

# WNYLRC Speak:

## Acronyms, Abbreviations, & Other Confusing Bits of Jargon

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Western New York  
Library Resources Council

**Scope:** The following list includes acronyms, abbreviations, and other confusing bits of jargon which are likely used during various committee, staff, or Board of Trustees meetings. Please consider this a “list in progress.” We will add terms and change definitions as needed. Also included are lists on WNYLRC regional listservs provided as a service to members, as well as program and project websites supported by WNYLRC.  
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## A

- AASL**      **American Association of School Librarians**  
A section of the American Library Association <http://www.ala.org/aasl/>
- AASLH**      **American Association for State and Local History**  
AASLH began in 1904, under the wing of the American Historical Association. Then called the Conference of State and Local Historical Societies, AASLH broke out on its own in December of 1940 to become the American Association for State and Local History. Now, 100 years after the first organization was created in support of the burgeoning field of state and local history, AASLH is still the only comprehensive national organization dedicated to the field at large. From its headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee, AASLH is proud to provide a home for those who work and volunteer in the field of state and local history. <http://www.aaslh.org>.
- AcademicSHARE**      **AcademicSHARE**  
 The AcademicSHARE is a program of the Western New York Library Resources Council (WNYLRC) that allows patrons in good standing of participating academic member libraries to borrow materials from other participating academic libraries. A valid ID card from the patron's home institution allows patrons to borrow from and have on-site access to library materials at other participating WNYLRC member academic libraries without an InfoPass card.
- AIG**      **Access and Information Grants**  
Replaced RBDB grant, which is issued annually by WNYLRC to support digitization, innovation projects, and other efforts from WNYLRC members.
- ALA**      **American Library Association**  
The largest national library association, with a membership of approximately 50,000 headquartered in Chicago. ALA include both types of library divisions (e.g.: PLA – Public Library Association) and type of activity divisions (e.g.: LITA – Library & Information Technology Association), as well as roundtables, committees and other sub-groups. ALA is involved nationally and internationally in both accreditation and standards-development. See their website at: [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org).
- Ask the Archivist**      **Ask the Archivist**  
 A free online member service staffed by professional archivists from three of the nine Councils. The service provides answers to basic questions in all aspects of archival work, such as processing, preservation, reference, acquisition, appraisal, and digital projects.
- Ask the Lawyer**      **Ask the Lawyer**



A WNYLRC member service that provides legal advice through an attorney on retainer and that has expanded to other regional councils (3Rs).

#### Ask US 24/7

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Ask US 24/7 is WNYLRC's regional virtual reference service where anyone with an Internet connection can ask a librarian a question 24 hours a day, 7 days a week through the web site [www.askus247.org](http://www.askus247.org) or the link on a participating member's page. Initially, Ask US 24/7 was supported by LSTA. Currently, RBDB funds and fees paid by participating libraries fund the service. Librarians from all types of WNYLRC member libraries are participating in this program. WNYLRC is the only 3Rs at this time that provides this regional service. The generic URL is <http://www.askus247.org>.

## B

#### B&ECPL or BECPL

#### Buffalo & Erie County Public Library

B&ECPL provides public library service to all of Erie County via 52 library buildings, mobile libraries, extension services and, electronically via their website at <http://www.buffalolib.org>.

#### BOCES

#### Board of Cooperative Educational Services

An educational service agency established to provide quality and cost-effective services to school districts. Some school library systems are a part of BOCES. In Western NY these include: Orleans/Niagara BOCES, ERIE 1 BOCES, ERIE 2 Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES, Cattaraugus -Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES.

## C

#### CASLS

#### Cattaraugus Allegany School Library System

A school library system serving the needs of 22 school districts and 22,000 students in Cattaraugus, Allegany, Erie, and Wyoming counties.

#### CCAHA

#### Conservation Center for Art & Historic Artifacts: <https://ccaaha.org/>

Organization based in Philadelphia, PA that provides Documentary Heritage Program Services (DHP) for the New York State Archives. The DHPSNY team delivers education programming, Archival Needs Assessments, Preservation Surveys, Condition

Surveys, and Strategic Planning Assistance to organizations in every corner of New York State.

**CCD**                    **Cooperative (Coordinated) Collection Development**  
A resource sharing plan designed to strengthen designated supplemental collections in a group of libraries. The WNYLRC Resource Sharing Committee works on coordinated collection development in Western NY.

