

Linking Libraries

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Good News At Last! \$20 million increase for libraries is largest ever

Advocacy efforts of tens of thousands of library supporters have paid off. The Legislature approved – and the Governor did not veto – a \$20 million increase in aid to libraries and library systems. The additional aid is broken down as follows: \$2.7 million using the 2000 Census with hold-harmless provision; \$3 million increase for all types of library systems; \$14 million in construction and renovation aid for public libraries.

This, the largest increase in library aid ever, is the result of a multi-year campaign that sought to raise the visibility of libraries among our state elected officials, including giving legislators their very own “READ” posters. In the Rochester area alone, the Monroe County Library System collected nearly 10,000 signatures on a petition that asked for increased aid. This petition was delivered to legislators on NYLA Lobby Day.

What it means to RRLC region

The Rochester area library systems will receive a total of \$333,231 plus there would be nearly a \$1 million for public library construction. This is how it breaks down:

	On-going	One time	Construction (one time)
RRLC	\$ 2,721	\$28,477	
MCLS	\$61,316	\$67,811	\$601,494
PIONEER	\$25,419	\$48,243	\$398,590
GV BOCES SLS		\$21,545	
BOCES 1 SLS		\$19,968	
BOCES 2 SLS		\$19,033	
RCSD SLS		\$19,188	
WFL BOCES SLS		\$19,510	

NOTE: On-going funding is a result of the use of the 2000 Census for calculating library aid. Since the current law states that funding should be based on the latest U.S. Census, this

will be ongoing aid, as long as it is budgeted by the Governor and Legislature. In past years, it was not.

One time funding derives from the additional \$3 million increase allocated for 2006/07 only.

There is also an increase in Academic Coordinated Collection Development Aid to those colleges that have gained FTE over the last three years.

Thank you to all who contacted their legislators and expressed their support for increased library aid.

RRLC to Celebrate 40 Years -- Annual Meeting to Be Held at UR Rush Rhees Library

It seems like only yesterday, but it's been 40 years since the Rochester Regional [Research] Library Council was founded, April 21, 1966. RRLC will celebrate its 40th anniversary and hold its Annual Membership meeting in the Hawkins-Carlson Room of Rush Rhees Library at the University of Rochester. The event, scheduled from 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. on June 1, 2006 — will begin with tours of the library and an opportunity to view special exhibits in the Rare Books, Special Collections & Preservation Department:



Susan B. Anthony Celebrating "A Heroic Life": 1820-1906

75 Years Beside the Genesee: Creating the River Campus Concretions - Textual Composites by Doug Manchee

RRLC will honor, again this year, libraries that have made special efforts to determine and meet the needs of their users - "User-centered Libraries" Library staff from selected libraries will highlight what they have done to enhance the services provided by their libraries. Don't miss this opportunity to meet colleagues, tour one of Rochester's greatest libraries, view special exhibits, and honor some of our best librarians and library staff!

New Gale Virtual Reference Titles on NOVEL



Four new titles have been added to the Gale Virtual Reference Library available free to NYS libraries via NOVEL (New York Online Virtual Electronic Library).

The four new titles are:

- Americans at War
- Encyclopedia of the Modern Middle East and North Africa
- Fashion Costume and Culture: Clothing, Headwear, Body Decorations and Footwear through the Ages
- Europe 1450 to 1789: Encyclopedia of the Early Modern World

The Gale Virtual Reference Library contains searchable online reference titles focusing on health, history and business.

For additional information about these and other NOVEL resources, connect to www.rrlc.org and click on the NOVEL icon.

Library & Information Literacy Skills Document now online!

The RRLC Information Literacy Continuum Committee was formed to advance academic and school librarians' collaboration in promoting information literacy. The group includes several school library media specialists from a variety of schools, and academic librarians.

In an effort to provide students with the foundation needed for a successful transition from high school to college researching, the group developed a document called Library and Information Literacy Core Library Skills Grade 9-14+. It introduces a basic set of skills and specific grade levels for introductory and mastery achievement. Critical skill deficiencies are targeted. Presented as steps in the research process, the sequential model can be used as a guideline and teaching tool.

Review the document at <http://www.rrlc.org> – listed under Hot Links.

Comments/Questions may be sent to Barbara Ciambor bciambor@rrlc.org

New Google Newsletter



In December 2005, Google introduced *Google's Newsletter for Librarians*. This electronic newsletter is distributed monthly and includes "Google tips, news of new features, and other information relevant to you." Learn more and subscribe at http://www.google.com/newsletter/librarian/librarian_2005_12/newsletter.html.

