

SENYLRC Matters

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Training for Digital Asset Management through the Hudson River Valley Heritage Program

By Tessa Killian

Participants from twenty-five cultural heritage institutions and libraries started a nine workshop training program and practicum, *Training for Digital Asset Management through the Hudson River Valley Heritage Program* in October, 2005. Key outcomes anticipated in this grant-funded project are the development of staff expertise in creating digital projects and the growth of the Hudson River Valley Heritage (HRVH) collections through the addition of newly digitized materials. This program covers 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 complete training program includes nine workshops with speakers from around the country and two workshops for participants to demonstrate what they have accomplished. SENYLRC staff will make one to three visits to each site to assist with projects. Participants have attended four programs already and will attend several more before beginning their digital projects in the summer of 2006. They are being asked to contribute a collection of digital objects from their collections to Hudson River Valley Heritage <http://www.hrvh.org>. Below is a list of institutions, arranged by county, that are participating in this training program.

Columbia County:

Columbia County Historical Society

Dutchess County:

Bard College, Consortium of Rhinebeck History, Dutchess County Historical Society, Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library, Hudson River Valley Institute, Locust Grove Estate, Millbrook Free Library

Orange County:

Chester Historical Society, Newburgh Free Library, Orange County Community College, Tuxedo Park Library

Rockland County:

Haverstraw King's Daughters Public Library, Holocaust Museum and Study Center, Nathan

Kline Institute, Orangetown Historical Museum Archives

Ulster County:

Haviland-Heidgerd Historical Collection - Elting Library, Huguenot Historical Society, SUNY New Paltz, West Hurley Public Library, Woodstock Byrdcliffe Guild, Woodstock Public Library

Westchester County:

Historic Hudson Valley, National Maritime Historical Society, Somers Historical Society

This project is supported by Federal Library Services and Technology Acts funds, awarded to the New York State Library by the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services.

David Barnhart, a Man of New Words

By Judy Fischetti

David Barnhart, a SENYLRC trustee since 2001, appeared in a 1/13/2006 Daily Freeman feature highlighting his contributions to the American Dialect Society's words of the year for 2005. As president of the Dictionary Society of America, David nominated *rendition*, an old word with a new meaning; and two new words, *podcast* and *Katrina-gate*. David finds such new words through his occupational sideline which is substitute teaching; however, his primary profession is that of lexicographer. David, author of Barnhart New-Words Concordance and editor of The Barnhart Dictionary Companion, continues a long family tradition.

For the full story, see the Daily Freeman article: http://www.dailyfreeman.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=15917284&BRD=1769&PAG=461&dept_id=81975&rfti=6.

Dept. of Justice Wants Search Data

By Zachary Spalding

In mid January all of the major Internet search engines have been requested to provide a range of usage information to the US Department of Justice. Some of the information requested was for a random sampling of 1 million URLs listed and the text of search terms entered for a one week time, without the information to match a person to a search term. The requested information will be used as part of the government efforts to defend the constitutionality of

the Child Online Protection Act (COPA). AOL, Yahoo, and MSN have all supplied the DOJ with the requested information, but Google is refusing to hand over the information. Google cites a variety of reasons: personal privacy, concern about revealing trade secrets, and concern that government agencies are overreaching their authority. More information on this continuing story can be viewed at the American Library Association web site <http://www.ala.org/news>.

Tech Changes In 2006

By Zachary Spalding

Depending where your organization is during its budget cycle, there are some major technology changes that should be considered into your next budget. In July of 2006, Microsoft will be releasing the next version of the Windows Operating system called Windows Vista. The July release will be restricted to the makers of personal computers, but consumers will be able to purchase a copy in October 2006. Based on previous Windows releases it can be expected that current computers will need more memory and higher processor speeds to run the newer operating systems. So any organization looking at purchasing a newer system to last a long period of time such as 4 to 5 years should consider this change.

For organizations that use Apple computers, you might be aware of the major changes going on with Apple computers. During the calendar year of 2006, Apple will switch all of their current models from a PPC chip to an Intel based chip. What this means to consumers of Apple computers is that newer software may not run on the current PPC based hardware. While Apple has provided tools to make new software backward compatible there are no guarantees that software manufacturers will use them. Users of classic Mac software which is used to support OS 8 or OS 9 applications will not be able to use the new hardware due to a lack of support. At the moment Apple has already released an Intel based iMac and a new Laptop series called Mac Book Pro. So, an organization looking at buying Apple hardware should consider this change when making purchasing or budgeting decisions.

