

SENYLRC Matters

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A Successful 39th Annual Meeting

By John Shaloiko

Over 130 librarians, archivists, museum curators, friends and members of the press attended SENYLRC's 39th Annual Meeting at Locust Grove, The Samuel Morse Historic Site on June 9th. This was one of the largest-attended SENYLRC annual meetings in recent history!

The Annual Business Meeting was conducted by Board President Barbara Durniak (Vassar College), followed by the debut of SENYLRC's new service, Hudson River Valley Heritage regional digital repository.

During the business meeting it was announced that the Board of Trustees approved the adoption of revisions to the bylaws that creates two membership categories: governing and affiliate. In addition, the Board elected Muriel Verdibello, Director of the Newburgh Free Library, to succeed Barbara Durniak as Board President for 2006/07. Barbara completed her 2nd and final year as President of the Board.

The results of the election of the Board of Trustees were announced during the business meeting. Board members returning for a second term include David Barnhart, Stuart Moss and Lynn Miller. Elected to their first term are Danielle Boyea (Ulster School Library System) and Mary Jo Russell (Medical Library, Vassar Brothers Medical Center).

The attendees applauded departing board members May Knapp (New Paltz High School) and Mary Ellen Leimer (Newburgh Central School District).



Mary Ellen Leimer & May Knapp

Photo taken by Morgan Gwenwald

Finally, the attending members voted to approve the proposed dues revisions to \$450 for Governing Member organizations and \$150 for the new Affiliate Membership category.



Duane Watson

Photo taken by Morgan Gwenwald

The debut celebration of the Hudson River Valley Heritage (HRVH) followed. Guest speakers included Ron Patkus (Associate Director for Special Collections, Vassar College and the 1st Chair of SENYLRC's Digital Advisory Committee), Duane Watson (Curator, Wilderstein Preservation and a contributing organization to HRVH), and Colonel (Ret.) James M. Johnson (Executive Director, Hudson River Valley Institute and partnering organization with SENYLRC in the HRVH initiative).



James M. Johnson

Photo taken by Morgan Gwenwald

SENYLRC staff members Tessa Killian and Jennifer Palmentiero presented a 20 minute demonstration of the HRVH site, concluding with a 1.5 minute audio clip from HRVH of a speech by President Franklin D. Roosevelt laying the cornerstone of the Presidential Library in 1939.

After lunch catered by Portofino Ristorante (which was partially sponsored by iArchives and DiMeMa, Inc.) along with a lovely cake created by the Pastry Garden (sponsored by Hudson Microimaging from Port Ewen, NY), many of the attendees toured the Samuel Morse/Young Family mansion.



Lynn Miller, Rebecca Gerald, May Knapp and Danielle Boyea
Photo taken by Morgan Gwenwald

Finally, SENYLRC would like to extend its heartfelt gratitude to the staff of Locust Grove (in particular Kenneth Snodgrass) for graciously opening up the historic site for the event.

NY3Rs To Offer Continuous Assessment, Continuous Improvement Workshop Series

By John Shaloiko

The Newburgh Free Library is one of three locations around the state for a series of workshops on **Continuous Assessment, Continuous Improvement**. Funded through an LSTA grant awarded to the NY3Rs Association, the workshops are designed to meet a need to:

- demonstrate the impact and added value of library services within your particular community or institution;
- use practical tools for evaluating plans, services and processes more effectively;
- identify key success factors in improved customer service.

The Newburgh series is scheduled for September 18, 2006, November 14, 2006 and February 5, 2007.

A team of at least 3 people from each registered library should attend. Libraries should consider this series if there is a need to:

- encourage staff to incorporate assessment and improvement tools into daily work;
- develop a culture of continuous improvement;
- demonstrate their impact and value to funding agencies.

Sara Laughlin and Ray Wilson of Sara Laughlin and Associates will facilitate the one day workshops. The cost is \$100 per person for the series of 3 workshops. Registration deadline is August 25 with a maximum of 30 people per location. For more information and registration, go to <http://www.ny3rs.org/>

SENYLRC has a New IP Range

By Zachary Spalding

From June 19 to June 30 SENYLRC is migrating to a new IP address block as we switch to Hudson Valley Datanet as our Internet Service Provider. SENYLRC will be using the IP block 64.72.72.128/26. The old address block of 12.144.31.0/24 will no longer be used as of June 30, 2006. Any organization with a restrictive firewall should pass this information to their technology staff to ensure continuous access to SENYLRC hosted services. Additional questions about this change can be emailed to Zack at spalding@senylrc.org.

