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Western New York Library Resources Council

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WNYLRC Updates

The WNYLRC Offices will be closed for a half day in the afternoon of Friday, March 29, in observance of the holiday.

WNYLRC Committee Nominations: Have you ever been interested in joining a WNYLRC Committee? The committee nomination period is open! Fill out an application for yourself by March 29th. You will be working with other WNYLRC members to develop initiatives fulfilling WNYLRC's strategic plan. [More information here](#)

Digital Equity: The public can answer a series of questions about internet service available at a given location, upload evidence to support a potential challenge, take and submit the results of a speed test, and/or submit a free text comment about the quality of their internet service in the [NYS Broadband Challenge Portal](#). Data collected will help ConnectALL determine the locations eligible for grants for new broadband service from the ConnectALL Deployment Program.

Diversity in Collections Grant: The deadline for this grant program has been

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school library collection. [Learn more about the grant here!](#)

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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News from the Region

Please say welcome to Charlie Kelly, the new School Library System Coordinator at ***Orleans-Niagara BOCES!*** Charlie's tenure started at the end of February.

Please say goodbye to Dawn Walton, who leaves ***Jamestown Community College*** this month.

Please say goodbye to Kathleen Delaney, who has retired from ***Canisius University.***

Newfane Public Library (*Nioga Library System*) is currently looking for a new

Canisius University continues their search for an Archivist & Special Collections Librarian after Kathleen's retirement. [Check out the full posting here.](#)

Sinclairville Free Library (Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System) is a recipient of ALA's Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities grant. [View the full list of libraries here.](#)

The **School Librarians Association of Western New York (SLAWNY)** has announced the recipients of their winter mini-grant program. School librarians who are members of SLAWNY with projects to improve or enhance their school library's programs or collections are invited to [apply by May 15th](#) for the spring mini-grant cycle. Winter recipients are:

- Elizabeth Ernst (Union East Elementary) - "Improving Our Diversity Collection"
- Jennifer Patterson (Tonawanda Middle School) - "Pages of Inclusion: Broadening the Boundaries of Our Bookshelf"
- Melissa Swick (Maryvale Intermediate Middle School) - "Spanish and Bilingual Book Talk Books"
- Stacie Waddell (Mill Middle School) - "Library Update"

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

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News from the State

Interested in participating on NYLA Council? The Nominating Committee is asking you to step up and nominate yourself or another NYLA member for one of our open Council positions this election cycle!

2024 NYLA Council Position Openings:

- **President-Elect (Representing School Libraries)** - This is a 3 Year Term

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- **Councilor-At-Large (Representing Academic/Special Libraries)** - This is a 3 Year Term which begins Nov 2024 and ends in Nov 2027
- **Councilor-At-Large (Representing Public Libraries)** - This is a 3 Year Term which begins in Nov 2024 and ends in Nov 2027

Nominating yourself or another NYLA member for one of these positions is a great way to step up as a leader in the Association as well as a resume building and leadership development opportunity. All role responsibilities are [outlined here](#). Also, if you are not selected by the Nominating Committee, we will always reach out to those who expressed interest for other ways to get involved in NYLA based off of your initial application.

Nominations will be accepted until 11:59 pm on Monday, March 11th. Selected candidates will be notified by late March. The NYLA Council Election will run from June 1st - June 15th.

If you have any questions, please contact NYLA's Immediate Past President, Arlene Laverde

[Nominate today!](#)

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This is a negative of a photograph that the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences acquired for educational purposes. They frequently taught visitors about other places and cultures, and often used photographs to do so. The negative shows the glacial valley of Glendalough, located in County Wicklow, Ireland. It is a popular tourist destination not just for the scenic views but also for the fairly intact Early Medieval monastic settlement dating to the 6th century. Visitors can wander the buildings and observe the mysterious round towers that still stand today. Buffalo has a strong Irish-American culture, thanks in part to the many Irish immigrants who built the Erie Canal. In 1866, one of the Fenian Raid attacks on Canada took place from Buffalo due to the city's proximity to Fort Erie. The South Buffalo and Old First Ward neighborhoods still celebrate their Irish-American heritage today. In fact, the City of Buffalo is unique for hosting two St. Patrick's Day Parades, one of which takes place in the Old First Ward. How do you plan to celebrate St Patrick's Day?

[Hidden Views: Salvaging Historic Images at the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences.

. "Ireland - Glendalough." *New York Heritage Digital Collections*. Unknown. <https://nyheritage.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/BSM001/id/7734/rec/2>].

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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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