

SENYLRC Matters

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New Web Pages for Hospital Libraries

By Patricia Carroll-Mathes

The long awaited, redesigned web gateways to online medical library resources debut. Vassar Brothers Medical Center (VBMC) was the first to go live as Mary Jo Russell played a key role in coordinating the lengthy and complicated effort to create pages that would target online resources to the user whether administrators, physicians, nurses, or other clinical staff as well as highlight the evidence-based practice and patient/consumer education resources.

The initiative evolved from the hospital librarian Marketing Committee's concerns and promotional/educational efforts and the Hospital Library Services Program committee members actively participated in the redesign. The gateway efforts have been in development for several years while SENYLRC administrative and technical capabilities were enhanced. SENYLRC supports 15 different gateways which are hosted at SENYLRC and managed by Zack Spalding with Tessa Killian and Patricia Carroll-Mathes sharing responsibilities for creating and managing the content and subscription issues. New York State funded NOVEL support helped underwrite development of a customized content management administrative module so that any changes can be made to all the web gateways simultaneously. Steve Waisura of Waztech Internet Services created the elaborately configured administrative software while Andrea Waisura designed the Evidence-Based Practice Tutorial that is featured on the new gateways EBP pages.

So far, in addition to VBMC, St. Francis, Northern Dutchess, and Good Samaritan hospitals have new sites implemented while Catskill Regional Medical Center will go live in conjunction with an Open House, October 4 during National Medical Library Month.

The VBMC model can be viewed at <http://hospitalservices.senylrc.org/vassar>. Now that the kinks are worked out, all other hospitals will debut during the month of October. To assist in the changeover and to accommodate new URLs and new passwords, both new and old sites will work for several weeks.

WORKSHOPS AND DEMOS

By Judy Fischetti

Federated Searching Presentation – Oct. 17

SENYLRC, in conjunction with WALDO, is co-sponsoring an upcoming vendor demonstration on federated searching that will be hosted by SENYLRC on October 17, 2006 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. We have invited both WebFeat and Serials Solutions to present their federated search tools. There is no fee for this program, however registration is required.

Project Management Workshop – Nov. 17
Librarians and library staff from all types of libraries may be called upon to oversee building projects and implementation of new services. Whether your project is large or small, planning and management of the project can result in an on-time and on-budget implementation. SENYLRC is sponsoring a workshop "Getting it Done: Project Management for Library Staff". This workshop will cover the elements of a project, the project management process, how to build your project team and traits of a successful project manager. The program will be held at Southeastern on Friday, November 17, 2006 from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm.

Learn to use Blogs, RSS, Wikis, Flickr and More! – Dec. 12

New free tools abound on the Internet. These tools are representative of Web 2.0 or the social interactive web. Librarians can take advantage of new methods for interactive communication with their patrons and colleagues. SENYLRC will sponsor the workshop "Web 2.0 Tools for Collaborative Library Communication" on Tuesday, December 12, 2006 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. The trainer is Robert J. Lackie, Associate Professor-Librarian at Rider University and recipient of the American Library Association's "2006 Kenneth Haycock Award for Promoting Librarianship". Take advantage of this opportunity to learn cutting edge, innovative ways to present information about your library to your patrons.

For more information and online registration for these programs, go to <http://www.senylrc.org/ce/>, or call Southeastern at (845) 883-9065.

SENYLRC Welcomes New Affiliate Members

By John Shaloiko

The following libraries and organizations are new affiliate members of SENYLRC. These organizations have been contributing digital formats of parts of their collections into SENYLRC's **Hudson River Valley Heritage**. Most have been participating in the 1 ½ year long *"Training for Digital Asset Management Through the Hudson River Valley Heritage Program."*

Chester Historical Society
 Columbia County Historical Society
 Consortium of Rhinebeck History
 Dutchess County Historical society
 Haviland-Heidgerd Historical Collection at the Elting Library
 Heermance Memorial Library
 Hudson River Valley Institute
 Huguenot Historical Society
 Library Association of Rockland County
 Locust Grove, the Samuel B. Morse Historic Site
 Marlboro Free Library
 Millbrook Free Library
 National Maritime Historical Society
 Orangetown Historical Museum and Archives
 Somers Historical society
 Tuxedo Park Library
 Woodstock Byrdcliffe Guild
 Woodstock Public Library

