

# Linking Libraries

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RRLC has purchased OCLC's CONTENTdm software for its member libraries and libraries that are part of member library systems. Our goal is to create the Genesee River Valley/Finger Lakes Heritage, similar to the Hudson River Valley Heritage (<http://www.hrvh.org/>) developed by the Southeastern Library Resources Council.

CONTENTdm is a software solution for digital collection projects. It is designed to help libraries store, manage, and deliver their digital collections to the Web. It can store any type of file, so libraries' special collections become fully searchable online resources available from any Web browser. With CONTENTdm, libraries also add their collections' metadata to WorldCat, which makes digital collections more visible to people on the Web.

RRLC's license for CONTENTdm includes 50 "acquisition stations" which will be shared by interested member libraries and library system members. The Level 1 license includes a limited amount of hosted storage space and individual images, and can be upgraded if necessary.

To get started with our regional installation of CONTENTdm, RRLC has put together a steering committee that will be responsible for initial development of policies and criteria for participation in the project. For more information, please contact Debby Emerson, [demerson@rrlc.org](mailto:demerson@rrlc.org) or by phone at 585.223.7570.



RRLC will create a site similar to the Hudson River Valley Heritage.

## Library Journal "Mover & Shaker" Stephanie Squicciarini

*Stephanie Squicciarini, Teen/Young Adult Services Librarian at Fairport Public Library, was named a 2008 "Mover & Shaker" by Library Journal, one of only fifty people nationwide chosen for this honor. Stephanie and Christopher Harris, School Library System Director at Genesee Valley BOCES, who was also chosen as a "Mover & Shaker", were the special guests at the RRLC 42d Annual Meeting. Following excerpts are from the speech Stephanie gave at the Annual Meeting upon receiving acknowledgement of her achievement. Her words encourage and inspire and provide a model for all of us. — Kathy Miller*

When I started trying to figure out what to say here, I stressed because that is what I do. I stress. I stress...therefore I am. You can ask my husband! Then as my stress reached almost its peak...I was told that there were things that I cannot say. [She didn't say so, but I suspect that Betsy Gilbert modestly insisted on this! – Kathy Miller] So I will not say



thanks again to Betsy Gilbert and the entire staff at Fairport Library...and I won't say that without their support and encouragement there would be no moving. No shaking. And this will not be about how important it has been to be in an environment where creativity and successes are cheered. And it will not be about how important it has been to not fear failure when taking leaps of faith because even those failures are celebrated by your co-workers in the learning experiences that they offer. . . .and since I still find it pretty much unreal that I am seen as a M&S...for a job that I absolutely LOVE..I thought I would refer back to the questions that *Library Journal* (LJ) asked me . . .

One of the most exhausting questions LJ asked me was to give them a sense of a week in my life...what were the kinds of things I was juggling. This was my answer back then...professionally I was juggling winter programs, planning programs for February and spring breaks, getting ready for ALA midwinter, early stages of planning summer reading,

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## Continuing Education



### Summer School 2008!

For the third year, RRLC will be hosting Summer School for School Librarians.

We have a full calendar of classes this summer, and several of them are being offered in partnership with Monroe #2-Orleans BOCES. Those sessions will be held at the CaTS lab at BOCES 2 headquarters on Buffalo Road. For a complete listing with time and locations, please visit the RRLC website at <https://www.rrlc.org/orgmain.asp?sid=&orgID=19>. There is no fee for most classes, but you do need to register by going to the RRLC website - <http://www.rrlc.org> - and clicking on "Register for Courses". You will be prompted to log in. If you do not already have a username and password for the RRLC website, please contact the RRLC office and we will set it up for you.

### And a New Learning Opportunity!

**Attend a CE program while sitting barefoot on your deck!**



Save time and gas money - you don't have to leave home to take advantage of RRLC's newest continuing education opportunity. The **Self-Discovery Learning 2.0 Course for School Librarians** is a virtual course which will be available from July 1 - August 15, 2008. It consists of 7 self-discovery exercises to complete at your own pace and at your computer. No in-person training sessions are required. The exercises will be posted on a blog and will be self-explanatory. You decide how fast you want to work through the exercises. The instructor will notify you when you have successfully completed an exercise. One-on-one help from the instructor will be available each week during posted "office hours." This help is available via email, instant messaging and phone calls. Two optional drop-in sessions will be held when librarians can work on the exercises with the instructor available.

These sessions will be held either at the RRLC or BOCES computer lab. Barbara Moore is the instructor. She has created the lessons and will provide one-on-one help. Barbara is a patient and easy-to-understand teacher and recently completed a similar self-discovery learning course for MCLS librarians. Barbara is a frequent trainer for RRLC. To participate, you need to register, just as you would for an in-person class. Go to the RRLC website, <http://www.rrlc.org>, and click on "Register for Courses".

