

Linking Libraries

Volume 26, No. 1
February 2006

Impact of Flat State Aid for Library Systems:

Decreased services and increased taxes at the local level!

Some facts:

- State Aid to Library Systems has not increased since 1998 – and was actually decreased 5% in 2004/05. State Aid for Education has increased 57.3% during this time.

- Inflation has eroded the buying power of the state funds by 16% (CPI).

- Public Library Systems, which provide the library infrastructure that people have come to expect – online catalogs, borrowing from and returning to any library, online access to full-text magazine and journal articles and newspapers, Internet connectivity, technical support, etc. – have had to make cuts in programs, services, and staff because of the lack of increase in State funding.

- Despite these cuts library systems still cannot meet expenses for essential system services. To retain even the reduced level of services, library systems must increase the amount that they charge member libraries for these services. The Monroe County Library System, for example, will increase fees to member libraries by 73%.

- Increases in charges to the local library mean either decreased services at local libraries or an increased tax burden on the local taxpayer.

- RRLC and all five school library systems are in similar situations – choosing between decreasing services or increasing fees.

What to do?

TAKE ACTION! SUPPORT LIBRARIES!

Our highest priorities for State Aid are the \$2.6 million to

implement the 2000 Census and the \$3 million for library systems. These in combination - \$5.6 million – would ensure that every library system – school, public, and 3Rs – received a modest increase.

Show your support in two ways.

1. *Contact your legislators and ask your library users to do the same.*

Go to www.nyla.org and click on “Contact your elected officials”. On the NYLA website, there also is a one page announcement that can be printed and posted where library users can see it and TAKE ACTION! Go to:

http://www.nyla.org/content/user_1/Lobby_Day_06_Flier.pdf

(Continued on page 2)

* * * * *

RRLC & LAND Delivery Pilot Project

RRLC is partnering with Nylink for a three-month pilot project with the statewide LAND delivery system. In this unique arrangement, RRLC serves as a "hub" connecting the statewide delivery with the RRLC regional delivery system. Two member academic libraries, Nazareth College and St. John Fisher College, connect to LAND via the RRLC hub. Beginning in mid-February and running through mid-May, Nazareth and St. John Fisher are able to exchange interlibrary loan items with other LAND participants across the state.



This should greatly improve turnaround time for items coming from or going to institutions outside the RRLC area, as LAND guarantees next-day delivery for its direct participants. Since Nazareth and St. John Fisher are participating through a "hub" they will have second-day delivery, still an improvement over delivery times with US Mail. Nylink and RRLC will evaluate the trial after its completion in mid-May, and issue a joint report.

Aid for Library Systems *(Continued from page 1)*

2. *Join Us on the Lobby Day Bus March 14, 2006*
Be part of the MCLS/RRLC group and ride the bus to Albany on Tuesday, March 14 for NYLA Library Lobby Day. Join more than 800 library advocates from around the state and send the clear message that state aid to libraries must be increased. To register using the online form go to: <http://rrlc.entexp.com/orgmain.asp?formid=33> Registration deadline is March 7, 2006.

* * * * *

Hold the Date

The New York State Archives and the Documentary Heritage Program are pleased to offer a new workshop, The Basics of Archives, on May 19, 2006 at Genesee Country Village & Museum. The workshop will familiarize participants with the issues raised by historical records, provide guidelines for their care, and lay out common sense guidelines for starting and maintaining an historical records program. Nonprofessionals who work with preserve, or use historical records are strongly encouraged to attend this day-long workshop. For more information on this workshop, please contact the RRLC Regional Archivist, James Leach at jleach@rrlc.org or 585.223.7570.



RRLC Member News

The Richard and Ronay Menschel Library of George Eastman House has raised \$219,486 to install a state of the art climate control system in its collection storage areas. Major funders are the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services, The New York State Program for the Conservation and Preservation of Library Research Materials, and contributions from individuals.

2005-2006 New York State Program for the Conservation and Preservation of Library Research Materials Discretionary Grant awarded the **George Eastman House International Museum of Photography and Film** \$30,000 for their project titled New HVAC System for Rare Vault.

Congratulations to **Chan McKenzie and staff** of the **Wallace Library, RIT**. They are one of two winners of the Association of College and Research Libraries' (ACRL) 2006 Excellence in Academic Libraries Award.