Hudson River Valley Heritage – Browsing Collections

By Tessa Killian

HRVH includes collections from 23 organizations. Several of these organizations have organized their digitized materials into multiple sub-collections that can be browsed by the user. This is a great way for people to learn about the different subject areas that are included. From the main digital collections page [<http://www.hrvh.org/collections/>] select an organization to see their sub-collections. Here is a sample list of sub-collections in HRVH:

Bard College: The Tivoli Collection
 Orange County Community College: The Horton Family Collection

Library Association of Rockland County: The [Palisades Free Library Collection](#)

Tuxedo Park Library: The Sterling Mines Photograph Collection

Woodstock Public Library: The Maverick Musicians Portraits

HRVH Highlighting New Items

By Zack Spalding

SENYLRC recently implemented an RSS feed for the HRVH site that will highlight new or modify items to the HRVH web site. Anyone viewing the web site with an RSS capable browser such as FireFox, Safari, or Internet Explorer version 7 will notice an RSS icon next to the HRVH URL that if clicked, will allow that person to subscribe to the HRVH RSS Feed. Anyone else using some type of RSS Reader can subscribe to the HRVH RSS feed at www.hrvh.org/rss.php. For general information on the RSS technology, the following Wiki [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RSS_\(file_format\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/RSS_(file_format)) will provide lots of helpful information.

Passings

We were sorry to learn that two library colleagues recently passed away. Both men were residents of New Paltz and worked in college library circulation departments in the area.

Dennis O'Keefe died on August 28, 2006. A 1973 graduate of SUNY New Paltz, O'Keefe worked in the circulation department at the Sojourner Library since 1983. He was well known in the library, on campus and in the New Paltz community for his service as a volunteer firefighter, collections of vintage New Paltz postcards and many other interests.

<http://oracle.newpaltz.edu/article.cfm?id=2474>

Byron Joseph Preston died on September 4, 2006. He graduated from SUNY New Paltz in 1997 and his most recent employment position was the Circulation Manager for the Curtin Memorial Library, Mount St. Mary College. Preston had also worked at the Huguenot Historical Society where he led tours and worked in the Library and Archives.

<http://web.mac.com/mrsichero/iWeb/Site/Blog/287BB508-AF28-4CD4-B1D2-780033BB00C5.html>

2006 Award for Excellence for Hudson River Valley Heritage

By Tessa Killian

The Hudson River Valley Heritage [<http://www.hrvh.org>] service received a 2006 Award for Excellence by the Lower Hudson Conference of Historical Agencies (LHC). The award is in recognition of a collaborative initiative among libraries and cultural heritage organizations in eight Hudson River counties. The award will be presented along with 14 others at the LHC Annual Meeting on October 6, 2006 at the Harness Racing Museum & Hall of Fame in Goshen, NY.

A Special Break for Southeastern Staff

By Pamela Wolven

Maybe you were listening and heard that the Southeastern staff won a coffee break from the local radio station Mix 97.7. On Friday, September 22nd, Bob Miller, the Morning Mix DJ, arrived at Southeastern bearing coffee, bagels and all the fixings from the Casablanca Coffee Company. For the week leading up to the visit, Southeastern was mentioned many times on the radio station. Our visit was even discussed on Bob Miller's show the following Monday. Southeastern received much publicity, had a great coffee break and got to hobnob with a local radio celebrity.



Bob Miller with Southeastern staff

Welcome to Child Find of America Inc.

By Judy Fischetti

SENYLRC is pleased to welcome Child Find of America Inc. to the SENYLRC building as a tenant. They are a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to the prevention and resolution of child abduction. Child Find of America moved in earlier this month, leasing space

which became available last fall when workshop and meeting room renovation was completed on the lower level.

Child Find director Donna Linder had favorable things to say about their recent move, "We were made to feel very welcome and appreciate all the help moving in. The space is spectacular and we hope to be here as a good neighbor for a long time."

