

# SENYLRC Matters

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## Rental Office Available at SENYLRC

By John Shaloiko

The renovation of 1,750 square feet on SENYLRC's lower level of its new building is now complete. We can now accommodate a conference/training session of up to 40 people in the new training/conference room. At the same time, we can also accommodate a smaller meeting of up to 18 people in the new meeting room. There are two handicapped-accessible bathrooms plus a kitchenette area to serve food and beverages to folks attending meetings and conferences.

Now that this renovation is complete, SENYLRC is ready to lease out about 1,050 square feet of office space on the other side of the lower level. The current configuration of this space for lease is four office areas plus a bathroom. However, renovation can be accomplished to suit the tenant's needs. The gross rental price per month is \$1,500 which includes utilities (heat, air conditioning and electric). If you know of any individual or organization that is in need of 1,050 sq. ft. of rental space which is in an ideal location near the NYS Thruway Exit 18, contact SENYLRC (845) 883-9065 or Real Estate Agent Tom Collins from Commercial Associates Realty, Inc. at (845) 339-9100.

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## Catskill Regional Medical Center (CRMC) receives AIDS Community Information Outreach Grant

By Patricia Carroll Mathes

The National Library of Medicine awarded CRMC an express award for a \$10,000 AIDS Community Information Outreach Project. Of 18 awards made nationally, only 5 are express awards. The project in Sullivan County will fund patient access to current information via the Internet in waiting areas at CRMC's Specialty Care Center in Harris and at The Recovery Center in Monticello. CRMC Library Manager, Maryallison Farley, will also offer training sessions for staff members of local HIV programs on how to access reliable, current HIV/AIDS-related information resources. The inclusion of the CRMC Health Information Library in the project will improve document access for community members and staff. Gerard Ilaria, CSW

and Program Director for the Specialty Care Center, will oversee this information outreach project.

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## Nov. 17 AM Blogging Workshop Filled, Afternoon Session Added

By Judy Fischetti

The blogging workshop scheduled for November 17, 2005 in the morning has filled up. SENYLRC has opened a new workshop session to be held in the afternoon on Thursday, November 17, 2005 from 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm.

**Blogging for Librarians: Find and Read Blogs by Others! Create & Publish Your Own!** This introductory, hands-on workshop for librarians and library staff will explore the world of blogging:

- tracing the history and origins of blogging;
- identifying the main components of a blog;
- what content to include;
- how to find and create RSS feeds for aggregated news content;
- where to set up and publish on the web;
- and the pros and cons of creating a blog for your library.

The program will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2005 from 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm at Southeastern. Kate Pitcher, Reference and Instruction Librarian in SUNY Geneseo's Milne Library, is the trainer.

Target audience: librarians, library assistants and support staff from all types of libraries.

Workshop fees:

- \$30.00 for library staff from SENYLRC members
- \$35.00 for library staff from members of member library systems
- \$40.00 for library staff from libraries outside the Southeastern region

For additional information and online registration, go to <http://www.senylrc.org/ce/>.

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### Once Again – Contact the Governor

By John Shaloiko (reproduced with permission by  
Kathy Miller, Rochester Regional Library Council)

Library Advocates! I welcome you back from summer recess, summer vacation, and summer relaxation. And now, as we begin a new legislative season, your help is needed once more. Contact the Governor!

The Governor is preparing his budget for 2006/07 at this time, and he needs to hear from library supporters. NYLA has a sample letter on its website <<http://www.nyla.org/>> that you can download, adapt and send (or send the letter at the end of this article).

After Election Day:

Meet in the district offices of your legislators. Plan now!

Plan to go to Albany for NYLA Library Lobby Day March 14, 2006.

You worked hard last year to let your elected officials know how important library services are to you. You succeeded in getting the Governor's cuts restored. Library License Plates that help fund summer reading programs were made a reality because of your advocacy.

Now we must continue our efforts and keep our needs visible.

Thank you!

Kathy Miller  
NYLA Legislative Chair

#### The NYLA Legislative Priorities for 2006 are:

- ✓ \$2.6 million for full funding under 2000 Census with hold-harmless provision;
- ✓ \$7 million for NOVEL (including \$3.5 million for high-priced R & D databases);
- ✓ \$3 million for library systems;
- ✓ \$1.85 million increase for public library construction;
- ✓ \$1.5 million increase in local library aid targeted to high needs areas;
- ✓ \$500,000 for restoration of cuts made in 2003 to New York Public Library's CUNY Initiative and Science, Industry, and Business Library and funding for Library for the Blind;

- ✓ \$300,000 increase for academic libraries - Coordinated Collection Development (CCD);
- ✓ \$250,000 for library science scholarships/loan forgiveness program.

For more information on these and other NYLA Legislative Priorities go to the NYLA Website.

#### Sample letter to the governor:

Honorable George E. Pataki  
Governor  
Executive Chamber  
State Capitol  
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Pataki:

As you develop the 2006 State Budget, library users across the state ask you to live up to the law and at long last fully fund Library Aid as required by Chapter 917 of the Laws of 1990.

As you know, Chapter 917 wisely requires the state to periodically adjust Library Aid levels to reflect population changes as of the most current federal Census. Since the 2000 Census numbers showed an overall increase in New York State's population, Library Aid should have been increased by \$2.6 million (including \$200,000 for hold-harmless provision) back in 2001 to reflect the growing number of New Yorkers served by libraries.

Five years and \$13 million in lost state aid later, New York's libraries are at the breaking point, with closures and downsizing occurring from Erie to Westchester County. Governors and Legislatures in neighboring states have stepped up to the plate and recognized the important role libraries play in both educating the public and in R&D efforts conducted by academic institutions, incubators and technology companies. Both Massachusetts and New Jersey have increased funding by millions of dollars for library services and construction in their 2005 state budgets. It is time for New York to do the same.

As you contemplate a run for President, I ask that you lead the way on increasing funding for library services in New York so that you will be able to tell the voters of America, "I support libraries".

I look forward to hearing of the successful inclusion of a Library Aid increase in the 2006 State Budget.

Sincerely,

Name

Address: