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RRLC and Library System Partners Receive \$62,000 Grant

Under an LSTA grant from the New York State Library, RRLC in partnership with the Monroe County Library System, Pioneer Library System, Monroe #1 BOCES School Library System, and Monroe #2-Orleans BOCES School Library System, will undertake training and promotion of the New York State NOVEL databases.

The project will include:

- Focus groups for academic, school and public library staff and K-12 teachers, where they will discuss how libraries can cooperate through use of the NOVEL databases to make sure students have appropriate information seeking skills.
- Bi-monthly meetings of a core group of school, academic, and public librarians to promote lifelong learning through use of the NOVEL databases. These constituents have approached RRLC and expressed a desire to meet and discuss how to ensure that K-12 students learn the information-seeking skills they will need to succeed as they move on to institutions of higher education and

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RRLC Presents: A Day with Roy Tennant

Roy Tennant, well known digital library guru, will be visiting western New York this fall to present two programs for RRLC and our sister Council in Buffalo, WNYLRC. The program, titled "A Day with Roy Tennant" will be held Tuesday, September 21, in Batavia, NY (halfway between the two sponsoring councils).



"Life After MARC -- Plus What's Hot and What's Not" (morning program) MARC alone is no longer adequate to solve all of our bibliographic problems or to take full advantage of new opportunities. So what should a post-MARC library world look like? How can we create an infrastructure that uses our existing MARC-based systems while enabling new kinds of records and services? An added bonus is a look at what library technologies are hot and which are not, as

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RRLC to Participate in IMLS "Recruiting & Educating Librarians" Grant

Under a statewide grant provided by the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), RRLC will be selecting one lucky individual to become our "RRLC School Library Media Specialist Recruit." The recruit will receive a full scholarship to library school.

IMLS has awarded the New York State Library \$995,630 over a 3-year program to "Recruit and Educate Librarians for the 21st Century". The intent of the statewide project -- titled ***"Making It Real! Recruitment, Education, and Learning: Creating a New Generation of Librarians to Serve New Yorkers"*** -- is to recruit new librarians who represent diverse groups and who will acquire competencies for providing library services to diverse populations. Thirteen (13) library systems will partner with graduate schools of library and information science to



award 15 scholarships to library schools in New York State. Recruits will also work in "teaching libraries" where they will acquire practical, hands-on experience and mentoring.

Because RRLC has been aware of a shortage of school library media specialists in the Rochester area, we will focus on recruitment for this specialty. RRLC will work with area school library system directors to develop a competitive application process. Because all area librarians are part of the RRLC community regardless of their specialty, RRLC will also ask for the participation of academic and public librarians in this grant to ensure that the Recruit has a broad understanding of librarianship and how the school library forms a part of the larger library community.

Look for more information this fall.

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beyond.

- Two two-day workshops for school librarians and teachers, held at participating school library systems. Librarians and teachers will collaborate to produce lesson plans that incorporate use of the NOVEL databases into the curriculum.
- 25 workshops highlighting the NOVEL databases by subject area, for groups of public, academic and special library staff, and school library staff and teachers. Two train-the-trainer workshops will prepare library staff for training the public.
- 25 classes for the general public, highlighting databases in specific subject areas. Trained library staff will teach the sessions at locations within the public library systems.
- Creation of MCLS NOVEL webpage and enhancement of RRLC website, to feature NOVEL databases more prominently and provide tutorials for self-instruction.
- A publicity campaign to promote the workshops and training sessions and the NOVEL database program.

Look for more information coming soon.

Database signup reminder



Libraries are reminded that, if they haven't already done so, now is the time to renew their subscriptions to CountryWatch. CountryWatch is very affordably priced. If you are not a current subscriber and are interested, contact RRLC for more information.

CountryWatch is available at the Premium Service Level providing the most cost-effective, current and comprehensive source of socio-demographic, cultural, historical, economic, political, environmental and corporate information, along with news, analysis, maps, data and statistics on all the 192 countries of the world.

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well as criteria for evaluating technologies and deciding when (or if) you need to pay attention to them.

“Digital Library Collections” (afternoon program)
A vast array of free online resources awaits any library with the technical ability to make them available to their users. What are these collections, what technologies are required to make them available, and how are libraries integrating them with their print holdings? These topics and more will be highlighted in a session replete with working examples of modern library collections.

Roy Tennant is User Services Architect for the California Digital Library. At CDL he was instrumental in creating the eScholarship Repository (<http://repositories.cdlib.org/escholarship/>) and the eScholarship Editions (<http://texts.cdlib.org/escholarship/>).

