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## Western New York Library Resources Council

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## WNYLRC Updates

The Western New York Library Resources Council is proud to announce the presentation of awards in the field of library excellence. The Henrietta G. Lewis Library at Niagara County Community College received the Outstanding Library Award, which has not been awarded since 2009. The following individuals received the Library All Star Award, demonstrating excellence in service and innovation at their libraries: Chris Hulsman (SUNY Buffalo State University), Lori Moskaluk (Niagara Falls City School District), Ayodele Ojumu (Buffalo Public Schools), Chloe Santangelo (Hilbert College), and Andrea Sullivan (Daemen University). The WNYLRC membership, made up of library staff across the Western New York region submitted nominations, which were deliberated by the WNYLRC Awards Recognition Task Group.

**New York State Historic Newspapers:** This free to use database debuted a new look this month! If you've never used this resource before, now's the time to try it. Boasting over 13 million newspaper pages from across the state, New York State Historic Newspapers is a FREE and easy to use resource with digitized newspapers from every county in the state. Over time WNYLRC members have contributed several significant newspaper runs including issues

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also find niche titles including Enrity Herald, UB Spectrum, and 5th Freedom. [Check out the website's fresh new design today!](#)

**Unconference:** There's still time to register for the Unconference which is next Friday! This is your last chance to register for this great event that the WNYLRC Continuing Education Committee put together. [Learn more and register here](#)

**Professional Development:** We have a number of new learning opportunities for you! Scroll down to see the webinars we're offering this fall!



*Presenting this year's WNYLRC Library All Star Award Winners!*

*From to bottom, left to right: Chris Hulsman, Lori Moskaluk, Ayodele Ojumu, Chloe Santangelo,*

*Devon Cozad (an Award presenter), and Andrea Sullivan.*

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*Presenting this year's WNYLRC Outstanding Library Award Winner!*

*Representing the Henrietta G. Lewis Library, from left to right:*

*Andy Yeager, Jean Linn, Andy Aquino, and Jenny Crandall.*



## 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.

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available and how to use 211's community resource website to access information on those services. They will also discuss resources available for individuals who are unhoused, including winter/cold weather protections available.

[Register here](#)

***Intersect Unconference: Creating A Community In Your Library, Friday October***

**13, 9:00 am- 4:45 pm:** Join other WNYLRC members for a unique professional development opportunity created by your library colleagues. Optional activities include printmaking at the Western New York Book Arts Center and tours of city murals from Explore Buffalo. Lunch is provided.

This session is being held in person at the Central Library in downtown Buffalo.

[Register here](#)

***Tired of Hearing "I didn't know the library did that?" Here's Your Fix,***

**Wednesday November 15, 2:00 pm- 3:00 pm:** J Are you tired of hearing people say, "I didn't know the library did that"? Don't despair— there are tactics that can help. Start with a little research, then use what you've learned to write attention-getting messages, then share those on all the proper platforms, at the perfect time. Sound like a lot to juggle? This 60-minute session will help guide those tasked with MarCom work to organize their campaigns and achieve their best outcomes. It will also help managers to better assess their organizations' communication efforts, both internal and external.

[Register here](#)

***Protect The Right To Read, Thursday December 7, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm:*** Join us for an afternoon discussing book challenges, censorship, and what you can do to prevent escalating challenges in your library. Inform library staff, educators, school administrators, and legislators about the current landscape of the book challenge movement happening across New York State and the rest of the country. Attendees will learn about legal measures and policies that can be used to both prevent and combat these challenges in schools and libraries. Additionally, they will be equipped with the tools needed to address any coordinated harassment campaigns directed towards libraries or library staff by malicious individuals.

[Register here](#)

***The 411 on 211: Reentry Services, Monday December 11, 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.

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ESLN councils across the state, check out [the shared calendar!](#)

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## News from the Region

WNYLRC staff attended the community unveiling of a newly digitized collection at the **Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Branch Library (*Buffalo & Erie County Library System*)** on Wednesday, September 13 at 2:00 pm. Also in attendance were members of the ***Buffalo Genealogical Society of the African Diaspora*** (BGSAD). The Merriweather Branch library houses a physical collection of funeral programs (maintained by BGSAD) from African American churches in the city of Buffalo. This is an important piece of history that was recently digitized to make this collection more accessible to the community. The project was made possible thanks in part to a grant from the Institute for Museum and Library Services as part of the ConsidertheSourceNY.org Diversity and Collaborative Knowledge Program. Ron Gaczewski, Digital Production, Preservation and Annex Operations Strategist at the ***State University of New York at Buffalo***, contributed his digitization skills to the project. You can [view the digital images from the collection here](#).

Additionally, you can [view the recording of President Sonia Walker speaking about the event here](#)

### *Recent Grant Awardees:*

A few grant awards have been announced recently and some of our members are recipients. Congratulations to the following:

**Lockport Library (*Nioga Library System*)** was recently awarded \$2,000 from the Lockport Lions Club to help community members with vision impairment access a wider variety of library materials. Funds were used to purchase large print fiction and non-fiction titles as well as new digital/audio Playaways. Additionally, the Lockport Library already owns a Mezzo Reader which helps

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for the Lions Club to re-use.

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*Members of the Buffalo Society of the African Diaspora at the community unveiling of the newly digitized funeral program collection. President Sonia Walker (far left, front row) also spoke at the proceedings.*

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## News from the State

**Digital Equity:** On September 28, New York State released its 5-Year Broadband Equity and Deployment (BEAD) Program Action Plan to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). This Action Plan outlines the issues to be addressed in the State Five Year Digital Plan. According to the NYS Connect All Office (CAO), the State Plan will be released to the public on November 6, 2023. There will be an open comment

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access and adoption activities outlined in the plan. Libraries and library systems across the state receive mention as both partners and resources for state and local programs currently operating and for the future. Libraries are STRONGLY encouraged to offer their perspectives on features of the plan during the public comment period.

[Learn more about the initiative here](#)

**Registration for NYLA 2023 is open!** Come join library colleagues from all over New York for a few days of networking and learning. The conference is being held in Saratoga Springs, NY, and will run from Wednesday, November 1st to Saturday, November 4th. [Find more information, including rates, here.](#)

Here are some ESLN highlights to check out at NYLA:

- Thursday, November 2 from 12:00 - 1:30 pm: *ESLN Luncheon - Building Power and Community During Crisis Times: The Work of Library Freedom Project* presented by Alison Macrina, LFP
- Thursday, November 2 from 1:45 - 3:00 pm: *Make Real Connections with 24/7 Chat Cooperative Reference* presented by Caitlin Kenney (WNYLRC) and Leah Dodd (Cornell University)
- Friday, November 3 from 11:00 am - 12:15 pm: *An ESLN Showcase of Collaborative Resources Available to New York Libraries* presented by various ESLN Staff

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This collection is comprised of glass plate lantern negatives, taken during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. At the time this slide was taken, the Armory of the 74th Regiment located on Connecticut Street was fairly new. Designed by Isaac G. Perry, it was built entirely of Medina sandstone. This historic, intimidating structure is still in use by the National Guard's 74th Regiment today. Members of the National Guard stayed here during past year's severe winter storm so they could readily offer emergency response services to those who needed immediate assistance.

[*Buffalo Photograph Collection, Lantern slides, circa 1890-1910, "Connecticut Street Armory," New York Heritage Digital Collections. Circa 1900. <https://nyheritage.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/VHB001/id/698/rec/10>].*

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