The Baker-Cederberg Museum Moves to Humboldt Street

The Baker-Cederberg Museum and Archives of the Rochester General Hospital will open its new museum and archives to the historical and archive community on March 16, 2006. The new, larger quarters are located at 333 Humboldt Street. This space will bring together all the collections including The Genesee Hospital, Myers Community Hospital, Rochester Mental Health Center Collection plus several tenant collections including: The New York State and Genesee Dietetic Associations and the Society for Total Emergency Programs (STEP) representing the vast array of Rochester's Healthcare -- some nineteen collections in all.



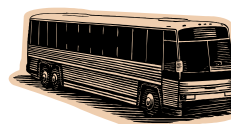
The museum is located on the second floor of the old Stromberg Carlson Building. The area is ADA compliant. The area includes two small galleries, larger museum gallery and gift shop. The smaller galleries are designed for temporary exhibits: photos, art and historical vignettes. This will give a venue for hospital employees and staff to show off their artistic talents. Archives, departmental and historical community meetings will be able to utilize the conference room. The large Gallery will house semi-permanent exhibits, traveling exhibits and a meeting/education space. The Museum hopes to host several commercial exhibits as well as ones generated by its Visual Communications Department as well as educational programs and workshops. Subjects will include preservation of family heirlooms, archives and photos.

The new storage area consists of a large secured, climate controlled area, special collections rooms, costume storage, and a research library -- about 6,000 square feet.

This new site will be known as the ViaHealth Archives Consortium which more accurately represents Baker-Cederberg's over all mission of preserving its local medical history.

Main Phone number 585.922.1847
FAX Number 585.922.0018
WEB http://www.viahealth.org/body_rochester.cfm?id=331

There is still Room on the Lobby Day Bus
register using the online form
go to: <http://rrlc.entexp.com/orgmain.asp?formid=33>



Continuing Education

Save the dates !!!

March 24, 2006: *Copyright in the Digital Library Environment*, with Gretchen McCord Hoffman.

April 20, 2006: *Management 101*, for upcoming library managers and department heads, with Kimberly Sweetman from New York University.

April 21, 2006: *Managing Student Assistants*, with Kimberly Sweetman.

(new!) May 31, 2006: *Library Outreach, Redefined - It's a Wide New World*, with Jill Hurst-Wahl and a panel of local librarians who have done interesting, innovative library outreach projects.



RRLC Training Center Has a New Look!

New wireless laptops and a high-definition projection unit have been installed in the RRLC Training Center. The laptop computers are easily portable and are stored in a cart for charging when not in use for hands-on training programs. New wheeled tables allow for an efficient U-shaped configuration and an improved view of the screen at the front of the room. The Training Center upgrade was funded by Special Legislative Grants from Senator James Alesi, Senator Joseph Robach, Assemblyman Charlie Nesbitt and Senator George Maziarz. The new configuration is attractive and efficient, and will allow the room to accommodate a larger number of people at training sessions. We're anxious to show it off, so come check it out!



RRLC People in the News

Donna Hanna, SUNY Geneseo, has won the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS)/SAGE Publications Support Staff Travel Grant to attend the 2006 ALA Conference in New Orleans. Donna is one of the key members of the RRLC Library Assistants Group, and a former chair. Congratulations Donna!

Need help registering for RRLC programs?

Use our new online tutorial

RRLC has developed a new online tutorial to help website users learn how to use the interactive registration and account management pages on our website. Since RRLC's new website went "live" last spring, members have been able to register online for programs and workshops and manage their own information in our database. As users have tried out the new functions of our website, there have been a number of questions. RRLC has created a simple tutorial to help library staff navigate the online registration process. To download the Powerpoint presentation or the PDF go to the RRLC homepage: www.rrlc.org and click on "continuing education."



RRLC Committee works to promote Information Literacy

The Information Literacy Continuum Committee is composed of academic and school librarians working in collaboration to promote information literacy, providing students the foundation needed for a successful transition from high school to college researching. This includes the development of a "continuum" of learning, teaching library and information literacy skills needed as students move on to institutions of higher learning. The document, *Library and Information Core Library Skills Grade 9-14+*, evolved over the course of many shared meetings and discussions.



