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## Western New York Library Resources Council

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## WNYLRC Updates

**The WNYLRC Office will be closed on Monday, May 29, in observance of the holiday.**

**Advocacy:** After much deliberation, the New York State Budget has been signed off. While on the plus side, Education received a whopping \$3B, unfortunately libraries received flat funding this year. That means we did not receive in an increase in Library Operating Aid which remains stagnant at \$99.6M. Library Construction Aid was reduced to \$34M (down from \$39M in last year's budget). Read the full recap and breakdown of the budget from NYLA [here](#).

**Awards:** The nomination period for the WNYLRC Awards is officially open! This year there are two categories: Outstanding Library, which is an institutional award, and Library All Star, which is an individual award. Remember, it is helpful to provide supporting documentation including letters of recommendation, photographs, and other material along with your application. [Nominate a colleague or institution today!](#) Winners will be announced at the Annual Meeting, which takes place September 26th at the Buffalo History

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*WNYLRC staff visited the Robert L. Brown History of Medicine Collection,  
located at Abbott Library on UB's South Campus.*

*Pictured from left: Heidi Ziemer, Grace Di Virgilio, Jay Barone, Sheryl Knab, Emily Carlin,  
Keith Mages (Curator), Jenn Northup, Caitlin Kenney.*

## New Member

We are excited to welcome one new member into the fold. This spring, the WNYLRC Board of Trustees approved this new applicant for membership.

Please welcome:

- [Historical Society of the Town of Clarence](#)

Take some time to click through and learn a little bit about this new institution and what they do. You can also view the rest of the membership in [our directory](#).

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## News from the Region

**Richmond Memorial Library** in Batavia (*Nioga Library System*) has [a new director, Beth Paine](#). She has spent the last several months getting situated into the job and meeting community members. Everyone is invited to drop in and say hi to Beth. Welcome!

The proposed 2023-2024 budget for **Lockport City School District (Orleans-Niagara BOCES)** was passed, which means they will be cutting school library media specialist positions. If you are a member of this district, you can still call or write to the Board of Education members to let them know that school librarians are essential. You can [read WNYLRC Staff Member Caitlin's opinion piece on the situation here](#).

School board elections fared somewhat better across the region, as local voters took a stance and voted for the candidates who did not support banning books or targeting LGBTQ+ materials in the schools. Check out some of the school board election coverage [here](#).

Seven libraries in the *Nioga Library System* received grants from the Genesee-Orleans Regional Arts Council, also known as GO ART! **Byron-Bergen Public Library** in Bergen received \$4,954 to support a program called Enriching Lives Through The Arts. **Haxton Memorial Library** in Oakfield received \$5,000 for a program called Talented Thursdays. **Hoag Library** in Albion received a grant for \$5,000 which will go towards a music series held at the library. **Hollwedel Memorial Public Library** in Pavilion received \$5,000 to support a program called Shake on the Lake Presents William Shakespeare. **Lee-Whedon Memorial Library** in Medina received a grant for \$3,200 which will fund the Finally Fridays! Concert Series. **Woodward Memorial Library** in Leroy received a grant for \$5,000 for a program called Art All Year.. **Yates Community Library** in Lyndonville received \$5,000 for a program called More Than Just Books. Additionally, Tony Barry, a local artist from Holley received a \$5,000 grant to paint a mural featuring Myron Holley, whom the village of Holly is named for, and the Erie Canal on the back of the **Community Free Library** in Holley. Another local artist, Laura Jackett, received \$5,000 to run art workshops at **Byron-Bergen Public Library**. GO ART! presented checks totaling \$210,000 to different artists, community organizations, and

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*WNYLRC staff members paid a visit to the Benjamin and Dr. Edward R. Cofeld Judaic Museum at Temple Beth Zion.*

*Pictured from left: Heidi Ziemer, Chana Kotzin (Museum Curator and Temple Historian), Jenn Northup, Sheryl Knab, and Jay Barone.*

## News from the State

The NYLA 2023 President-Elect Live Candidate Forum will be held on Monday, May 22nd from 2:30PM - 3:30PM.