**CCDA**                    **Coordinated Collection Development Aid (CCDA)**  
New York State funding to eligible private and public academic libraries that participate in a regionally defined coordinated collection plan. This is a formula-funding grant and requires maintenance of effort by the local institution. Applications are submitted by WNYLRC approximately September 1<sup>st</sup> for the current New York State fiscal year. There are 16 eligible academic libraries that receive CCDA funding.

 **CCLS**                    **Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System**  
The Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System is a cooperative Public Library System serving 36 member libraries in a two-county area of 2,415 square miles. It is a rural area; most of its 203,020 people live in scattered hamlets and small villages. The member libraries serve populations ranging up to 31,146 but the majority serve populations of less than 4,000. All chartered public libraries in the System's service area are members of the System. The System receives major operating funds from state and supplemental funds from the two counties.

**CE**                    **Continuing Education (CE)**

The logo for the Western New York Library Resources Council (WNYLRC) Continuing Education Committee. It features a stylized graphic of three overlapping arches in blue and green above the text "WNYLRC Western New York Library Resources Council" and "Continuing Education Committee".

The WNYLRC's Continuing Education Committee, a broadly-representative group, is a primary regional instrument for development and delivering continuing education programs. Other groups also sponsor continuing education programs (i.e., other WNYLRC committees and discussion groups, such as the Regional Automation Committee, Library Assistants Group, etc.), along with other regional organizations (i.e., School Librarians Assoc. of Western NY (SLAWNY), libraries and library systems, and chapters of national library associations.

**CEC**                    **Cultural Education Center**  
Located in the Albany, NY, it is the home of three cultural organizations: New York State Museum, New York State Archives, and New York State Library. For more information: [http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/locpar\\_ce.htm](http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/locpar_ce.htm).

**CHIA**

**Committee for Health Information Access**



Formed in 2008, this WNYLRC standing committee replaced the HCIA committee. The committee focuses on health and consumer health information access and outreach.

**Consortial Opportunities**

Consortial opportunities are offers made available to WNYLRC members that save them money on products and services. Such opportunities include discounts on online databases, books, barcodes, etc. A list of consortial opportunities is available on <http://www.wnylrc.org>.

**CONTENTdm**

**CONTENTdm Software**

The digital asset management software WNYLRC uses for digitized materials from contributed by member libraries and library systems. Developed by DiMima and now under the umbrella of OCLC, CONTENTdm is a robust, searchable system for displaying digitized photos, documents, and monographs with attached metadata.

**COSER**

**Cooperative Service**

A BOCES program or service requested by two or more districts that could not be provided without joint effort. Districts may receive state aid to encourage continued provision of these services. In Western New York, Erie 1 BOCES has a COSER.

**D**

**DOCLINE**

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National Library of Medicine's (NLM) Internet-based interlibrary loan system.

**DHP**

**Documentary Heritage Program**

A NY State funded program that provides support for archives, libraries, Historical societies, and other programs that collect, hold, and make available non-governmental historical records. Project grants are available. Under the DHP program, NYS aid has been provided to the CCAHA in Philadelphia to provide consultation and training to non-governmental archives. DHP was started in 1988.

**DHPSNY**

**Documentary Heritage and Preservation Services for New York**

(DHPSNY) is a statewide program that supports the vast network of unique library and archival repositories that safeguard *New York's* historical records (formerly the DHP – Documentary Heritage Program operated by most 3Rs councils).

**DIS**                      **Department of Information Science**  
Formerly called the School of Library and Information Studies (SILS) and the Department of Library and Information Studies (DLIS), it is located in the Graduate Department of Education at the University at Buffalo and provides the Masters program for the education of librarians.  
<https://ed.buffalo.edu/information.html>.

**DLD**                      **Division of Library Development**  
DLD is a division of the NYS Education Department that is primarily responsible for library services. The director of DLD reports to The Assistant Commissioner for Libraries and NYS Librarian. Most salaries for DLD staff are supported by federal LSTA funds. The 3Rs councils in NYS report to DLD in terms of submitting program budgets and reports, approval of strategic plans, etc.  
<http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev>.

**DPLA**                      **Digital Public Library of America**  
A platform and portal to digitized resources wherever they may be in America.  
<https://dp.la/>.

