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## Western New York Library Resources Council

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## WNYLRC Updates

WNYLRC received a grant from Humanities NY to create a new traveling exhibit entitled, "*Renewed or Ruined? The Urban Renewal Experience in New York State*." Heidi Ziemer, Outreach and Digital Equity Coordinator, will be managing the project, which includes both a physical traveling exhibit and an online exhibit that will be available through New York Heritage. Others that are involved in the project include David Hochfelder (SUNY/Albany), Jordan Jace (NYS Archives Partnership Trust), Michael Frisch (SUNY/Buffalo) and Jery Huntley (Our Story Bridge). [More information](#)

As a reminder, you can [request traveling exhibits here!](#) WNYLRC is able to offer several physical traveling exhibits to members at no additional cost.

Exhibits available include:

- [Immigration in New York State, 1650-1950](#)
- [Making Sense of the Census in New York](#)
- [Recognizing Women's Right to Vote in New York State](#)
- [Two Hundred Years on the Erie Canal](#)
- [Louise Bethune: Every Woman Her Own Architect](#)

WNYLRC staff continue to visit public libraries in the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus

been a great way to learn about the unique services that these individual libraries have to offer!

**WNYLRC has moved:** update your address books to 180 Lawrence Bell Drive, Suite 104, Amherst, NY 14221.

**Annual Meeting:** Registration is open for the WNYLRC Annual Meeting of the Membership which will be held at the National Comedy Center on Tuesday, October 22 at 10 am. This will be a daytime lunch meeting. [Register here!](#)



*Left: Jay Barone and Jenn Northup (WNYLRC) pose with the Bovine Milking Udder Simulator located at Byron-Bergen Public Library. Right: Caitlin Kenney (WNYLRC) and Gretchen Schweigert (Newfane Public Library) pose with the NIOGA Library System Adventure Map.*

## Virtual Trainings and Meetings

Registration is required for all WNYLRC 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.

Check out [our events and training page](#) for upcoming programs this month!

**CCDA Webinar with Barbara Lilley, Monday September 9 from 10 am to 11 am:** Join Barbara Lilley for an overview of the NYS Coordinated Collection Development Aid program. Barbara will review how libraries should complete and submit the CCDA print and online forms, review when a library needs to submit a waiver, and

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[Register here](#)

**MLA Webinar: Librarians and Institutional Regulatory Boards and Committees: Finding Your Seat at the Table, Wednesday September 11 from 2 pm to 3:30 pm:**

Susan Harnett and Laureen Cantwell-Jurkovic, authors of [Finding Your Seat at The Table: Roles for Librarians on Institutional Regulatory Boards and Committees](#), a [highly recommended](#) guide for librarians on joining and serving on institutional regulatory boards and committees, will demystify service on IRB and IACUC and show you what's needed to join them. They'll present foundational knowledge on these important committees and offer guidance on demonstrating the value of your membership on them and on developing the arguments and gaining the support needed to find your seat at the table.

[More information here](#)

**Generative A.I. and Practical Applications for Libraries, Thursday September 19 from 1 pm to 2:30 pm:**

This session will include: an overview of AI technologies; hands-on demonstrations of different AI tools and services; and suggestions for best practices to ensure ethical aspects are considered, such as protecting patron privacy.

[Register here](#)

**Save the Date:** The Intersect Unconference will be held Friday, October 11, at the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library - Central location in downtown Buffalo. [Check this page for updates.](#)

The Preservation Committee is sponsoring memberships for NEDCC programs. WNYLRC members can apply for sponsorship of select live or on-demand [Northeast Document Conservation Center \(NEDCC\) online training programs](#). Sponsorships are considered on a first-come first-served basis. [Application for Sponsorship](#)

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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## News from the Region

The **Lockport City School District (Orleans-Niagara BOCES)** has a portable technology vehicle making its way around the district this summer. The TechMobile offers Wi-Fi, iPads, crafts, and healthy snacks. It is staffed by the

parent-teacher communication tools available in the district. [Learn more](#)

