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Western New York Library Resources Council

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WNYLRC Updates

The WNYLRC Offices will be closed Monday, April 8, for the solar eclipse.

NY Heritage: University at Buffalo has created a new digital exhibit on Louise Blanchard Bethune, a Buffalo-based architect who was the first woman professional architect in the United States. [View this exhibit here.](#)

Site Visit: Last month, WNYLRC staff and members of WNYLRC's Support Staff and Preservation Committees visited the library at Buffalo AKG. We met with the librarian, Gabrielle Carlo, who showed us some unique items from the library, including a 3-D model of the original AKG buildings. Afterwards, we were able to tour the new museum spaces. If you're interested in hosting a site visit at your institution, please contact [Jenn](#).

Here are a few library topics we're keeping an eye on:

- [ALA plans to cancel their midwinter conference, LibLearnX after 2025.](#) Surprising news, as this is when major book awards including Caldecott, Carnegie, Coretta Scott King, Newbery, and Printz, are announced. No word yet on what this change will mean for the Youth Media Awards.

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delayed the change to June 19, 2024. [Read more about the explanation for the change here.](#)

- On March 4, the Federal Department of Education announced they are investigating making changes to IPEDS, including possibly eliminating this data system altogether. They are currently collecting and reviewing comments on this document. The comment period ends May 3, 2024. You may [read the full document and leave public comments here.](#)



From left to right: Caitlin Kenney (WNYLRC), Jay Barone (WNYLRC), Jessica Hollister (University at Buffalo), Gabrielle Carlo (Buffalo AKG), Hailey Oldham (B&ECPL), Sheryl Knab (WNYLRC), and Jenn Northup (WNYLRC) pose in the Buffalo AKG Library and Archives.

Diverse Collections Grant

WNYLRC's High School to College Committee is excited to announce the

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- Maryvale Intermediate/Middle School Library
- Anthony J. Schmidt Elementary School (Lakeshore)
- Tonawanda High School
- Buffalo Public School 17 - Early Childhood Center

Virtual Trainings and Meetings

Registration is required for all training. You must register for these programs via the WNYLRC website. You will need to create an account on the website in order to register if you have not already done so.

Check out [our events and training page](#) for upcoming programs this month!

The Future of IPEDS: The Need for Library Data, Tuesday April 30 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am: Join us for a panel and discussion covering how IPEDS data is currently used by academic libraries and the impact of the proposed elimination of an academic libraries component survey.

[Register here.](#)

To learn about and register for professional development opportunities from other ESLN councils across the state, check out [the shared calendar!](#)

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News from the Region

Olean Public Library (Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System) has [a nice feature in the Olean Times Herald](#) about the resources the library offers to the local community. Additionally, they have [proposed a FY2025 budget of more than \\$1.12 million](#) to support the library and its services.

Rebecca Chapman is a senior assistant law librarian at **Charles B. Sears Library (University at Buffalo)** and the outreach liaison to the undergraduate law program and the Department of Indigenous Studies. She shared some interesting news, including a new scholarly article she is presenting on

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[here!](#)

Local Total Eclipse Events on April 8th!

- Jamestown Community College - [Once in a Lifetime Total Eclipse On Campus](#)
- SUNY Buffalo State - [Eclipse Fest](#) (*must register*)
- University at Buffalo - [UB Anderson Gallery Community Eclipse Watch](#)
- University at Buffalo - [Founders Plaza Viewing Party](#)
- SUNY Fredonia - [Total Solar Eclipse Daylong Event](#)
- D'Youville University - [Dobson Field Eclipse Viewing](#)
- Center For Inquiry - [Eclipse Viewing](#) (*must register*)

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From left to right: Caitlin Kenney (WNYLRC), Jenn Northup (WNYLRC), and Sheryl Knab (WNYLRC) met with Charlie Kelly (right), the new director of the School Library System at Orleans-Niagara BOCES.