Robert Lackie to Present Workshops at Southeastern on March 17, 2006

By Judy Fischetti

Robert Lackie returns to Southeastern on Friday, March 17, 2006 with two workshops. The Changing Face of the Scholarly Web: Finding Quality Free Full Text Articles and Books will be held from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Training for Effective Database Use: How to Teach Database Searching will be held in the afternoon from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

This is Robert's fourth trip to SENYLRC to present workshops. People who attended his programs in the past have commented

- ✓ "Robert is a dynamic instructor who is prepared and knowledgeable."
- ✓ "Mr. Lackie offered many tips – some common sense and others that were new to me – it was an energizing day!"
- ✓ "The presenter was very informed on the topic – organized and creative and practical in specific examples, and this was one of the best workshops I have ever attended. It gave me valuable tools to use with our patrons and in a course I teach."

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

News about Libraries and People

By Judy Fischetti

Mount Saint Mary College News:

Carol Wu, Director of the Curtin Memorial Library, Mount Saint Mary College is leaving the Mount to begin a new venture as the Chief Technology Officer at the Boston Public Library on February 1. Carol will join former SENYLRC Director Ruth (Brown Chamberlain) Koval who serves as Chief of Operations for the BPL.

Barbara Whitney Petruzzelli will leave the Sojourner Truth Library at SUNY New Paltz in mid-February to become the new library director at Mount St. Mary College. Barbara has spent the past 12 years at New Paltz, serving as assistant director since 1998.

Gan (Grace) Ye is the new Systems and Web Services Librarian at Mount Saint Mary College library. Previously, Grace was the Librarian and Systems Specialist at Samra University in Los Angeles, California.

Dutchess Community College News:

Patricia Sheehan will be retiring from the Ritz Library after 15 years as Head of Circulation and a total of 26 years with DCC.

Ron Crovisier and **Tom Trinchera** will be conducting a faculty/staff workshop entitled "CyberCheat: Dealing with Academic Dishonesty in a Wired World". Tom and Ron will be joined by Wendy Bohlinger, coordinator of the DCC chapter of CSTEP (Collegiate Science Technology Entry Program).

Librarians **Barbara Liesenbein** and **Evelyn Rosenthal** will join a study class heading for the Galapagos Islands in Ecuador during spring break next month as will **Patricia Carroll-Mathes** from SENYLRC.

Advocacy brings Results – YOUR VOICE Needed!

By Patricia Carroll-Mathes

While the Governor's budget for 2006-07 did not propose cuts in library aid, it did not include much needed increases to offset 8 years of flat funding.

Library systems (3Rs, publics, schools) especially need your help in bringing legislative support for a \$3 million dollar increase- one of two NYLA legislative priorities. <http://www.nyla.org> .

All system services are at risk as system infrastructure and services are less understood or visible to the public (and legislative) eyes. Contact your local legislators now and let them know what SENYLRC (and Mid-Hudson, Ramapo Catskill, and Dutchess School Library Systems, etc.) means to your library. Use the "Contact Your Elected Officials" button on the NYLA website to send an "Action Alert" fax to your legislators or make your own case in person or by mail.

NYLA Lobby Day – Plan to Attend Tuesday, March 14

By Pamela Wolven

Join colleagues, students, friends and family in Albany to meet with state legislators, attend NYLA briefings, attend a rally and listen to speakers.

The governor's budget proposal calls for flat funding based on the 1990 census of \$88.9 million for libraries and library systems. New York State libraries and library systems need an additional

\$2.6 million to implement the 2000 census as required by New York State education law.

Transportation by bus which leaves from various locations is available. The cost is \$18.00 / person. Bus registration deadline is February 27. For bus times and locations as well as additional information about driving, event times and activities, please contact Carol Cleveland at the Ramapo Catskill Library System (845/343-1131 or 800/327-7343 ext. 245; carol@rcls.org) or Rebekkah Smith Aldrich at the Mid-Hudson Library System (845/471-6060 ext. 39 or rsmith@midhudson.org).

ALA / NYLA Joint Membership for Library Assistants

By Judy Fischetti

Library assistants and support staff can take advantage of a special joint membership opportunity offered by the American Library Association and the New York Library Association. You can now join both organizations for \$54. For additional information and an application form, go to http://www.nyla.org/index.php?page_id=89 .