

Access to *Democrat & Chronicle* for All Libraries

The Rochester Regional Library Council is pleased to announce the availability of the *Democrat and Chronicle* online via Newsbank! This is available to all RRLC member libraries and library systems, including all school and public libraries in the five county RRLC area.

To access the *Democrat and Chronicle* go to:

<http://infoweb.newsbank.com>.

Access is via IP authentication or password. If you have not yet sent your IP range for authentication to RRLC, please do so as soon as possible. (Go to: <http://www.rrlc.org/IPform.htm> or call RRLC at 585-223-7570.) If you need password access, please contact the RRLC Office.

The *Democrat and Chronicle* online includes back-files from 1999-date. It is complete full-text content of local and regional news, including community events, schools, politics, government policies, cultural activities, local companies, state industries, and people in the community. Paid advertisements are excluded.

All RRLC member libraries and member library systems are eligible for free access through March 2005. The majority of the cost for 2005 is paid for by a grant from the New York State Library under the Regional Bibliographic Databases and Resource Sharing Program. There will be a small charge for access for the remainder of the year, fees to be determined by the RRLC Shared Database Committee.

CLIC-on-HEALTH RECEIVES ALESI GRANT



New York State Senator Jim Alesi has given the Rochester Regional Library Council a \$30,000 grant, through the New York State Department of Health, in support of CLIC-on-Health.

"CLIC-on-Health is a wonderful collaborative, educating and informing citizens on how to make healthy lifestyle and

health care decisions," said Senator Alesi. "This project truly is greater Rochester's premier Internet site for high-quality health care information, as well as an invaluable resource for all participating libraries, health care facilities and organizations."

Senator Alesi is the sponsor of the largest Family Health and Fitness Fair in Western New York, held each fall. RRLC and CLIC-on-Health participated in the Fair for the first time in 2004. We talked to hundreds of people about libraries and about "CLIC". Everyone reacted with a nod of agreement when told that "CLIC" was a "library website", with "trusted information"!



Senator Alesi and Kathy Miller,
RRLC Executive Director



Linda Phillips, CLIC-on-Health
Project Manager speaks to a visitor
at the COH booth

2005 Regional Projects to Enhance Access

In addition to the RRLC regional projects— ROARing Cat, RALLY Cat, Union List of Serials, E-resources, and RRLC Training— 2005 automation projects approved by a jury of librarians from outside our region are:

Library	Project	Amount
Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Creation of a Partial Union Catalog for the region, accessible via Z39.50 and RALLY, and including individual "search catalog" pages for participants. Will also make the records of the RRLC Processing Center libraries directly visible in WorldCat thus enhancing regional ILL	\$ 15,748
Hobart and William Smith Colleges – RRLC Processing Center	Retrospective conversion for HWS archives and art collection, Pioneer, Rochester Historical Society, Seneca Park Zoo, Rochester Civic Garden Center	\$ 13,677
Monroe #1 BOCES SLS	Retrocon: Add records to ROARing Cat for non-public schools	\$ 4,000
Rochester City School District, School Library	Add records to ROARing Cat of educational videotapes held by RCSD schools	\$ 4,300
Rochester Museum and Science Center	Retrocon: Add records to OCLC and ROARing Cat for older titles held by RMSC	\$ 7,335
Rochester Public Library	Digitize and add to Rochester Images: Civil War and WWI photographs and photographs of 19 th century religious movements and early 20 th century industry	\$4,095
Wayne Finger Lakes BOCES School Library System	Retrocon: Add records to ROARing Cat for titles in the Special Education and Training Resource Center	\$ 3,000
Total		\$52,155

[NOTE: Funding amounts are subject to passage of the NYS Budget at the full funding level.]

NOVEL NEWS. . .



“NOVEL InfoBits”

Beginning this month you can look forward to “NOVEL InfoBits” sent via the RRLC listserv. Information about a variety of NOVEL resources and tips for searching different databases including search examples will help you become familiar with this valuable resource available through NYS.

Additional NOVEL training sessions are upcoming, including search workshops with the Rochester City School District, Curriculum Integration programs with Monroe #1 BOCES & Monroe #2-Orleans BOCES, Thomson Gale Train-the-Trainer program and on-site training at area libraries.

Check the RRLC site for Forthcoming Events or call Barbara Ciambor, NOVEL Project Manager, (585) 223-7570, for additional information.

New Additions to NOVEL

Beginning January 1, 2005, new Thomson Gale databases will be available via NOVEL:

Health and Wellness Resource Center and Alternative Health Module (1980-current month)

Use this Resource Center to find magazines, journals, newspapers, definitions, directories and information on: Fitness, Pregnancy, Medicine, Nutrition, Diseases, Public Health, Occupational Health and Safety, Alcohol and Drug abuse, Prescription Drugs, Herbal remedies and alternative or complementary treatments, etc. Included are links to diet, cancer and health assessment sites as well as government databases.

