

# Linking Libraries

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## OPEN DOORS *Fund New York's Libraries*

### Region loses \$404,548 in Governor's Executive Budget Proposal

The 2008-09 budget proposed by Governor Spitzer cuts Library Aid by \$ 5 million. For the Rochester region, that translates to a cut of \$404,548.

These are the figures:

- RRLC – loss of \$47,383
- Monroe County Library System -- loss of \$115,748
- Pioneer Library System -- loss of \$81,677
- GV BOCES School Library System -- loss of \$34,826
- Monroe #1 BOCES School Library System -- loss of \$31,308
- Monroe #2 Orleans BOCES School Library System -- loss of \$30,964

- WFL BOCES School Library System -- loss of \$31,782
- Rochester School Library System -- loss of \$30,854

Last year's increase of \$8 million provided the funding that allowed many libraries to stay open and to continue to offer programs and services in demand by library users. What will happen this year?

The cut can be restored. Go to the NYLA Web Site ([www.nyla.org](http://www.nyla.org)) and click on "Become a Library Advocate" to send a message to your State Legislators to let them know how important library system services are to you.

### The eXtended eXtensible Catalog – XC (squared): RRLC and UR partner on "next gen cat" for smaller libraries

*"Why not 'next generation' library catalogues? Easy. The current systems increasingly do not meet the needs or the expectations of users. Compared to other systems freely available on the Internet, library catalogues are not time savers and are often seen as an impediment. Let's see what we can do to rectify the situation."*

*--Eric Lease Morgan, "The changing face of the OPAC – dream and reality". Panlibus Magazine, Spring 2007*

Why not the next generation catalog? With funding from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the University of Rochester River Campus Libraries (UR RCL) has been working on just that -- a new face to the library catalog, called the eXtensible Catalog (XC). Using open-source software applications,

XC will "provide library patrons with a richer experience when accessing the libraries' collections by offering them a variety of tools. Users will be able to navigate search results, and add user tags and reviews to documents, among other things." [Ron Dow, Dean of UR RCL].

RRLC has formed a partnership with the River Campus Libraries, University of Rochester, to create a version of XC – the eXtended eXtensible Catalog (XC (squared)) -- that will provide a library of any size with an alternative way to reveal its library collections – and other resources it chooses to designate -- and to integrate library content with other applications such as course curricula, all in a simple to use, interactive, Web 2.0 environment.

XC will provide easy access to both digital and physical

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# RRLC Member News

## Lavery Library Gets Innovative!

St. John Fisher College's Lavery Library has switched to Innovative Interface's Millennium integrated library system. Migrating from SIRSI Unicorn over the summer and fall, the library went live on the new system on December 14, 2007. The switch to Millennium gives the library better control over the catalog, increased automation and the addition of an acquisitions module.

Of course, switching to a new ILS also means a brand new OPAC for the library! The new OPAC gives the user a cleaner, tabbed interface allowing users more control over their searches. In addition, users can login to renew and place holds on materials as well as save preferred searches. The OPAC can be found at <http://galadriel.sjfc.edu>.

-Adam Traub, Systems Librarian at St. John Fisher College



Throughout the past sixteen months, the Lavery Library at St. John Fisher College enhanced its appearance and expanded services to accommodate the increase in student enrollment. To demonstrate its commitment to a positive user experience, Lavery Library wound down the Fall 2007 semester by hosting a Logo Launch Party for all students, faculty, and staff. Lavery Library's visual identity was unveiled, as created by the design services of St. John Fisher College staff member and media advisor to the campus newspaper Steve Boerner, and Paulina Garces Reid of Garces Reid Design. The Logo Launch featured coffee, cake with an edible image of the new logo, and temporary tattoos of the new logo. We wanted to celebrate our new beginning and shift focus to the future of libraries in general and Lavery Library in particular. Our event provided another opportunity to meet librarians who are still new to the library and learn of the library's enhanced services. Students who attended the logo launch party even had a chance to win a \$25 Barnes and Noble gift card! This is indeed a new beginning for Lavery Library and we look forward to many more changes in the future. For photos of this and other Lavery Library events and happenings, please see our Flickr page, <http://www.flickr.com/photos/laverylibrary/>.

