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RRLC AND MCLS RECEIVE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE FUNDS TO HELP OFFSET STATE CUTS

The Rochester Regional Library Council (RRLC) and the Monroe Council Library System will receive “Special Legislative Funds” in the amount of \$97,500 from four area legislators to help make up for funds lost in 2003/04 because of the Governor’s cuts to libraries.

These funds are very welcome, as our library systems have not received any increase in funding for nearly a decade. We thank these representatives:

	MCLS	RRLC
Senator Jim Alesi (note: Senator Alesi also gave the RRLC CLIC-on-Health Project \$30,000 last year)	\$25,000	\$5,000
Senator George Maziarz	\$ 5,000	\$5,000
Assemblyman Charles Nesbitt	\$18,000	\$7,000
Senator Joseph Robach	\$25,000	\$7,500

RRLC will use these funds to help us eliminate our deficit and also help us make much needed upgrades to our Training Center. “Learning” is the number one priority of our members, and RRLC is offering an ever-expanding list of workshops and seminars. These spe-

cial legislative grants will allow us to outfit our Training Center with wireless access and all laptop computers.

The Monroe County Library System is using its state grants to support core system services to member libraries. The grants will allow the system to replace three library delivery trucks and to support telecommunications upgrades. Each day, these trucks deliver books and library materials to all thirty-four public libraries in Monroe County. Each year, more than 3.8 million items are delivered. The telecommunications upgrade provides the system members with increased bandwidth resulting in optimal access to the LIBRA network and the Internet.

Although these grants cannot be a substitute for ongoing, adequate library funding, they do signify that our legislators understand how important libraries are to a free and democratic society. We hope this support will continue in the 2006 year with an increase for all libraries and library systems in the State Budget. New York State law currently states that the 2000 census figures should be used when calculating state aid for libraries and library systems. We ask that the Governor follow the spirit and the letter of the law by adding a minimum of \$2.6 million for libraries to let us get the dollars we were promised.

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RRLC Website offers new Functions

Have you looked at the *My Account* feature on the new RRLC website yet? With your own "personal" account, you can sign up for workshops, view a listing of programs and workshops in which you've participated, and make any needed changes to your personal information. There are several ways to get to *My Account*. You can use the drop-down selection box at the upper right-hand corner of the page and select <My Account>, or choose the gray Continuing Education tab and select the <My Account> option. At this point you will be prompted to log in. Your username will be your email address; for example, john.doe@rrlc.org. Many of you have already created accounts, and if this is the case you can simply enter your password and you will be logged in. If this is your first visit to *My Account*, or if you have forgotten your password, enter your email address in the <Username> box, leave the <password> box blank, and click <submit>. A password will be automatically generated and emailed to your email account. Once you have the password, you can log in to your account.

When you enter the username and password and click <login>, you will be taken back to the RRLC home page. From there you can click on <My Account>, and you will see a listing of courses that you are currently registered for, including dates and times. Under this listing and to the left, there is a link that says "View History". Clicking on this link will take you to a list of all the classes you have taken since January 2001. On the right-hand side of the page are options for modifying your personal information and registering for courses.

If you need to change your address, phone number, institution, email address or password, click on the <modify information> link. This will take you to a form where you can change the information as needed, then click <modify> to submit your changes.

To register for a workshop, select the <Register for courses> link. This will take you to a pre-populated form that already lists your name, email, phone number and institution. You can select the desired workshop from the drop-down listing and click the <register> button.

As always, if you have any questions or problems with our website, please contact us by email at rrlc@rrlc.org or by phone at 585-223-7570.

Coming in the Fall



RRLC is in the process of scheduling new programs and workshops for Fall 2005. The most updated information can be found by going to the Continuing Education listing on our website at <http://www.rrlc.org>. Below are some highlights from our fall listing, and new additions are always in the works so please check the web listings regularly.

Tuesday, October 18: **Identity Theft**. Bill Bolling covers many different aspects of identity theft: What is it? Current laws, current scams, shopping on the Internet, how to prevent identity theft.

Tuesday, November 15: **Searching Public Records**. Bernadette Brinkman and Linda Halliburton are back by popular demand. This workshop was originally presented during an informal Monday evening program, and has now been expanded to a half-day program to allow more time for hands-on experimentation with these fascinating publicly available databases.

