In January of 1994, John Shalioko and his family had to arrange for moving trucks to negotiate two feet of snow as they moved into their new home in the Hudson Valley. Perhaps they brought a little Buffalo with them as John transitioned from his job as the Assistant Director of Western New York Library Resources Council to his new job as the Executive Director of Southeastern New York Resources Council, where he started work on August of 1993.

He arrived when there was one computer for seven staff members, and nothing was automated. Within his first two years, temp employees were hired to do retrospective conversion of regional collections, all staff got computers, the first website went up and a server was installed in the council office.

SENYLRC’s services to libraries grew to include collaboration through technology, like shared consortial purchasing of CD-ROM databases. In 1999, John negotiated favorable licensing agreements for Virtual Document eXchange (VDX) to create electronic Regional Interlibrary Loan. He hired Judy Fischetti as a temporary employee to work on the project. She is still here today, administering SEAL for members.

After years of planning, SENYLRC became the first regional council to create a digital repository service to share the digital assets of members. Tessa Killian and Jen Palmentiero were instrumental in building the structure which became Hudson River Valley Heritage.

Throughout, SENYLRC continued to develop programs to support hospital and special libraries, and kept adding more servers and technology solutions.

Around 2000, John saw the office was bursting at the seams, and began a complex 5-year process which culminated in the office moving to its current Highland location in 2004, saving considerable money over the old rental.

Looking back on his work, John compares it to his favorite hobby, bonsai. When growing a tree one needs patience and vision, and flexibility to modify plans as the tree grows. Eventually, you can sit back and enjoy the product of your creativity. Congratulations, John!

John Shalioko at SENYLRC: A Timeline

1967 SENYLRC is founded
1993 John is appointed as Executive Director
1994 First SENYLRC server installed
1999 SEAL Debuts
2000 VDX Debuts
2004 SENYLRC opens new Highland office
2006 HRVH Debuts
2013 New Strategic Plan
Regional Interlibrary Loan Code and Procedures

In the mid-1980’s, libraries began sending interlibrary loan requests point-to-point to each other locating those materials by using Catfiche, the regional union catalog on microfiche. In order to govern the regional borrowing and lending materials, the Regional Interlibrary Loan Committee created the first “Regional Interlibrary Loan Code and Procedures”.

The Code and Procedures have been revised several times since that time. The last major revision was in 2002-03 in response to changes made to resource sharing in the region by regional libraries using SEAL – Southeastern Access to Libraries ILL System for electronic placement and management of requests.

Every interlibrary loan practitioner in the region who borrows and loans items to other libraries in the region should be aware and familiar with these documents. The code lists responsibilities for borrowers and lenders and gives oversight to SENYLRC’s RIC committee for an annual review. The RIC committee reviewed the documents at their meeting in May. Thomas Berman, Manager of Reference Services at the Nyack Library and Chair of RIC for 2011-2013, led the committee’s discussion. No changes were made at this time to the documents. The committee makes changes to the procedures document as determined necessary. Any change to the Regional Code recommended by RIC must be approved by school library system advisory boards and boards of trustees of the region’s public library systems and SENYLRC.

The documents are available via the Internet at http://www.senylrc.org/services/resourcesharing/illcodeandprocedures.htm

Medical Information Services Program

We’d like to remind all library staff that you, and your patrons, users, students, and so on, are eligible to request articles from medical and healthcare journals for personal or professional or academic purposes. This service is available at no additional cost to members.

In the past year SENYLRC filled 344 medical requests through the Medical Information Services Program (MISP) with 37% of filled requests going to academic libraries, 14% to public health professionals, 35% to hospital staff, and 14% to public library and school library users.

Keep MISP in mind when teaching or at the reference desk or processing ILL requests. For more information contact Patricia Carroll-Mathes at pcarroll@senylrc.org.

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It’s the start of a new school year! Why not take advantage of a Lynda license to learn something new?

If you’re artistically inclined and want to improve your computer skills, we recommend checking out the video series hosted by Deke McClelland: http://www.lynda.com/Deke-McClelland/98-1.html

“Deke’s Techniques” are regularly released short tutorials that highlight specific Photoshop and Illustrator projects.

Are you more of a managerial type? Todd Dewett is a new author on Lynda with a series of videos on tips for managing teams: http://www.lynda.com/Todd-Dewett/1516963-1.html

Lynda.com licenses are available to all SENYLRC members at no charge. For details and registration visit: http://www.senylrc.org/blog/2013/01/23/lynda-com-coming-to-southeastern/
Sound and Story’s Cube on the Move

Sound and Story, a SENYLRC partner organization, is celebrating the first public appearance of The Cube, a one of a kind recording booth. It will debut at The Stone Ridge Public Library on Sunday, September 15, 2013 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Attendees will have a chance to hear local stories, tour The Cube, and enjoy refreshments.

Those who would like to have their own story recorded in The Cube on September 16th or 17th can email soundandstoryhv@gmail.com.

The Cube will travel across The Hudson Valley collecting stories and preserving them for the future. Look for The Cube at the Hudson River Maritime Museum, Nyack Library, Somers Historical Society, the New Rochelle Public Library, and the Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Sites. The schedule is published at soundandstory.org.

Initial funding for this project was provided by a grant to SENYLRC from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

NY3RS: Collaboration = Doing More with More

Collaboration is the word of the year with the NY3Rs. As a follow up to the I2NY Final Report which was released this summer, the nine councils of New York State have created working groups to focus on six initiatives with the goal of improving statewide collaboration.

The initiatives include: access to electronic materials, creation of a Digital Public Library of America (DLPA) hub, e-publishing for libraries, innovative deployment of staff, connecting library services to student outcomes, and improving communications.

This fall, representatives from around the state will begin working together to create solutions for practical implementation of these initiatives.

More details and updates are on the NY3Rs page here: http://www.ny3rs.org/i2ny/

Links of Interest for our Members

We’ve scoured the Internet for some of the more interesting stories of note for librarians recently. Enjoy!

The gloves (the white cotton gloves, that is) are off in the British National Archives: http://blog.nationalarchives.gov.uk/blog/the-gloves-are-off/

The National Library of Medicine has a variety of resources for K-12 librarians and educators: http://nnlm.gov/mar/newsletter/2013/08/explore-discover-enjoy-nlm-resources-for-k-12-populations/

They also just posted an interesting article about internet security: http://nnlm.gov/mar/newsletter/2013/08/privacy-and-security-on-the-web-how-to-protect-yourself/

What would you do with an hour to work on whatever you wanted? http://www.webjunction.org/news/
Meanwhile, in the Conference Room...

SENYLRC saw a fair share of visitors this past August! As part of our commitment to providing our members with Continuing Education, we hosted a handful of events this summer.

Pictured, from left to right: C2C development workshop: Jen Palmentiero, Priscilla Brendler, Kerry Sclafani. Hospital Libraries Drupal Class: Kathy Fiola Zack Spalding, Mary Evans. Koha training class: Janet Caruso, Rhonda Altonen, Kathy Fiola, Mary Evans, Mary Jo Russell, Frank Appell.

If you missed out, never fear, our calendar is booking up quickly this fall. You’ll find a listing of upcoming workshops and meetings here in SENYLRC Matters, as well as on our blog and Facebook page as they are announced. If you have any questions or ideas about future programs, please let us know!

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.

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