— Kate Ross, Head of Technical Services and Acquisitions Librarian

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## Continuing Education

### Coming in the Spring!



Mark these on your calendar ...

**Robert Lackie** returns on March 17 with two new workshops: *The Evolving Invisible Web* in the morning and *Personal Profiles and Other Publicly Available Information* in the afternoon. Join us for either or both of these popular sessions!

**K. Matthew Dames**, who presented three sessions on copyright last year, returns to RRLC to present *Legal Issues in Digitization and Archives* on April 3.

If you're interested in the use of surveys, you should plan to attend *Surveys 101* on April 14. Presenter **Eric Howd** is from Tompkins Cortland Community College, and has offered this workshop in several other regions in the state.

For a fun update on the latest technology, join us for *Geeks Bearing Gifts Unwrapping New Technology Trends*, with **Gregg Headrick**, Technology Coordinator for the Middle Atlantic Region, National Network of Libraries of Medicine.

Watch for new E-Briefings with **Lou Wetherbee**! The next webcast will be February 27, and will be followed by additional programs in March, April and May. Upcoming topics include RSS Feeds and Readers, Online Survey Tools, Useful Applets, and Google Gadgets.

E-Briefings are recorded and archived for viewing at your convenience. The January 23 session on Blogs is now available at [www109.livemeeting.com/cc/vcmeeting/view?id=8MWC7F](http://www109.livemeeting.com/cc/vcmeeting/view?id=8MWC7F).

You will be prompted to enter your name. No additional information is needed.



### Monday Night @ the Council series:

**March 3** Pizza and Facebook

**March 24, April 7 and April 21** Pizza and Google Docs, a 3-part series

**March 17 and 31** Pizza and Dreamweaver, a 2-part workshop

**April 14** Pizza and a \$200 Laptop and a \$400 iPhone

**April 28** Pizza and Blogging with Typepad

## RRLC People in the News

**Cyril Oberlander** has been hired as Associate Library Director at the **State University of New York at Geneseo**. As Head of Interlibrary Loan at Portland State University's Branford P. Millar Library, Oberlander developed extensive statistical analysis tools which use resource-sharing data to inform cooperative collection development in and among libraries. He has written and presented extensively on this and other topics, including the creation and use of scanning technologies for resource sharing and access. He has been a member or chair of several national, state and local committees, and has recently served on the OCLC Resource Sharing Advisory Committee and the ALA LAMA Publications Committee. Oberlander comes to SUNY Geneseo from the University of Virginia, where he had been Director of Interlibrary Services at Alderman Library since 2005.



**Brighton Memorial Library** is pleased to announce the full time appointment of their new network technician, **Dominick Sanna**.

**Barbara Alvarez, Rush Rhees Library**, University of Rochester, and a member of the RRLC Information Literacy Continuum Committee, has been selected to serve as a member of the NYLA Task Force on Information Literacy Standards. The Task Force will gather and review examples of P-20 Information Literacy Standards and make recommendations that will be utilized by the NYS Council for Universal Broadband; Michael J. Borges, Executive Director of NYLA, is a member on the NYS Council for Universal Broadband; co-chair of the Council's Digital Literacy Committee.

**Meredith Fraser**, Serials/ILL Assistant for 17 years at Lorette Wilmot Library, Nazareth College, has accepted the position of Library Manager for the **East Rochester Public Library**.

**Susan Gibbons** has been named Vice Provost and Andrew H. and Janet Dayton Neilly Dean of **River Campus Libraries** at the University of Rochester, effective March 1. She succeeds Ronald F. Dow, who will step down March 1 after 11 years as dean.

