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WNYLRC Updates

The WNYLRC Office will be closed on Monday, June 19, in observance of the holiday.

Annual Meeting: Save the date for the Annual Meeting of the Membership! This year it will take place on September 26th at the Buffalo History Museum. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Barbara Nevergold. Join us for a night of business, networking, and celebrating the Western New York library community. Registration for this event will open later this summer.

Book Challenges: There's been a rise in coverage of the book challenges libraries have been facing for more than a year. Here are some important updates:

- Ask the Lawyer recently answered a question whether librarians had legal recourse in pursuing action against individuals or groups that slander or defame them and the library's mission. <u>Check it out!</u>
- <u>President Biden has appointed a point person in the Education</u>
 <u>Department to address book bans.</u> This person will connect with schools and keep track of challenges.
- The Southern Law Poverty Center (SLPC) has designated Moms 4

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 NYLA's Intellectual Freedom Committee is still collecting reports of challenged material. <u>Use this form</u> to report challenges made at your library.

IMAGINE: Sheryl, our Executive Director, presented at C-SAAHN's IMAGINE Buffalo series. She spoke about WNYLRC and the resources we have to offer. Watch the recording here!

NEW Initiative: WNYLRC is proud to announce a new initiative focused on digitization of physical objects. For the past several months, WNYLRC has been investigating the usage of structured light scanning and photogrammetry in archival contexts. Many paper-based or other flat items are easy to digitize, but it is a distinct challenge to capture a digital representation of a 3D object and present that to audiences outside of the archival facility. Through investments in technology and expertise, we've identified several major areas of inquiry as well as a distinct lack of scholarship on these topics within the LIS or archival field. We're looking for collaborators, both with objects to digitize or with an interest in cutting-edge digitization techniques, and we hope you'll bring your skills to improve our efforts. If you're interested in participating, please contact Jason Barone at jbarone@wnylrc.org for more information.

Awards: The nomination period for the WNYLRC Awards is still open! This year there are two categories: Outstanding Library, which is an institutional award, and Library All Star, which is an individual award. Remember, it is helpful to provide supporting documentation including letters of recommendation, photographs, and other material along with your application. Nominate a colleague or institution today! Winners will be announced at the Annual Meeting held later this year.

Asset Mapping: The Library Education, Advancement, and Partnerships Committee (LEAP) is still collecting data for their Asset Mapping survey. Record information about your library including the resources and services you provide to your community. We are trying to collect data from every library in the region. Fill out the survey here.

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WNYLRC staff visited the Buffalo Irish Genealogical Society.

Pictured from left: Donna Shine, Jay Barone, Jenn Northup, Diane Blaser, and Caitlin Kenney.

News from the Region

Central Library (Buffalo & Erie County Public System) hosted the New York State Commission on African American History Public Forum on June 12. The theme of this meeting was Looking Back While Moving Forward: Recognizing the long-standing presence, rich contributions, and pride of African Americans in Western New York. These public meetings have been held around the state since 2022. Tuesday's meeting consisted of a panel discussion featuring Mayor Byron Brown, Assemblymember Crystal Peoples-Stokes, Ms. Maria Dautruche, External Advisor to the Commission and meeting facilitator; Anila Ansari (Dance Director at Ujima and professor at SUNY Buffalo State University); Dr. Lillian Williams (Professor and Chair of Department of African American Studies); Dr. Henry Taylor (professor at University at Buffalo) and Dr. John Torrey (professor at SUNY Buffalo State University). Also attending were Jillian Haynesworth (first Poet Laureate for City of Buffalo) and Robert Rodriguez, Secretary of State and Chair of the NYS Commission on African American History. There will likely be a recording of this meeting posted at a later date here on the New York State Commission on African American History

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Documentary Heritage & Preservation Services for New York (DHPSNY) has announced the awardees of their 2023 Planning & Assessment Services and several are WNYLRC members. Buffalo & Erie County Public Library is a recipient of their Preservation Survey service. Daniel A. Reed Library (SUNY Fredonia) and Niagara Fall Public Library (Nioga Library System) are both recipients of Strategic Planning Assistance. Trocaire College Archive is a recipient of Foundational Planning Assistance. Congratulations to our members! If you're interested in applying for a DHPSNY Planning & Assessment services, the next application review deadline for Archival Needs Assessments, Preservation Surveys, Strategic Planning Assistance, and Condition Surveys is Friday, 7, 2023. Foundational Planning Assistance is accepted year-round on a rolling basis. Read the rest of DHPSNY's press release here.

We are also excited to share that a staff member from the **Town of Tonawanda**- **Kenmore Branch Library** (*Buffalo & Erie County Public System*), Nicole
Brown, graduated from NYLA's 2022-23 Developing Leaders Program (DLP)
Cohort! Congratulations, Nicole! You can <u>check out the DLP Capstone Project</u>
that Nicole was part of. If you're interested in applying for the next cohort of
Developing Leaders, applications open on September 1st.

Do you have institutional news you'd like featured here? Email Caitlin.

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Photo contributed by Heidi Ziemer.

News from the State

As you may have heard, funding for NOVELNY will cease in 2024. We are asking members to complete surveys to determine the impact that the loss of this resource will have on our members.

If you are an academic member, fill out this survey.

If you are a school library member, fill out this survey.

Thank you!

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Virtual Trainings and Meetings

Writing New York State Conservation/Preservation Grants, Wednesday, June 28th, from 9:30 am to 11:00 am: Barbara Lilley, the Conservation/Program Officer will conduct a workshop on how to apply to this grant program. She will cover what types of projects are fundable as well as what types of materials and expenses are covered. She will walk through each section of the application and provide guidance on how to fill them out. There will be time for questions about the application and participants can ask questions about specific projects they are interested in applying for. This is a hybrid workshop, with an opportunity to attend in person at the WNYLRC office or online via Zoom.

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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collection *Hidden Views: Salvaging Historic Images at the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences*. This photo is from a trip to Egypt that Chauncey J. Hamlin, a prominent Western New Yorker, embarked on sometime during 1922-1933. Hamlin was President of the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences from 1920 to 1948 and a key figure in the development of the Buffalo Museum of Science.

[Hidden Views: Salvaging Historic Images at the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences, "Sailboat Near the Riverbank." New York Heritage Digital Collections. 1922-1933. https://nyheritage.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/BSM001/id/8509/rec/44].

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