It's almost time for you to use YOUR voice and shape the leadership and future of YOUR association. Your vote is important in choosing our leaders and we hope to see you at our upcoming NYLA 2023 President-Elect Candidate

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This will be a LIVE and recorded event with general questions from NYLA and then a live Q&A from our members. If you would like one of your questions to be selected during the live Q&A, please add them in the Questions & Comment section of this registration form.

Please note this will be streamed LIVE on NYLA's Facebook page, however, registration through Zoom is HIGHLY encouraged. Feel free to send over some love on Facebook Live as well since we will be monitoring those comments alongside the Zoom chat.

[Register for the forum here.](#)

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## Virtual Trainings and Meetings

***Essential Aspects of Employee Leave: An Ask The Lawyer Webinar, Monday June 5th, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am:*** To recruit and retain a robust workforce, as well as comply with the law, an organization's employee handbook should serve as a "road map" for what an employee needs to know in the event they are facing a serious personal or family medical issue. This 1.5 hour session will walk attendees through different types of employee leave: vacation, personal time, paid sick leave, paid family leave, FMLA, worker's compensation and disability, time out due to workplace injury, as well as ADA accommodations for employees experiencing permanent or temporary disability, short-term disability, and long-term disability.

[Register here.](#)

***Digitize Your Collections with HeinOnline, Wednesday June 14th, from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm:*** Noah Short and Lauren Mattiuzzo are experts in the field of digital services and have worked on numerous projects that have helped businesses save valuable shelf space and cut costs. During their presentation, they will showcase some of the latest and most cutting-edge technologies being utilized in the digital services industry, including a few example case studies. HeinOnline's expertise is backed by a proven track record, having successfully scanned millions of pages for their clients. Additionally, they will discuss hosting services for displaying your print collections digitally on HeinOnline's platform and other offerings to improve research

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***Learn About CCDA: An Informational Conversation with Barbara Lilley, Thursday June 15th, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am:*** Join us for this special webinar and Q&A session. As academic library budgets continue to fluctuate, our members have concerns in meeting Coordinated Collection Development Aid Maintenance of Effort requirements. Please join us for a brief demo of the report tool and a conversation with Division of Library Development's Barbara Lilley and learn more about the CCDA application process and those trip points that affect successful submissions. Together we will focus our conversation around application waivers, roll over funding, and other library funding that may impact your bottom line and whether it should be included in your application budget. Bring your questions and concerns and let's chat. Please invite your business manager or Financial Officer to take part in the conversation so that your library is better prepared to complete the application over the summer.

[Register here.](#)

***Writing New York State Conservation/Preservation Grants, Wednesday, June 28th, from 9:30 am to 11:00 am:*** Barbara Lilley, the Conservation/Program Officer will conduct a workshop on how to apply to this grant program. She will cover what types of projects are fundable as well as what types of materials and expenses are covered. She will walk through each section of the application and provide guidance on how to fill them out. There will be time for questions about the application and participants can ask questions about specific projects they are interested in applying for. This is a hybrid workshop, with an opportunity to attend in person at the WNYLRC office or online via Zoom.

[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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The Skateland Collage Collection is a recent addition to New York Heritage which highlights the unique sense of community felt in Buffalo, NY. This particular rink is located on Buffalo's East Side and operated from the 1970s to the 2000s. The proprietors took photos of birthday parties, roller derby teams, bar nights, and other events over the years at the rink and created collage that hung on the walls. These collage also included photos from community members, such as yearbook photos and family portraits. Skateland was a true community space that archived the many citizens throughout their lives, and in some cases, held the only photos available of friends and family on the East Side.

[Skateland Collage Collection, "Skateland Photo Collage BRT-2-02." *New York Heritage Digital Collections*.

Unknown. <https://nyheritage.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p16694coll111/id/9266/rec/51>].

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