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

Standing Committees of the Membership

About: Standing Committees are created by the Board of Trustees to support the organizational goals and objectives as outlined in WNYLRC’s Strategic Plan of Service – currently July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2026. Committees are encouraged to review the plan of service annually. Any services or projects developed by standing committees must adhere to the five strategic principles.

- Strategic Principle 1: WNYLRC facilitates collaboration
- Strategic Principle 2: WNYLRC embraces experimentation
- Strategic Principle 3: WNYLRC cultivates learning
- Strategic Principle 4: WNYLRC advocates for libraries
- Strategic Principle 5: WNYLRC builds community

Additionally, committees are encouraged to support and incorporate the principles of inclusion, diversity, anti-racism, and equity into their committee practices and initiatives.

Committee for Health Information Access (CHIA) (Updated 11/2021)

Scope: Striving to educate the public on how to access high quality, reliable healthcare information resources, and provide opportunities for library workers in Western New York to learn more about health information.

Charge:
- To actively represent the interests of Western New York library workers 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)

Scope:
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,
Charge:
- Assess the continuing education needs and concerns of librarians and support staff within Wester 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.

Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism (EDIAr)

Charge:
- Develop and implement initiatives to promote equity, diversity, inclusion, and anti-racism through continuing education, programming, and creation and sharing of resources using measurable outcomes for success.
- Collaborate with other WNYLRC committees and task groups regarding strategies to incorporate equity, diversity, inclusion, and anti-racism principles in initiatives and activities.
- Advocate for the recruitment, hiring/appointment, retention and advancement of diverse librarians, library staff and other information professionals within WNYLRC operations.
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- Foster WNYLRC member community that amplifies underrepresented voices and supports equity, diversity, inclusion, and anti-racism.

High School to College Committee (HSCC) (updated 11/2021)

Scope: The Western New York Library Resources Council High School to College Committee facilitates collaboration, builds community, and cultivates learning between K-12 school libraries and academic libraries.

Charge:
- Promote developmentally appropriate information literacy instruction and collections in line with the relevant education standards, pedagogical strategies, and best practices that promote accessible, inclusive, and intercultural learning environments.
- Develop and promote a network for communication, collaboration, inter-campus visits and instruction among students, teachers, librarians, school library media specialists, and information professionals at P-12 and higher education institutions.
- Strengthen ongoing communication and collaboration among stakeholders in the instruction of information literacy through professional training, education, workshops, and continuous dialog.

Library, Education, Advancement, and Partnership (updated name: 11/2021)

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**

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.

**Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)**

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)**

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)**
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.
- 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. Participation 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:
- Annually assess the WNYLRC committee guidelines and propose changes or additions to the WNYLRC Board of Trustees Executive Committee as needed
- Communicate with other Council committees’ representatives on committee activities and assist in coordinating activities across committees
- Monitor and advise WNYLRC competitive funding for committee sponsored professional development activities or events