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Western New York Library Resources Council

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WNYLRC Updates

The WNYLRC Offices will be closed Wednesday, June 19, for the holiday. Additionally, the WNYLRC staff is in the middle of a move to a new office location on Lawrence Bell Drive. Communications may be intermittent at this time.

Everyone is welcome to an open house at the new WNYLRC office on August 15th, 2024 from 2 pm to 5 pm. Drop in whenever you like during those hours! The address is: 180 Lawrence Bell Drive, Suite 104, Amherst NY 14221.

Site Visits: Our Member Engagement Services Coordinator, Jenn Northup, has been conducting site visits to member branch libraries of the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System. She writes, *This summer and fall, I am on a journey to visit every library in Chautauqua and Cattaraugus counties. Each location offers something special, reflecting the unique character and needs of its community. So far, I have visited the Seneca Nation of Indians Cattaraugus Library, Dunkirk Public Library, Gowanda Free Library, Anderson Lee Library, Ahira Hall Memorial Library, Darwin R. Barker Library, and the Patterson Library. I am grateful for the opportunity to meet the incredible teams of staff and look forward to visiting more libraries in the months to come. Since our*

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Reminders:

Annual Meeting: Save the date for the WNYLRC Annual Meeting of the Membership which will be held at the National Comedy Center on Tuesday, October 22 at 10 am.

WNYLRC Awards: You can still submit nominations for the WNYLRC Awards Program today! Nominate a colleague or library that upholds the WNYLRC guiding principles. Winners will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

[Nomination form](#)



The interior of the Patterson Library located in Westfield, NY.

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!

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pm: This two-day workshop will assist liaisons to identify their existing skills and mindsets that transfer to research data management services and then create a learning plan for the RDM specific knowledge needed to serve their subject disciplines. Tools, hints, and tricks will be shared that facilitate partnerships on campus with disciplinary faculty and with other RDM service providers.

[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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The children's room at Seneca Nation of Indians Cattaraugus Library.

News from the Region

Shane Stephenson, Director of Museum Collections at **Buffalo Naval Park**, was the recipient of the 2023 [Henry Vadnais Jr. Award](#) for Curatorial Excellence from the Historic Naval Ships Association (HNSA). This award is named in honor of the late Henry Vadnais, former Head of the Curator Branch at the Naval Historical Center and long-time supporter of HNSA. It is award to a staff

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a half preservation and conservation project to preserve over 450 artifacts that were compromised in the sinking of USS The Sullivans in April 2022. It was awarded at the HNSA Conference held in Albany, NY, in September 2023.

A new teen space was unveiled at the **Buffalo & Erie County Public Library!**
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Shane Stephenson holds up his Henry A. Vадnais Jr. Award in Albany.

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The New York State Library is seeking recommendations for membership on the New York State Regents Advisory Council on Libraries by August 1.

The Regents Advisory Council on Libraries advises the New York State Board of Regents regarding the New York State Library, library development programs, library aid programs and other matters related to the operations of libraries and library systems in New York. The Council works with the officers of the State Education Department in developing a comprehensive statewide library and information plan and makes recommendations to the Regents concerning the implementation of the program of library service.

In 2022 the Council completed the [RAC Vision for Libraries](#), which provides a framework for libraries and reflects the input of hundreds of library workers and supporters statewide. A road map for the future, RAC's Vision for Libraries aims to inspire, support, and affirm the excellent work being done and codify a shared vision for libraries across New York. Council members often present to the Board of Regents, and their work has recently been showcased in NY State's just-released [DEI Toolkit](#).

The New York State Board of Regents will appoint three (3) Regents Advisory Council members to serve five-year terms from December 1, 2024, to November 30, 2029.

The Council meets a minimum of four times a year. Members of the Regents Advisory Council are leaders in a wide variety of endeavors across the State, including business, human services, education, and libraries. For more information, see <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/rac/index.html>.

