

SENYLRC Matters

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Technology Immersion Award from NLM

SENYLRC has just been notified that it is the successful applicant for the \$25,000 Technology Immersion Grant through the National Library of Medicine and its Middle Atlantic Region Medical Library based at New York University.

The Project, **Library Consortium & Open Source = Discovery Services for Health Science Libraries**, which will begin in September and continue into next fall, will demonstrate the use of open source software applications to improve upon existing web-based services and deliver a next-generation searching and retrieval capability to member libraries in the SENYLRC region. We were one of ten applicants for the single award in the four state NN/LM region.

The Pilot project health science library partners are Vassar Brothers Medical Center (VBMC) in Poughkeepsie and Nathan S. Kline Institute for Psychiatric Research (NKI) in Orangeburg. These two RML member libraries will work with SENYLRC staff and contracted programmers to provide additional functionality, test and evaluate the Koha integrated library system software, and to create new individual library website templates using the Drupal content management system.

The project will result in separate instances of a discovery platform for each library, allowing them to better target and serve the needs of their unique user community. Through this pilot project, SENYLRC staff will acquire the necessary experience with open source software (Koha and Drupal), and develop a new Drupal module – an electronic resource management system to enable SENYLRC staff to more easily administer shared electronic resources links on the SENYLRC-hosted multiple library websites.

Upon successful completion of the development and pilot implementation phase, SENYLRC will migrate other hospital libraries to the new services and offer them to other special libraries. After development, these applications of open source software will be made freely available to the medical library community, for other consortia and/or multi-institutions to adopt or adapt to meet their own service needs.

SENYLRC Welcomes New Affiliate Members

Two organizations, a library and a cultural heritage organization, have been accepted as members to the Southeastern NY Library Resources Council this month. Both organizations are interested in contributing digital collections to the Hudson River Valley Heritage service.

Cornwall Public Library
Cornwall, NY
(Karen LaRocca-Fels)

Hudson Valley Visual Arts Collection Research Center
New Paltz, NY
(Sara J. Pasti)

For a complete list of SENYLRC's Governing and Affiliate Members, visit:

www.senylrc.org/members/directories/members.htm

Solutions for Hard Times: Cutting Costs and Improving Library Services – A Library Unconference

SENYLRC's Continuing Education Committee needs your help in planning their very first "unconference," **Solutions for Hard Times: Cutting Costs While Improving Services** to be held on November 20, 2009. During their meetings last spring, committee members discussed the impact of budget cuts at their libraries. The discussions grew into plans for a region wide unconference to further the discussion with other librarians and library staff. What is an "unconference?" This free professional development workshop allows everyone to be an active participant. You pick the topics and join in the discussion or discussions of your choice. Please fill out a brief survey to help determine areas of greatest interest. Go to:

www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=Um5fkSuoZlIOBZn6jpfXPA_3d_3d

Conference planners include CE Committee Chair Susan Kraat, SUNY New Paltz; Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Mid-Hudson Library System; Betsy Cawley, Bard College; Wendy Swik, USMA, West Point and Judy Fischetti, SENYLRC.

Please respond to the survey by Friday, September 18, 2009. Thank you.

Digitization Basics for Hudson River Valley Heritage: A Workshop Series Required for Contributors to HRVH

Is your organization interested in providing web access to images of historic items from your collections? The Hudson River Valley Heritage (www.hrvh.org) service, administered by SENYLRC, is a digital repository designed for contributions from multiple organizations. The first step to contributing images to HRVH is to learn about the various aspects of digitization.

SENYLRC is offering a four-day workshop series on digitization for staff at libraries, archives, art organizations, and historical societies. These workshops are for people ready to be trained in the five basic areas of digitization necessary to contribute digital objects to www.hrvh.org: management, copyright, digital imaging, metadata and CONTENTdm (software application). The goal is to develop staff with expertise to create and maintain digital collections, on their own, with the assistance of SENYLRC staff.

Organizations that currently contribute to HRVH are encouraged to send new staff members to the training or attend again if they need a refresher on any of the topics covered in the workshops.

Please visit this web page for information about the HRVH service, details about the workshops, and a link to the online registration page: www.hrvh.org/about/workshops.htm.

