Wilderstein’s NEH Grant Underway

The Wilderstein Historic Site, Rhinebeck NY, received a $50,000 NEH Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections award in the fall of 2012, providing expert environmental preservation advice through a team of two conservators and an architect.

The 1888-89 mansion houses 400 linear feet of manuscript material dating from 1706-1991; 30,000 photographs, 4,000 costumes and textiles; over 10,000 books; as well as maps, architectural drawings, works of art on paper, oil paintings and the furnishings and personal artifacts of five generations of the Suckley family.

The consultants are utilizing more than two years of climate data collected on site to form the basis of their recommendations. The goal is to create a plan for a stable, cost effective, sustainable environment using conservation measures that mitigate deterioration and prolong the useful life of collections. These measures will help manage relative humidity, temperature, light and pollutants in storage, exhibition and interpretation spaces.

The team will lead a workshop in May with staff, board, volunteers and representatives of local organizations. The final report and a white paper will be available to other interested organizations.

full article at www.senylrc.org

Getting Social with Southeastern

You always knew you could find us in Highland, and we’ve been at www.senylrc.org for a while, but now there are a few more ways to keep up with Southeastern through our social media sites! You can:

⇒ Like us on Facebook
⇒ Follow us on Twitter
⇒ Link up on LinkedIn
⇒ Like HRVH on Facebook
⇒ Join the conversation!

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Women’s History Month on Display at HRVH

In honor of Women’s History month eight organizations collaborated with Hudson River Valley Heritage to create an online exhibit featuring the stories of several 19th and 20th century women. The collection, Women of the Hudson Valley, can be found at: http://omeka.hrvh.org/exhibits/show/women-of-the-hudson-valley/ and highlights women’s contributions to the arts, the professions, reform movements and the home. The personal stories are supported by primary sources and visitors may enrich their experience by viewing historical documents and photographs found in the digital collections at Hudson River Valley Heritage (www.hrvh.org).

Seen at left, an item from the Woodstock Artists Association & Museum Permanent Collection.

Medical Journal Program Available to All

All SENYLRC member libraries are now eligible to participate in the National Library of Medicine’s Journal Donation System.

Since April 2009, NLM has made it possible for libraries to submit volumes of the medical, biomedical and science print journals they plan to discard. Previously, the program was restricted to DOCLINE libraries and titles. This January, NLM launched Version 2, making way for non-DOCLINE libraries.

The system can be accessed on their website at www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/jdonate/index.cfm (free registration required.) For additional assistance, contact NLM at (301) 496-0081 or by email at NLMJournalDonation@mail.nlm.nih.gov.

Since the beginning of the online donation system in April 2009, a total of 8,230 gifts have been added to the collection. NLM hopes that with the enhancements in Version 2, they can build on the success achieved to date.

SE-SLC Goes Mobile

SE-SLC’s online site is now optimized for smart phone use! The Southeastern Special Library Catalog is on the web at koha.senylrc.org, but if you must know on the go, you can now use the mobile version of the site to search the catalog for instant access to information about collections from the dozens of SENYLRC member libraries with catalogs on the site. If you would like more information about using this resource, please contact either: Judy: judyf@senylrc.org or Zack: spalding@senylrc.org

Find SE-SLC at seslc.senylrc.org/ Or click on the QR code above to go to the mobile site.
Connecting to Collections Grant on the Horizon

SENYLRC is partners with the Greater Hudson Heritage Network for a Connecting to Collections (C2C) Implementation Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

The goals of this project are to meet specific preservation training needs of cultural and educational institutions (academic and public libraries and archives, museums, historical societies and archival repositories) as they pertain to the top four “at risk” collection types: Books and Paper, Photographic Collections, Digital Materials, and Historic Objects.

This is a grant-funded opportunity to learn new approaches to preservation needs and receive expert assistance with “at risk” collections. The first two webinars will cover “Disaster Prevention Preparedness” and the second webinar will cover “Response and Recovery.” Project goals will be accomplished through a number of activities including a webinar series, “how to” video tutorials, creation of a knowledge portal, and a circuit rider mentoring program.

The webinars will begin in June.

Sound & Story Workshop in Poughkeepsie

Are you curious about the world of audio recording? Do you have a cherished story to record? Learn about audio recording, interviewing, and volunteer opportunities at The Sound and Story Project’s upcoming workshop, Recording Stories in Sound: the Basics of Audio Recording and Interviewing. This free workshop will be held on March 16th from 10am to 1pm at Adriance Memorial Library in Poughkeepsie, NY.

Whether you want to record your aging parents, sounds in your neighborhood or volunteer, this workshop will get you off to a good start.

For more information, email Eileen McAdam at emcadam@hvc.rr.com. To hear about more workshops, sign up for Sound and Story’s newsletter at soundandstory.org or “like” them on Facebook.com/soundandstory.

Meet Maureen Moore of Orange/Ulster BOCES

We’re delighted to introduce you to Maureen Moore, who started as the School Library System Coordinator of Orange/Ulster BOCES in January, 2013. In this role, she is committed to library media program excellence through professional development and training to the district’s librarians and teachers.

She manages subscriptions and online databases and stays abreast of Common Core standards.

Prior to joining OU BOCES, Maureen was a middle school librarian at the Marlboro, NY Central School District for three years.

Maureen currently lives in Ellenville, and when she isn’t working she is either hiking the Shawangunk mountains with her Jack Russell, Bodhi, or reading a great book.
Technology and Trends Webinars Are a Hit!

We’re happy to report that the first batch of webinars presented by SENYLRC have been a resounding success. Experts in their fields have joined us to speak about transformation, website development, academic repositories, digital library initiatives, and modern pathfinders among other topics. Each presenter has joined us for two hours of interactive presentations.

There are four more webinars to come in March! (details are on the first page of this newsletter.) If you missed a session, please contact Tessa Killian for a URL to the webinar archive.

Don’t miss this opportunity to hear national experts, free of charge, thanks to support by Federal Library Services and Technology Act funds, awarded to the New York State Library by the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services.

We want to hear from you!

Do you have news to share for an upcoming edition of our newsletter? Maybe news of a new hire, a goodbye to a retiring colleague, a successful grant, or a great anecdote? We want to share your stories with your fellow member libraries in the Southeastern region. Please send article ideas to Carolyn at carolyn@senylrc.org. (Duane at Wilderstein did it, and now they’re our lead story!)

We encourage articles, story ideas and photographs of the good things that are happening at our member libraries.