NYU Selected as Regional Medical Library for the Middle Atlantic Region and Other Changes

By Patricia Carroll-Mathes

The New York University Health Sciences Libraries, with the flagship library of Frederick L. Ehrman Medical Library, has been selected as the new Regional Medical Library for the Middle Atlantic Region of Delaware, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania, making it the first academic library to serve as host institution in this region.

The RML program, part of the National Institutes of Health, aims to improve public health by providing health professionals with equal access to biomedical information and by increasing the public's access to health information. NYU's goal is to develop permanent, integrated relationships within the

region between academic health sciences and hospital libraries and their communities that are based on those populations' health information needs. This five-year, \$7.3 million contract will award up to \$1.9 million in subcontracts and other funding to a variety of health information outreach programs conducted in partnership with community-based organizations, including public libraries.

After being based at the New York Academy of Medicine for many years, the RML is transitioning to its new home at NYU. While the 800 number will stay the same, everything else will change. You can track the changes through a new blog as well as the MAR listserv. Anyone who is curious about the new plans can read the [Technical Proposal to the National Library of Medicine](#) that explains NYU's proposed plan for the Region. Go to http://library.med.nyu.edu/library/htcontent/rmlt_echnical060706.pdf.

More changes include a new look and feel for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine <http://nnlm.gov/> website AND the NN/LM MAR regional website <http://nnlm.gov/mar>. Now health information resources for New York are easier to find through the state link, <http://nnlm.gov/mar/newyork.html> which pulls together library, governmental, and health care resources along with statistical data and health program links.

Managing Your Project for Success

By Judy Fischetti

Do you have a new building project, library renovation or new service to implement ahead of you? Are you aware of projects that were begun but never finished because of a lack of personnel, time or money? Planning the project, whether it is small or large, with consideration of essential elements such as scope, time, staff and costs and then managing these elements will result in successful completion of the new service or building project. SENYLRC is sponsoring a workshop "Getting it Done: Project Management for Librarians" on Thursday, July 27, 2006 from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm at Southeastern. This workshop will teach the elements of a project, the process for managing your project, how to build your project team, and the traits of a successful project manager. The trainer, Joseph E. Mihm accredited in the field of project management by the Project Management Institute, will apply the

principles and essential elements for successful project management to library projects. Go to <http://www.senylrc.org/ce/> for additional information and online registration.

Electronic Resources from SENYLRC – Subscribe Now!

By Tessa Killian

If your library is interested in subscribing to electronic resources for the first time or renewing, now is the time!

FirstSearch Base Package with Wilson Full Text. The cost to academic libraries is \$550. The cost to all other library types is \$400.

Gale Virtual Reference Library (*Encyclopedia of World Biography, UXL Encyclopedia of Science, Worldmark Encyclopedia of the Nations*). The subscription year is September 1, 2006 – August 31, 2007. SENYLRC is subsidizing the entire cost of the GVRL e-books for all non-profit libraries in the SENYLRC region for a second year. These e-books are listed with the other GVRL titles that are part of the state-funded NOVEL collection.

American Council of Learned Societies: History E-Book Project (Academic Libraries only). The subscription year is August 1, 2006 – July 31, 2007. The SENYLRC subsidy pays an average of \$365 per library and the library pays \$65.

A database surcharge for administrative licensing will be applied to invoices for these databases. The surcharge is 2% of the invoice total (\$40 minimum for governing and affiliate members and \$50 for non-members).

Subscription forms for these resources are on the SENYLRC website at: <http://www.senylrc.org/services/electronicresources/index.htm>. Please contact Tessa by email killian@senylrc.org or phone (845) 883-9065 with questions.

Library News

Barbara Petruzzelli of Mount Saint Mary College recently edited a book for The Haworth Press entitled "Real-Life Marketing and Promotion Strategies in College Libraries: Connecting with Campus and Community." The book, which was released in April, was co-published simultaneously as volume 12, numbers 1 and 2 of the journal, "College and Undergraduate Libraries."
