



WNYLRC Committees 2020/2021

A current list of committee members and contact information can be found at www.wnylrc.org

Standing Committees

Committee for Health Information Access (CHIA)

Recent Activities:

- Participate in local outreach events that focused on wellness and health awareness such as the Williamsville East High School Wellness Fair, B&ECPL Women's Health Fair, ODWDD Employee Wellness Fair and the Amherst Family Health Fair.
- Educate individuals about where and how to find high-quality healthcare information through the CHIA LibGuide and interactions at outreach events.

Charge:

- To actively represent the interests of Western New York librarians providing health information services.
- To assess, promote and facilitate health information access to health consumers in the WNYLRC region
- To encourage collaboration, coordination and cooperative ventures that strengthen existing information resources in the region and to identify and develop new ones as needed
- To further the HLSP goals and objectives as stated in the current five-year WNYLRC Plan of Service.

Continuing Education Committee (CE)

Recent Activities:

- Planning a regional conference for 2019 to support the continuing education of librarians in Western New York
- Planning additional educational events to be held at least once a year

Charge:

The Western New York Library Resources Council Continuing Education Committee is organized to plan, develop, or assist with continuing education opportunities that benefit the members of the Western New York library community. To that end we,

- Assess the continuing education needs and concerns of librarians and support staff within Western New York, through surveys and other measures;
- Provide networking opportunities that foster a supportive environment for the good of the Western New York Library community;
- Identify and communicate with other regional library organizations to encourage the joint development and support of continuing education opportunities and;
- Monitor continuing education programs and provide information for the WNYLRC newsletter, listserv, social media and other avenues of communicating these opportunities



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High School to College Committee (HSCC)

Recent Activities:

- April 2019 presentation: "Fostering Student Research & Information Literacy Skills"
- Work on Information Literacy Checklist

Charge:

- Identify ways in which developmentally appropriate information literacy goals can be effectively addressed throughout students' educational experience
- Develop and implement a framework in which instructors and students can continuously build upon vital information literacy skill regardless of their educational setting
- Foster communication among stakeholders in the instruction of information literacy
- Organize workshops in which information literacy skills and practices can be addressed
- Disseminate information about the information literacy continuum, including guidelines and best practices
- Create a framework for inter-campus visits among students, teachers and information specialists

Library Advocacy Committee (on hiatus)

Charge:

- To define public awareness and legislative action goals for the region
- To define a supportable organizational structure and process which will enable the region to progress toward these goals
- To keep the region informed about library legislation
- To keep local legislators aware of libraries and their programs
- To organize regional activities which will encourage New York State Assembly and Senate support for library legislation

Preservation Committee

Recent Activities:

- More Enclosure Workshops
- Workshop planning for Fall 2019

Charge:

- To assess the need in Western New York for preservation and conservation
- To foster education and an awareness of sound conservation and preservation practices in an ever-shifting digital world and to that end:
- To be a regional resource for facilitating knowledge of and promoting an attitude for conservation and preservation
- To provide training, including implementation of preservation standards, including metadata, open source technology, digitization and born digital preservation practices.



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Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)

Recent Activities:

- Approved 2019 RBDB grants
- Facilitates resource sharing via grant-funded projects
- Supports Ask Us 24/7 Virtual Chat service
- Supports New York Heritage Digital Collections
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Charge:

- Assess and recommend endeavors that support or enhance regional and/or state-wide information discovery and delivery, virtual information services, and resource sharing.
- Review and recommend annual RBDB-funded priorities in light of regional needs as outlined in WNYLRC's Five-Year Plan of Service and the state's strategic and operational plans according to established guidelines.
- Recommend and plan regional workshops on library automation and new technologies that impact library information services.
- Support the WNYLRC regional conference and assist in planning as needed by the Continuing Education Committee.
- Communicate with other Council committees on issues of automation, technology, resource sharing, and information services.

Resource Sharing Committee (RSC)

Recent Activities:

- Organize and host annual events with a focus on resource sharing
- Facilitate innovative resource sharing projects, including the AcademicSHARE program
- Explored shared staffing as a potential initiative
- Assists in guiding and developing Empire State Immersive Experiences initiative

Charge:

- Promote and encourage resource sharing including consortial purchasing, coordinated collection development, and shared storage
- Recommend proposals for funding that enhance resource sharing initiatives
- Assess and recommend resource sharing strategies and endeavors within the region and beyond
- Aid the Western New York Library Resources Council in meeting resource sharing goals as stipulated in the Five Year Plan of Service

WNY Library Assistants (WNYLA)

Recent Activities:

- Organize getting-to-know-you events to allow for networking amongst library assistants
- Host a variety of workshops to support continuing education for library assistants

Charge:

- To professionally recognize library assistants/staff employed in the Western New York area whatever their job title.
- To further professional growth and to promote both personal and job enrichment.
- To promote communication and access to developmental opportunities among library assistants in the six county Western New York area.
- To collaborate with other WNYLRC committees and discussion group.



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- To correspond with other library assistants' groups on state (NYSLAA) and national levels (LSSIRT, COLT) to advance the group's goals.

Additional Committees and Task Groups

Please note: Participation on these groups do not go through the annual committee recruitment process. Participations is either voluntary or appointments are made by their specific role on a standing committee.

Academic Libraries Directors Group

- Although the Caucus has no formal charge, its purpose is to share information about campus library activities and to discuss current issues and trends facing library and information resources and services in higher education.
- WNYLRC's Executive Director attends Caucus meetings to share information about WNYLRC's resources and services and to provide a region-wide perspective on issues.

Committee Chairpersons Committee

Charge:

- To annually assess the WNYLRC committee guidelines and propose changes or additions to the WNYLRC Board of Trustees Executive Committee as needed
- To communicate with other Council committees representatives on committee activities and assist in coordinating activities across committees
- To monitor and advise WNYLRC competitive funding for committee sponsored professional development activities or events

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