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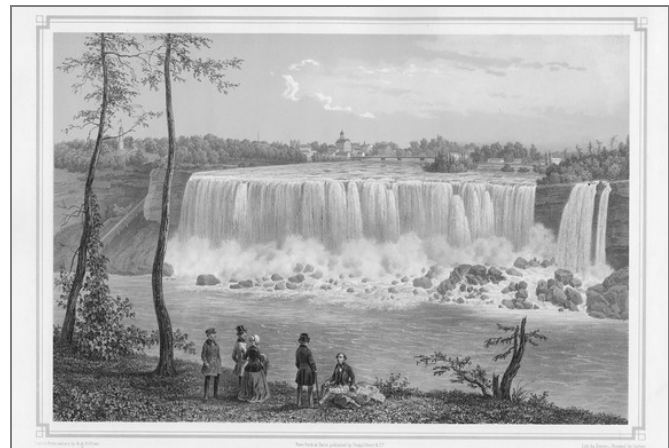
Niagara Falls, NY ~ 2012 Conference Final Update

By Ruth V. Oberg, Conference Coordinator and Chair

The conference is just weeks away and final details are being ironed out. The committee has been working hard and is very excited about hosting this year's conference. Attendance is up from the last few years, we are happy about that and can't wait for you all to arrive! We have a very nice assortment of items for the raffle.

Items to consider bringing with you:

- ◆ **Scratch-off lottery tickets** for the lottery tree. (You will receive a raffle ticket to use for our raffle for each ticket you bring.)
- ◆ **Donation option 1** - Please bring non-perishable foods or cash or check to the registration table for the Food Bank of Western New York.
- ◆ **Donation option 2** - There will be a donation jar on the conference registration table if you choose to help out the libraries affected by the flooding last year. The money collected will be sent to the NYLA Disaster Relief Fund which is an ongoing fund to respond to library disasters within New York State.
- ◆ **Proof** - If you plan on crossing the border you need to bring your passport, passport card or an enhanced NYS driver's license.
- ◆ **Name badge** - If you already own a NYSLAA name badge holder, bring it with you.



If you would like a one-to-one consultation with the NYSLAA Certificate of Achievement Review Board while you are at the conference, contact Michele Matthews (see p. 2) to set up an appointment.

Parking at the Casino is free. Exit off the Robert Moses Pkwy onto John Daly Blvd and the entrance for the hotel will be a left on Falls St. Once you enter the hotel lobby, NYSLAA registration is to your right and the hotel registration desk will be to your left.



We are looking forward to seeing you all here in Niagara Falls shortly!

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NYSLAA’S MISSION

“The mission of the New York State Library Assistants’ Association is:

1. To enhance the professional image and status of NY State’s library assistants.
2. To further their professional growth.
3. To provide a network for communication to our members and the profession on library and library assistant issues.
4. To network and cooperate with library organizations on local, state, national, and international levels.”

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2012 Library Assistants' Day

On March 13, 2012, Ruth Mason, Public Relations Chair sent a message to nyslaa-l informing us that our resolution has been approved and Governor Andrew M. Cuomo is proclaiming Thursday, April 12, 2012, New York State Library Assistants' Day.

Messages from nyslaa-l.

Tue, Apr 10, 2012

Today is National Library Workers Day and Thursday is New York State Library Assistants Day. The office where I work celebrates National Library Workers Day because we are all in this together. We celebrate today because we all try and work as one for a better Public Library System.

I hope you all celebrate in some way this week, either today or Thursday. We should all be proud of the work we do for the libraries where we work!

Go out and celebrate - You deserve it!!

Heidi Jensen, Pioneer Library System

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Yesterday CALA celebrated Library Assistants Day with a 1/2 day workshop entitled *Library Assistants: Empowering the Future of*

Libraries! It was well attended and we gave away lots of neat gifts. Plus each attendee got one of our new CALA mugs filled with goodies. Of course there was also cake and other treats for all to enjoy. On Thursday we here at Troy Public will be celebrating Library Assistants Day, Library Worker's Day and the April birthdays. We will be having pizza, cookies, cake, and salad for lunch.

Hope everyone has a great day, whichever one you choose to celebrate. Keep up the great jobs that you are all doing.

Carol A Reppard, Troy Public Library

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Our library (RPI's Folsom Library) also celebrates National Library Workers Day. To commend and thank everyone in the library for their contributions, the director is holding a Mexican luncheon for us today. It'll be a make-your-own taco salad (with or without grilled chicken or beef), chips and salsa, homemade Mexican desserts--*Arroz con Leche* (Mexican pudding), *Polvorones de Canele* (cinnamon cookies), and Mexican wedding cakes--and beverages. Happy Library Workers Day, everyone!