Workshop schedule:

Management Essentials and Copyright Issues
Tuesday, September 29, 2009
9:30 am - 4:00 pm
Trainer - Tessa Killian

Introduction to Scanning
Wednesday, October 7, 2009
9:30 am - 4:00 pm
Trainer - Jennifer Palmentiero

Metadata for Digital Projects
Wednesday, October 21, 2009
9:30 am - 4:00 pm
Trainer - Jennifer Palmentiero

Develop and Manage Digital Collections Using CONTENTdm™

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Trainer – Jennifer Palmentiero

Workshop location & directions:

Southeastern New York Library Resources Council
21 S. Elting Corners Road
Highland, New York 12528
Phone: (845) 883-9065
Fax: (845) 883-9483

Driving directions:

www.senylrc.org/about/directions.htm

Please let Tessa Killian <killian@senylrc.org> know if you have any questions. Thank you.



New Exhibit in Hudson River Valley Heritage: Celebrations of the Hudson



www.hrvh.org

This new exhibit in Hudson River Valley Heritage, *Celebrations of the Hudson*, brings together content from the collections of Vivian Yess Wadlin, digitized by Hudson River Valley Institute, the Newburgh Free Library, the Marlboro Free Library, the Nyack Library, and the Hudson Area Library Association.

John Shaloiko Appointed to Nylink Advisory Board

Representing the regional library councils around the state, John was recently appointed as a member of the new Nylink Advisory Board (formerly Nylink Council). Also on the Board from this region is Barbara Petruzzelli, Mount Saint Mary College. The first meeting will be a retreat on September 14-15 in Albany. It is anticipated that it will be a challenging year for the board, as Nylink finds itself in a very changed relationship with OCLC.

Book Repair Workshop Scheduled for September 25, 2009

SENYLRC is sponsoring a fourth session of the very popular **Book Repair Workshop** to be held on Friday, September 25, 2009 from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm (registration at 12:45 pm).

Trainer, Kary Barth from KAPCO demonstrates how to protect books as well as repair them.

If you are interested in attending this free class, please register ASAP. The other classes filled up in three days after email announcements were made.

For full class information and online registration, go to www.senylrc.org/ce/

PubMed Training

If you missed the PubMed training at SENYLRC in June, you might be interested in this free class being offered at the New York Medical College in Valhalla on Wednesday, October 14, 2009, 8:30 am — 5:00 pm. For further details and online registration, go to:

nmlm.gov/ntcc/classes/index.html

Confused About Health Reform? Looking For Quality Information to Help Your Users?

A great source of current, unbiased and free information is the Kaiser Family Foundation's Health Reform Gateway. healthreform.kff.org/

A leader in health policy and communications, the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF) is a non-profit, private operating foundation focusing on the major health care issues facing the U.S., as well as the U.S. role in global health policy. Unlike grant-making foundations, Kaiser develops and runs its own research and communications programs,

sometimes in partnership with other non-profit research organizations or major media companies.

KFF serves as a non-partisan source of facts, information, and analysis for policymakers, the media, the health care community, and the public. Kaiser Health News is a large-scale health news and information service on the Web. This and the other related web sites feature both KFF data as well as the latest and best data from others, to help to ensure that everyone has the same kind of information and access to events as insiders do.

For example, it presents a more nuanced view of the latest news such as Kathleen Sibelius's comments this weekend on CNN, as well as other late breaking news.

www.kaiserhealthnews.org/Daily-Reports/2009/August/17/Public-Option.aspx

Consider signing up for **Health Policy Picks**, a monthly selection of recent publications from organizations and government agencies that conduct research and policy analysis on health care issues. Free email subscriptions are available.

July's Health Policy Picks:

www.kaiseredu.org/picks/health_policy_picks.aspx

included recently released publications focusing on the health reform debate including the following reports:

- *Is the Public Plan Option a Necessary Part of Health Reform?* from the Urban Institute
- *Side-by-Side Comparison of Major Health Care Reform Proposals* from the Kaiser Family Foundation updated 8/7/09 <http://www.kff.org/healthreform/sidebyside.cfm>
- *Report to the Congress: Improving Incentives in the Medicare Program* from the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission

Health Policy Picks is a partnership between KaiserEDU.org and the New York Academy of Medicine Library's Grey Literature Collection, nyam.org/library/pages/grey_literature_report.

Libraries in the News

In preparation for its return to 93 Market Street, the Adriance Memorial Library, Poughkeepsie Public Library District, closed its temporary location on Bancroft Road. The newly renovated Adriance Memorial Library on Market Street will reopen to the public in early October.