Free Access to Library Lit

EBSCO Publishing provides the Library, Information Science & Technology Abstracts (LISTA) database as a free resource to anyone interested in libraries and information management. LISTA provides coverage on subjects such as librarianship, classification, cataloging, bibliometrics, online information retrieval, information management and more. Delivered via the EBSCOhost platform, LISTA indexes more than 600 periodicals plus books, research reports, and proceedings. With coverage dating back to the mid-1960s, it is the oldest continuously produced database covering the field of information science. Go to <http://www.libraryresearch.com>.

RRLC Offers Free Trials of Electronic Databases



E-Music from Alexander Street Press (through May 27, 2006)
Smithsonian Global Sound for Libraries
African American Song
Classical Music Library

Proquest Key Databases (through June 30, 2006).

More information is available on the RRLC website under "Electronic Databases".

RRLC Member News

The Memorial Art Gallery's Charlotte Whitney Allen Library is creating a new Special Collections facility in a former conference room, adding over 900 square feet of space and freeing up equivalent space in the Library's main stacks area. The Special Collections, which will house the Gallery's archives and curatorial object files in addition to rare books, will not be open to the public, but materials can be retrieved by Library staff. They also are working on RSS to podcast selected BSI programs. The selected programs are already available online for downloading.

The expansion was prompted by several large gifts and bequests over the last two years, most notably the bequest to the Gallery of the estate of Isabel C. Herdle, former assistant director of the Gallery, and daughter and sister, respectively, of the Gallery's first and second directors.

Selections from Brighton Memorial Library 2005-2006 Books

Sandwiched In lectures are now available online in MP3 format.

They may be downloaded or listened to on home computers by logging on to www.brightonlibrary.org. Reviews are presented October through May, sponsored by the Friends of Brighton Memorial Library. Recorded cassette copies of previous book reviews are available in the Library's collection for borrowing.



RRLC has a new service

Member libraries are now able to pay by credit card for any RRLC Program or service! Go to RRLC's Home page — www.rrlc.org — and click on the hot link — "RRLC Invoice payment Center".

For program registration the payment option bar will drop down automatically if there is a charge for the program.

Continuing Education

Save the dates ...

Upcoming Continuing Education Programs

June 6, 2006 - Regional Interlibrary Loan Workshop

June 9, 2006 - Capturing the Hearts and Minds of Your Stakeholders, with Brad Van Auken from Brand Cool Marketing

All true marketing must begin with a profound understanding of your library's customers and its other stakeholders. Who are your stakeholders? How do they differ from one another? What are their hopes, fears, aspirations, attitudes, values and other key motivators? How do they perceive and experience your brand today? How is your brand perceived differently by different stakeholder groups? How can your brand provide these stakeholders with unique and relevant benefits? What tools, techniques and sources are available for you to gain this profound customer/stakeholder understanding? We will cover some research techniques in greater detail.



LAND Delivery Pilot



RRLC is just completing a 3-month pilot project serving as a "hub" for Nylink's LAND delivery service. The LAND delivery hooks up with RRLC's regional delivery service by going through the RRLC office. Nazareth College and St. John Fisher College are participating in the trial, which will be evaluated jointly by Nylink and RRLC. Both participants report that they are pleased with the new connections available to them through LAND, and they are enjoying improved ILL turnaround times with their LAND partners. LAND is a state-wide delivery service, with next-day delivery of ILL returnable items (or second-day delivery for exchanges with libraries that are located in the NYC/Long Island area). Libraries participating through the RRLC hub have second-day delivery, much faster than shipping items via U.S. mail. Pending a positive evaluation of the pilot project, RRLC hopes to be able to continue providing "hub" service for libraries that meet the criteria.

RIT Libraries Receive National Recognition

Honor is a first of its kind locally; only the second such award in New York state

Rochester Institute of Technology has received the 2006 Excellence in Academic Libraries Award. RIT Libraries, comprised of Wallace Library, the Cary Collection and the RIT Archives, are the first in the Rochester region and only the second in New York state to earn this distinction.

This national award, sponsored by Blackwell's Book Services and The Association of College and Research Libraries, recognizes the staff of a university, college or community college library for programs delivering exemplary services and resources to further the educational mission of an institution, and acknowledges staff collaboration and innovation in particular. RIT Libraries have been recognized in the university library category. This award puts RIT in prestigious company—Cornell University, North Carolina State University, the University of Arizona, the University of Virginia, Loyola University (New Orleans) and the University of Washington—are the other past university library award recipients. It is worth noting that RIT and Loyola libraries have fewer than 50 staff, where the other universities have hundreds.