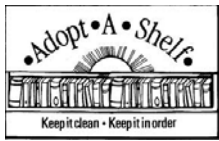
Adrienne Birchler, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute



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ADOPT-A-SHELF PROGRAM AT WADSWORTH LIBRARY

Cindy Costa, Senior Clerk, Wadsworth Library, Geneseo, NY



In August, 2011 I initiated an Adopt-a-Shelf volunteer program at the Wadsworth Library in Geneseo, NY.

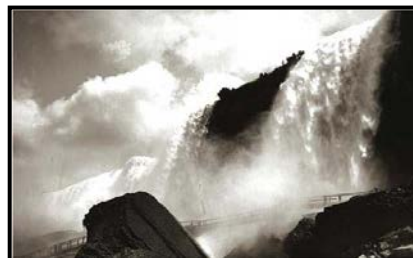
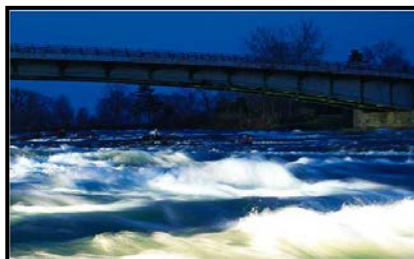
This program enlists volunteers who are assigned a shelf (or shelves) and then, on a regular basis, come to the library and shelf read their adopted sections. The call for volunteers went out to members of the library's Friends group and patrons who use the library regularly. The response was amazing, and within a few weeks all sections of the library were adopted and put in order.

This program required a fair amount of time initially, but now all the paperwork and volunteers are in place it works very easily. When volunteers first adopt a shelf, they are trained on the correct procedures. After they read and straighten their section the first time, they are checked for accuracy. Volunteers come at their convenience but are asked to read their shelves at least once every two weeks. After they have read their shelves, they sign a log with their name, date, section, and the number of minutes it took them. I then enter all of this information into an Excel spread sheet.

The spread sheet helps me keep track of the number of volunteer hours. It also helps me oversee which sections are being read regularly and those that are not. If for any reason a section is no longer being attended, it is placed up for adoption again.

The collection is now in the best order it has ever been, and it has had a tremendous impact on our ability to find what we're looking for. Our daily pull sheets are done within minutes with no more searching for titles that are out of place. The volunteers take great pride in making their sections look neat and tidy. Some are even complaining they no longer have to move anything around because the shelves are already in order. They think it is boring! But this makes me very happy.

As I write this, I have 76 wonderful volunteers who have logged a total of more than 120 hours of shelf reading and straightening the collection. Thanks to the volunteers, these are 120 hours where we've been able to work on other tasks. The Wadsworth Library has never looked better, and I am very proud of the volunteers who have helped to make it happen.



Photos courtesy Niagara Falls State Park

Donations Chair Annual Report

It has been my honor to serve as Donations Chair for the New York State Library Assistants' Association. I have enjoyed being involved in the efforts of NYSLAA and its Annual Conference.

Unfortunately, due to some communication issues and confusion, I have not done a lot for the upcoming conference in Niagara Falls. I sent a list of perspective donors to Nora Renda who is the conference donations committee chair for the 2012 conference to help them get started on their donation effort for this year's conference. I cannot report on more as I have not done more.

Respectfully Submitted
Susan J. Flick



Certificate of Achievement

Michele Matthews, CAP Review Board Coordinator



On Friday, February 17, 2012, Sally McMaster and I traveled to the Josephine-Louise Public Library in Walden, NY to speak at the Orange Library Association meeting. Our main reason for attending this meeting was to explain NYSLAA's Certificate of Achievement Program. We were invited by Lisa Hewel of Moffat Library, in response to an email sent out by Melissa Cody, a member of the Certificate of Achievement Review Board.

Sally and I spoke to 11 library directors and explained NYSLAA and the Certificate of Achievement Program to them. We brought handouts, the trifolds for NYSLAA and CAP, and guidelines for our Certificate. Sally and I answered questions after our presentation and there was a lot of interest shown by the directors. Many of them told us afterwards that they would bring our literature back to their respective libraries for their staff. I received this thank you email from Lisa.

Michele,

Many thanks again to you and Sally for speaking at the Orange Library Association meeting yesterday.

It was a pleasure to meet the two of you, and to find the role library assistants play in our public, academic, school and special libraries.

I have many people on my staff who probably qualify for the Certificate of Achievement, so I will encourage them to look into the program.

We have our annual meeting on April 10, and I will make sure to bring additional copies of your brochures to that meeting as well since we have a much larger attendance there.

*Thank you again for your time and expertise.
Lisa Hewel, MLS, Head of Adult
Services/Circulation Supervisor
Moffat Library of Washingtonville*



Michele, the CAP Review Board and the NYSLAA Executive Council are happy to make a presentation in your area. Contact information can be found on page 2 of this newsletter. If you have questions or would like assistance with your Certificate of Achievement packet, please contact Michele Matthews.