Roy is the owner of the Web4Lib (<http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/Web4Lib/>) and XML4Lib (<http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/XML4Lib/>) electronic discussions, and the creator and editor of Current Cites (<http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/CurrentCites/>), a current awareness newsletter published every month since 1990. He has also been instrumental in the development of the Simple Web Indexing Software for Humans -Enhanced (SWISH-E) software (<http://swish.e.org/>), and the Internet resource guides Librarians' Index to the Internet (<http://lii.org/>), and KidsClick! (<http://www.kidsclick.org/>).

His books include *Managing the Digital Library*, *XML in Libraries*, *Practical HTML: A Self-Paced Tutorial*, and *Crossing the Internet Threshold: An Instructional Handbook*. Roy writes a monthly column on digital libraries for *Library Journal* and has written numerous articles in other professional journals. In 2003, he received the American Library Association's LITA/ Library Hi Tech Award for Excellence in Communication for Continuing Education.

Fee for the day is \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members (includes lunch). Space is limited to 30 at each program. You can register at:
<http://www.rrlc.org/ceregform.html>.

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Leadership Trainers Train RRLC Staff

Linda Phillips, our CLIC-on-Health Project Director, wasn't too keen on attending her first RRLC Retreat.

"Coming from the corporate world where I was leadership trained to death," she said afterward, "I did not have high expectations for the day. I was very pleasantly surprised by the session. What impressed me the most was how well prepared the trainers were, yet not stiff or rigid. They came across as relaxed, informal, flexible, and fun. The day was light-hearted but not light weight. I found it thought provoking and filled with useful ideas."



Other staff members had similar reactions:

- "I know [now] why everyone is so excited by the leadership challenge!"
- "Picking the most important qualities of a leader was interesting and enlightening – and a good starting exercise."
- "The two segments I found most helpful were "modeling the way" and "encouraging the heart"... I learned ways to approach life [and people] that will help me in the workplace as well as in my personal life... Both of these segments made me think about what is important not only to me but to those you interact with."
- "I liked the use of real library examples as well as real life examples to get the point across."
- "I've had so much positive feedback from our trainers - they enjoyed it as much as we did, and they want to do more of it!"

Trainers for the RRLC Retreat were Kim Davies and Melissa Jadlos from SUNY Geneseo, Marilyn Rosen and Pam White from the University of Rochester Medical Center, Sandra Hylen from St. John Fisher College, and Diane Riley from Nazareth College. RRLC thanks the folks at Geneseo for their warm welcome and tour of their "cutting edge" library!

In addition to the RRLC Retreat, Kim Davies and Melissa Jadlos have just completed two sessions of leadership training for library staff at SUNY Geneseo. They offered the program in two three-hour classes and trained twelve library staff members.

Remember that 24 graduates of RRLC's *Extending the Leadership Continuum* have agreed to be leader-trainers! They are ready to help their own libraries, or others, with leadership training. RRLC will coordinate training for those who are interested, and match libraries with the trainer(s) who best meet their needs. Please contact Debby Emerson at RRLC for more information or to schedule a training session for your library.

Fall Roundup!

The beginning of September means back to school and the start of a new academic semester. It also marks the start of a new season for RRLC's popular Continuing Education program. The Monday night @ the Council "Pizza" Series offer a variety of topics:

Blogs, Sept. 13, 6-8 p.m. with Kate Merrill

Ergonomics, Sept. 20, 6-8 p.m. with the American Red Cross.

First Aid and Emergency Preparedness, Sept. 27, 6-8 p.m. with the American Red Cross

Making Travel Plans on the Internet, Oct. 4, 6-8 p.m. with Pat Rapp.

Searching RALLY, our Virtual Union Catalog, Oct. 18, 6-8 p.m. with Kathryn Frederick.

Managing Contacts in Microsoft Outlook, Oct. 25, 6-8 p.m. with Barb Moore.

Introduction to HTML, Nov. 1, 6-8 p.m. with Pat Rapp.

Also coming in September: **Antiques and Collectibles**, Sept. 23, 5-7 p.m. with Sue Shippey and Mary Fraser from Rochester Public Library. What are the best sources to use when your library patrons have questions about antiques or collectibles? How do you identify them? What are they worth? Find out more!

Union List of Serials – Batch loading your serial holdings to OCLC

Area libraries may be able to add their serial holdings to the RRLC/OCLC Union List of Serials through a batch loading process with OCLC. Data needs to be formatted (preferred is MARC). OCLC/Nylink charges a one-time evaluation fee of \$330 to evaluate the data submitted. There is a current backlog at OCLC for this process of about 3 months.

Institutions can read information about batch loading on the OCLC web page:

<http://www.oclc.org/batchprocessing/>. If you are interested in batch loading your serial holdings to OCLC, please review this website, and then contact Mary Edgerton edgertonm@nylink.suny.edu at Nylink.