## E

**EADC**                      **Empire Archival Discovery Collaborative or Empire ADC**  
 A collaborative portal developed by Empire State Library Network to host Electronic Archival Description (EADs) finding aids. <https://www.empireadc.org/>

**EBSCO**                      **EBSCO Information Services**  
EBSCO is a vendor that provides information access and management solutions through print and electronic journal subscription services, research database development and production, online access to more than 150 databases and thousands of e-journals, a full-featured OpenUrl link resolver, and e-commerce book procurement. EBSCO has been serving the library and business communities for more than 60 years.

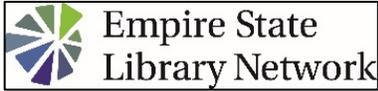
**EDIAr**                      **Equity Diversity Inclusion and Anti-racism Committee**  
 A WNYLRC standing committee that focuses on developing and implementing initiatives to promote equity, diversity, inclusion, and anti-racism through continuing education, programming, and creation and sharing of resources using measurable outcomes for success.

**EFTS**                    **Electronic Funds Transfer System**  
A transaction based electronic billing system used for interlibrary loan of medical and health-related information and document delivery administered through University of Connecticut.

**ELD**                    **Empire Library Delivery**  
A statewide delivery system managed by Empire State Library Network (ESLN). <https://www.esln.org/services/empire-library-delivery/>

**EPS**                    **Electronic Payment System**  
A system used to pay for interlibrary loans.

**ESIE**                    **Empire State Immersive Experiences**  
 Empire State Immersive Experiences (ESIE) is a service of the Western New York Library Resources Council (WNYLRC). It provides a host software platform for 360-degree images of places, locations, and objects. These images are searchable using the extensive metadata uploaded with the images and can be transformed using editing tools to add directional inputs and hotspots. These can be viewed with VR headsets, desktops, or mobile devices. <https://esie.space/>

**ESLN**                    **Empire State Library Network** (formerly NY 3Rs, Inc.) <http://www.esln.org>  
 A 501c3 organization whose membership is comprised of the nine 3R councils headquarters. Incorporated in 2004, ESLN manages statewide initiatives such as the statewide delivery system (ELD) and the Empire ACD project. ESLN can obtain grants for various projects under a single umbrella. The members include:

- CDLC – Capital Library District
- CLRC – Central New York Library Resources Council
- LILRC – Long Island Library Resources Council
- METRO – Metropolitan New York Library Council
- NNYLN - Northern New York Library Network
- RRLC – Rochester Regional Library Council
- SENYLRC – Southeastern New York Library Resources Council
- SCRLC - South Central Regional Library Council
- WNYLRC – Western New York Library Resources Council

**F**



### **FirstSearch (OCLC product)**

FirstSearch is an online service that gives library professionals and end users access to a rich collection of reference databases. With FirstSearch, materials in your library's collection are highlighted in results from searches in dozens of leading databases. <http://www.oclc.org/firstsearch>.

## **G**

## **H**

### **HLO Hospital Library Online**

The portal used by the libraries to access databases and e-content at participating HLSP hospitals. This platform is run by Ovid Discovery Service and replaces HUBNET.

### **HLSP**

#### **Hospital Library Services Program**

A New York State funded program to support the information needs of Hospital administrative, medical, nursing, allied health, and ancillary staff. The program has been administered by WNYLRC since 1982. The HLSP funding cycle is April 1-March 31 by the NYS Dept. of Education and by participation fees from area hospitals. HLSP includes: the Grant Hospital Program, that provide cooperative collection development and resource sharing support for WNY hospitals under the direction of a medical librarian or affiliated with the Univ. at Buffalo's School of Medicine and Biomedical Science and School of Dental Medicine, and (2) the Circuit Hospital Program, serving other WNY hospitals with regularly scheduled consultative visits by circuit librarians, as well as grants for library materials.

### **HS2C**

#### **High School to College Committee**



A WNYLRC standing committee that focuses on students' information literacy transition between high school and college. The committee's charge is to 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, and create a framework for inter-campus visits among students, teachers and information specialists.



**IFM Interlibrary Loan Fee Management**

This is OCLC's version of EFTS.

**ILLiad Interlibrary Loan resource sharing management software**

Developed initially by Atlas Systems Inc., OCLC ILLiad is licensed through OCLC, Inc. Pricing for ILLiad is available directly from OCLC. More information is available at: <http://www.oclc.org/illiad>.