### Training on Demand

Are you interested in RRLC training opportunities but can't always travel to the RRLC? Would you like an overview of RRLC products and programs or do you require in-depth training on the resources available through RRLC?

Free workshops and training programs are one of the many benefits of RRLC membership. Barbara Ciambor, RRLC Out-

reach Librarian, can work with you to provide information and training, designed for your specific library staff or patron needs, at your library site. Training is available for CLIC-on-Health, NOVELNY, *Democrat & Chronicle* and America's News Magazines, WorldCat FirstSearch and WorldCat.org. Contact Barbara Ciambor at (585)223-7570 or email [bciambor@rrlc.org](mailto:bciambor@rrlc.org) to discuss individualized training for your library.

## RRLC Member News

The **RPL Digitization Committee** has a number of new projects underway, including presentation of a digitizing workshop at the American Association for State and Local History National Convention, which is being held in Rochester in early September. Among other things they are working on digitizing some of the Henrietta Public Library's local history materials. They have also purchased an Indus Book Scanner 5005, which can create digital images up to 23 x 33 inches at 400 dpi, in color if wanted.

RPL is the only public library to be included in the National Library of Medicine's guide to history of medicine collections, having the George W Goler papers and the collection of the Health Association.

The **Rochester Regional Library Assistants' Group** organized and prepared a dinner at the Ronald McDonald House at 333 Westmoreland Drive in Rochester on April 19, 2008. Their next dinner will be on Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> and they will be preparing a chicken barbecue. Watch for more information on how you can help out coming soon.

On May 14, 2008 the **School Library System at Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES** honored **Bob LaRuche**, Principal of Ontario Primary School as this year's **Administrator of the Year**. This honor is given to a school administrator who recognizes the positive impact a certified School Library Media Specialist and a strong school library media program have on student achievement.



From left to right: Debbie Maier, Bob LaRuche, Judy Marsh, Wally Babcock

## RRLC People in the News

**Bob Gilliam**, Head of the Interlibrary Loan department at the **College at Brockport's Drake Memorial Library**, has been honored with a 2008 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship.

This recognition at the highest level of the State University caps three decades of outstanding service both to the College community and to all types of libraries in the Rochester region, New York State and beyond.

Over the years, Brockport faculty and students have been enthusiastic in their praise of Bob and his assistants for their speed, efficiency and care in borrowing needed materials from other libraries. In addition, statistics show that his operation has made Brockport a perennial net lender, both to Rochester area libraries and within the SUNY system.

In supporting Bob's nomination for this award, Kathy Miller, Director of the Rochester Regional Library Council, spoke for many in the library community when she wrote, "Drake Library's Interlibrary Loan Department under his leadership continues to be a model for all others."

Congratulations Bob!

**The RRLC Information Literacy Continuum Committee** is composed of academic, school and public librarians working in collaboration to promote the teaching of information literacy across a "continuum" of learning. Three new members have joined the committee; **Glen Huot, Penfield High School** and representing public libraries, **Kristin Gallagher, Fairport Public Library** and **Jay Osborne, Central Library, MCLS**. The committee hopes to broaden its focus with the addition of public library representation, supporting information literacy through lifelong learning.

Macmillan's Library Marketing department named **Stephanie Squicciarini** as this month's featured librarian. In addition to her role as **Fairport Public Library's** Young Adult Librarian, Ms. Squicciarini runs the Annual Greater Rochester Teen Book Festival, an event that attracts thousands of teens. Maybe that's why Library Journal named her a 2008 'Mover and Shaker'. Congratulations Stephanie!

**Lisa C. Wemett**, Assistant Library Director for Reference and Teen Services at the **Webster Public Library**, was recently awarded the **Ray Murray Award by the New York State Library Assistants' Association**. Wemett was honored at a luncheon at NYSLAA's annual conference on Friday, June 6, in Syracuse.

The award recognizes Wemett's work with library assistants, student interns, and clerical staff over the past fifteen years. Wemett has regularly recruited and mentored graduate students in library and information science from area universities to complete volunteer projects for their course work and gain practical experience in a variety of libraries. She has been instrumental in developing continuing education programs and a career ladder for support staff at the Webster

Public Library. Wemett also frequently conducts professional development training sessions for library paraprofessionals in conjunction with New York State library systems and the American Library Association.

In 1989, the Ray Murray Award was created to honor Ray Murray, a librarian who opened the door for the creation of the annual library assistants' conference which grew into a statewide association for library support staff. The award is given annually to librarians, library directors, trustees, or others who have contributed to the recognition and/or professional growth of library assistants.