**Barker Public Library (Nioga Library System)** recently celebrated the opening of their new building, shared with the Barker village hall. The previous library and village hall building burned down in 2019. They were able to rebuild a larger space and costs were thankfully covered by insurance and state grants. [Read more](#)

The **Jamestown Public School District (Erie 2 BOCES)** is considering adding more library media specialists to their staff. These jobs were cut in the 2010s due to budget constraints and while the high schools and middle schools have full-time library media specialists, the four elementary schools are sharing only two staff members. The hope is to add more full-time library media specialists so that the elementary schools may be better served. [Learn more](#)

Betty Haynes, a teacher at **Cleveland Hill Union Free District (Erie 1 BOCES)**, was named the 2024 NYS History Teacher of the Year. The award is presented by the [Gilder Lehrman Institute](#), the nation's leading nonprofit organization dedicated to K–12 American history education. This award selects one K–12 teacher from each state, the District of Columbia, Department of Defense schools, and United States Territories. Betty will receive a \$1,000 prize, a core archive of American history books, and educational materials curated by the Gilder Lehrman Institute. She will also be recognized at a local ceremony and join the group of 53 finalists contending for the 2024 National History Teacher of the Year Award. Betty has also been an active participant with Consider The Source NY, encouraging her students to learn more about the [Cleveland Hill School Fire of 1954](#) by using primary resources. [Read more](#)

John Spears, Executive Director of the **Buffalo & Erie County Public Library**, was [recently honored](#) with the [Mary Bobinski Innovative Public Library Director Award](#) from the New York Library Association! The award will be presented to John at this year's Award Reception during the [NYLA Annual Conference](#) in Syracuse, NY.

The **Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park** will receive \$10 million in funding from New York State to repair and restore the USS The Sullivans and the USS Croaker. Both vessels will be moved to a dry dock in 2025 for repairs and then return to the Naval Park in 2026. [Read more](#)

A number of entities in the Western New York region received [Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund Awards \(LGRMIF\)](#) from [the New York State Archives](#) (WNYLRC members are bolded):

- City of Olean (Cattaraugus County)
- City of Salamanca (Cattaraugus County)
- **Dunkirk City School District, Erie 2 BOCES (Chautauqua County)**
- **Frontier Central School District, Erie 1 BOCES (Erie County)**
- Town of Amherst (Erie County)
- Town of Lockport (Niagara County)

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

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*Left: a coffee station that utilizes an old card catalog is available to patrons at the Hollwedel Memorial Library in Pavilion. Right: the reading room at Richmond Memorial Library in Batavia.*

## News from the State

The New York State Archives welcomes the new State Archivist and Assistant Commissioner, Brian Keough, this month! Brian previously led the M.E. Grenander Special Collections, Archives, & Preservation at the University in



[Registration is open](#) for the NYLA Annual Conference, which will be held in Syracuse, NY. The conference runs from November 6 to November 9.

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

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The Roycroft Collection, this month's featured digital collection is a newer addition to New York Heritage and focuses on Elbert Hubbard and the Arts and Crafts movement. Arts and Crafts was a design reform movement beginning in the mid-19th century as a reaction against a perceived decline of standards that the reformers associated with machinery and factory production. Elbert Hubbard founded the reformist Roycroft community in 1895. This collection is comprised of family photographs, documents, and prints associated with Hubbard and the movement. The above image depicts Roycroft founder Elbert Hubbard raking the lawn along the wooden sidewalk in front of his original house around 1896 which was the site of the future Roycroft Inn. To the left in the distance is the East Aurora Academy. The rounded tower to the right was part of a private home that later became part of the Roycroft Inn and connected by the peristyle.

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Aurora, New York home (which later became the Roycroft Inn)." *New York State Heritage*. 1896? <https://nyheritage.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p16694coll1/id/21747/rec/34>

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[listserv@listserv.buffalo.edu](mailto:listserv@listserv.buffalo.edu) (or just click that link). In the body of the email message write: **SET wnylib-l digests**. Leave the subject area of the message blank and delete any signature file you have at the end of your message. If you click the email link above, the message should be ready for you to send. Please note that you need to be already subscribed to the list in order to change this setting.

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