

# SENYLRC Matters

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## “SENYLRC Matters” – New News Format

By John Shaloiko

SENYLRC is introducing a new bi-weekly bulletin called “**SENYLRC Matters**.” This format will allow SENYLRC staff to share information with the Southeastern library community in a more timely fashion but with briefer news announcements. SENYLRC will no longer produce the bi-monthly “NewsOnline.” However, from time-to-time, SENYLRC will publish more extensive informational articles on our website.

“**SENYLRC Matters**” will be available in PDF format on our website. When published online, we will notify the library community of its availability through our News Online listserv. In addition SENYLRC will mail to our member libraries print copies in sufficient numbers to distribute to the library’s staff.

We appreciate hearing from you about this new format. Send comments to Judy Fischetti at SENYLRC – [judyf@senylrc.org](mailto:judyf@senylrc.org).

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## SENYLRC Renovates Lower Level

By John Shaloiko

Thanks to a very generous member legislative grant of \$30,000 from Senator Bill Larkin, (39<sup>th</sup> Senate District), SENYLRC is renovating 1,500 square feet in the lower level of its new building. Once the renovation is completed by Seakill Builders of New Paltz in mid Fall, we will have a conference/training room to fit 40 people, a board/committee meeting room, two handicapped-accessible restrooms, a “wet bar” refreshment area, and a janitor’s closet.

In addition to Senator Larkin’s grant, SENYLRC was approved by The NYS Energy Research Development Agency for a reduced (by 4 percentage points) interest rate loan to purchase and install energy-efficient components.

When this renovation is completed, SENYLRC will be able to host its training and continuing education workshops at our office while at the same time allowing a meeting to take place in the smaller meeting room.

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## Academic Libraries 2005

By John Shaloiko

On November 10-11, 2005, The NY3Rs Association, in conjunction with the Academic & Special Library Section of NYLA will be presenting **Academic Libraries 2005 The Information Commons: Adapting to the Culture of the Net Generation**. The conference will be held in Saratoga Springs at the Courtyard by Marriott.

The planning group (John Shaloiko, John Hammond and Carole Anne Germain) are pleased to announce these presenters for the conference: Joan Lippincott (Coalition for Networked Information), Barbara Dewey Dean of Libraries, and Brice Bible, Chief Information Officer for Information Technologies (both from the University of Tennessee), Crit Stuart (Georgia Institute of Technology), Suzanne Thorin (currently from Indiana University and soon-to-be University Library at Syracuse University), Barbra Higgenbotham (Brooklyn College), & Maryruth Glogowski and Maureen Lindstrom (both from Buffalo State College).

For further information, including the schedule, conference and hotel reservations, go to:

<http://www.ny3rs.org/al2005.html>

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## SENYLRC Committee Chairs for 2005

By John Shaloiko

SENYLRC is pleased to announce the following people who will generously give of their time to chair SENYLRC’s 2005-06 committees:

Barbara Durniak (Vassar College) - President, Board of Trustees, Jeff Katz (Bard College) - Vice President, Mary Allison Farley (Catskill Regional Medical Center) - Hospital Library Services, Helen McLallen (Columbia County Historical Society) - Digital Advisory, John Barrie (Dominican College) – Technology Review & Advisory, Jon Grennan (Sullivan Community College) – Electronic Resources Advisory, Darren Lanspery (Orange-Ulster School Library System) – Regional ILL & Cheryl Felmlee (Alliance Theological Seminary) – Continuing Education.

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## Hudson River Valley Heritage

By Tessa Killian



Hudson River Valley Heritage (HRVH) has a new look and logo. The URL for the site is: <http://www.hrvh.org/>. The new site focuses on the collections in HRVH. From this site, users can search for historical materials from repositories in New York State's Hudson River Valley. Jane Ward, from the Woodstock Library and a student in Syracuse University's School of Information Studies, is completing an internship at SENYLRC. Jane has been working on a collection of photographs of the Maverick Festival and representative of the collection of historical materials held by the Woodstock Public Library District. Other collections in HRVH are from Bard College, Vassar College, Wilderstein Preservation, the Marlboro Free Library, the Consortium of Rhinebeck History and the Hudson River Valley Institute. New collections will continue to be added to HRVH. Check back periodically to see what is new!

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## Technology & Management Training for Digital Projects

By Tessa Killian

Starting in October, 2005, The Southeastern New York Library Resources Council will sponsor a program to teach staff from libraries and cultural heritage institutions the issues and specific procedures involved in digitizing materials for inclusion in a regional catalog of digital collections -- Hudson River Valley Heritage (HRVH; <http://www.hrvh.org/> ). The training program will cover the most important and relevant topics in digitization such as managing digital projects, copyright, digital imaging (scanning), creating metadata, digital preservation, business planning, and promotions. The training includes nine workshops with speakers from around the country, two workshops for participants to demonstrate what they've accomplished, one to three site visits to participating institutions by SENYLRC staff to assist with projects. The cost to participate is minimal, \$100 for the entire training, but participants are responsible for attending the workshops and digitizing materials outside of the time in the program. A brochure containing the details for the training program will be mailed out

shortly. Please contact Tessa Killian ([killian@senylrc.org](mailto:killian@senylrc.org)) for more details.

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## History E-Book Project

By Tessa Killian

Eighteen colleges in the SENYLRC region have access to a new collection of electronic books (e-books) from the American Council of Learned Societies. The History E-Book Project is a collection of over 1,000 books of high quality in the field of history. This project is being made available from the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS), which received a \$3-million grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to sponsor the project. These are works of major importance to historical studies, books that remain vital to both scholars and advanced students, and are frequently cited in the literature. The project is expanding its fields of coverage and adding 250 titles a year. The license to this collection for each academic library is being funded with Regional Bibliographic Database funds (RBDB). It has been made available through WALDO with a group discount.

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## Tessa Killian's New Position

By John Shaloiko

In recognition of the increasing responsibilities undertaken by Tessa Killian, including a leading role with the Hudson River Valley Heritage digital access program, Tessa has a new position title approved by the Board of Trustees as of July 1: *Manager of Technology and Administrative Services*. Tessa offers the Executive Director valuable assistance in collaborative leadership, planning, management and decision making in all areas relating to SENYLRC's technology service areas.

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## Navigating Interlibrary Loan

By Judy Fischetti

The Regional Interlibrary Loan Committee (RIC) is sponsoring a networking day on Friday, Oct. 7, 2005 at Mt. St. Mary College, Newburgh for all ILL staff of libraries in the southeastern region. Speakers include keynote speaker Richard E. Waller, St. John's University downtown campus remembering Sept. 11, 2001; Jon Penn, Nylink regarding OCLC WorldCat Resource Sharing, Judy Fischetti, SENYLRC with a SEAL update, and Patricia Carroll-Mathes, SENYLRC on MISP. For more information and to register, go to: <http://www.senylrc.org/ce/>.