Gale Virtual Reference Library

A database of encyclopedias, almanacs, and specialized reference sources for multidisciplinary research. Included are the following medical and history titles:

Gale Encyclopedia of Alternative Medicine

Gale Encyclopedia of Cancer

Gale Encyclopedia of Genetic Disorders

Gale Encyclopedia of Medicine

Gale Encyclopedia of Nursing and Allied Health

American Revolution Reference Library, 4 vols & index

American Civil War Reference Library, 4 vols & index
Major Acts of Congress, 1st ed., 3 vols.

History Behind the Headlines, v1-6

RRLC People in the News

The Spencerport Area Chamber of Commerce has awarded **Patty Uttaro**, Director of the **Ogden Library**, the 2004 Citizen of the Year Award.

Dawn Vogler has joined the staff at **St. John Fisher's Lavery Library** as Reference Librarian in charge of library instruction and multimedia services. Dawn comes to Fisher from the Texas State Library where she was a Continuing Education Consultant, and most recently from the library at MCC's Damon City Campus, where she was a Reference Librarian.

Evanna DiSalvo has joined the **Lavery Library** Circulation/Reserve night and weekend staff. For the past three years she was Circulation/Interlibrary Loan Supervisor at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, Ambrose Swazey Library, and before that she served in the Circulation/Reserve Department at the University of Rochester's Carlson Library.

Kira Barnes has joined the staff at **RIT's Wallace Library** as the Metadata and Cataloging Librarian. In her previous position she was the Cataloging Librarian/Modern Languages Liaison Librarian at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Libraries. Kira has an extensive linguistics background and in addition to her MLS, she has an MA and a Ph.D. ABD in French Literature.

Stanley Wilder, Associate Dean, **University of Rochester River Campus Libraries**, had an article published in the *Chronicle of Higher Education* recently. The article, "Information Literacy Makes All the Wrong Assumptions" has generated a lot of discussion on listservs nationwide!

School Librarian Advocates. Librarians in the **Rochester City School District SLS** have found a creative way to increase their visibility. They attend CSD Board meetings in the evening wearing big red hearts that say "The library is the heart of the school." This past month they handed out heart-shaped boxes of chocolates. Board members reacted positively last year to their advocacy by restoring librarian positions!

Update on Library Funding – Governor Pataki's Proposal Retains 5% Cut – Sets Libraries Back 10 Years – or More



Governor Pataki has released his 2005-06 Executive Budget. Unfortunately, he has chosen to turn a deaf ear on legislators and library users who have strongly encouraged him to restore last year's cuts in library funding. Instead, he has chosen once again to recommend reduced aid to libraries and library systems.

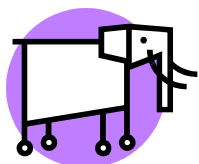
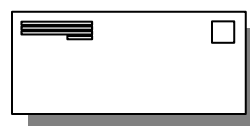
Library users have to ask themselves, "Does the Governor think so little of library users that he can't provide even 1/10th of 1% of his budget (\$105 million) for services that support libraries?"

The Governor has proposed flat funding of \$84.4 million for library aid this year, which continues his 5% cut from last year (down from \$88.9 million in 2003). This puts library funding back in the 20th century – at 1994 funding levels. Accounting for inflation, library funding should be at least \$103 million *just to stay even*.

With your help, NYLA will continue to advocate with the Assembly and the Senate asking them to restore budget cuts and **increase** funding for libraries. We will ask the Senate and Assembly:

- "How can a State that will increase education aid by \$526 million not find less than 1% of that (\$5 million) to restore funding for libraries when libraries provide lifelong learning for all New Yorkers?"
- "How can a State that increases spending by \$5 *billion* overall not find *at least* 1/10 of 1% of that for libraries (\$5 million) when libraries provide so many services to their constituents?"
- "How can a State that proposes to spend a total of \$105 *billion* not find 1/10th of 1% (\$105 million) so that its citizens can have the adequate library services they deserve?!"

In the weeks ahead, RRLC will be asking once again for your help in contacting your legislators and asking them to **do right** by libraries – as they have promised in the past.



ULS Reminder — We need your updates to keep our Union List current. Please send in your updates. Thank you.

RRLC Member News

Fisher Instruction Librarians Support New Pilot Course *by Dawn Vogler*

In 2005, the instruction librarians at **St. John Fisher College's Lavery Library** will be presented with a new opportunity to work with freshmen on the elements of writing a research paper. The College recently re-vamped the core courses required of freshmen students and a course called 199-Research Based Writing is running as a pilot this spring. The reworking of the core courses was spurred in part by information literacy standards coming out of the Middle States Commission and the Association of College and Research Libraries.