An informative outline of RIT Libraries' achievements is available at <http://www.ala.org/ala/acrlbucket/excellenceaward/ritap.htm>.

"We are proud to be the recipients of this award, not only for what the staff at RIT Libraries has already accomplished, but also in recognition for what we are doing right," says Chandra McKenzie, assistant provost and director, RIT Libraries. "The strategic plan that we created together is moving us toward improving support for our constituents, the university, and the mission of RIT. The ACRL Excellence in Academic Libraries Award encourages us to believe that how we are doing this work reflects a model of service excellence. What is most important to us is that we are all committed to working toward our strategic goals. Our library's organizational culture is such that we challenge ourselves to find a way to do better everyday, even with the things that are working well."

The Wallace Library, which also contains the Melbert B. Cary Jr. Graphic Arts Collection on the second floor and the RIT Archives and Special Collections on the third floor, is a multimedia resource center with a collection of more than 350,000 books and 2,900 print journal subscriptions. The Web-based online collections feature more than 150 research databases that contain over 16,000 electronic journal subscriptions.

"Judges tell us that RIT was selected for its impressive implementation of a new strategic planning process," says Simone. "The result was an extensive reorganization that focused the organization on using cutting-edge technologies to bridge the library with faculty and students in innovative, highly effective ways."

Each winning library receives \$3,000 and a plaque. RIT's plaque will be presented to RIT President Albert Simone at an on-campus award ceremony at 2 p.m. on May 12.

Rochester Regional Library Council is New York State Winner of National Health Information Award

The Rochester Regional Library Council (RRLC) is the New York State winner of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science 2006 Health Information Award. The NCLIS awards are designed to encourage library programs that address a variety of health concerns including dietary choices, exercise, smoking cessation, and health literacy. State winners were selected in each state. RRLC won the award for improving the ability of people to understand and make use of health information through its CLIC-on-Health for Seniors Project (www.clic-on-health.org).

CLIC-on-Health provides an easy-to-navigate website where people can find trusted health information from the National Library of Medicine, and also local information from partner health agencies. "The key component, however," says CLIC project director, Linda Phillips, "really is the training and support we provide. Our project is training seniors at 15 senior centers in the greater Rochester area. Through a special grant we provide computers, assistive technology, and computer maintenance service to each participating senior group tailored to the needs of each group. We partner the senior centers with their local public library so that the project can be continued. The seniors – and the librarians – love it!"

Participating senior centers are: Baden Street Senior Center, Brighton Senior Program, Clifton Springs Hospital and Clinic - Community Connection, Community Place – Rochester, Dansville Senior Center, Geneva - North Street Apartments, Henrietta Senior Center, Irondequoit Senior Center, Just Friends Senior Center – Rochester, Monroe Community Hospital, Parliament Arms Apartments, Perinton Senior Program, Senior Friendship Center - East Rochester, and Sweden Senior Center.



RRLC People in the News

Amy Joslyn was recently appointed to the position of Children's Librarian at the **Fairport Public Library**. Her duties will include purchasing audio visual materials for the Children's Room, toddler programming, and developing programs for school age children.

Amy earned her Bachelor of Arts degree at Empire State College and a Master of Library Science degree at the State University of New York at Buffalo in February, 2005.

Sheila A. Smyth retires from Lorette Wilmot Library and Media Center at Nazareth College after 40 years of service.

Sheila A. Smyth, Professor, Associate Director of the Library and Director of Technical Services, will retire from Nazareth College's Lorette Wilmot Library and Media Center this July after 40 years of service. Smyth became a professional librarian at Nazareth in 1966 and an associate professor in 1970. Smyth was honored at a campus wide reception on Friday, April 21st.



Karen Junker, is retiring as Director of **St. John Fisher College's Lavery Library** on June 1, 2006. She has served in various professional positions in the library for over 30 years, and as Director since 1994. Karen tells us that she is looking forward to enjoying the summer sun, doing some volunteer work, and seeing more of this great country.

Responsibility for Lost ILL Materials

Every now and then, library materials supplied on interlibrary loan are lost. When materials are lost, the issue of responsibility arises. According to the *Interlibrary Loan Code for the United States*, responsibility rests with the borrower.

4.9 The requesting library is responsible for borrowed material from the time it leaves the supplying library until it has been returned to and received by the supplying library. This includes all material shipped directly to and/or returned by the user. If damage or loss occurs, the requesting library is responsible for compensation or replacement, in accordance with the preference of the supplying library.

The complete text of the *Interlibrary Loan Code* is available on the web at:
<http://www.ala.org/ala/rusa/ILL_Code>.