**ILL Interlibrary Loan**

The practice of libraries of lending materials (e.g. books) and sharing articles from periodicals (journal, magazine, newspaper articles) for use by other libraries' clientele. The 3Rs councils in NYS were created about 40 years ago to encourage resource sharing between different types of libraries using interlibrary loan. In Western NY, libraries request books and periodical articles (or other information such as chapters from books) via VDX (WNYLRC's interlibrary loan system), via fax to WNYLRC, or via OCLC. Books are delivered and returned via regular mail. Periodical articles are delivered by faxing or mailing a photocopy of the article to the requesting library, scanning the article and sending it electronically to the requesting library or library patron through a PDF.

**INFOPASS InfoPass (Library Access Project card)**

A Library Access Project Card - or **InfoPass** - valid for up to one year, may be issued to serious, responsible users by their own home library or institution. The **InfoPass** Card is recognized by participating libraries listed in the *WNY Library Access Guide*. The Library Access Project is designed to meet unique needs, and **InfoPass** holders must respect the rules and regulations of each participating library. Starting January 1, 2003, the issuing library assumes responsibility for the use of the **InfoPass** Card, including fiscal responsibility and return of any materials borrowed. Full, Associate, Affiliate and Collegial WNYLRC members are eligible to participate. (See **LAP**) <http://www.wnylrc.org/services/InfoPass/index.htm>

**IMLS Institute of Museum and Library Services**

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is an independent Federal grant-making agency dedicated to creating and sustaining a nation of learners by helping libraries and museums serve their communities. The Institute fosters leadership, innovation, and a lifetime of learning by supporting the nation's 15,000 museums and 122,000 libraries. Created by the Museum and Library Services Act of 1996, P.L. 104-208, IMLS administers the Library Services and Technology Act and the Museum Services Act (LSTA). In 2003, Congress reauthorized the Museum and

Library Services Act, P.L. 108-81, reaffirming the vital role that museums and libraries play in our communities. <http://www.imls.gov>.

## L

- LAP**                      **Library Access Program**  
The official name of the patron borrowing program that allowed patrons who identified themselves with an InfoPass card check-out books from other libraries in the region even if they were not a registered user or patron of the other libraries. Member institutions of the Western New York Library Resources Council (WNYLRC) began the Library Access Project (LAP) in 1970 in order to make more library and information resources available to more people in Western New York. Since that time, thousands of Western New Yorkers have participated in this program. Today, the program is overseen by the Resources Sharing Committee and is mainly known by the physical card given to registered InfoPass users (See INFOPASS).
- LC**                        **Library of Congress**  
While officially the US Congress' library, LC, along with the National Library of Medicine (NLM) and the National Agriculture Library (NAL) is the *de facto* "national library." LC developed the MARC format (see below). <http://www.loc.gov>.
- LCHIB**                    **Library Consortium of Health Institutions in Buffalo**  
The Library Consortium of Health Institutions in Buffalo (LCHIB) was founded in July 1982. Although an affiliation between the State University of New York at Buffalo and the participating institutions existed for decades, a formal cooperative agreement among the Consortium member libraries was established in that year. Through the cooperative programs of the Consortium, member libraries can provide an expanded range of library services and access to the collective resources of the Consortium. Although a member of WNYLRC, LCHIB also has many WNY hospitals (also members of WNYLRC) as its members.
- LEAP**                    **Library Education, Advancement, and Partnership Committee**  
  
Library Education, Advancement, & Partnership Committee      The LEAP Committee works to build and maintain awareness and support of libraries, their programs, staff, and their value to regional stakeholders, partners, and communities.
- LSTA**                    **Library Services and Technology Act**  
LSTA is a federally funded library program that supports library technology, resource sharing, training, and literacy programs. Most LSTA funding to New York State underwrites the cost of Division of Library Development staff. The Div. of Library Development conducts a grant process whereby libraries and library

systems in NYS compete for the remaining LSTA funding in various categories. LSTA has supported such WNYLRC programs as WNYLibraries.org, the VDX interlibrary loan project, and AskUs247. Beginning in 2005, the LSTA grant process will be a two-year funding cycle.

## M

### **MANY**

#### **Museum Association of New York**

Chartered in 1962, the Museum Association of New York works on behalf of all museums in the state. We are a service organization. Our programs help museums shape their futures in imaginative and innovative ways. MANY brings New York's museum community together to promote museums as engines of economic development and key tourist destinations, speak out as a strong, unified statewide voice on museum-related issues, increase public understanding and support for museums, address state legislative and public policy initiatives, provide professional support and training for museum staff and volunteers, and foster organizational development. <https://nysmuseums.org/>

### **MARAC**

#### **Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference**

Organized in 1972, MARAC is a volunteer, regional consortium of archivists who live and work in the states of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia, and in the District of Columbia. <http://www.marac.info>

### **MARC**

#### **Machine Readable Cataloging**

An international standard communications format for computer-to-computer interchange of bibliographic data. Similar to a card catalog card MARC is used to identify a specific item (i.e., the author, title, place of publication, publisher, date published, number of pages, subjects covered, etc.)

