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Western New York Library Resources Council

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WNYLRC Updates

The week after the New York Library Association Conference is always tough, especially with Daylight Saving Time ending to boot! Thank you for coming out. It was great to see the Western New York region well represented at the conference and in attendance at several of our programs.

Advocacy: We have several library advocacy meetings scheduled with our state legislators. You will meet with our state senators and assemblymembers at several libraries in the region. [View the list of upcoming meetings and reserve your seat today!](#) Please note that these meetings are being held in person. These dates are subject to change so please refer to the webpage for updates.

Professional Development: Did you know that you can access many of our previously recorded webinars on our website? [Access the recording archive](#) to catch up on any webinars you might have missed, including our recent 3D Printing for Libraries webinar! Scroll this newsletter to see information about upcoming trainings.

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members systematically detailed the process of data extraction from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) database, analyzed the survey data, and created interactive visualizations. The goal of this guide is to provide access to the Tableau visualization and instruct users on how to access salary data on the IPEDS website. This project was incubated in the Resources Sharing Committee. [Learn more and view the visualizations here](#)

Site Visits: WNYLRC staff have been busy visiting libraries around the region this past month. In early October, we met with the library staff at Jamestown Community College (JCC), Chautauqua-Cattaragus Library System, and SUNY Fredonia. We introduced ourselves to the new library director at JCC, Dawn Walton! We also toured the beautiful library space at SUNY Fredonia, designed by I.M. Pei. Later in October, we traveled to the Supreme Court Buffalo Law Library to meet with their staff and learn about the services they offer. Did you know that this library serves the research needs of the general public of the 8th Judicial District? [Check out their website to learn more.](#)



One of the highlights of attending NYLA this year was getting to present several ESLN services that are available to our members. At left, Caitlin Kenney informs John Spears (B&ECPL) about Ask Us 24/7, ESLN's virtual reference cooperative service. At right, Stephanie Cole Adams explains how Ask The

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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.

Tired of Hearing "I didn't know the library did that?" Here's Your Fix, Wednesday November 15, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm: Are you tired of hearing people say, "I didn't know the library did that"? Don't despair— there are tactics that can help. Start with a little research, then use what you've learned to write attention-getting messages, then share those on all the proper platforms, at the perfect time. Sound like a lot to juggle? This 60-minute session will help guide those tasked with MarCom work to organize their campaigns and achieve their best outcomes. It will also help managers to better assess their organizations' communication efforts, both internal and external.

[Register here](#)

United Against Book Challenges: Crafting Effective Policies, Monday November 20, 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm: School Librarians are facing a rise in book challenges, with books often becoming the target of bans and criticisms due to their content. However, in an age that champions free expression and intellectual exploration, it's imperative that we address these challenges head-on. We will explore the South Orange- Maplewood school district policies and regulations related to the book challenges. Participants will also have an opportunity to ask questions and get an analysis of their school district's policies.

[Register here](#)

Protect The Right To Read: Neutrality, Challenges, and Censorship, Thursday December 7, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm: Join us for an afternoon discussing book challenges, censorship, and what you can do to prevent escalating challenges in your library. Inform library staff, educators, school administrators, and legislators about the current landscape of the book challenge movement happening across New York State and the rest of the country. Attendees will learn about legal measures and policies that can be used to both prevent and combat these challenges in schools and libraries. Additionally, they will be equipped with the tools needed to address any coordinated harassment campaigns directed towards libraries or library staff by malicious individuals.

[Register here](#)

The 411 on 211: Reentry Services, Tuesday March 26, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm:
Learn how to use 211 to identify services available for people returning to you

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community.

[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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WNYLRC Staff at SUNY Fredonia.

Back row, left to right: Katelynn Telford (SUNY Fredonia), Kerrie Fergen Wilkes (SUNY Fredonia),

Emily Carlin (WNYLRC), Jenn Northup (WNYLRC)

Front row, left to right: Sheryl Knab (WNYLRC), Jan Dekoff (CCLS and WNYLRC Board Member)

News from the Region

The **Central Library** at **Buffalo & Erie County Library System** currently has

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into the mid-20th century. You can [see some examples of the items on display here](#). And in December, you can try your own hand at bookbinding at one of two workshops with the Western New York Book Arts Center. [Learn more here](#)

Andrew L. Bouwhuis, SJ Library at *Canisius University* recently hosted a ceremony and reception to honor five Canisius faculty members who were recently promoted, granted tenure, or emeritus status. Library director Kristine Kasbohm welcomed and congratulated the guests. [Learn more](#)

Henrietta G. Lewis Library at *Niagara County Community College* compiled a bibliography of publications by Niagara County Community College faculty and staff. This research is browsable on their webpage by subject or author's name. [Check it out here](#)

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[Member to Right: Community \(WNYLRC\), Energy Fund \(WNYLRC\), Dawn Watson \(CCL\),](#)

[Emily Carlin \(WNYLRC\), Jan Dekoff \(CCLS and WNYLRC Board Member\)](#)

News from the State

Advocacy: On October 25, the New York Assembly Standing Committee on Libraries and Education Technology held a public hearing focusing on library construction aid and the long-term capital needs of libraries. If you missed this hearing, you can [view the agenda and recording here](#).

The New York Library Association is also preparing its asks for the 2024 Legislative Session. You will be able to [view handouts, the legislative asks and other information](#) through NYLA's Advocacy Portal. Of particular interest will be a focus on the future of NOVEL NY and a focus on preventing bans of library materials, services, and programming.

Do you have statewide news you'd like featured here? Email [Caitlin](#).

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Oral Histories of Lockport, NY

*Lockport Public Library
Nioga Library System*



[This brand-new collection](#) consists of oral histories from people involved with local government, culture, and commerce in Lockport, New York. The 56 individuals interviewed for this collection were all born between 1899 and 1960 and provide a unique picture of what Lockport looked like during the 20th century.

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