

SENYLRC Matters

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Chris Hyzer – Moving On

By Tessa Killian

Chris Hyzer, SENYLRC Systems Manager for the past three years, left SENYLRC on December 9th to begin a new position as systems engineer for Aetna. Chris has moved to an area of Connecticut where he will be living closer to his new job and friends.

Chris was the technical support person for the implementation of Internet-related projects such as the digitization project using CONTENTdm, Ariel, the SEAL gateway, EZ Proxy and hospital web pages, and assisted SENYLRC staff with technology. He described his role as helping with “anything that plugs in” including VCR’s, projectors, and computer hardware. Chris also said he “kept intruders out of our machines” and “made services go.”

Chris came up with creative, inexpensive and effective solutions to many information challenges over the last few years. We will miss his competence and problem-solving skills, but also his sense of humor, cartoons outside his cubicle, and group lunches on Friday afternoons. All of us at Southeastern wish him the best of luck in the next phase of his career.

Newburgh Librarian Honored by the New York Times

By Patricia Carroll-Mathes

Anne McCarthy Kennedy is one of 27 librarians around the country chosen to receive the prestigious New York Times Librarian Awards for 2005. The \$2,500 awards for outstanding community service and positive impact on their communities were presented at a luncheon ceremony on November 16. Anne was nominated for her efforts to reach out to the Newburgh business community, especially the region’s small business community members; to organizations such as Safe Harbors of the Hudson that deal with issues of unemployment, homelessness and poverty; and to the burgeoning Hispanic business community. Anne has participated in many SENYLRC activities and currently serves on RIC and TRAC committees.

SENYLRC Leads Statewide Hospital Electronic Journal Effort

By Patricia Carroll-Mathes

The combined efforts of the Hospital Library Committee members and SENYLRC staff helped bring about a new statewide contract for online journals. Months of meetings, conference calls, emails and several vendor meetings with WALDO and OvidKluewer representatives finally resulted in a new 3-year contract for electronic medical journals.

Current clinical care content delivered at point of care, in place of need, will support health care throughout the region. All 16 of the region’s hospital members are participating along with two from Northern New York, nine from Central, six from South Central, and 20 from METRO in addition to several academics and Nathan Kline Institute.

Zachary Spalding Newest Member of the SENYLRC Staff

By John Shaloiko

Zachary (Zach) Spalding will join the SENYLRC staff beginning January 3, 2006 as Systems Manager. Zach succeeds Chris Hyzer who left SENYLRC in early December (see other article).

Zach comes to SENYLRC from Marist College where he worked as network security analyst, developing and installing technologies to enforce the security policies of the campus. He also administered the Token Ring network before Marist migrated to an Ethernet network. From 1998 to 2000, Zach, as a Resnet Tech at Marist, provided customer support to Marist students, and also was a student mainframe operator, supporting the campus mainframe operations.

While working at Marist, Zach was also pursuing a BS Degree in Information Technology, which he anticipates to complete by taking one final course in the spring of 2006.

Zach lives in Esopus, NY. We welcome Zach as the newest addition to the SENYLRC family.

SENYLRC Completes Service Assessment

By John Shaloiko

One hundred ninety-five people recently completed the web-based survey of SENYLRC's programs and services. SENYLRC's Board of Trustees will now use this data in its subsequent planning process. The survey results include valuable information about library staff perceptions of service/program importance and SENYLRC's performance. The percentage of respondents are as follows: 31% of were from the academic library community, followed closely by the public library community (30%), 18% were from the school libraries, 10% from public and school library systems, 5% from hospital libraries and 4% from special non-profit libraries. Lisa Perkowski, School Library Media Specialist at Liberty High School, was the winner of the iPod raffle. We wish to thank all who took the time to complete the survey.

In addition to the survey, a series of focus groups were conducted by Denise Harlow, planning consultant to the Board from the Council of Community Services of NYS. Ms. Harlow facilitated discussions in nine focus group sessions, hearing from over 60 librarians from all types of libraries and library systems.

A third element of the assessment was a series of eleven telephone interviews conducted by Ms. Harlow.

In the first couple of months of the new year, the Board's Planning Committee, chaired by Jeff Katz of Bard College, will sift through the assessment reports as they begin to identify key strategic areas for SENYLRC to focus on in the next five years.

On behalf of the Board, thank you to all who took time out of your busy schedule to participate in this assessment process.

Alexander Hamilton Travels to Poughkeepsie

By Patricia Carroll-Mathes

The Poughkeepsie Public Library District has the distinction of being the first of forty libraries across the country to host a traveling exhibit "Alexander Hamilton: The Man Who Made Modern America". Organized by the New York Historical Society, the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, and the American Library Association, the exhibit comes to the Mid-Hudson Library System Auditorium sponsored by the PPLD in cooperation with the City of Poughkeepsie. Public viewing

hours are scheduled to begin Saturday, January 14 at 10:00 a.m. and continue on Mondays, Fridays, and Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. – noon, and Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 2 – 4 until February 24.

Alexander Hamilton Sunday Colloquia will feature talks and discussion with distinguished scholars beginning with *Freedom of the Press and Liberty for All* by Willard Sterne Randall on January 15 at 1:30, and continuing on January 22, 29 and February 5. PPLD Director Tom Lawrence encourages everyone to take advantage of this unique opportunity to learn more about the statesman and visionary who played an important role in the early days of New York State, and in the development of the Federal Constitution and the United States. Watch for announcements of upcoming special events in connection with this exhibit.

Delivery Contracts End

By Judy Fischetti

SENYLRC's contracts with Mid-Hudson and Ramapo Catskill Library Systems for delivery of materials to 22 SENYLRC members is ending the week of December 26 through December 30, 2005 as previously announced. These libraries include: Astor Home for Children; Bard College; Columbia-Greene, Dutchess, Orange, Rockland, Sullivan, and Ulster Community Colleges; Culinary Institute of America; Dominican College, Dutchess, Orange-Ulster, Rockland, Sullivan and Ulster BOCES School Library Systems; Marist College; Mount Saint Mary College; Nyack College; St. Thomas Aquinas College, SENYLRC office; SUNY New Paltz; and Vassar College.

Libraries will now need to ship interlibrary loan materials to these SENYLRC members and school libraries via commercial couriers and the U. S. Mail.

Southeastern Holiday Schedule

Southeastern will be closed: Thursday afternoon, December 22; Friday afternoon, December 23; Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2.

We wish everyone Happy Holidays and hope you have a Successful and Healthy New Year! We all look forward to working with you again in 2006!