New Neighbors across the Street

By Judy Fischetti

SENYLRC will soon have new neighbors across the street! Construction is underway across South Elting Corners Road for a Lowe's Home Improvement store. If you have visited Southeastern's offices, you may remember seeing an area with overgrown brush and woods across the street. Now it appears quite different as construction vehicles have been hard at work since August, transforming the space into a new Lowe's. So far, the driveways are taking shape. The building is expected to be up by November and the store's opening is anticipated for spring of 2007.



Conservation Preservation Grant Applications Now Available

The New York State Program for the Conservation and Preservation of Library Research materials provides \$500,000 each year for preserving materials in the collections of libraries, archives, historical societies and similar agencies. There is a strong competition for the \$500,000. The grant awards in 2007/08 will be limited to a minimum of \$1,500 and a maximum of \$30,000.

The Conservation Preservation Discretionary Grant Application for 2007/2008 is now available at www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/cp. If you wish to have a copy of the application and guidelines mailed to

you, please contact Julie Chiplock at (518) 474-7890. Applications must be received in the New York State Library's Division of Library Development office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 1, 2006. There will be no extension of this deadline.

Questions about the program should be addressed to: Barbara Lilley, Conservation/Preservation Program Officer, New York State Library,

10-B-41 Cultural Education Center, Albany, NY 12230. Telephone (518) 486-4864, or email: blilley@mail.nysed.gov or visit our website at www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/cp.

Sara McCain Retires from New York State Library

Sara McCain retired from the New York State Library's Division of Library Development effective September 21, 2006. She worked at DLD for more than 20 years, including serving as coordinator of federal programs, manager for the statewide Hospital Library Services Program (HLSP) from 1984 to 1998 and in 2000, she was appointed as the state library liaison to the 3 R's councils. SENYLRC staff collaborated with McCain during her time at the state library to implement hospital library services as well as new regional projects begun with federal LSCA and LSTA funds. We wish Sara a very happy retirement.

NY State Library Sponsors Free Teleconferences

The New York State Library's Division of Library Development arranged a statewide license with the College of DuPage to provide five exciting new professional development teleconferences for New York's 7,000 libraries and library systems. Viewers can see these live teleconferences on desktop computers via video streaming or via satellite downlink.

There is no fee for these programs; however registration in advance is required. Register online at the College of DuPage website: <https://www.cod.edu/secure/software/registerteleconf.htm>. As you complete the registration form, leave the "Method of Payment" section blank, and fill in the "Billing Information" section only. No invoice will be sent as long as a New York address is entered.

The first teleconference, Soaring to Excellence -- "Best New Technologies: Keeping up with the storm," will be shown on October 27, 2006 from 12:00 - 1:30 pm.

For the schedule of programs and additional information, go to the New York State Library website:

<http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/dupage.htm>

Learning Spaces e-Book

From the CNI listserv

CNI Associate Executive Director Joan Lippincott has written a chapter, "Linking the Information Commons to Learning," which appears in a newly-published EDUCAUSE e-book entitled "Learning Spaces". In the piece, Lippincott provides an in-depth exploration of the term 'information commons' and how it relates to learning. This chapter should help those involved in planning information commons make choices that ensure the space supports the academic mission of the institution.

Much of this collection will likely be of interest to the CNI community. To highlight a few chapters: Co-authors Cyprien Lomas, of the University of British Columbia, and Diana G. Oblinger, director of the EDUCAUSE Learning Initiative (ELI), discuss the alignment between the traits and habits of students and the spaces in which they work in their chapter "Student Practices and Their Impact on Learning Spaces."

In "Trends in Learning Space Design," Malcolm Brown of Dartmouth College and MIT's Philip Long consider trends in both new construction and renovation, and they examine how they relate to learning theory and technological advances. Learning technologies consultant Christopher Johnson, in his chapter "Sustaining and Supporting Learning Spaces," highlights the need to support learning spaces, and provides readers with useful guidelines and examples of how some institutions have approached sustaining these environments.

The publication is freely available at <http://www.educause.edu/learningspaces>.