Remember, you can still send in your serial updates using the online ULS form, found at <http://www.rlc.org/Serialsform.html>.

Member Library News

Birds of a Feather: owwl.org



In the fall of 2000, **Pioneer Library System** surveyed the 42 member libraries as to priorities of system services. The top-rated need expressed was for a shared integrated online library system. At that time, although 23 libraries were automated, they were using stand-alone systems for circulation that could not share catalog records or patron information. There was no online union catalog available, just Pioneer's union catalog that was updated four times a year on CD-ROM. It was clearly time to move to a shared online system.

During 2001, a task force of volunteer representatives from member libraries began researching the options. One of the key pieces was telecommunications. Costs charged by commercial providers were staggering! Fortunately, Pioneer was able to continue "free" Internet access via a Technology Literacy Challenge Fund Grant. This Internet access, known as LakeNet, became the essential component of the shared library network, making it possible to select an Internet-based system. "Free" Internet access ended with the grant in 2003, and Pioneer has since established its own broadband Virtual Private Network through Time Warner.

Named for the four counties it serves (Ontario, Wayne, Wyoming and Livingston) OWWL Access was hatched in January of 2002. This state-of-the-art online catalog and full-service circulation system (Sirsi is the vendor) is now a healthy two-and-a-half year old fledgling, sending increasing numbers of books flying all over the four county service area.

The online catalog facilitates easy searching, shows colorful book covers, provides book reviews and summaries, links to best seller lists, subscription databases, and the Internet. The most popular feature is online holds. "Patrons love the convenience of requesting books online from home," says **Pat Evans**, the Victor Free Library Director.

The amount of material libraries are sharing with each other continues to increase dramatically. In December of 2003 Pioneer added extra delivery routes in order to accommodate the huge loads of books being sent from one library to another to fill patron holds. Libraries are delighted to share their materials with one another. "It's like one big shared virtual collection," says **Elly Dawson**, Director of the Newark Public Library. "And we should celebrate the wealth of materials within our system." (Edited from an article by **Jennifer Morris** which appeared in *Pathfinder*.)



Brighton Library Receives ALA/NEH Grant



Brighton Memorial Library was selected to receive a **2004 We the People Bookshelf grant**. This year, the annual, competitive program, presented by the National Endowment for the Humanities in cooperation with the American Library Association, focused on the theme of *courage*. As part of the program to encourage young people to read and understand great literature while exploring American history, the Library received a collection of fifteen books about people who embraced courage in their lives. Children's Services Manager **Tonia Burton** and Librarian Trainee **Carol Moldt**, who applied for the grant, planned exciting children's summer programs to highlight titles from the bookshelf literature.

RIT Libraries Introduces Campus to Net Snippets



Net Snippets, an easy-to-use software (currently available only for Windows) that provides an efficient way to collect and organize data from the Web for academic papers and projects is now being offered by **RIT Libraries**. Net Snippets allows users to highlight text, images, and multimedia files from the Web and drag it to a folder on the computer. After you drag your selected content, Net Snippets automatically cites the URL and date of copy. The program can compile this information into MLS, APA and other bibliographic formats.

Chemistry on the Web

Sue Cardinal, Chemistry Librarian at the University of Rochester, is organizing a 3-hour symposium called "Chemistry on the Web: Educational and Industrial Perspectives." It will take place at the Hyatt Regency in Rochester on the morning of November 2nd as part of the North East Regional Meeting (NERM) of the American Chemical Society (ACS). Speakers to date include: Joseph Hornak from Rochester Institute of Technology on Magnetic Resonance Education Sites, Alan Engel from Paterra on Patents, Fred Stoss from University of Buffalo on Protonomic Sites, Philip Barnett from City College of New York on Library SubjectGuides. Contact Sue with questions at scardinal@library.rochester.edu. For more information about NERM see <http://www.nerm.org>.

RRLC People in the News



Kathy Martel (on right) is awarded the Craig Koste Award by Judith Anderson (on left) at NYSLAA

At the NYSLAA Award Luncheon in June, **Kathy Martel, Rochester Public Library**, was awarded the Craig Koste Award. The award recognizes those library assistants who have distinguished themselves by their service to our organization and to the library assistants of New York on either a state or local level. A stipend of \$100 will be given to the library for collection development.

Sue Ann Brainard, associate librarian at **SUNY Geneseo**, has been named recipient of the 2004 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship.

Penfield Library is happy to announce that **Todd Randall** has been appointed to Assistant Library Director III effective Monday, July 12. Former Assistant Director **Joy Van Riper** resigned to pursue other interests.

Charles B. Duke, Vice President and Senior Research Fellow, **Xerox Innovation Group** was elected to represent Xerox on the **Rochester Regional Library Council Board of Trustees**. Dr. Duke has a B.S. from Duke University and a Ph.D. in Physics from Princeton University.