**Brighton Memorial Library** has a new Young Adult and Circulation Services Manager **Deena Lipomi**. She has strong YA experience, having written her own novels for teens. Deena worked at Parma Library for six years and most recently was at Thomson West where she was a Principal Editor.

Also at Brighton is Network Technician **Dominick Sanna**. With a vast computer and electronics technology background, he enjoys the hands-on nature of the job.

**Barbara Purol**, Assistant Division Head, Local History, Rochester Public Library is retiring at the end of June. She has worked in Local History, Literature, and the former Reynolds Audio Visual Department.

**Cornelia ("Nell") Ruedin**, a recent graduate of St John Fisher College, has been hired as a full time library assistant in Local History. She has worked with County Historian Carolyn Vacca in the past.

**Nazareth College** is pleased to announce that **Catherine Doyle** has been appointed director of the Lorette Wilmot Library & Media Center. Doyle, of Pittsford, comes to Nazareth from Westfield State College in Massachusetts. At Westfield State, Doyle was the library director and therefore has extensive experience in managing and leading the many aspects of library work. Prior to Westfield, she was a university librarian at Christopher Newport University in Virginia.

**Vincent Boisselle** has accepted the position of Library Director at **Hobart and William Smith Colleges' Warren Hunting Smith Library** beginning on August 1st. Boisselle was most recently Head Librarian for Information Systems and Services at Trinity College in Hartford, CT, where he managed a number of departments including Access Services, Research and Instruction, Music and Media Services, and Systems.



**Stephanie Squicciarini** (Continued from page 1)

working on the hundreds of details for Teen Book Festival Live, chairing the YALSA literature symposium task force, getting ready to serve on the YALSA Margaret Edwards Lifetime Achievement Award Committee, chairing the creation of a booklist for MCLS, scheduling teen volunteers who need service hours for their course work, weeding the YA collection, finalizing the budget for the Youth Services Section of NYLA and getting ready to hand over Treasurer reigns to the new incoming Treasurer...just to name a few. I think what that question taught me was to not look too hard at the number of things we juggle as librarians or we might just hide from ourselves!

Some of you have heard me try to explain the difference between being a children's librarian and being a teen librarian. One day I was going through a suggestion box I had put up in the YA area. It was the same day as one of our child story times...with Peggy Hagen. I was at the box and in ran this small, happy child... yelling... "We are going to see Miss Peggy...we are going to see Miss Peggy"... and ran up to her and gave her a huge hug. Meanwhile, back at my suggestion box...I read... "F You...Library sucks...I don't read." Hmm. Children's librarian...from their service group...we are going to see Miss Peggy...and big hugs. Teen librarian...from our service group...f you, library sucks. Yep. Sooo...I tried to find the positive spin. They were IN the library. They took the time to write to me. One even drew pictures...all about their new program recommendation involving clowns, a small pool, and jello. That HAD to take some time...all of it spent in the library! So, we teen librarians really do need to remember the positives. . . .

So why teens? Why the Greater Rochester Teen Book Festival? Why team up with school and public librarians from three counties to work for 12 months for each TBF for a group that can be as moody and challenging and frustrating as I know I can be? Well, because I remember what it is like to be a teen. How stuck in the middle it feels. How there are days when nothing seems right and days when it seems nothing can possibly go wrong. And the huge amount of stuff that can happen between the two extremes. And how I would never go back.

But we can help teens during those times...and we as librarians can offer them escapes, celebrations, and characters to which they can relate all with the power of literature. And the Teen Book Festival allows them all that and the chance to connect with the authors that bring alive all those worlds to which they can either escape or find a kindred spirit. And on any given day when I am feeling at all like I can never make a difference when I see a child screaming with joy at coming to the library and fearing that at some point that joy is going to fade some and I need to try to bring it back...I remember what TBF has done. I remember the parent who thanked us because she got the chance to meet the author she credits for saving her daughter's life. I remember the boy who was afraid to go to school for fear of being ridiculed for being gay and how he had the best day he had ever had in a school when he spent the day with Alex Sanchez at TBF. I remember the authors dancing with the teens at the end of the day.

And for those who say boys don't read...I remember the 12 year-old-boy who came up to me at the end of TBF 2007 thanking me...eyes wide...arms swinging...thanking me for "all of this." And I remember how amazing the members of the TBF planning committee have been...to work with them and together making it happen...the ultimate in school and public library collaboration. Those are the moments that make TBF important. And I hope that we can continue to bring those moments to our teens. If this makes me a Mover & Shaker, I can live with that. But what it really makes me is thankful for being in a career that actually makes me happy. And, while I cannot say this, it makes me thankful for working with some of the most spectacular, supportive, energizing, and dedicated librarians...and of course thankful for those teens that will continue to keep me on my toes.