### **Medline and MedlinePlus**

#### **Medline**

Medline is the National Library of Medicine's online database of biomedical literature available through PubMed PubMed.gov. Medline Plus is the National Library of Medicine's consumer health information database <http://www.medlineplus.com>

### **MESH**

#### **Medical Subject Headings**

A Thesaurus of medical terms used in cataloging.

### **METADATA**

#### **Metadata**

In WNYLRC's case, a Dublin core-based electronic record used to describe digital objects.

**MISP****Medical Information Services Program**

MISP is a state-funded program. Each of the nine 3Rs councils, including WNYLRC, receives NYS funds directly from the New York State Library to provide a consumer health/medical library information services program for member libraries and library systems. State funds are used for the purchase of interlibrary loan and other information services from subcontracting libraries in the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM).

**MLA****Medical Library Association**

Founded in 1898, MLA is a nonprofit, educational organization of more than 1,100 institutions and 3,600 individual members in the health sciences information field, committed to educating health information professionals, supporting health information research, promoting access to the world's health sciences information, and working to ensure that the best health information is available to all. <http://www.mlanet.org>.

**N****NEA****National Endowment for the Arts**

The National Endowment for the Arts is a public agency dedicated to supporting excellence in the arts, both new and established; bringing the arts to all Americans; and providing leadership in arts education. Established by Congress in 1965 as an independent agency of the federal government, the Endowment is the nation's largest annual funder of the arts, bringing great art to all 50 states, including rural areas, inner cities, and military bases. <http://arts.endow.gov>.

**NEDCC****Northeast Documentation Conservation Center**

Organization in Massachusetts founded in 1973, the Northeast Document Conservation Center was the first independent conservation laboratory in the United States to specialize exclusively in the conservation and preservation of paper- and film-based collections. NEDCC provides professional conservation treatment for books, maps, photographs, documents, parchment, papyrus, manuscripts, architectural plans, and works of art on paper. NEDCC also offers preservation grant assistance and, offers online and in person professional development opportunities. <https://www.nedcc.org/>

**NEH****National Endowment for the Humanities**

NEH is an independent grant-making agency of the United States government dedicated to supporting research, education, preservation, and public programs in the humanities. <https://www.neh.gov/>

**NHPRC****National Historical Publications and Records Commission**

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) is the outreach arm of the National Archives and makes plans for and studies issues related to the preservation, use and publication of historical documents. The Commission also makes grants to non-Federal archives and other organizations to promote the preservation use of America's documentary heritage. <http://www.archives.gov/grants>

**NIOGA****NIOGA Library System**

The Nioga Library System is a non-profit cooperative library system serving the public libraries in three counties. The library system takes its name from the counties that it serves - Niagara, Orleans and Genesee. The system, which consists of twenty-one public libraries, is one of twenty-three similar systems in New York State. It receives most of its financial support through the New York State Department of Education. The Nioga Library System, which was chartered in 1958, helps to provide improved informational services to all residents of its three county region. <https://niogalibrary.org/>

**NLM****National Library of Medicine**

Located on the campus of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland, is the world's largest medical library. The Library collects materials and provides information and research services in all areas of biomedicine and health care. <http://www.nlm.nih.gov>

**NNLM****Network of the National Library of Medicine**

A program coordinated through the National Library of Medicine, consisting of a network of health science libraries and information centers. The mission of NNLM is to advance the progress of medicine and improve the public health by providing all US health professionals with equal access to biomedical information and improving the public's access to information to enable them to make informed decisions about their health. <https://www.nlm.gov/>

**NOVELny or NOVEL****New York Online Virtual Electronic Library**

This is a public no-cost online information network that creates a "library without walls." NOVELny provides a gateway for all New Yorkers, even those in the most geographically isolated communities, to a vast array of electronic books, e-journals, full text magazines and articles as well as to the rich resources of libraries throughout the state via online catalogs, digitized collections of photographs, images, maps, manuscripts, encyclopedias, journals and other proprietary databases licensed on a statewide basis for free public access. All New Yorkers have free access to digital information via their community library and in many

cases from remote locations such as home, school or work. Access the NOVELny databases here: <https://novelnewyork.org>