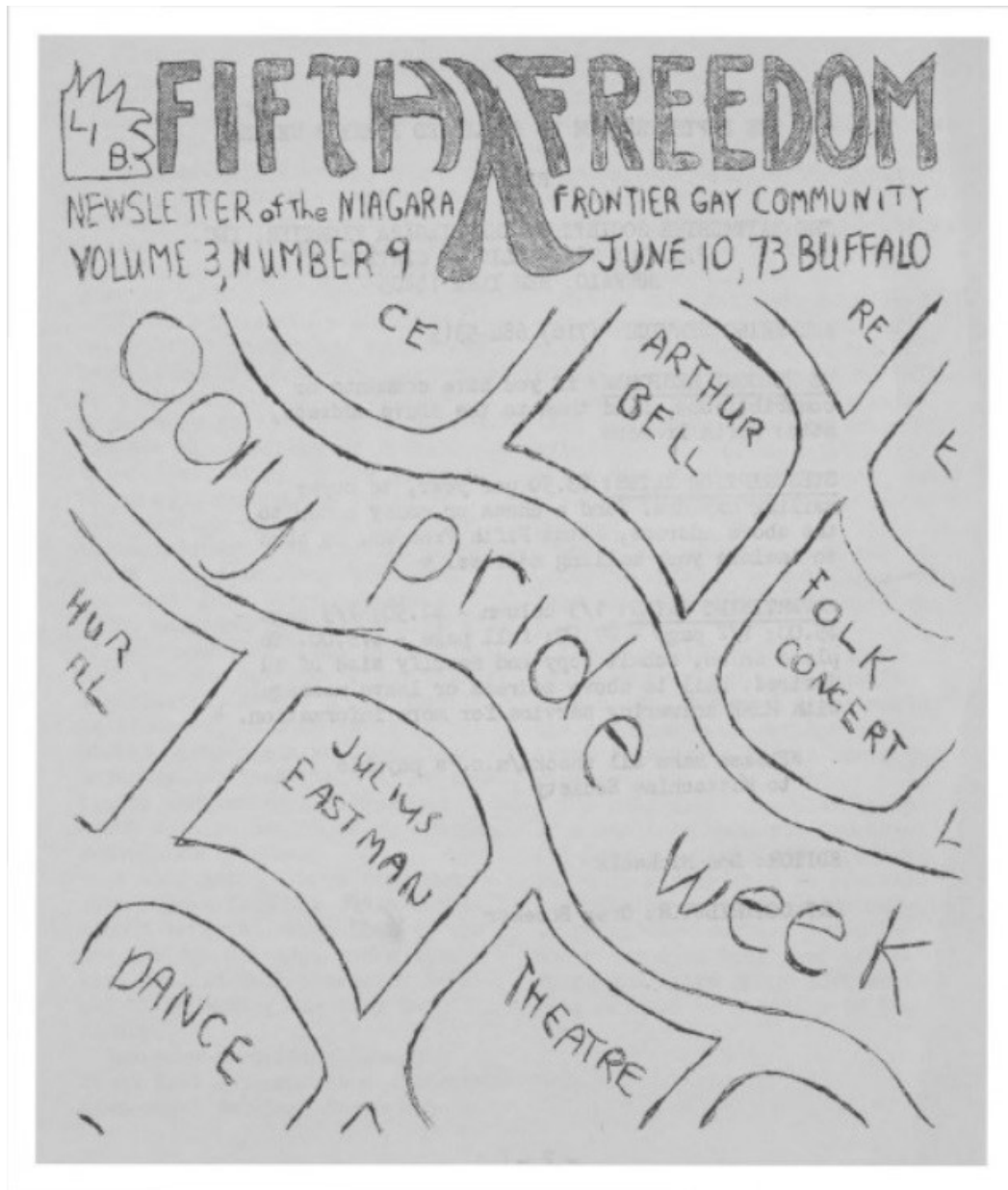
The New York State Library particularly encourages recommendations of representatives of New York State's broadly diverse population and endeavors to select members whose geographic diversity and professional and personal experience will enrich the work of the Council.

Please send nominations, along with a resume, for the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries by **August 1** to: Margaret Weis, Administrative Assistant, Office of the State Librarian and Assistant Commissioner for Libraries, New York State Library, 10B41 Cultural Education Center, Albany, NY 12230; email Margaret.Weis@nysed.gov.

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Peruse the issues of Fifth Freedom, a publication dedicated to promoting the gay community in Western New York. This publication was produced by the Mattachine Society of the Niagara Frontier, a chapter of an national early gay rights organization in the United States. They focused on civil rights, culture, and advocacy for the gay community. You will recognize some names of prominent activists, including that of Madeline Davis, who was born in Buffalo and became an important figure in the gay

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president of the Mattachine Society of the Niagara Frontier, was chosen as the first openly lesbian delegate at a major party national convention, and taught courses on lesbianism at the University of Buffalo. This digital collection can be viewed on [New York State Historic Newspapers](#) and was contributed by SUNY Buffalo State University.

[Fifth Freedom, Buffalo State: The State University of New York. "5th Freedom, 10 June 1973." *New York State Historic Newspapers*. 1973. <https://nyshistoricnewspapers.org/?a=d&d=ff19730610-01.1.1&e=-----en-20--1--txt-txIN----->]

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