Wednesday, December 7: **Webpage Usability**. Brenda Reeb, Director of the Management Library at the University of Rochester, is a frequent presenter at regional and national library conferences on the topic of webpage usability. We are happy to have her present this full-day workshop for our local audience this fall.

Microsoft Access Series: Also back by popular demand, Webster librarian Patti Ligozio has agreed to repeat her popular Access classes. This is a 3-part series

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Intern Available

The Rochester Regional Library Council has a student intern who is available to assist member libraries and library systems with publicity-related projects. Erin Dorney is a senior English/Communications major at St. John Fisher College and will be with us for the fall 2005 semester, through mid-December. She is experienced with preparing brochures, posters, ads, articles and press releases. Erin also works on website design using Dreamweaver and FrontPage. Erin currently works in the library at St. John Fisher, and hopes to pursue a career in librarianship. She looks forward to working with member libraries on their projects, and learning about different kinds of libraries. If your library has a project for Erin, please go to www.rrlc.org and fill out the RRLC Intern Assistance Request Form. Please contact the RRLC office with any questions you may have, either by email at rrlc@rrlc.org or by phone at 585-223-7570.

RRLC People in the News

Morna Hilderbrand, has been promoted to Head of Information Delivery Services at Wallace Library at **Rochester Institute of Technology**.

A new librarian at **SUNY Brockport**. **Jennifer Little** started in June as SUNY Brockport's instruction coordinator. Jennifer comes to Brockport from the University of South Carolina at Aiken.

Dr. Tom Haverly, Associate Professor at **Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School** and Theological Librarian of the Ambrose Swasey Library, left his position effective July 22, 2005. He has taken a new position at St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, MO as Visiting Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible.

Mary Lee Miller, MLS, MA in Theology (CRCDS, 2004), retired Head of the Arts Division of the Rochester Public Library, is the new Theological Librarian at **Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School**.

Margaret A. Nead has assumed a full-time position as Manager of the **Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School's** newly designed Book Store. She will also oversee library circulation services.

Jenny Peer, Director, **Rush Public Library**, resigned effective July 8, 2005 having completed 30 years with MCLS. She remains Director of the Howard Public Library (Southern Tier Library System) where she has also served since 2003.

Ann Penwarden, Assistant Library Director at **Monroe Community College**, has been named a recipient of the State University of New York 2005 Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship. Penwarden was nominated by her co-workers.

Kathy Miller, Executive Director of the **Rochester Regional Library Council**, was the 2005 Recipient of the Ray Murray Award from the New York State Association of Library Assistants. Kathy gratefully accepted this award at the NYSLAA Annual Conference in Geneva, New York; noting that she was particularly proud since she had been a Library Assistant (at the University of Rochester) attending the first conference.

Harriet Sleggs, Information Delivery Services Manager; Mary McGrath, Lending



Manager; Mark Sullivan, Systems Administrator; Katherine Merrill, Web Master; Sonja Landes, Head of Access Services; Edwin Rivenburgh, Director of Libraries.

Edwin Rivenburgh, Director of Libraries at **State University of New York at Geneseo, Milne Library** was presented with the Nylink Achievement Award 2005. Under the leadership of Ed Rivenburgh, SUNY Geneseo initiated the Information Delivery Services (IDS) project, a collaborative effort by 13 SUNY college libraries to develop and test methods that will optimize resource sharing and potentially unify currently separate collections. All participants agreed to implement the ILLiad system for ILL and electronic document delivery, use the LAND delivery system, and adopt performance standards for the rapid processing of document delivery requests.

Geneseo College has been the driving force behind this project, providing the vision, drafting performance standards, maintaining the project web site, hosting two conferences, arranging training, and enlisting the cooperation of Nylink and OCLC.



RRLC Members attending the "Go Get That Grant" with Jill Pranger on August 25, 2005.

RRLC Member News

Henrietta Public Library Uses Online Registration

Henrietta Library is now accepting registration for its programs through its website. Library Director Pat Bernhard hopes that it will make it more convenient for patrons to register, since they can do so at any time, whether the library is open or not.

The registration system was set up by Barbara Grosh, of Crafting Links, who is the webmaster for Henrietta Public Library, as well as for Gates Public Library and for the Monroe County Town Library Directors' Council. The system uses php scripts to store data in a MySQL database.