Regional Archivist Steps Down

DHP Regional Archivist **Christine L. Ridarsky** left **RRLC** in mid-August to focus on her academic career. Christine is a Ph.D. candidate in American History at the University of Rochester. She will be teaching in the university's College Writing Program in the fall while preparing for her qualifying examinations and beginning research for her dissertation on late-nineteenth-century rural life.

Who do you call when you need help, but it's not really an emergency?



The plan is that by the end of this year, the answer to that question will be 2-1-1, and the Greater Rochester area will be the first community in New York State where people can access help using this easy to remember number. It will join a growing number of communities throughout the U.S. and Canada that have implemented 2-1-1. To date, there are 122 active 2-1-1 call centers.

RRLC has joined the local 2-1-1 initiative on behalf of all area libraries. Libraries are the original "information and reference" centers. We can assist 2-1-1 in publicizing this service as well as alerting people to the collections and classes we have to help them solve their everyday problems — everything from credit counseling to parenting skills, how to get a job to how to find a doctor.

United Way of New York State and the NYS Association of Information and Referral Systems have developed a plan that envisions ten 2-1-1 regions in the State. Three have been identified as pilots: Finger Lakes, Western New York, and Taconic. Collaboratives in each of the pilot regions have been formed comprised of United Ways, information and referral providers and others. For more information about 2-1-1 go to www.211.org, www.211ny.org or contact Kathy Miller at the RRLC office.

Three Local Organizations Receive DHP Grants

New York State Archives recently announced that three local DHP constituents have been awarded grants from the NYS Documentary Heritage Program for 2004-05:

- The **Rochester Museum and Science Center** received \$11,563 for the second phase of a project to document the history of Rochester's Latino/a population.
- The **Geneseo Migrant Center** received \$9,425 to document the history of African American, Haitian, and Latino migrant farm workers in Livingston, Steuben, and Wyoming counties.
- The **Baker-Cederberg Museum** and Archives (Rochester General Hospital) was awarded \$5,282 to arrange and describe records of the Rochester Mental Health Center and two prominent Rochester doctors.



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Administrative Assistants: *Sally Collins, Georgia Learn*

RRLC Calendar

- Aug. 26 CLIC-on-Health Steering Committee. RRLC Conference Room. 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Sept. 1 “Cataloging Videos and DVD’s”. Nylink Training Program. RRLC Training Center 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Sept. 2 “Cataloging with OCLC Connexion Client”. Nylink Training Program. RRLC Training Center. 10:00 a.m – 3:00 p.m.
- Sept. 8 Advisory Committee of Library Directors Meeting. RRLC Conference Room. 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Sept. 9 “Cataloging with CatME”. Nylink Training Program. RRLC Training Center 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Sept. 10 “Cataloging with OCLC Connexion Browser”. Nylink Training Program. RRLC Training Center 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Sept. 13 “Blogs” with Kate Merrill. Monday Night @ the Council Pizza Series. RRLC Training Center. 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Sept. 14 “Documentary Heritage Program Grants Information Session” . RRLC Conference Room. 9: a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Sept. 14 RRLC Library Assistants Group. RRLC Training Center. 9:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Sept. 20 “Ergonomics – Eliminate Workplace Injuries” with the American Red Cross. Monday Night @ the Council Pizza Series. RRLC Conference Room. 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Sept. 21 “Life After MARC – Plus What’s Hot and What’s Not” . Genesee Community College – Batavia. 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Sept. 21 “Digital Library Collections”. Genesee Community College – Batavia. 1:00 p.m. – 12:00 p.m.

- Sept. 22 Virtual Reference Meeting. RRLC Conference Room. 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Sept. 22 “The Art and Practice of Electronic Journal Book and Database Licenses and Practical Tips for Health Care Organizations”. MLA Teleconference. UR Medical Center, E.G. Miner Library 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Sept. 23 “Antiques and Collectibles” . RRLC Training Center. 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 27 “First Aid and Emergency Preparedness in the Workplace” with the American Red Cross Monday Night @ the Council Pizza Series. RRLC Conference Room. 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Sept. 29 “Finding Historical Records on the Internet”. RRLC Training Center. 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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

Employment Opportunities

- RRLC Project Coordinator/Lead Trainer**, 20 hrs/week. Sept. 1, 04-May 31, 2005.
- Programmer/Web Site Manager** Full Time Professional Position, North Country Library System, Watertown, New York.
- K-6 Librarian** Lyons Elementary School. Available September, 2004 .
- Children's Librarian, Part-time** Wadsworth Library Part-time
- Cataloging & Metadata Librarian** Wallace Library, Rochester Institute of Technology.

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