## The eXtended eXtensible Catalog

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collections across a variety of databases, meta schemas and standards, and will enable library content to be revealed through other services that libraries may already be using, such as content management systems. It is an open source set of applications that sits on top of a library's ILS and allows users to browse the catalog, subscription databases, reserves, institutional repositories and many other resources, in a familiar and interactive Web 2.0 environment, returning a combined search result.

Not every library has the resources to implement new services such as XC or to purchase commercial products that are similar – though not as comprehensive. The RRLC in partnership with the UR RCL seeks to develop a set of XC applications specifically created for small libraries implementing in a shared environment. Staff, hardware, bandwidth and telecommunications will be shared and administered centrally by RRLC. This new “discovery tool” would be fully customizable by each library for access to its own resources and its own users' needs and would evolve as users' needs and expectations evolved.

RRLC has submitted an Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to fund the work that needs to be done and has formed a task force – XC2 Task Force – of libraries interested in participating in this development work.



## RRLC Publications on WebJunction

<http://www.webjunction.org/do/Navigation?category=7902>.

The document *Core Library and Research Skills Grade 9-14+*, developed by the Information Literacy Continuum Committee, is now available on WebJunction. Listed among the Information Literacy resources, the document can be viewed at

<http://www.webjunction.org/do/Navigation?category=7902>.

WebJunction is the online community dedicated to the emerging technology and training needs of librarians. WebJunction features articles, handouts, courses and forum discussions with large, small, rural and urban libraries represented. The skills document is still available at [www.rrlc.org](http://www.rrlc.org) under “Hot Links”. Thanks to everyone who responded to the online survey, providing input concerning the document.

The CLIC-On -Health for Seniors Training Program Manuals, developed as a result of the CLIC-On-Health Seniors grant, are also available on Web Junction at

<http://www.webjunction.org/do/Navigation?category=7963>.

## Information Literacy Continuum Committee takes it on the Road

Submitted by Kathy Jaccarino, Brockport High School Librarian

Members of the Information Literacy Continuum Committee traveled to Brockport High School on Tuesday, January 8,



Amy Puchalski, SUNY Brockport; Jennifer Little, SUNY Brockport; Kathy Jaccarino, Brockport High School; Alice Harrington, MCC; Barbara Alvarez, UR.

2008 to participate in a panel discussion that focused on the question: What can we do to better prepare our students for college and work? According to Kathy Jaccarino, committee member and Brockport High School librarian, "Making sure our students are as best prepared as possible for life after high school is one of our main goals at Brockport. As a faculty we are always discussing ways to improve instruction and increase rigor, having college librarians come to facilitate a discussion among the faculty seemed like a great way to make sure we are doing everything we can to assure this success."

The panel was composed of committee members Barbara Alvarez, University of Rochester; Jennifer Little, SUNY Brockport; and Alice Harrington, Monroe Community College. Amy Puchalski, Freshmen Advisor from SUNY Brockport, joined the librarians. The college and university librarians discussed what they felt were the skills students were lacking, and made suggestions as to what high school teachers and librarians could do to address these issues. Topics of discussion ranged from note taking and writing skills to research and social skills. Overall the resounding message was that incoming college students need to better understand the research process, including how to take adequate notes, identify or focus a topic and associated key words or phrases, how to evaluate web sources, and how to cite sources. The panel stressed that repetition and reinforcement was critical to success, all agreed that the more students wrote and researched in high school the better.

Barbara Alvarez, Modern Language and Cultures Librarian at Rush Rhees Library, University of Rochester, discussed the recent University of Rochester study on how students research (Marshall, A., Burns, V., & Briden, J. (2007). *KNOW YOUR STUDENTS* - They race around campus, don't

want to carry laptops, rely on their parents for homework help, and are busy from dawn until well after dusk. Rochester's two-year ethnographic study reveals what students do on campus and how the library fits in. *Library Journal*. 132 (18), 26.)