Leadership Workshops Popular at RIT

RRLC Leadership Continuum graduates, **Evanna DiSalvo** from St. John Fisher Library, **Sue Cardinal** from the U of R Carlson Library and **Sarah Reynolds of Rochester Institute of Technology** conducted a series of four leadership training sessions to members of the U of R and RIT staff during the month of June. Topics presented at these well-attended sessions were "Challenge the Process", "Enable Others to Act" and "Inspire the Vision."

Publishing & Scholarship Support Center Debuts in RIT's Wallace Library

RIT Libraries recently completed the construction of a convenient service area with a focus on promoting both faculty and student scholarships. Open to RIT faculty and graduate students, the **Publishing and Scholarship Support Center** was constructed over the summer and is already open for business. One of the primary goals of the Publishing & Scholarship Support Center is to provide a centralized, convenient, dedicated area that can support a variety of concerns. The Center, located on the first floor of Wallace Library, is staffed and supported by a variety of Library personnel. This new entity has been designed to provide RIT faculty and other community members with one-stop service for advice and assistance with scholarly editing practices, copyright queries, appropriate citation control, as well as thesis and dissertation binding.

Publication technologies, such as self-publishing and posting materials to RIT's growing Digital Media Library, will be offered to ensure that faculty and student research is available and circulated in the most meaningful and useful ways. The PSSC's new schol-

arly-based newsletter will report on RIT research and collaborative scholarship. In this publication, appropriate attention will be given to news and accomplishments related to both faculty and student research projects. **A website (<http://library.rit.edu/userservices/pubschol/>) also provides online PSSC service information.** These services provide reliable and timely assistance to support and showcase scholarship efforts at RIT.

The Center also offers guidance and support with self-publishing, thanks to the new RIT affiliation with Lulu.com. Lulu is a well-established print-on-demand resource which has created a special RIT Community section on their web site, called "RIT Open Book @ Lulu.com." The new center will also offer guidance, classes and tools to help you with copyright issues and plagiarism concerns. Educational support for proper citation formatting ("Cite it Right!") will also be provided here.

To learn about the Publishing & Scholarship Support Center, please contact Marianne Buehler at 585-475-5589 or via e-mail at mabwml@rit.edu.

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The Monroe County Library System is a participant of the Federated Search Portal Pilot Project by the **New York State Library**. As a participant their patrons can now simultaneously search across all of the NOVEL databases. Previously, library users had to search each NOVEL database individually.

MCLS is now in Phase 1 of the project. In Phase 1 their patrons gain access to the 'NOVEL Databases All-in-One Search' by going to the 'Magazine Indexes and Other Databases' web page <http://www.rochester.lib.ny.us/databases/>. At this point, the State Library requires patrons enter either their New York State Driver License ID number or DMV Non-Driver Photo ID number in order to access the all-in-one search. In Phase 2 of the project, the State Library will be working with MCLS to allow their patrons access to the all-in-one search by entering their patron barcode number.

The software that makes the all-in-one search possible is Webfeat. Only databases that are NOVEL databases are part of the federated project and can be simultaneously searched at this time.

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and classes will be held in the mornings on September 29, October 20 and November 17.

Thursday, April 27: **Mary Lee Kennedy**. Mary Lee Kennedy is a leading practitioner in the formulation and implementation of knowledge strategies that positively impact organizational performance. She is currently the Executive Director of Harvard Business School's knowledge and information program. As Director of the Knowledge Network Group for Microsoft U.S.A., Mary Lee championed the development and implementation of global knowledge and information strategies with an unwavering focus on information excellence.

RRLC Training Tapes

If your schedule sometimes gets in the way when you'd like to participate in a teleconference or webcast, or you would just like to review the material that was covered in a previous broadcast, we may be able to help! RRLC has a growing collection of VHS tapes, DVDs and CDs from past teleconference broadcasts and key presentations from recent conferences. All items are available for loan to member libraries. There is a complete listing of the training items that are available on the RRLC website, at www.rrlc.org (click on Continuing Education, RRLC Training Tapes). If you are interested in borrowing one or more items, please contact the RRLC office by email at rrlc@rrlc.org or by phone at 585-223-7570.

Items recently added to our collection include:

- William Mitchell's keynote address from the April 2005 ACRL conference
- Googlelization, Visualization, Metasearch, Mapping and Other Disruptive Technologies: Implications of Revolutionary Change for User Education and Information Literacy, from the April 2005 ACRL conference
- Safeguarding Our Patron's Privacy/USA Patriot Act

And coming soon:

"Making Copyright Work for Your Library" from the American Library Association

RRLC Member News

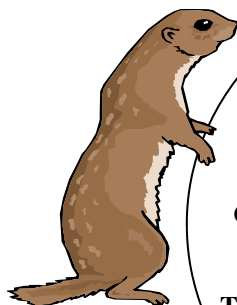
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Do You Need Health Information?

