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Western New York Library Resources Council

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WNYLRC Updates

Please note that WNYLRC will be closed on Monday, February 20th, due to the holiday.

Exhibits: We are excited to share that new digital exhibits created by some of our members are now available on New York Heritage! These new digital exhibits were made possible thanks to federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds allocated to the New York State Library by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). You can check out the following exhibits and their creators below.

- [Western New York Religious Diversity](#) - Andrew J. Bouwhuis S.J. Library at Canisius College and the Network of Religious Communities
- [The Packard Family: A Legacy of Innovation and Philanthropy](#) - Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System
- [Buffalo's Neighborhoods: Exploring Our Migrant & Immigrant Heritage](#) - Buffalo & Erie County Library System
- [What Lies Beneath: Exploring the Geology of Western New York](#) - Buffalo Museum of Science and Erie 1 BOCES

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statewide Consider the Source program, which aims to create lesson plans utilizing primary source materials. These lesson plans are freely available for any educator to use in the classroom! Ayodele Ojumu, of Buffalo Public Schools, and staff at the Castellani Art Museum of Niagara University have created fantastic lessons!

- [1965 Front Page News: Exploring Digitized Issues of *Buffalo Criterion*](#) - Ayodele Ojumu
- [The Little Harlem Hotel of Buffalo, NY: Juxtaposing 1930s History, Music, and Images](#) - Ayodele Ojumu
- [Armenian Genocide](#) - Castellani Art Museum of Niagara University

Site Visits: This past month, WNYLRC visited the library staff at D'Youville University and the library staff at Villa Maria College! Thank you so much for hosting us!



Left to right: Heidi Ziemer, Jay Barone, Lucy Waite (Director of Library Services at Villa Maria College), Jennifer Northup, and Caitlin Kenney

We're still planning more site visits, so stay tuned for an email from Caitlin! If you have something you really want to show us, please email her at ckennedy@wnylrc.org to set up your visit now!

Newest Addition to the WNYLRC Staff!

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Media Intern. She will be creating marketing materials, graphics, and social media postings for WNYLRC and will be assisting WNYLRC staff in developing a social media plan for the future. She will also be accompanying us on our site visits and will be getting to know WNYLRC members too. Welcome to WNYLRC, Madison!

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News from the Region

Hoag Library (*Nioga Library System*) received a grant from the Genesee-Orleans Regional Arts Council allowing them to hire a local artist, Stacey Kirby Steward, to create paintings around the library depicting animals reading books. [You can see the beautiful paintings here.](#) Kirby Steward has created other art for the library in the past, including designing a stained-glass window.

The New York State of Health, which is the state's official health plan Marketplace, is sending certified enrollment assistors to public libraries across the state. They will help library patrons navigate the Marketplace and enroll for health insurance. Lancaster Public Library (*Buffalo & Erie County Public Library*) is hosting enrollment assistors later this month. [Check out the map here.](#)

Are you ready for tax season? I'm not. But at least I know I can go to the library to find free tax preparation services from tax professionals made available thanks to local organizations partnering with our libraries. Check out some of the various news coverage about available tax help at a library near you:

- [Lockport Public Library](#)
- [Richmond Memorial Library](#)
- [Henrietta G. Lewis Library at Niagara County Community College](#)
- [Buffalo & Erie County Library](#)

Olean Public Library (Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System) is hosting a beer-tasting fundraiser next week. Participants will also get to chat with local brewers about their products. [Learn more about FeBREWary.](#)

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News from the State

Library Advocacy Day is in Albany on February 28! Make sure to schedule your appointment with your local legislators today to inform them of the need to increase library funding. Encourage your patrons to show support for their libraries to their legislators. Now, more than ever, libraries need this vital support from their communities especially as they continue to make national headlines. [Check out the NYLA Advocacy 2023 \(#LAD23\) page to view their advocacy toolkit, suggestions for participation, and legislative day schedule.](#)

NYLA has hired a new Director of Government Relations & Advocacy. **Max Prime** replaces Bri McNamee in the role. You can read more about him [at this link.](#)

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Virtual Trainings and Meetings

Upcoming workshops:

Inside Interlibrary Loan, Sessions 1 and 2: Interlibrary Loan Basics for Its Future, [RESCHEDULED] Tuesdays February 14 and February 21, from 10 am to 12 pm: As library shelving and physical collections continue to diminish, electronic resource collections continue to grow. To keep up with library trends and evolve in these troubling and uncertain times, we need to understand how to expand our Interlibrary Loan (ILL) services to meet the needs of our library patrons. Through lecture, discussions, and exercises, we will gain insights into this ever-expanding library service. Question and answer sessions are embedded into each session. Worksheets and learning tools will be provided.