<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6495191.html>

Barbara explained that students often do not have a good understanding of academic research. A student needs to not only be a good researcher, and a good writer, but they also need to be able to synthesize their research- to incorporate new and original ideas into this research.

The panel discussion generated a great deal of positive feedback from Brockport High School faculty and administration. Greg Pelletier, AP social studies teacher, observed, "It was great to make a connection with people in the academic arena, they reaffirmed that we're on the right track. I definitely gleaned some good ideas from their feedback."

## UPS CampusShip Pilot a Success

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"...UPS CampusShip - we love it here, " says Chris Sisak, ILL Librarian at Lorette Wilmot Library, Nazareth College. "The transition from our old way of shipping out UPS to this UPS CampusShip was easy and seamless... Our student staff picked up on it pretty quick. As the UPS bill person here, I like the fact that I still receive a detailed invoice with our service-stop bill. The detailed invoice helps with tracking ... overall it's worked out great. Per package we are seeing a reduced difference in the pricing over last year's package cost amount."

Both Lorette Wilmot Library at Nazareth College and Warren Hunting Smith Library at Hobart and William Smith Colleges participated this past fall in a trial of UPS CampusShip as an interlibrary loan delivery method. The trial was very successful, and RRLC is now offering this service to other interested member libraries. UPS CampusShip works the same as regular UPS, except that the cost is approximately 25% off the "list price", thanks to a contract RRLC has with UPS, and NYS contract pricing. The average cost per package is approximately \$4.00. Within most of New York State, UPS CampusShip delivers the next day.

If your library is interested in setting up a UPS CampusShip account with RRLC, contact Georgia Learn at the RRLC Office ([glearn@rrlc.org](mailto:glearn@rrlc.org)).

# RRLC Member News

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## University of Rochester grant to Preserve Web Information

Librarians at the University of Rochester will soon be designing a system for preserving information from the World Wide Web with a \$69,500 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.

Staff at Rush Rhees Library will develop a plan for preserving and storing online data and create a prototype computer system, to be called the Ephemeral Web Archive (EWA), to perform the task.

The Internet is rapidly becoming the preferred medium for posting and sharing data and Stanley Wilder, Associate Dean of River Campus Libraries, said the EWA will ensure that the information most important to scholars isn't lost. Currently, webmasters can remove content from the World Wide Web with no warning and no plans to repost it.

The system will be designed to archive Web sites, whose creators are unaware of how important it is to preserve the site's information when they change it or take it down. Some may not know how to preserve it, Wilder said, but others may not see the point. For instance, campaign Web sites are invaluable sources of information, but are often killed as soon as Election Day passes.

Wilder said his staff will work with University faculty to identify information online that has the most scholarly value. They will preserve that information using the new prototype computer system. He added that the University's participation in planning and designing the EWA will likely segue into a prominent role when actual preservation begins.

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## National Network of Libraries of Medicine's MARquee blog. . .



Check out the National Network of Libraries of Medicine's MARquee blog which includes an article describing the training sessions recently held at the RRLC. A training grant was awarded by the NN/LM and offered the RRLC the opportunity to reach members who were not necessarily familiar with using MedlinePlus and other NLM resources. Go to <http://nmlm.gov/mar/blog>. On left side of screen, under Archives, click on January 2008 and page down to the article "Rochester Regional Library Council offers Medline-Plus/Health Information Resources Classes for Member Libraries."



Do you have new staff members? RRLC has an orientation packet that welcomes newcomers to the RRLC Community and provides information about our listserve and training programs. If you want packets, contact RRLC and request as many as you need.

## 7 Things You Should Know

The EDUCAUSE Learning Initiative's (ELI's) 7 Things You Should Know About series provides concise information on emerging learning technologies and related practices. Each brief focuses on a single technology or practice and describes:

- ✓ What it is
- ✓ How it works
- ✓ Where it is going
- ✓ Why it matters to teaching and learning

Use ELI's 7 Things You Should Know About... briefs to:

- ✓ Enhance faculty development activities
- ✓ Open a dialogue with senior administrators about emerging technologies and their implications for your institution
- ✓ Stay up-to-date on emerging technologies

7 Things You Should Know About...pieces provide quick, no-jargon overviews of emerging technologies and related practices that have demonstrated or may demonstrate positive learning impacts. Any time you need to explain a new learning technology or practice quickly and clearly, look for a 7 Things You Should Know About... brief from ELI.