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*Library Journal Rochester area "Mover and Shaker" Christopher Harris, Genesee Valley Board of Cooperative Educational Services*

**Chris Harris** also was honored at the RRLC Annual Meeting. Chris thanked his "team" members at **GV BOCES SLS** for their hard work and innovative approaches. With Andy Austin, Chris wrote the recently published "Drupal in Libraries" (ALA Library Technology Report 44:4 May/June 2008). Chris is a frequent speaker at State and National conferences.

**For more Annual meeting pictures, see page five.**

## Photos from RRLC's 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting, June 5, 2008



*Retiring State Librarian, Janet Welch*



*Fairport Public Library Staff*



*Three Rochester Public Library/Monroe County Library System Directors, left to right: Paula Smith, Carole Joyce and Linda Bretz*



*RRLC Board of Trustees and guests*

### **RRLC Committees**

Interested in serving on RRLC committees? RRLC committees are open to all staff at member institutions. Committees sponsor a variety of activities – discussion group, continuing education, workshops, and publications and provide networking opportunities.

The committees include:

Archives Month Planning Committee  
CITE (Committee on Information Technology)  
Continuing Education Committee  
Future of the Regional Database  
Historical Records Advisory Committee  
Hospital Library Services Program (HLSP) Committee  
Interlibrary Loan Committee

Information Literacy Continuum Committee  
Library Assistants' Group  
Local History Committee  
Planning Committee  
Shared Database Committee  
XC2 Task Force

Announcements of meetings and programs sponsored by a committee are sent to that committee's mailing list and to each RRLC library director. For more information about a committee, send email to: [rrlc@rrlc.org](mailto:rrlc@rrlc.org).

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## Rochester Regional Library Council

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Outreach Librarian: *Barbara Ciambor*

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### RRLC Calendar

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| July 1  | Self-Discovery Learning 2.0 Course for School Librarians by Barbara Moore                                   | Aug. 5  | Using Publisher 2003 to Create Brochures with Barbara Moore @ Monroe #2-Orleans BOCES Training Lab 1:00 p.m. — 4:00 p.m. |
| July 9  | Intermediate Word 2003 with Barbara Moore @ Monroe #2-Orleans BOCES Training Lab 1:00-4:00 p.m.             | Aug. 7  | Examining the New AASL Standards with Jen McLaughlin @ RRLC Training Center 10:00 a.m. — Noon .                          |
| July 15 | TRAILS Assessment with Jane Reeves @ Monroe #2 –Orleans BOCES Training Lab 9:00 a.m.—Noon                   | Aug. 12 | Board Games as a Curriculum Connection with Brian Mayer & Chris Harris @ RRLC Training Center 9:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.      |
| July 16 | Search and the “Net Update with Michael Hunter @ Monroe #2-Orleans BOCES Training Lab 9:00 a.m.—Noon.       | Aug. 13 | Library Thing with Barbara Ciambor @ RRLC Training Center 9:30 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.   |
| July 17 | Book Repair with Leah Hamilton @ RRLC Conference Room. 9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.                                  | Aug. 13 | E-Briefings with Lou Wetherbee Topic to be decided. 3:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m.  |
| July 17 | Adding Bling to Your School World Web Page with Jim Belair @ RRLC Training Center 1:00 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.     | Aug. 14 | NOVEL NY Update with Barbara Ciambor @ RRLC Training Center 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.   |
| July 22 | Climb a Mountain of Literature with Jen McLaughlin & Erik Zimmerman @RRLC Training Center 10:00 a.m. — Noon | Aug. 19 | FOR THE GOOGLE-DEPENDENT: The Other Search Engines with Michael Hunter @ Monroe #2-Orleans BOCES Training Lab            |
| July 23 | Was Columbus Wrong? With Jacquie Henry & Christopher Potter @RRLC Training Center 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.       | Aug. 26 | Coaching for Performance with Ted Baumhauer @ RRLC Conference Room. 9:00 a.m. –4:00 p.m.                                 |
| July 23 | E-Briefings with Lou Wetherbee Topic to be decided. 3:00 p.m.—3:30 p.m.                                     |         |  |
| July 24 | Intermediate Excel 2003 with Barbara Moore @ Monroe #2-Orleans BOCES Training Lab 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.       |         |  |
| July 29 | A Spoonful of Fiction: Medicine for the Soul with Jen McLaughlin @ RRLC Training Center 10:00 a.m. — Noon   |         |  |
| July 30 | Web 2.0 and RSS by Chris Lerch @ RRLC Training Center 9:00 a.m.—noon.                                       |         |  |
| July 31 | Intermediate PowerPoint 2003 with Barbara Moore @ Monroe #2-Orleans BOCES Training Lab 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.  |         |  |

*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

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