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## Western New York Library Resources Council

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## WNYLRC Updates

**How are you keeping busy this winter? Some people prefer cold weather hiking, others like staying cozy indoors. We've noticed several libraries offering the option to borrow snowshoes or board games! We want to know, what is the most unusual item you allow patrons to borrow from your collections?**

**Advocacy:** 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.](#)

**Grants:** There's still time to apply for the Diverse Collection Development grant! This grant is made available to K-12 school libraries that are a member of one of the five school library systems that are members of WNYLRC (City of

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only. The grant deadline is February 17, 2023. For more information, additional materials, and the online application link, [click here](#).

**Site Visits:** WNYLRC staff members have been busy visiting member libraries in the region. Last month, we visited the Edwin A. Mirand Library and Archives at Roswell Comprehensive Cancer Center. Many thanks to Lisabeth Becker, Medical Library Supervisor, for helping us arrange this wonderful, informative visit!



*Back row: Jay Barone, Caitlin Kenney, Gail Alove, Lisabeth Becker*

*Front row: Danielle Glynn, Grace Di Virgilio, Sheryl Knab*

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 [ckenney@wnylrc.org](mailto:ckenney@wnylrc.org) to set up your visit now!

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## WNYLRC Grant Recipients

We are excited to announce recipients from some of the grants that WNYLRC has offered recently.

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### *Project, Phase 3*

Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System - *Sherman NY Newspapers on Microfilm Relaunch in Digital Format*

Niagara County Community College - *Niagara Falls Gazette, 1968-1977 (Part 2)*

Niagara Falls Public Library - *Niagara Falls Newspapers, 1823-1907*

Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site - *Buffalo's Pan American Exposition*

### **Diversity Internship Program Grant**

Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Branch Library (Buffalo & Erie County Library System)

### **Immersive Experiences Action Grant**

Our Lady of Victory Charities - *OLV National Shrine and Basilica Tour*

Thank you to all who applied! Stay tuned for more grant news.

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## **News from the Region**

There is a new collection of books available at the **Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Branch Library (Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System)**. This collection is comprised of 111 books focusing on social justice and equality and is titled *Literacy Library Collection for Equity, Social Justice, & Peace*. Students from St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute fundraised \$1,975 to help purchase the collection. [Read more](#)

The Lockport Union Sun & Journal published [an article](#) about the NYLA hearing to the NYS Assembly on the future of libraries. It includes quotes from John Spears, director of the **Buffalo and Erie County Public Library System**.

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

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## News from the State

Did you miss the NYS Assembly on the future of libraries in New York State? You can [view it here](#). John Spears (Buffalo & Erie County Library System), Caitlin Kenney (Western New York Library Resources Council), and Reed Jones (University at Buffalo) all provided testimony.

We've already mentioned **Advocacy Day** above, so here's a reminder to [check out the NYLA page](#) to see the various ways you can participate in #LAD23.

Registration for SUNYLA Midwinter is now open! The virtual conference will be held on February 3, 2023. The theme is: **Library Data: The Good, The Bad, The Ugly**. [Find more information and register here](#).

Last month, Governor Hochul announced that [New York State's ConnectALL office was awarded \\$7.2 million](#) through the U.S. Department of Commerce's Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment and Digital Equity Act programs. These funds will be used towards programs for New Yorkers to help bridge the digital divide and improve broadband connectivity across the state.

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## Virtual Trainings and Meetings

### Upcoming workshops:

***Inside Interlibrary Loan, Sessions 1 and 2: Interlibrary Loan Basics for Its Future, Tuesdays February 7 and February 14, 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](#).

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*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.](#)

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](#)
- [Creating A More Inclusive Catalog](#) (note: subtitles not yet available)

#### **Save the Dates:**

February 3 - SUNYLA Midwinter Online Conference

February 16 - Introduction to WNYLRC's Committees

February 28 - Advocacy Day (in Albany)

March 10 - Controlled Digital Lending Symposium

April 5 - Dismantling White Supremacy

*Registrations for these webinars will be made available soon. For now, save the date in your calendars!*

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

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you must notify Caitlin ([ckenney@wnylrc.org](mailto: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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Inside this slim metal cigarette case are surgical needles, gauze, thread, spools, and other items.

[Dr. Edwin A. Mirand Artifacts collection circa 1890s-1957, Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, "Surgical Needles in Metal Cigarette Case." *New York Heritage Digital Collections*. c late 1800s to early 1900s. <https://nyheritage.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p16694coll154/id/4206>

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## Social Media and Listserv Information

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](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.

For more information about enabling an email digest, [click here](#).

You may already follow us on social media, but just in case you don't, WNYLRC is on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#). Follow us for news and updates about member libraries and the library community at large. Join our [Facebook group](#) to start a discussion, post memes, or network with one another.



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