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Western New York Library Resources Council

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WNYLRC Updates

The WNYLRC Offices will be closed Monday, December 25, Tuesday, December 26, and Monday, January 1, in observance of the holidays.

AcademicSHARE: Any WNYLRC member library can distribute AcademicSHARE Passes to encourage students, faculty, and patrons to explore the vast resources and expertise available through WNY's academic libraries. All AcademicSHARE academic libraries have agreed to provide on-site access to resources for any AcademicSHARE Pass holder. Any library that would like to distribute passes must complete an annual participation form. For more information on this program, visit the [AcademicSHARE page](#) or contact [Jenn Northup](#).

Advocacy: We have several library advocacy meetings scheduled with our state legislators. You will meet with our state senators and assembly members at several libraries in the region. [View the list of upcoming meetings and reserve your seat today!](#) Please note that these meetings are being held in person. These dates are subject to change so please refer to the webpage for updates. Next week, we are meeting with Assembly Member Monica Wallace

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Diverse Collections Grant: This annual grant supporting the addition of diverse materials to school library collections has opened its 2023-2024 grant cycle. The grant is offered by WNYLRC's High School to College Committee. Applications will be accepted until February 16, 2024. [Learn more here.](#)

Job Postings: Did you know you can browse regional library jobs on [our jobs page](#)? Recently added postings include library media specialist positions in [Tonawanda](#), [Dunkirk](#), and [the City of Buffalo](#), [Engineering Librarian at the University of Buffalo](#), and [a remote preservation specialist position](#) through the NEDCC. WNYLRC members can also submit openings to be posted on this page!

Site Visits: Besides visiting member sites during our advocacy meetings this month, WNYLRC staff will also be visiting the Fenton History Center in Jamestown. We will be meeting with the staff and learning more about their collections. If you're interested in having WNYLRC staff members come to your library, please reach out!



Senator Borrello, Assembly Member Giglio, and Assembly Member Goodell

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Virtual Trainings and Meetings

Registration is required for all 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.

The 411 on 211: Reentry Services, Tuesday March 26, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm:

Learn how to use 211 to identify services available for people returning to your community from a jail or correctional facility. See what guides and guided searches 211 offers for this population as well as opportunities to partner with 211 in your community.

[Register here](#)

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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*WNYLRC Staff visited the Fenton History Center located in Jamestown, NY.
Pictured is the parlor inside the museum.*

News from the Region

Niagara County Community College is in the midst of our Middle States Commission for Higher Education self-study review and the Lewis Library is heavily involved in the process. Instruction & Assessment Librarian Andy Yeager is co-chairing the steering committee, which oversees all of the working groups. Technical Services Librarian & Archivist Jean Linn is co-chairing the standard IV working group, support of the student experience, with Clerk Jenny Crandall also serving on this group. Public Services Librarian Andy Aquino is serving on the standard II working group, ethics & integrity. Part-time librarian, Angelina DiMascio, is working as the project assistant/digital archivist for the evidence repository.

Additionally, the first batch of NCCC's RBDB grant project to digitize the Niagara Gazette has been uploaded to NYSHN. [View the collection here.](#)

On Monday, October 30 a grand opening was held for an outdoor music garden

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Board of Trustees Catherine Lee and Anita Metzger, **B&ECPL** Director John Spears, Town of Hamburg Councilmember Elizabeth Farrell-Lorentz, and Philip Gow, field director for Representative Nick Langworthy. A grant for the instruments was secured through Art Services , Inc. This space is unique as this is the only public library in Erie County to have an outdoor music garden.

Librarian Ashley Cassidy was recently promoted to Librarian II at the **Hamburg Public Library (*Buffalo & Erie County Public Library*)**. She oversees both the Hamburg and Lake Shore libraries and supervises all staff. Congratulations to Ashley for all she does in making the Hamburg Public Library the success it is!

Librarian Laura Dumuhosky was recently hired at **Richmond Memorial Library (*Nioga Library System*)**. Laura was an academic librarian for 15 years and expresses deep excitement for an opportunity to work in a public library. Her first library job out of graduate school was a part-time reference and instruction position with Genesee Community College, at which time she worked simultaneously at the Genesee Country Village & Museum. From there, the trajectory into academic libraries was an easy one, though working as a substitute librarian for Richmond during part of this time was a highlight. While at SUNY Brockport, she switched to an instructional designer position, helping instructors to create, maintain, and improve online and hybrid courses. During this time, she spent a great deal of time working toward getting online and hybrid courses fully accessible for students with disabilities, and training instructors on how to use Microsoft products to create accessible materials, as well as remediating PDFs. Working in academia for so long, Laura says she was often pulled away from direct contact with the patrons who needed her most. She is looking forward to supporting and providing needed services to people within her community. Working hours on the Adult Reference Desk and collecting the library's media (DVDs, Blu-rays, audiobooks, CDs and the library's upcoming vinyl collection) should be a good fit for her, as a self-proclaimed mediaphile.

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WNYLRC Staff visited the National Comedy Center in Jamestown, NY, to check out the space as a potential Annual Meeting site.

News from the State

The New York Library Association will be updating their website in 2024. If you have an account on the NYLA website, you will need to save your continuing education information, including any certificates you may have earned. This information is **not** being transferred over to the new site. [Learn more here.](#)

Advocacy: The New York Library Association is also preparing its asks for the 2024 Legislative Session. View in depth information about the [2024 Legislative](#)

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Library Operating Aid

Budget:

- Library Operating Aid: \$147.1m
- Library Construction Aid: \$69.4m
- Library Materials Aid: \$11.00/pupil

Legislative Initiatives

- Continuation of all unrealized 2023 initiatives
 - Preventing Bans of Library Materials, Services, and Programming
- NOVELny – Securing a future for NOVELny before its scheduled sunset on 6/30/2024

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The Polster Photographs is a collection focusing on the city of Lockport through the decades. Many of the buildings in these photos have since been torn down, but thanks to photographer Edwin Polster, there is a record of what they once looked

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1940s-1960s. <https://nyheritage.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p15004coll9/id/332/rec/3>.

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Did you know that you can change your WNYLIB-L subscription to a digest form rather than immediate delivery of list items? This way, you can receive one daily email with all of the information sent to WNYLIB-L instead of receiving each email individually. To enable digest, send an email to:

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.

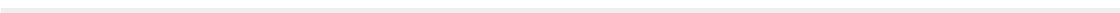
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