Advocacy: Championing Libraries

State Aid by Year in Millions

Innovation

NEW! EMPIRE STATE IMMERSE EXPERIENCES (ESIE)
- Users can host and edit 360 degree images to create immersive experiences.

ARCHIVAL SERVICES PROGRAM
- Experienced archivist provided hands-on services to 13 members including creation of finding aids, inventories, assessments, site visits, and rehousing.
- 4 presentations were given

Connecting

EMPIRE LIBRARY DELIVERY
- 13 WNYLRC libraries/systems participated in ESLN’s statewide delivery of library materials

WNYLRC STANDING COMMITTEES
- 7 standing committees, 80 members

Receipts

Expenditures

- State/Federal Funds ($834,718) 73.5%
- Membership Dues ($28,953) 2.5%
- Fees/Contracts ($261,758) 23%

- Cash Grants to Members ($14,492) 13%
- General Operations ($517,108) 19%
- Equipment ($33,810) 0.9%
- Programs For Members ($244,225) 11.4%
- Salaries & Benefits ($605,841) 55.7%
Community and Collaboration

INFOPASS
- 141 InfoPasses issued to 18 participating libraries

ASK THE LAWYER
- 8 Councils, 235 Inquiries, 69 RAQs shared

CCDA
- $154,365 CCDA grant funds to 16 academic libraries

ACADEMICSHARE
- 15 participating libraries shared materials without barriers

Cultivating a Culture of Learning

HIGH SCHOOL 2 COLLEGE COMMITTEE
- The committee presented 3 sessions to school library systems and districts

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- Skillshare sessions: 23
- Treehouse sessions: 22
- WNYLRC events: 52 sessions attended by 1,668 member library staff
- YouTube views: 899

EMPIRE ARCHIVAL DISCOVERY COLLABORATIVE
- 10 WNYLRC members contributed 202 finding aids

NEW YORK HERITAGE: WESTERN NEW YORK
- 93 collections, 39,615 items, 6,499,182 views, 38 member contributors

NEW YORK STATE HISTORIC NEWSPAPERS: WESTERN NEW YORK
- 108 digitized titles comprised of 1,315,604 pages and viewed 589,743 times

ASK US 24/7 SESSIONS: STATEWIDE
- NYS Librarians: 10,801 and NYS Patrons: 14,584
- NYS Participating Libraries/library systems: 50

HOSPITAL LIBRARY SERVICES PROGRAM
- 4 librarians, 16,677 miles, 16,693 searches, 21,560 views, and 2,252 questions answered
- $21,100 spent on 189 books and 4 e-books
- $2,925 hosted of 11 MLA webinars with 106 participants
- Health literacy programming for 33 librarians with 14 CHIS-certified at Level I or II

50,989 wnylrc.org visits
756/53,697 Twitter followers/impressions
473/8755 Facebook followers/reach
Member Libraries 2019/2020

Albright-Knox Art Gallery
Bryant & Stratton College
Buffalo & Erie County Public Library
Buffalo Broadcasters Association
Buffalo General Medical Center
Buffalo History Museum
Buffalo Irish Genealogical Society
Buffalo Museum of Science
Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy
Buffalo School Library System
Buffalo State, State University of New York
Burchfield Penney Art Center
Canisius College
Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES SLS
Center for Inquiry Libraries
Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System
Christ the King Seminary
ConnectNY
D'Youville College
Daemen College
Ecology and Environment, Inc.
Erie 1 BOCES SLS
Erie 2 Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES SLS
Erie Community College
Erie County Medical Center Corp.
Fellowships of the Spirit Lakeside Learning Center Library
Forest Lawn - Margaret L. Wendt Archives and Resource Center
Genesee Community College
Hilbert College
Houghton College
Jamestown Community College
John R. Oishei Children's Hospital
Kenmore Mercy Hospital
Library Consortium of Health Institutions in Buffalo
Lily Dale Assembly, Inc.
Medaille College
Mercy Hospital
Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital
Mount St. Mary's Hospital
Museum of disABILITY History
Network of Religious Communities
New York Power Authority Niagara Power Project
Niagara County Community College
Niagara County Historical Society
Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center
Niagara University
Nioga Library System
Orleans-Niagara BOCES SLS
Polish Genealogical Society of New York
Praxair, Inc.
Roger Tory Peterson Institute of Natural History
Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center
St. Bonaventure University
School Librarians' Association of Western New York (SLAWNY)
Sisters of Charity Hospital
Sisters of Charity Hospital - St. Joseph Campus
State University of New York at Fredonia
Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site
Town of Orchard Park
Trocaire College
United Memorial Medical Center
United States Army Corps of Engineers
University at Buffalo, Dept. of Information Science, Graduate School of Education
University at Buffalo Libraries
Villa Maria College
UPMC Chautauqua
WNY Genealogical Society

$60,135
Technology Grants to Members

$21,100
HLSP Grant Funds to Hospitals

$300,000
Dollars saved by members
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Message from the 2020 WNYLRC Board President: Justin Cronise, SUNY Erie

On behalf of the Western New York Library Resources Council (WNYLRC) Board of Trustees, it is my honor to present the 2019/2020 Annual Report to the membership. This report highlights the important work of this organization and is a credit to the vital role of the excellent and dedicated WNYLRC staff, as well as the crucial participation of our members. With the involvement and engagement of our members, WNYLRC has continued to remain at the center of the Western New York library community, as well as the forefront of emerging technologies, and represents our members in advocacy efforts both local and statewide. Through this tumultuous year, the importance and value of information has been central to critical conversations about topics such as the COVID-19 pandemic, police brutality and racial inequality, the presidential election, the census, and many others. WNYLRC is behind the scenes to our users yet has continued to provide regional leadership and to facilitate partnerships to drive forward-looking initiatives, programs, and services.

The Ask a Lawyer service has been heavily used and incredibly helpful to so many of us during these uncertain times, and Ask Us 24/7 found new life on the Springshare LibAnswers platform providing virtual reference to remote learners. The Empire State Immersive Experience (ESIE) project will soon go live and has been an ongoing local and statewide partnership that will essentially connect two of the big movements in the library world: augmented reality/virtual reality (AR/VR) and open educational resources (OER). Many thanks to all our members, including those who serve on committees, the Board, and WNYLRC staff!

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