[Register here.](#)

Meet the WNYLRC Committees, Thursday February 16, from 10:30 am to 11:30

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are you a current committee member who is interested in joining another? Meet the representatives and liaisons of each WNYLRC Committee to learn about what each committee focuses on, and the projects they are currently involved in. The recruitment period begins at the end of February, so this will give you some time to think about which committee you'd like to join. Remember, WNYLRC is a member-driven organization, so joining a committee is a great way to make your voice heard. [Register here.](#)

Correctional Librarianship, Thursday February 16, from 3 pm to 4 pm: When you think of professional opportunities in New York State, Correctional Librarianship *probably* doesn't come to mind. This segment will describe the rewards and opportunities that Correctional Librarianship can offer. You will be intrigued by being a librarian, a manager and a department head all in one day. It will show you that a lot of work developing your facility library will reap intrinsic and financial rewards. Corinne Leone will share her experiences working with and programming for a diverse adult population. She will convey something about each correctional facility library, in New York State and that they are modeled after a community public library with added layers of safety. This segment will inform you about how Corinne was initially apprehensive and how she feels now. [Register here.](#)

EDIAr Article Discussion: Envisioning Safety at Hennepin County Library, Friday February 24, from 4 pm to 5 pm: Join the Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Anti-Racism (EDIAr) Committee for their article reading and discussion club! In February, we will read the article *Envisioning Safety at Hennepin County Library* and discuss the library's relationship to the prison-industrial complex. Copies of the article will be distributed to all registrants, allowing for ample reading time before the discussion. You do not have to be a member of EDIAr to participate; this discussion is open to all interested. [Register here.](#)

Exploring the Future of Digital Library Loans: Controlled Digital Lending, Friday March 10, from 10 am to 3 pm: Join us in person or online for a one day symposium on controlled digital lending. You will learn what controlled digital lending is, where the concept came from, the technical aspects of how it works in the library, and the legal frameworks of controlled digital lending. [More information and registration link here.](#)

How To Fill Out FOIA/FOIL Requests, Wednesday March 22, 10 am to 12 pm: Michael Kuzma and Leslie James Pickering will lead a workshop on how attorneys, journalists, historians, or any person can file successful Freedom of Information (FOI) requests. This workshop will share tactics they have learned from the various FOI requests and appeals that they have submitted. Real examples of FOI requests,

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government issues won't want to miss this one-of-a-kind presentation.

Please note that this workshop will be held in person at WNYLRC.

[Register here.](#)

Interrupting White Nationalism: Tools and Strategies for Recognizing, Intervening, and Responding to White Nationalism, Wednesday April 5, from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm: This interactive workshop, primarily aimed at academic librarians, focuses on three main learning outcomes. Participants will: 1. Recognize white nationalist groups, iconography, and talking points.; 2. Develop strategies to confront situations in which these arise.; 3. Understand where the line is between constitutionally protected free speech vs. threats and harassment. There will be some pre-work, including readings and identifying relevant policies and procedures at one's library and/or campus. Participants should come prepared to talk and strategize in small and large groups.

[Register here.](#)

Developing Sustainable Impact Through Community Health Work, Thursday April 13th, from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm: Through the personal journey of navigating through trauma, violence, addiction, and poverty there is hope at the end of the tunnel. These stories, from the block to the board, are often romanticized when in reality it requires daily work and consistency in moving forward and upward. Most importantly it requires the development of a support system. This is where community health models come into play. Community Health Work looks at the whole self and supporting individuals in navigating through social determinants of health. It is a critical model we have today to affect sustainable changes in our society; it is also one of the most undervalued.

[Register here.](#)

The Beautiful, Revolutionary Future, Wednesday, April 26, from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm: What would an irresistible future look like to you? What would you be free to do tomorrow if you weren't carrying yesterday's limitations? In this webinar, we'll discuss what can be gained by moving through the initial discomforts of change to step into the beautiful, revolutionary future! This webinar is sponsored by the Empire State Library Network.

[Register here.](#)

Save the Date for this upcoming ESLN Webinar!

Boundary Setting Series: March 29th and 31st at 1:30 pm

If you missed any of our webinars last fall, you can view the recordings here:

- [Using VA Video Connect in Libraries: What You Need To Know!](#)
- [NY State's Budget and You: A Primer](#)
- [Empowered Against Book Bans](#)

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To learn about and register for professional development opportunities from other ESLN councils across the state, check out [the shared calendar!](#)

WNYLRC's partnership with NEDCC is back! WNYLRC has partnered with the [NEDCC](#) to offer free, limited registrations for WNYLRC members to NEDCC courses from September 2022 to June 2023. Seats are allotted one per institution per class. The free registrations are on a "first come, first served" basis. This is available to all WNYLRC members. If you are signed up for an NEDCC class with a free (WNYLRC sponsored) registration and find you no longer can attend a class you signed up for, you must notify Caitlin (ckenney@wnylrc.org) at least 48 hours prior to the class to cancel your seat.

[Fill out the form](#) to register for an NEDCC course in February and March today!

Please note the pricing is listed only for your information – WNYLRC is covering the cost of the class you sign up for.

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A group of 33 Canisius students, 2 Jesuit priests, and the college's dean of men took a Greyhound bus and traveled to Selma, AL, to support the voting rights movement and joined the March for Civil Rights in 1965.

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Social Media and Listserv Information

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