It is essential that students completing high school and entering college achieve a prescribed level of library competency. Recognizing that there is a range in the size and services available in high school libraries, the *Library and Information Core Library Skills Grade 9-14+* lists a basic set of information gathering skills, introduced at specific grade levels. Skills may be mastered by a particular grade level, with ongoing reinforcement. These skills are presented as steps in the research process, offering librarians a sequential model that can be used as a guideline and a teaching tool. Critical skill deficiencies, as related by "true life" experiences, are targeted.

The Committee will host an "**Information Literacy Discussion Forum**" on March 30, 3-5pm, at the Rochester Regional Library Council. All are invited to hear about the committee's collaborative experience, to review the skills document and to participate in a discussion of information literacy across the educational continuum.

Linking Libraries



Rochester Regional Library Council

390 Packett's Landing
Fairport, New York 14450

Executive Director: *Kathleen M. Miller*

Assistant Director: *Deborah Emerson*

Business Manager: *Sue Vanderwall*

Administrative Assistants: *Sally Collins,*
Georgia Learn

Clerical Assistant: *Michelle Costello*

Regional Archivist: *James Leach*

CLIC-on-Health Project Director: *Linda Phillips*

COH Training Assistant: *Evanna DiSalvo*

Outreach Librarian: *Barbara Ciambor*

RRLC Calendar

- Mar. 1** Federated Search: Defined, debunked and deployed. RRLC Training Center. 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
- Mar. 6** BOCES #1 Mandarin Training RRLC Training Center. 3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.
- Mar. 6** “Pizza & Windows File Management” RRLC Training Center. 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
- Mar. 8** Photoshop Elements—Part 1 RRLC Training Center. 4:00 p.m. —6:00 p.m.
- Mar. 10** Library Management Hot Topics RRLC Training Center. 12:00 p.m.—1:30 p.m.
- Mar. 13** “Pizza & Book Lovers Bonanza” RRLC Training Center. 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
- Mar. 15** Clic-on-Health for Seniors Train-the-Trainer RRLC Training Center. 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.
- Mar. 16** Yahoo!!: Good News for Searchers RRLC Training Center. 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
- Mar. 16** School Library System Directors Meeting RRLC Conference Room. 9:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
- Mar. 20** “Pizza & Your Heart Matters” RRLC Conference Room. 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
- Mar. 23** Monroe BOCES 1 Council Liaison Meeting RRLC Conference Room. 2:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.
- Mar. 24** Copyright in the Digital Library Environment RPL/Gleason Auditorium. 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. There is a \$15.00 charge, lunch will be included.
- Mar. 27** “Pizza & Web Searching 2006” RRLC Training Center. 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
- Mar. 29** Photoshop Elements—Part 2 RRLC Training Center 4:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m.
- Mar. 30** “Information Literacy Discussion Forum” RRLC Training Center 3:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.
- Apr. 3** “Pizza & Windows” Downloading & Attachments RRLC Training Center. 6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.
- Apr. 3** Monroe BOCES #1 Mandarin Training RRLC Training Center. 3:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.
- Apr. 5** Nylink Training Program: Cataloging Electronic Serials RRLC Training Center. 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
- Apr. 6** Nylink Training Program: Boosting Productivity with the Connexion Client RRLC Training Center. 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
- Apr. 7** Serving Immigrant Populations RRLC Training Center. 12:00 p.m.—1:30 p.m.
- Apr. 10** “Pizza and Just for Seniors: Library Services for Senior Citizens.” RRLC Training Center 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.
- Apr. 12** Accounting Fundamentals for Librarians RRLC Training Center. 10:00 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.
- Apr. 13** Nylink Training Program: OCLC WorldCat Resource Sharing Basics RRLC Training Center. 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
- Apr. 20** Management 101 RRLC Training Center. 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
- Apr. 21** Managing Student Assistants RRLC Training Center. 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

For more information on any of these events go to www.rrlc.org and click on Continuing Education and workshop listing.

Employment Opportunities

Medical Circuit Librarian The Central NY Library Resources Council

Library Director Lockport Public Library

Electronic Resources Librarian Lorette Wilmot Library and Media Center

For more detailed descriptions of these and other jobs, go to www.rrlc.org and click on job postings.