for joy!"



"Our school library is a very friendly place and everyone chooses a just right book to read. The librarian will enthusiastically help you choose a book by telling you small snippets about the story. ... Teachers send their students down throughout the day with library passes, so our library is never empty. French Road Library is a wonderful place."

"Wonderful teacher, fun place to visit. Excellent selection of books, etc. Mrs. Koch makes the library a fun and exciting place for the children to visit."



LeRoy V. Good Library Monroe Community College

What makes the LeRoy V. Good Library at MCC such a special place?



"MCC Library is very resourceful. This library has everything from several computers to do my homework assignments on to DVDs that I can rent out for my personal entertainment. ... There are books available from my class that I wasn't able to afford that I could take out and still be able to complete my studies."

"I have found the staff at LVG Library to be of great service. They are always very kind and willing to assist in whatever way they can. Any resources that are not available here they will provide by interlibrary loan. This library has been of great value in my academic pursuits."



"...they are always helpful and polite to the students and faculty members. This library provides the students with laptops to do work, study rooms and books for certain classes if people can't afford to buy. This library helps MCC students succeed."



Library of the Year Honorable Mentions

Penfield Public Library
Churchville-Chili High School Library
Golisano Library at Roberts Wesleyan College



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390 Packett's Landing Fairport, New York 14450

Executive Director: *Kathleen M. Miller*
 Business Manager: *Susan Vanderwall*
 Outreach Librarian: *Barbara Ciambor*
 Librarian *April Younglove*
 Regional Archivist: *Preston Pierce*
 Administrative Assistants: *Janet Altimonda*
 Sally Collins

RRLC Calendar

- May 2 "Pizza & Blogging with Tumblr"**
RRLC Training Center 6:00PM - 8:00PM
- May 3 RRLC Advisory Committee Meeting**
RRLC Conference Room 2:30PM - 4:00PM
- May 5 RRLC Board of Trustees Meeting**
RRLC Conference Room 12:00PM - 1:30PM
- May 9 "Pizza & Book Repair"**
RRLC Training Center 6:00PM - 8:00PM
- May 11 "Patron Driven Acquisitions -Getting in the Game"**
RRLC Training Center 9:00AM - 11:00AM
- May 25 Legislative Training Workshop**
RRLC Training Center 9:30AM - 12:00PM
- Jun 1 "Research Writing & Publishing Local History"**
Henrietta Public Library 1:00AM - 4:00PM
- Jun 2 RRLC Board of Trustees Meeting**
RRLC Conference Room 10:30AM - 11:30AM
- Jun 2 RRLC Annual Membership Meeting**
Casa Larga Vineyards 12:00PM - 2:00PM
- Jun 23 "OCR and CONTENTdm"**
RRLC Training Center 1:00PM - 3:00PM
- Jul 11 Summer School: "Word 2007: Beyond the Basics"**
RRLC Training Center 9:00AM - 12:00PM
- Jul 12 Summer School: "Gaming in Libraries - 2011 Update"**
RRLC Training Center 9:00AM - 4:00PM
- Jul 13 Summer School: "Introduction to Social Media: Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube, Flickr, Tumblr"**
RRLC Training Center 9:00AM - 12:00PM
- Jul 19 Summer School: "Clic-on-Health Update"**
RRLC Training Center 9:00AM - 12:00PM
- Jul 21 Summer School: "Search as Conversation: the 'Net @ 2011"**
RRLC Training Center 9:00AM - 12:00PM
- Jun 22 RRLC Welcomes the Disney Institute**
Rochester Airport Marriot 8:00AM - 4:00PM
- Jul 25 Summer School: "Google Docs: Collaborate and Share Documents, Spreadsheets and Presentations"**
RRLC Training Center 9:00AM - 12:00PM
- Jul 26 Summer School: Part 1 "Sign Language for Library Staff"**
RRLC Training Center 9:00AM - 12:00PM
- Jul 27 Summer School: "What's New In Children's Books"**
Kate Gleason Auditorium, Central Library 9:00AM - 4:00PM

- Jul 28 Summer School: Part 2 "Sign Language for Library Staff"**
RRLC Training Center 9:00AM - 12:00PM
- Aug 2 Summer School: "Publisher 2007: Beyond the Basics"**
RRLC Training Center 9:00AM - 12:00PM
- Aug 3 Summer School: "NOVELNY Update"**
RRLC Training Center 9:00AM - 12:00PM
- Aug 4 Summer School: "Free Digital Collections II"**
RRLC Training Center 9:00AM - 12:00PM
- Aug 9 Summer School: "Creating Library Brochures Using Word" Part 1**
RRLC Training Center 9:00AM - 12:00PM
- Aug 11 Summer School: "Creating Library Brochures Using Word" Part 2**
RRLC Training Center 9:00AM - 12:00PM
- Aug 17 Summer School: "Excel 2007: Beyond the Basics"**
RRLC Training Center 9:00AM - 12:00PM
- Aug 18 Summer School: "Publicize Your Library Event Using Facebook, Twitter and a Flyer"**
RRLC Training Center 10:00AM - 12:00PM

*For more information on any of these events go to:
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Employment Opportunities

- Library Media Specialist**, Library Media Center at Victor High School, Victor, New York
- Library Director II**, Geneva Public Library, Geneva, New York
- Head, Reference Department - Librarian**, Rush Rhees Library University of Rochester, Rochester, New York
- Substitute Part-Time Library Aide**, Brighton Memorial Library, Rochester, New York
- Curator**, Wallace Center's Melbert B. Cary, Jr. Graphic Arts Collection, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY
- System Administrator**, Wallace Center, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, New York
- Archivist and Special Collections Librarian**, Warren Hunting Smith Library, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, NY
- Research and Instruction Librarian**, Warren Hunting Smith Library, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, NY

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