#### **NYAC**

##### **New York Archives Conference**

The New York Archives Conference is an organization that once a year brings together archivists, manuscript curators, local historians and local government record keepers to discuss issues of mutual concern to professional holders of historical records. Our annual meetings move back and forth and more recently up and down New York State to provide ongoing professional education to records holders with limited or no travel budgets. We hold our meetings on college and university campuses to hold costs to a minimum. It is an ideal organization for individuals new to the profession to learn from colleagues and to become involved in professional activities. Since 2007, we have provided scholarships to allow those new to the profession to attend our meetings. <http://www.nyarchivists.org/nyac/>

#### **NYALS**

##### **New York Alliance of Library Systems**

An ad hoc group whose members include all 72 library systems (school, public, and 3Rs) who work together on advocacy efforts and coordinated services.

#### **NY3Rs**

##### **NY 3Rs Association Inc.**

See ESLN.

#### **NYH**

##### **New York Heritage (or NY Heritage)**



A statewide portal of digital collections. Most of the 3R councils contribute digitized collections of photos, manuscripts, oral histories, maps, and more to the portal.

<https://nyheritage.org/>

#### **NYLA**

##### **New York Library Association**

NYLA is a nonprofit organization for librarians and library Staff in New York State. A chapter of the American Library Association, NYLA offers professional activities, such as continuing education, legislative information, and holds an annual conference in different cities each fall in October/November.

<http://www.nyla.org>

#### **NYSA**

##### **New York State Archives**

The New York State Archives was established in 1971 and opened its doors to the public in 1978. It is a program of the State Education Department, with its main facility located in the Cultural Education Center on Madison Avenue in Albany. New York State Archives cares for and provides access to more than 130 million documents that tell the story of New York from the seventeenth century to the present. <http://www.archives.nysed.gov/>

**NYSCA****New York State Council on the Arts**

The New York State Council on the Arts is dedicated to preserving and expanding the rich and diverse cultural resources that are and will become the heritage of New York's citizens. The Council believes in supporting the following. Artistic excellence and the creative freedom of artists without censure, and the rights of all New Yorkers to access and experience the power of the arts and culture, and the vital contribution the arts make to the quality of life in New York communities. NYSCA strives to achieve its mission through its core grant-making activity and by convening field leaders, providing information and advisory support, and working with partners on special initiatives to achieve mutual goals. Further, NYSCA's vision for cultural development in the state is reflected in the following goals.

<https://arts.ny.gov/>

**NYSCH****New York State Council on the Humanities**

Since 1975, the New York Council for the Humanities has actively nurtured the role of the humanities in the intellectual and cultural life of New York State. As a not-for-profit, independent affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Council works with more than 4,000 cultural institutions such as libraries, historical sites, museums, art galleries, colleges and universities, and community centers to bring innovative, thought-provoking programs to over a quarter of a million New Yorkers annually. <https://humanitiesny.org/>

**NYSED****New York State Education Department**

The NY State Education Department administers all state educational programs, including those related to libraries. (Also SED) <http://www.nysed.gov>.

**NYSHN****New York State Historic Newspapers**

Historic newspaper portal managed by Northern New York Library Network (NNYLN). Most 3R councils work with their members to contribute digitized collections of historic (and current) newspapers. <http://www.nyshistoricnewspapers.org>

**NYSLAA****New York State Library Assistants Association**

Support staff throughout New York are represented by this organization whose roots began in 1977 at the first ever "library clerical conference" in New York State. From these humble beginnings, **NYSLAA** has grown as an independent organization, with close to 600 members. It is run by library assistants, for library assistants. <http://www.nyslaa.org>

## O

### **OCLC**

#### **Online Computer Library Center, Inc.**

Started as the Ohio College Library Center, OCLC, Inc. is headquartered in Dublin, Ohio. OCLC is a “bibliographic utility” that provides access to a databases containing records from many libraries throughout the world, including the Library of Congress. OCLC is a nonprofit, member organization. Members are different types of libraries located throughout the world. OCLC products include: a.) WorldCat (primarily a database of MARC records that indicate which libraries own what materials, such as books, videos, music recordings, etc.). OCLC member libraries use WorldCat to request materials via interlibrary loan. b.) FirstSearch is OCLC’s menu of databases covering various subjects. c.) contentDM is software that libraries and archives use to digitize and index images. d.) Olive is newspaper indexing software.