Membership Update

Donna Hanna

Membership for 2012 is at 315. Of the 315 there are **65** new members!

If you move, please be sure to alert me that you have a new address. This will help avoid unnecessary delays in receiving your mail.

Are you on NYSLAA-L? This is a great avenue to share information. It's not a busy list making email messages very easy to manage. Why not take a minute to sign up? Go to NYSLAA.org, click on NYSLAA-L listserv, and follow the instructions. Also see New York State Library Assistants' on Facebook

As always, if you have a question regarding your membership or if you need a letter verifying your years of NYSLAA membership for the Certificate of Achievement Program please let me know.



Welcome New Members!

Betty Albright	Bethlehem Public Library
Laureen Anthony-Palmer	Webster Public Library
Tresha Antoine	City College of New York, Cohen Library
Jason Bachert	University at Buffalo, Lockwood Memorial Library
Reva Baldwin	SUNY Oneonta, James M. Milne Library
Jenny Bigenwald	St. John Fisher College, Lavery Library
Rinda Brown	SUNY Oneonta, James M. Milne Library
Tanya Burgess	New York Public Library, Fort Washington Library
Irma Cancel	New York Public Library, Clason's Point Branch
Junelle Carter	New York Public Library, Macomb's Bridge Library
Ayoela Charles	New York Public Library, Stephen A. Schwarzman Building
Lillian Cohen	New York Public Library, Science, Industry and Business Library
Lorri Corbin-Lewis	North Tonawanda Public Library
Jennifer Crandall	Niagara County Community College, Henrietta G. Lewis Library
Patricia Cummings-Witter	Nioga Library System, Lockport Public Library
Dianne Cyrus	Stony Brook University, Frank Melville Library
Nancy Davis	University at Albany, Main Library
Tracy Davis	New York Public Library, Stephen A. Schwartzman Building
Doris DeJesus	NYPL, New York Public Library for the Performing Arts
Deb Dennis	Phelps Community Memorial Library
Jenna Derr	Jamestown Community College, Hultquist Library
Anna Dyczewska	New York Public Library, Library Services Center
Sadisha Edgerton	NYPL, New York Public Library for the Performing Arts
Tracey Foulks	NYPL, New York Public Library for the Performing Arts
Morel Fry	Old Dominion University, Perry Library
Rodney Garcia	NYPL, New York Public Library for the Performing Arts
Linda Gould	University at Buffalo, Silverman Library
Sylvia Grace	North Tonawanda Public Library
Donell Hawks	New York Public Library, Bronx Library Center

Linda Hiser	Nioga Library System, Lockport Public Library
Desmond Hunnighen	New York Public Library, Stephen A. Schwarzman Building
Janiece Jankowski	University at Buffalo, Arts & Sciences Library
Lowell Kammer	NIOGA Library System
Chris Kramer	Daemen College, Daemen College Library
Lateshe Lee	New York Public Library, Muhlenberg Branch Library
Lori Lyon	Nioga Library System, Lockport Public Library
Chun Wah Ma	New York Public Library, Interlibrary Loan Cooperative Services
Deborah Marshall	North Tonawanda Public Library
Jose Martinez	New York Public Library, Macombs Bridge Branch
Rosanne McGovern	Amherst Public Library
Diane McKenney	Syracuse University, E.S. Bird Library
Barbara Melcher	Niagara County Community College, Henrietta G. Lewis Library
Priscilla Miller	Bethlehem Public Library
MaryAnn Monaghan	St. John's University, Rittenberg Law Library
Scott Mosher	DeWitt Community Library
Charlene Mosley-Hudson	New York Public Library, Mid-Manhattan Library
Lisa Pano	University at Buffalo, Lockwood Library
Lisa Perry	Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, Frank E. Merriwether Library
Lisa Pritchard	Lee Whedon Memorial Library
Katie Pyott	New York Public Library, Stephen A. Schwarzman Building
Raven Robinson-Norman	New York Public Library, Hunt's Point Branch
Nancy Rodriguez	New York Public Library, Stephen A. Schwarzman Building
Carol Sandroff	Newburgh Free Library
Sandra Schmaber	Buffalo & Erie County Public Library, Frank E. Merriwether Library
Laurie Schmidt	Niagara County Community College, Henrietta G. Lewis Library
Sandra Schramm	Greece Public Library
Eileen Sirianni	University at Buffalo, University Libraries
Ellen Soles	Cattaraugus-Little Valley School
Leiana Spooner	New York Public Library, Hamilton Fish Park Library
Britta Stackwick	St. John Fisher College, Lavery Library
Kellie Vazquez	New York Public Library, Library Service Center
Caridad Velez	New York Public Library, Allerton Branch
Shyiesha Watson	New York Public Library, Riverside Branch
Melinda Wheeler	Long Island College Hospital, Morgan Library
Lisa Wynn	Colgate University, Case Library



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