The 199-Research Based Writing course was specifically designed to be research and writing intensive, the main goal being completion of a substantial term paper. The course offers up interesting subject matter to spur class discussions and get those writing juices flowing!

The Lavery Library instruction staff is working closely with specially trained 199-Research Based Writing faculty to design a library instruction program that melds with the steps to be followed in the class. Although it seems intuitive that the library would be heavily involved in a course teaching the elements of writing a research paper, this model was not previously in place at Fisher. Of course, the existing bibliographic instruction program did cover some of the areas involved in the research process, but these 199 courses have now given the librarians a formalized opportunity to standardize what is taught and the opportunity to deliver that material to all freshmen as a requirement for a successful course.

In the upcoming courses, library instruction will focus more on evaluation of resources and will delve into subject-specific materials. The librarian will help reinforce the information literacy goals of the course. Students coming out of the course should have an increased ability to determine the nature and extent of information needed for a research paper, be able to access information effectively and efficiently and to evaluate information sources critically. The librarians at Fisher are excited to be part of this effort in making the 199-Research Based Writing course a permanent part of the core requirements for freshmen!

Rochester Public Library Embarks Upon Major Local History Digitizing Project

Substantial gifts to Rundel Library Foundation from the Gleason Foundation, the estate of Josephine Tait, and other individuals will allow **Rochester Public Library**

(RPL) to digitize over 1.5 million pages of its Local History Division's bound material. The purchase of a Kirtas Technologies APT BookScan 1200™ system will not only make this effort possible, but will also earn RPL the distinction of being the first public library location for this revolutionary book digitizing technology. The acquisition of this system, which will be delivered in February, 2005, is part of a three-year, \$500,000 digitization project recently launched by the Library.

"We see it as a win-win situation," explained Carol Nersinger, Director of Rochester Public Library. "Our purchase allows us to support a local company and expand our leadership role in the use of digital technology to preserve and make accessible these important resources for both historians and genealogists around the world."

"We are very excited to have a local partner in the Rochester Public Library System. Their vision around digitization of critical library resources is a strong statement that our technology is attractive and cost-effective for libraries of all sizes," says Lotfi Belkhir, CEO of Kirtas Technologies.

Scholarship Winner

RRLC is pleased to announce that **Lynn M. Brown**, currently a Teaching Assistant at **Churchville-Chili Senior High School Library**, is the recipient of a scholarship to attend Syracuse University's School of Information Studies to complete the School Library Media Specialist program. RRLC is a participant in *Making It REAL! Recruitment, Education, and Learning*, a statewide grant funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and intended to encourage new individuals to join the library profession. RRLC was excited to have a great response to this initiative and there was a large group of well-qualified candidates. Lynn was selected as our scholarship recipient by a committee that included all of RRLC's School Library System directors. Lynn will begin her studies at Syracuse in the fall of 2005. Congratulations, Lynn!



"There is an indescribable feeling one gets who is drawn to a library. There is a thirst for knowledge, a passion for discovery, and a desire to share and pass this feeling onto others." —

Lynn Brown

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On the Calendar!

Upcoming classes you'll want to plan for include:

- Jan. 26, Feb. 2, Feb. 9, Feb. 16 and Mar. 2: Dreamweaver series with Barb Moore, all classes 9 am – 12 noon
- Feb. 7: Pizza and FISH! with Eileen O'Hara
- Feb. 18: Library Marketing Tips and Techniques, a College of DuPage Teleconference, 12 noon – 2 pm
- Feb. 28: Pizza and Introduction to Publisher with Patti Ligozio
- Mar. 7: Pizza and Genealogy Resources on the Internet, with Larry Naukam
- Mar. 9: Making Your Web Site Accessible, with Nora Dimmock, 9 am – 12 noon



Conservation Training at Cornell University Library

Cornell University Library's Department of Preservation and Collection Maintenance has been funded by the New York State Conservation/Preservation Program to conduct a series of training sessions in book repair, enclosure-making, and basic conservation program management. The training is in the form of internship involving short-term sessions at the Cornell University Library, and is designed to provide libraries in New York State with the means to establish basic preservation programs. Although the project may be applied to any size library, the main thrust is towards the small to medium size library with few resources. The project will stress effective management of existing resources and guided self-help.

Participating libraries are expected to support a staff member's attendance at the full program of three, two-week training sessions, and to dedicate an appropriate amount of space and basic supplies for a modest repair operation. The training will combine the development of technique with concentrated practice to build skill and confidence, and the aim is to replace questionable methods with those that are conservationally sound.

Training will be given in the conservation facilities of the Department at the Olin Library. In addition to the tools and manuals, each trainee will receive a stipend of \$250 per week to help offset any accommodation costs.

Dates for the session in 2005 are: February 14-25, March 14-25, April 11-22.