### **ODS**

#### **Ovid Discovery Service**

Provided through Wolters Kluwer, this is an advanced discovery platform developed specifically for health, biomedical, and pharmaceutical electronic libraries.

### **Online Catalog of WNY medical libraries**

#### **Online Catalog of WNY medical libraries**

Now defunct/no longer updated online union catalogs of Erie County Medical Center, Kenmore Mercy Hospital, Mercy Hospital, Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Sisters Hospital, and Kaleida Healthcare System Libraries (Buffalo General, Women & Children’s Hospital of Buffalo, Millard Fillmore Suburban. <http://Cois.sirsi.net>

### **OPAC**

#### **Online Public Access Catalog**

Online catalog of a library’s or libraries holdings.

## P

### **PubMed**

#### **PubMed**

National Library of Medicine’s free Internet-based Medline database for the public. PubMed, a service of the National Library of Medicine, includes over 15 million citations for biomedical articles back to the 1950's. These citations are from MEDLINE and additional life science journals. PubMed includes links to many sites providing full text articles and other related resources. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>

### **PULISDO**

#### **Public Library Systems Directors Organization**

PULISDO is a statewide organization of public library systems. At this time it is not incorporated as a nonprofit organization.

## R

RAC

### **Regional Advisory Committee**



RAC was a standing committee of WNYLRC that is responsible for regional automation funding, projects and programs such as RBDB (see below), WNYLRC's now defunct virtual union catalog (WNYlibraries.org), the ongoing virtual reference project (askus247.org), and the regional digitization program. RAC is the only committee required by New York State regulations. It must meet a minimum of 4 times per year. It is defunct as of June 2022.

RBDB

### **Regional Bibliographic Data Bases (and Resource Sharing Program)**

A New York State program to encourage regional resource sharing. RBDB supports such activities as member grants, Ask Us 24/7, continuing education, and other innovative regional initiatives. As of 2022, terms for RBDB have changed and these state funds have been absorbed by WNYLRC's general aid.

RECON

### **Retrospective Conversion**

RECON is a process whereby actual card catalog cards are converted into MARC-standard electronic format. WNYLRC has had RECON as a cottage industry for many years – retrospectively converting records from schools and other libraries located in the region – and funded via LSTA, RBDB, COSER, or other funds. As of January 2005, RECON is just about completed.

RIC

### **Regional Information Center**

One of nine BOCES computer centers designated to develop an electronic network linking schools and educational agencies across NYS. Erie 1 BOCES houses the WNY RIC, which includes five school library systems that are WNYLRC members.

RSC

### **Resource Sharing Committee**



RSC is a standing committee of WNYLRC that is charged with working on resource sharing issues and projects. These include CCDA (Coordinated Collection Development), general oversight of technology platforms, sponsoring workshops on resource sharing issues, and reviewing AIG applications.

## S

- SARBIT**                    **System Annual Report and Budget Implementation Team**  
Electronic system of budget and applications reporting for all New York library systems - school, public, and 3Rs. For WNYLRC this includes RBDB, HLSP, General Operating, and annual report.
- SED**                        **State Education Department**  
See NYSED.
- SLA**                        **Special Libraries Association**  
The Special Libraries Association (SLA) is a nonprofit global organization for innovative information professionals and their strategic partners. SLA serves more than 12,000 members in 83 countries in the information profession, including corporate, academic and government information specialists.
- SLAWNY**                    **School Librarian's Association of Western New York**  
The local affiliate to the statewide school library media specialists organization known as SLMS, the school library section of NYLA.  
<http://www.slawnywebsite.org/>
- SLSA**                        **School Library Systems Association**  
SLSA is the statewide organization of school library systems. <http://slsa-nys.org/>
- SUNYLA**                    **State University of New York Librarians Association**  
A non-profit organization representing librarians from all 64 SUNY campuses.  
<http://www.sunyla.org>.

## U

- UNYOC**                    **Upstate New York/Ontario Chapter**  
Founded in 1964, the Upstate New York and Ontario Chapter (UNYOC) is one of 14 regional chapters affiliated with the Medical Library Association (MLA). UNYOC's purpose is to serve the professional interests and needs of New York and Ontario Librarians. <http://unyoc.mlanet.org>.

## V

- VIRTUAL REFERENCE** See Ask US 24/7.

