

SENYLRC Matters

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Strategic Plan Update John Shaloiko

In the spring of 2012, SENYLRC's Board of Trustees approved a three-year strategic plan including two major strategic initiatives.

The first calls for SENYLRC to *"revisit its role in the library community in the light of fiscal constraints and rapidly changing technology. This could result in redefining SENYLRC's mission in exploring greater collaboration and potential affiliations with other library systems"* A Dyson Foundation grant has allowed SENYLRC to partner with the Center for Governmental Research to conduct a feasibility study. In November and December, Scott Sittig

from CGR had discussions with the Board and neighboring regional library system directors. As of this writing, we await the preliminary recommendations from CGR which will be reviewed and discussed prior to final recommendations to the Board.

The second strategic initiative calls for the *"review and assessment of the viability of SENYLRC programs and services."* Last fall, seven ad hoc committees reviewed continuing education, coordinated collective development, resource sharing, The Hudson River Valley Heritage Service, the KOHA special library catalog



John Shaloiko, SENYLRC Executive Director

service, the hospital library services program, and information technology services. The Planning Committee is currently reviewing and discussing recommendations submitted by the ad hoc committees.

full article at www.senylrc.org

Continuing Education Webinars

SENYLRC is producing a series of webinars this winter about technology and trends in libraries. These 11 webinars were developed for you, libraries in the Southeastern region.

This series is supported by Federal Library Services and Technology Act funds, awarded to the New York State Library by the Federal Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The presenters are experts in their field from across the nation.

Full program details and registration information for the series are available on our website.

Upcoming Events

Register for all webinars at:
www.senylrc.org/reg/

January 16

Learning Everywhere: The Transformative Power of Hyperlinked Libraries
Webinar 10am-12:pm

January 24

An Interactive Approach to Designing a Library Website
Webinar 10am-12pm

January 26

Using Primary Sources to Teach the Hudson Valley #2
@SENYLRC 10am-4pm

January 30

Scholarly Communication
Webinar 10am-12pm

February 6

Digital Library Initiatives Part 1: Digital Public Library of America
Webinar 10am-12pm

February 9

Using Primary Sources to Teach the Hudson Valley #3
@SENYLRC 10am-4pm

February 14

Digital Library Initiatives Part 2: The Internet Archive
Webinar 10am-12pm

Grant Awards Hospital Librarians New iPads

SENYLRC member hospital libraries are now able to engage more healthcare staff where they are—conference rooms, libraries, hallways, offices, and other offsite locations thanks to new iPads.

The iPads were awarded through a grant project, *Medical Librarians Teaching Staff Where They Can Be Found: Applying Mo-*

bile Technology to Hospital Services in the Southeastern Region, to enable librarians to demonstrate and promote online medical resources content to hospital staff in the region and encourage greater usage of trusted online content.

Mary Ann Van Benschoten of Catskill Regional recently demonstrated the new iPads to her staff at an open



Mary Ann Van Benschoten working with her new iPad

house meeting. They are one of seven hospitals receiving iPads for Library use through a grant awarded by the National Library of Medicine, Middle Atlantic Region, Health Sciences Library, University of Pittsburgh.

SENYLRC staff gave the hospitals full training and demonstrations for using their new iPads.

Lynda.com Accounts Available to Members

Starting February 1, 2013 access to lynda.com will be available to all SENYLRC members through a special licensing agreement with New York State Regional Councils.

The lynda.com website offers top-quality video tutorials in subjects of interest to libraries, including business, design, web development,



software and photography. You can check out the service to get ready for the license start date by browsing the courses offered on their website, even without a login.

The videos are produced by expert teachers, and you can watch what you want, when you want, even on your mobile device. New courses are added weekly.

More details about how to borrow licenses from SENYLRC will be available on our blog in the coming weeks.

Hudson River Valley Heritage: What's Old is New

HRVH collections continue to grow. The Saugerties Public Library and the Grinnell Library Association have recently added materials celebrating the history of their respective communities. The Newburgh Heritage Collection consists of records dating from 1791 to the early 19th century documenting the socio-

economic, religious, bureaucratic and cultural history of Newburgh. The FDR Presidential Library & Museum contributed photographs of early Hyde Park and items related to the



Roosevelt family photograph, 1889

Roosevelt Family, including a family history FDR wrote as a sophomore at Harvard College in 1901. All of these collections (and many more) can be found at hrvh.org.

Meet the New Faces at SENYLRC

Carolyn has been working at SENYLRC for two weeks and accomplished so much already, including editing this newsletter! You will see her name on council email messages and blog posts, and member libraries



Carolyn Bennett, Program Assistant for Communications

will have the opportunity to meet her at council meetings

and events. She is currently a graduate student in Information and Library Science at SUNY Albany.

When Carolyn isn't at work or school, she's likely swimming in a pool or maybe the Hudson River.

Ben is an independent contractor working as our Accounting Manager. Ben's efficient and organized skills in QuickBooks have advised us on organizing SENYLRC's accounting procedures. According to



Ben Shor, Accounting Manager

John Shaloiko, Ben has been "a tremendous asset for the transition."

Ben hails from Cottekill, NY, where he lives with his wife. He also has an adult son, two dogs and two cats, and loves hiking, traveling and exploring.

New Dean at SUNY New Paltz Library

This past July, SUNY New Paltz welcomed a new Dean of the Sojourner Truth Library. W. Mark Colvson is a familiar face in the Hudson Valley, having most recently served as the associate director of the library at Marist College and as the director for library systems at West Point prior to that. His wife, Debra Bucher, is the head of collec-

tion development and research services at Vassar College.

Colvson will be overseeing the renovation of the library over the next year, which he sees as his biggest challenge and his best opportunity to make the library effective in serving the community. He will work on initiatives to collaborate with other

libraries in our region and build a campus-wide conversation on how the library can best support the work of the College.



**W. Mark Colvson
Dean, Sojourner Truth Library**

New Library Director at The Culinary Institute

In October 2012, Eric Hinsdale became the Director of Library and Information Services at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York. Prior to this new appointment, he was the Director of Information Resources at TCS Education System in Michigan and he has worked in library technology at



Eric Hinsdale, Director of Library and Information Services, The Culinary Institute of America

Michigan Technological University, Carleton College, and the University of Minnesota.

Hinsdale received his BA from Trinity University and his MLS from Simmons College.

The Conrad N. Hilton Library houses nearly 86,000 volumes and 280 current periodicals and maintains the CIA's archives and special collections of menus and rare books.

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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.

One of Our Newest Members: Mohonk Preserve

There has been a flurry of activity in the Shawangunk Mountains this winter, and this time it's not from the snow or the cross country skiers.

One of our newest members, Mohonk Preserve-Daniel Smiley Research Center, has been hard at work cataloging their historical holdings of landscape architecture, horticulture, silviculture, 19th and 20th century aesthetic forestry and park design, and natural and cultural history. The library collection is comprised of rare and valuable volumes and sets, including 7,000 volumes on natural history dating from 1800 to the present and 13 databases

on climate and weather.

In order to get all of these treasures cataloged, the organization has en-

listed the help of four graduate student interns who have spent their winter break living at the Mohonk Preserve's Foothills house and

working with the collection.

This project is an important part of protecting and preserving the Shawangunk Mountains and will give researchers access to the Preserve's library holdings.



Mohonk Preserve