Results of ROARing Cat Survey

ROARing Cat, the union catalog of the holdings of libraries in the Rochester area, will be updated through the fall of 2006 and discontinued thereafter. In an attempt to provide a replacement product that best suites the needs of RRLC members, a survey was distributed. The survey does not account for ROARing Cat use by the general public, but contains responses from member libraries.

All types of libraries responded, with school libraries having the highest representation (53%). Although 40% of respondents use the system at least a few times a week, close to half never use ROARing Cat as a backup for their own online catalogs. More than 86% do use ROARing Cat to locate holdings information, but a number of respondents commented on the fact that ROARing Cat does not provide shelf status information. ROARing Cat is used mainly by the schools for ILL (83%) although the use is only a "few times a month" or less frequently.

While some users commented on its ease of use others found the search interface to be "clunky" and the duplicate record displays to be confusing. While some respondents place value on the interlibrary loan feature, others commented on its unreliable nature. The most positive comments relate to how ROARing Cat has opened up collections of large area libraries, and contributed to regional resource sharing. Respondents indicated support of a replacement product that would enhance searching capability, and continue to provide access to regional resources.

	ALL	ACAD	OTHER	PUB	SCH
Use Rcat daily to a few times a wk	40%	23%	0%	28%	51%
Use RCat a few times a month	40%	39%	46%	28%	27%
Use RCat as backup a few times a yr	38%	56%	46%	28%	39%
Use RCat to locate holdings	86%	80%	91%	86%	89%
Use RCat to place ILL	61% (majority a few times a yr)	30% (majority a few times a month or less)	10% (majority a few times a wk)	43% (majority a few times a year)	83% (majority a few times a month or less)

Thanks to all who participated!

A link to the survey summary may be found at <http://www.rrlc.org>, under "What's New".

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COH Training Assistant: *Evanna DiSalvo*

Outreach Librarian: *Barbara Ciambor*

RRLC Calendar

- May 13** The Future of the Book. Memorial Art Gallery
1:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.
- May 14** The Future of the Book. Memorial Art Gallery
11:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.
- May 15** “Pizza & Professional Blogging”
RRLC Training Center. 6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.
- May 16** Library Assistants Group Meeting
RRLC Conference Room 9:15 a.m. — 11:15 a.m.
- May 17** Nylink Training Program: Union Listing Basics
RRLC Training Center. 10:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.
For more information contact Nylink
(1-800-342-3353).
- May 17** Shared Database Committee Meeting
RRLC Conference Room 10:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
- May 17** WALDO Showcase
RRLC Conference Room 1:00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.
- May 18** Effective Presentations
RRLC Training Center. 9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.
- May 18** Monroe BOCES 1 Liaison Meeting
RRLC Conference Room. 2:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.
- May 19** The Basics of Archives
Genesee Country Museum. 9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.
- May 22** FORD Committee Meeting
RRLC Conference Room. 2:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m.
- May 22** “Pizza & Digital Cameras”
RRLC Training Center. 6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.
- May 23** Professional Blogging
RRLC Training Center. 9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.
- May 23** MIRACLENet/HLSP Meeting
RRLC Conference Room. 2:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.
- May 31** Library Outreach, Redefined: It’s a Wide New
World. RRLC Training Center
9:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.
- June 1** Board of Trustees Meeting
Rare Books Library, Rush Rhees.
2:30 p.m. — 3:30 p.m.
- June 1** RRLC Annual Membership Meeting
Hawkins Carlson Room, Rush Rhees, Univ. of
Rochester. 4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
- June 6** ILL Workshop
RRLC Training Center 9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.
- June 9** Capturing the Hearts & Minds of Your Stake-
holders RRLC Training Center.
9:00 a.m. —4:00 p.m.
- June 14** Principles of Archival Description
RRLC Conference Room. 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
- June 20** Nylink Training Program: Cataloging with the
OCLC Connexion Client. RRLC Training Center.
10 a.m.—3:00 p.m. For more information contact
Nylink (1-800-342-3353).
- June 21** Principles of Archival Description.
RRLC Conference Room. 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
- June 21** Nylink Training Program: Metadata: MARC and
Dublin Core RRLC Training Center. 10:00 a.m.
— 3:00 p.m. For more information contact Nylink
(1-800-342-3353).

*For more information on any of these events go to:
www.rrlc.org and click on calendar & RRLC Events*

Employment Opportunities

Web Developer University of Rochester, River Campus Li-
brary

Web User Interface Designer University of Rochester,
River Campus Library

On Call Substitute Librarian Brighton Memorial Library

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