

# SENYLRC Matters

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## SENYLRC Strategic Plan

By John Shaloiko

On March 23, 2006, after nearly a year of discussion, input from focus groups, telephone interviews and a web survey, the Board of Trustees approved a new 5-year strategic plan. In the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, the Council will have a series of new program goals and projected results for the period 2006-2011. To review the plan, go to [www.senylrc.org/about/council/5yearplan.pdf](http://www.senylrc.org/about/council/5yearplan.pdf).

In establishing these long range goals, the Board debated the ways SENYLRC provides services and to which constituencies. The Board re-affirmed the critical importance of targeting services to the "core" membership – libraries serving the scholarly and research community – while at the same time recognizing the organization's role in providing some kinds of services to all types of libraries (e.g. public and school) in the region.

The Board further examined the fiscal environment in which SENYLRC (and other library systems) have operated over the last eight years. In order to maintain high demand services, maintain mandated services, and develop new services responsive to emerging needs in the face of the steady erosion of operating resources, the Board felt that it must take steps to create greater financial certainty.

To this end the Board revised the membership structure, adjusted dues structure and approved modest fees for some services.

Subject to comment during the next eight weeks by member organizations to proposed bylaws revision, the Board is recommending two categories of members: "governing" (currently called "full" members) and a new "affiliate" member category.

A **governing** member is a library or cultural heritage organization that serves the research (scholarly, technical and/or medical) needs of its users. A revised appendix to the bylaws lists the eligibility requirements for governing members. Organizations in this membership category may take advantage of the entire suite of SENYLRC services. If a program or service is fee based, governing members will pay the lowest fee. Also, if the organization meets the eligibility requirements and annually receives at least \$300 in Council services, it must join as a governing member.

Governing member staff may be nominated for election to the Board of Trustees and may serve on Council committees.

An organization may join as an **affiliate** member if it does not meet the eligibility requirements of a governing member. It may take advantage of SENYLRC programs and services, but will pay a higher service fee. Staff may serve on Council committees, but are not eligible to serve of the Board of Trustees.

Non-member organizations may participate in most services, but at a still higher service fee. However, SENYLRC will make no differentiation in services that are available to all libraries through the *Regional Automation* and *Medical Information Services* programs.

The board is recommending to the voting membership the following annual dues structure for ratification at the Annual Meeting on June 9, 2006. Beginning FY 2006/07, governing members will pay a "single" fee of \$450. Affiliate members will pay \$150 per year. Each year thereafter, all dues will increase by 5%.

Soon the Council will distribute the revised bylaws for an 8-week comment period plus information about the new service fees, and the results of a service cost analysis conducted by SENYLRC staff.

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## *Somewhere In Time:*

### **The Debut of the Online Collections of the Hudson River Valley Heritage**

By John Shaloiko

A reminder to be on the lookout for an invitation to attend SENYLRC's 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting on June 9, 2006 featuring the debut of the Hudson River Valley Heritage regional digital repository.

The event will be at Locust Grove, the Samuel Morse Historic site and Visitor Center on Rt, 9 in Poughkeepsie. Lunch will be provided at no charge (courtesy of a sponsor to be named later). A tour of the exquisite historic mansion will be conducted (be sure to register in advance for this tour so that Locust Grove can determine how many staff guides will be needed).

[WWW.HRVH.ORG](http://www.hrvh.org): In addition to the ever-growing number of digital objects that are being contributed by over 20 libraries and cultural heritage

organizations from the region, we hope to have several 1860's issues of the first newspaper title to be added to the collection. Its content will be searchable and accessible at the page and article level. More on this and the other HRVH collections at the debut!

So mark your calendar! Friday June 9 from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm.

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### **Delivering the Goods – Quickly**

By Patricia Carroll-Mathes

LINKOUT® allows libraries to link users directly to free and licensed full text articles from many publishers' journals located in PubMed. Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie has just received a \$350 grant from the NN/LM Middle Atlantic Region at the New York Academy of Medicine to help advance the LINKOUT® effort. VBMC will join 1464 libraries across the US already participating in LINKOUT®.

The system currently has more than 200 publishers participating with links to more than 5000 journals. While time consuming in its implementation, the LINKOUT® feature greatly enhances the value of PubMed by seamlessly delivering the article content from licensed or free journals located in searches directly to the user. Southeastern hospitals already offering this service include: Benedictine, Catskill Regional, Good Samaritan, and Helen Hayes, as well as the Nathan Kline Institute Health Sciences Library. SENYLRC staff are helping the hospitals' effort by linking all shared electronic resources and resolving various technological issues. Kathy, Tessa, and Zach all contribute efforts toward the goal of implementing LINKOUT® for all of the HLSP member hospitals.

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### **MORE NN/LM grants to SE Libraries**

By Patricia Carroll-Mathes

In addition to the LINKOUT® incentive grants already mentioned, two additional libraries are recipients of Technology Project grants awarded through the NN/LM Mid-Atlantic region located at the New York Academy of Medicine. Margaret Cirillo from The Kingston Hospital and Stuart Moss from Nathan Kline Institute will use their grant money to upgrade equipment.

### **Top Ten Reasons to Use LINKOUT®**

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9. Seamless interface for users.
8. Link to your online AND print collections.
7. Easy way to find those free full-text articles.
6. Boost the use of your collection.
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4. Save on office supplies.
3. Decrease the ordering of items that are in your collection.
2. Brand PubMed® searches with your own icons.
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### **NEW YORK STATE LIBRARY ASSISTANTS' ASSOCIATION (NYSLAA) 28TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE JUNE 7-9, 2006**

By Pamela Wolven

This year's conference entitled "Transforming Our Libraries: Managing Change - Making it Happen" will be held at the St. John's University in Queens New York. It is being hosted by the Library Assistants, Support staff and Associates (LASSA) Special Interest Group of the Metropolitan New York Library Council (METRO). Conference packets have been mailed to members of NYSLAA and all the conference information and registration forms are posted at the NYSLAA Website [www.nyslaa.org](http://www.nyslaa.org). Also visit [www.stjohns.edu](http://www.stjohns.edu) for information about the conference site.

You may also contact Donna Hanna at (585) 245-5508 for any questions regarding the conference or the organization. If you aren't already a member, please consider becoming a member of NYSLAA. Being a member not only gives you registration discounts, it is a great way to network and to keep informed of support staff issues. See the website for a membership form and other information about the organization.