Take a look!

[www.educause.edu/7ThingsYouShouldKnowAboutSeries/7495](http://www.educause.edu/7ThingsYouShouldKnowAboutSeries/7495)

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## Rochester Regional Library Council

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### RRLC Calendar

- Mar. 3** Pizza & Facebook 6:00-8:00 PM  
RRLC Training Center
- Mar. 7** Library Spaces: Future Needs Noon—1:30 PM  
RRLC Training Center
- Mar. 17** The Evolving Invisible Web 9:00 AM-Noon  
RRLC Training Center
- Mar. 17** Personal Profiles & Other Publicly Available Information 1:00-4:00 PM RRLC Training Center
- Mar. 17** Pizza & Getting Started with Dreamweaver, Part 1 6:00-8:00 PM RRLC Training Center
- Mar. 19** Drupal Part 2 9:00 AM-3:00 PM  
RRLC Training Center
- Mar. 20** Introduction to Scanning & Digital Imaging 9:00 AM-4:00 PM RRLC Training Center
- Mar. 24** Pizza & Google Docs Part 1: Documents 6:00-8:00 PM RRLC Training Center
- Mar. 26** Nylink Training: How to Create & Manage Digital Collections 9:30 AM -4:30 PM. RRLC Training Center. For questions and registration go to: <http://nylink.org/education/>
- Mar. 27** Nylink Training: OCLC WorldCat Resource Sharing Basics 10:00 AM—4:00 PM RRLC Training Center. For questions and registration go to: <http://nylink.org/education/>
- Mar. 31** Pizza & Getting Started with Dreamweaver, Part 2 6:00—8:00 PM RRLC Training Center
- Apr. 3** Legal Issues in Digitization and Archives 9:00 AM—4:00 PM RRLC Training Center
- Apr. 7** Pizza & Google Docs #2 6:00-8:00 PM  
RRLC Training Center
- Apr. 8** Are Databases Dead? 9:00 AM– 4:00 PM  
Genesee Community College
- Apr. 11** Trends, Facts or Folly: Spotting the Library Trends that Really Matter SOARing to Excellence 2008 Series Noon—1:30 PM RRLC Training Center
- Apr. 14** Surveys 101 RRLC Training Center  
10:00 AM—4:00 PM
- Apr. 14** Pizza & a \$200 Laptop and a \$400 iPhone 6:00-8:00 PM RRLC Training Center
- Apr. 15** Successful Meeting 9:00 AM—1:00 PM  
RRLC Training Center
- Apr. 16** Nylink Training: Metadata: The Basics 10:00 AM—4:00 RRLC Training Center.  
For questions and registration go to:  
<http://nylink.org/education/>
- Apr. 17** Nylink Training: Cataloging With OCLC Connexion ClieT 10:00 AM—3:00 PM RRLC Training Center. For questions and registration go to: <http://nylink.org/education/>
- Apr. 21** Geeks Bearing Gifts : Unwrapping New Technology 9:00 AM-1:00 PM RRLC Training Center
- Apr. 21** Pizza & Google Docs #3: Presentation 6:00-8:00 PM  
RRLC Training Center

*For more information on any of these events go to:  
[www.rrlc.org](http://www.rrlc.org) and click on calendar & RRLC Events*

### Employment Opportunities

**Weekend Supervisor**, Lorette Wilmot Library, Nazareth Library

**Library Director**, Hobart & William Smith Colleges, Geneva.

*For more detailed descriptions of these and other jobs, go to [www.rrlc.org](http://www.rrlc.org) and click on job postings.*