## W

**WALDO**

**Westchester Academic Library Director's Organization**

Organization that purchases databases at consortial pricing.

**WNYAHA**

**Western New York Association of Historical Agencies**

Consortium of historical organizations in 12 counties committed to the preservation of Western New York's historical and cultural resources and to encourage cooperation among historical societies, museums, municipal historians, libraries, other related cultural organization and individuals interested in the historical cultural development of Western New York. <http://www.wnyaha.org>.

**WNYHSL**

**Western New York Health Sciences Librarians Association**

Listserv: <http://listserv.buffalo.edu/cgi-bin/wa?SUBED1=wnyhsl-l&A=1>.  
Defunct. 

**WNYLIB-L**

**Western New York Library Listserv**

WNYLIB-L is WNYLRC's listserv for its members. See WNY Listservs for more information on subscribing and for a list of other regional listservs.

**WNYLSS**

**Western New York Library Support Staff committee**



WNYLRC worked closely with support staff through their local association and the Western New York Library Assistants (WNYLA) committee formed in 1991 as a discussion group of WNYLRC. This committee first became a sub-committee of the CE committee and is now a standing committee of WNYLRC. In 2022, WNYLA changed their name to the Western New York Library Support Staff committee.

**WNYLRC**

**Western New York Library Resources Council**

The Western New York Library Resources Council (WNYLRC) is a not-for-profit consortium of libraries and library systems serving six counties: Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, and Orleans. The Council was chartered by the New York State Board of Regents in 1966. Member libraries include academic, corporate, hospital and other special types of libraries. Library systems include public and school libraries. WNYLRC is governed by a volunteer Board of Trustees. <http://www.wnylrc.org>.

**WNYRIN**

**Western New York Regional Information Network**

or **RIN**

The Western New York Regional Information Network (WNYRIN) is part of the Institute for Local Governance and Regional Growth, a major public service program of the University at Buffalo. WNYRIN is a directory of public services, a gateway to WNY culture and tourism, and a local governance research tool. <http://rin.buffalo.edu/>

**WORLDCAT**

**World Catalog (OCLC Product)**

WorldCat is a worldwide union catalog created and maintained collectively by more than 9,000 member institutions. With millions of online records built from the bibliographic and ownership information of contributing libraries, it is the largest and most comprehensive database of its kind. <http://www.oclc.org/worldcat/default.htm>

**Z**

**Z39.50**

**Z39.50 Protocol**

International standard and software to enable reciprocal client/server communication between computer systems or networks.

## Western New York Regional Listservs

WNYLRC supports many discussion groups and committee and/or project listservs as a member benefit to our member libraries and library systems. The main communication listserv is:

**wnylib-l@listserv.acsu.buffalo.edu**

### **WNYLIB-L**

Housed at the University at Buffalo, this is the official listserv for libraries in Western New York. Open to all librarians, support staff, and library students who wish to keep abreast of professional development opportunities, news, and job opportunities. Subscribing to this list can be done using directions on the WNYLRC website or by requesting your name be added by contacting Caitlin Kenney at [ckenny@wnylrc.org](mailto:ckenny@wnylrc.org).

## WNYLRC Supported Websites

WNYLRC supports many project-based websites or information portals to better serve its member libraries and library systems' patrons.

[www.askus247.org](http://www.askus247.org)

### **Ask Us 24/7 Internet address**



Generic URL of the Ask Us 24/7 virtual reference service. Participating libraries most often choose to use their own library's website URL to promote the service. The generic URL is most often used by WNYLRC to promote the service.

[www.wnylrc.org](http://www.wnylrc.org)

### **Western New York Library Resources Council**



Official website of WNYLRC. The site includes vast amounts of information geared specifically to member libraries and library systems including program descriptions, membership benefits, training calendars, and more.

## **WNYLRC Sponsored Committees and Discussion Groups**

Committee Guidelines and committee information available at: <http://www.wnylrc.org>

### **Governing Committee**

WNYLRC Board of Trustees

### **Standing Committees**

Committee for Health Information Access (CHIA)

Continuing Education Committee (CE)

High School to College Continuum Committee (HS2C)

Library Education, Advancement, and Partnership Committee (LEAP)

Preservation Committee

Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)

Resource Sharing Committee (RSC)

WNY Library Support Staff Committee (WNYLSS)

### **Other WNYLRC Committees/Groups**

Academic Libraries Directors Caucus

Committee Chairpersons Committee

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