Grants and Publications

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Ex Libris Northeast User Group (ENUG) Conference in Philadelphia. Her co-presenters included Justin Dise (**University at Buffalo**) and Michelle Eichelberger (SUNY). Their session was titled "Go Fetch! Embedding Alma Analytics Reports in Webpages." Liz received a Professional Development Grant from SUNYLA to attend the conference.

- **Niagara County Historical Society** received several grants for the FY2024 to support their work. They were awarded a \$30,000 grant from New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) to help fund their continued work in the nonprofit arts and culture sector. In addition, they were awarded several grants from the Grigg Lewis Foundation, including a Core Grant which will allow them to use funding for operating costs of their programming work and two Workshops, which will allow them to hire a Museum Assistant and a Curatorial Assistant for the summer. The Niagara County Historical Society received a grant from the Canal National Heritage Center to help administer their Ticket to Ride program, which brings students to the museum. They also received a Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) from the Preservation League of NYS to run assessments on one of their historic properties, the National Register Col. William Bond House.

Interested in applying for a grant? Check out our [grants page](#), where we keep a database of grants that may apply to libraries. Some grants and awards with upcoming deadlines:

- [Craig Koste Award for Outstanding Service](#) - NYS library assistants and support staff (April 8, 2024)
- [Recordings at Risk](#) - AV preservation (April 17, 2024)
- [Sara Jaffarian Award](#) - school libraries (May 1, 2024)

News from the State

Interested in being part of NYLA Council but missed the nomination deadline? You can still petition for candidacy until April 15th. NYLA is looking to fill the following positions: President-Elect representing School Libraries, Councilor-At-Large representing Academic or Special Libraries, and Councilor-At-Large representing Public Libraries. These are 3 Year terms that begin Nov 2024 and

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President (Nov 2026 - Nov 2027). You must be a NYLA member. You need 25 signatures from active NYLA members submitted to C at marketing@nyla.org on or before April 15th to be placed on the ballot. Download your petition at tinyurl.com/NYLApetition24

Join the spring advocacy in-person event **SPRING ON THE HILL** on Tuesday April 23 in Albany NY. This is a full day of educational programming featuring speakers including Stephanie Cole Adams (Ask The Lawyer), Frank Rees (NYS Division of Library Development), Max Prime (NYLA), and Lisa Varga (Virginia Library Association & Library Journal Librarian of the Year 2024). Register here: <https://www.nyla.org/spring-on-the-hill>

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This photograph depicts a wedding party in the early 1900s, from Buffalo's Polish community. Polish immigrants began arriving in Buffalo in the mid-1800s, due to

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independent nation until 1918, when it established freedom from Russian imperialism. Unfortunately, their independence only lasted until World War II, when Poland was invaded by Nazi Germany and then again by the Soviet Union. Eventually, Poland was able to establish itself as a free, independent nation once more when it was able to transition into a democracy in the late 1980s. Buffalo can boast one of the largest Polish-American populations in the United States and to celebrate this heritage, thousands of Buffalonians hit the streets for Dyngus Day. Dyngus Day was celebrated in Buffalo as far back as the late 1800s, around when St. Stanislaus Church was built, but it has since grown into one of the biggest festivals in the country.

[Buffalo Neighborhoods. "Nowak-Walkowak Wedding 1915." *New York Heritage Digital Collections*. 1915. <https://nyheritage.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/VHB001/id/9135/rec/8>].

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Listserv Information

Did you know that you can change your WNYLIB-L subscription to a digest form rather than immediate delivery of list items? This way, you can receive one daily email with all of the information sent to WNYLIB-L instead of receiving each email individually. To enable digest, send an email to:

listserv@listserv.buffalo.edu (or just click that link). In the body of the email message write: **SET wnylib-l digests**. Leave the subject area of the message blank and delete any signature file you have at the end of your message. If you click the email link above, the message should be ready for you to send. Please note that you need to be already subscribed to the list in order to change this setting.

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