The **Stabins Wellness Information Center** at Rochester General Hospital offers confidential answers to your medical questions. Do you, or your library users, need information on a specific disease or medical condition? Would you like to know more about the drug you are taking or the medical test or procedure that your doctor has recommended? Medical librarians provide reliable medical information in understandable language.

This medical library service is available to the Greater Rochester community **free of charge**. Telephone us at 922-WELL, visit the library, or send e-mail. Hours are Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. wellness@viahealth.org at other times. We will mail the information to your home. Library users can be referred to:

www.viahealth.org/library/wellnessinfocenter



Save the Date!

DATE: October 11, 2005

WHAT: Archives Week 2005

WHEN: 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

COST: \$10 per person (lunch included)

Please make check payable to "RRLC"

THEME: *From Otters to Archives: Nature and History in the Genesee Valley*

LOCATION: Seneca Park Zoo

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RRLC

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CLIC-on-Health Project Director: *Linda Phillips*
Outreach Librarian: *Barbara Ciambor*

RRLC Calendar

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| Sept. 19 | “Pizza & Websites for Academic Research.”
RRLC Training Center. 6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m. | |
| Sept. 21 | Religious Archivists & Historians Roundtable:
Archives of Catholic Diocese of Rochester.
10:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m. | |
| Sept. 22 | “Introduction to Managing Electronic Records.”
RRLC Conference Room. 9:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m. | |
| Sept. 25 | “Using Word to Create Publicity Brochures for
Your Library.” RRLC Training Center.
9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m. | |
| Sept. 26 | Project Management Meeting. RRLC Conference
Room. 9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. | |
| Sept. 26 | “Pizza & Statistical Resources on the Internet.”
RRLC Training Center. 6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m. | |
| Sept. 27 | Conservation/Preservation Grant Writing Work-
shop. RRLC Conference Room.
9:00 a.m. — 1:00 p.m. | |
| Sept. 28 | Information Literacy Continuum Group Meeting.
RRLC Conference Room. 8:45 a.m. — 10:15 a.m. | |
| Sept. 29 | “Access for Libraries, Part 1.” RRLC Training
Center. 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m. | |
| Sept. 29 | Archives in Education Roundtable. RRLC Train-
ing Center. 4:00 p.m. — 6:00 p.m. | |
| Sept. 30 | “Library Services for Teens.” RRLC Conference
Room. 9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m. | |
| Oct. 3 | “Pizza & Introduction to Publisher.” RRLC Train-
ing Center. 6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m. | |
| Oct. 5 | “Using the Web to Find Graphics for Library Pub-
licity Materials.” RRLC Training Center.
9:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m. | |
| Oct. 7 | Nylink Training Program: “Boosting Production
with Connexion Client.” RRLC Training Center.
10:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.
To register 1-800-342-3353. | |
| Oct. 11 | “From Otters to Archives: Nature & History in the
Genesee Valley.” Seneca Park Zoo.
9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. | |
| Oct. 11 | Nylink Training Program: “Cataloging with the
OCLC Connexion Client.” RRLC Training Cen-
ter. 10:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.
To register 1-800-342-3353. | |
| Oct. 12 | RBDB Selection Jury Meeting. RRLC Conference
Room. 10:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m. | |
| Oct. 12 | Nylink Training program: “Using Macros in the
OCLC Connexion Client.” RRLC Training Room.
To register 1-800-342-3353. | |
| Oct. 13 | Monroe BOCES #1 Council Meeting. RRLC
Conference Room. 2:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.m. | |

For more information on any of these events go to:
www.rrlc.org and click on Continuing Education and work-
shop listing.

Employment Opportunities

- Library Assistant** Greece Public Librarian 1, Brighton
Memorial Library.
- Circulation Supervisor** Lorette Wilmont Library, Nazareth.
- Children’s Librarian** Wadsworth Library, Geneseo.
- Information Delivery Services Technician** Wallace Library,
Rochester Institute of Technology.
- Substitute Library Clerk** Bryant & Stratton College, Greece
Campus.

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