If you are interested in applying please contact: Michele Brown, Cornell University Library Book Conservator (607) 255-2484 or mb72@cornell.edu.

Save the Dates:

April 15, 2005: Eric Lease Morgan comes to Rochester to offer his workshop on XML in libraries. He has offered this workshop at many locations throughout the country, always with rave reviews!

April 22, 2005: James Lothrop from Lothrop Associates comes to Rochester to present his seminar on Library Space planning, Redesigning Library Space. Lothrop has worked on designs for more than 45 libraries and has been a featured speaker at two previous NYLA conferences.



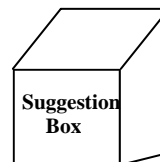
Library Assistants' Group prepares meals

As a community service, the RRLC Library Assistants' Group prepares meals for the families that stay at the Ronald McDonald House at 333 Westmoreland Drive.

This event is always a huge success and many people have asked to have this offered again. Here is another chance to volunteer for this worthwhile event on Saturday, February 12, 2005 from 3-6 p.m.

The Library Assistants' Group is seeking volunteers to prepare the food, as well as monetary donations to purchase the food that will be served, approximately \$150. If you can't join us on February 12, please consider contributing to the cost of the food. Any extra funds collected will be used to purchase staple items for the kitchen at the Ronald McDonald House.

If you wish to volunteer 3-4 short hours of your time to prepare this meal or to make a contribution for the food, please contact Donna Hanna at 245-5508 or e-mail at hanna@geneseo.edu.



Rochester Regional Library Council has put a "suggestion box" in the back of the training center. We welcome all suggestions. Please don't hesitate to fill out one of the forms that you can find in a pocket on the side of the box and put it in the box. We appreciate your comments and suggestions.



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RRLC Calendar

- Feb. 2** "Dreamweaver MX 2004 Tables" with Barbara Moore. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. RRLC Training Center
- Feb. 3** NOVEL Health Information on the Web. 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Pioneer Library System
- Feb. 7** NOVEL Workshop. 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Rochester City School District, School #28
- Feb. 7** "F.I.S.H." with Eileen O'Hara. Monday Night @ the Council Pizza Series. 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. RRLC Conference Room
- Feb. 8** RRLC Library Assistants' Group Meeting. 9:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. RRLC Conference Room
- Feb. 9** "Dreamweaver MX 2004 Forms" with Barbara Moore. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. RRLC Training Center
- Feb. 10** "NOVEL Making the Connection-Subject Experts share Knowledge using NOVEL: Business Information Resources/NOVEL Business & Company Resources Center" with Suzanne Bell. 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Pioneer Library System
- Feb. 16** CLIC-on-Health Steering Committee Meeting. RRLC Conference Room. 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- Feb. 16** "Dreamweaver MX 2004: CSS & Behaviors" with Barbara Moore. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. RRLC Training Center
- Feb. 16** College Roundtable 4: Managing Backlog. 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Rochester Public Library
- Feb. 18** "Library Marketing: Tips and Techniques". College of DuPage Teleconference Series. 12 p.m. - 2 p.m. RRLC Conference Room
- Feb. 24** Gale "Train the Trainer". 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. RRLC Training Center
- Feb. 28** RRLC Advisory Committee of Library Directors. 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. RRLC Conference Room
- Mar. 2** "Dreamweaver MX 2004: Review & Practice" with Barbara Moore. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. RRLC Training Center

- Mar. 3** School Library System Directors' Meeting. 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. RRLC Conference Room
- Mar. 7** "Genealogy Resources on the Internet" with Larry Naukam. Monday Night @ the Council Pizza Series. 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. RRLC Training Center
- Mar. 9** "Making Your Website Accessible" with Nora Dimmock. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. RRLC Training Center
- Mar. 10** "Linux and Libraries" with Jane Neale. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. RRLC Training Center
- Mar. 14** "RSS" with Michael Hunter. Monday Night @ the Council Pizza Series. 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. RRLC Training Center
- Mar. 15** Ebsco Curriculum Integration Workshop. a.m. & p.m. sessions. RRLC Training Center
- Mar. 16** Ebsco Curriculum Integration Workshop. a.m. & p.m. sessions. Monroe #2-Orleans BOCES
- Mar. 18** "Do You Have What it Takes?" with Melissa Jadlos. 9 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. RRLC Conference Room

For more information on any of these events email: rrlc@rrlc.org.

Employment Opportunities

- Librarian**, Bryant & Stratton College
- Library Aide Position (Full-Time)** Brighton Memorial Library will have an opening, beginning in January 2005, for a full-time Library Aide.
- Librarian, Reference-Collaborative Learning** Monroe Community College.
- Library Instruction Coordinator** State University of New York College at Geneseo

For more detailed descriptions of these and other jobs, go to <http://www.rrlc.org/jobs.html>.