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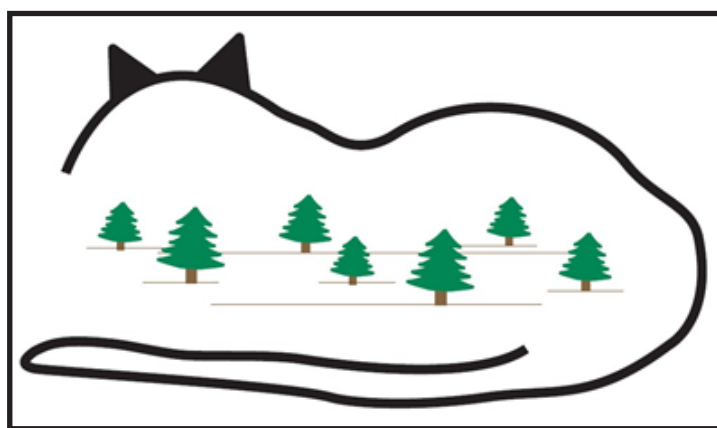


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2021 NYSLAA CONFERENCE

Wendy Freier, Conference Coordinator



Our 42nd conference date is tentatively set for June 9-11, 2021 at the State University of New York College of Agriculture and Technology in Cobleskill, NY. All the same speakers have agreed to present their workshops in 2021. Some of the workshops might be limited due to covid social distancing regulations. As with everything else, it is in flux and we will let you know as things become clearer. The decision to move forward with the conference planning and execution will depend on the decisions made by both the governor and SUNY Cobleskill. The decision will not be made until, at least, the beginning of next year. So please stay tuned to the listserv, Facebook, the NYSLAA website, and the newsletter. We will update you as information becomes available.

While we wait, let me refresh your minds on what you can expect from the 2021 conference!

Plan on coming in early on Wednesday and participating in an afternoon tour. We are hopeful that the various venues will be able to accommodate us and we will be contacting them as we firm up plans. We have three great options! There will be a 90-minute tour of Howe Caverns, a one hour guided tour of the Iroquois Indian Museum or a 90-minute guided campus tour. Then Wednesday night will be our Meet and Greet complete with a chicken barbeque dinner, cash bar, and weather permitting, a campfire with s'mores right at the Alumni Commons where we will be staying.

Some of the workshops for Thursday are The Science of Sound, Meditation, Crystals, and Stress Relief; two hands-on computer skills classes; and Universal Design.

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“We would like to see a library community in New York State where library assistants have a voice in decisions that affect their future, are valued for their contributions, recognized and rewarded appropriately, and where there is equitable access to professional development opportunities.”

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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You will have time on Thursday after the workshops to stroll around downtown Cobleskill or check out some of the sights on campus before dinner at Chieftans. We will be having a buffet dinner followed by a trivia contest that evening.

A few of the workshops for Friday are Developing Your Inner Leader, Cataloging in ALMA Demystified, 3D Printing & Outreach, and Developing Dynamic Access Services. Following Friday's workshops, we will enjoy lunch and our keynote speaker, Chuck D'Imperio. Chuck is a longtime radio broadcaster who has hosted a top-rated morning show since 1989. Chuck has written seven books about Upstate New York and we are excited to have him come speak to us. Then we will move right to the awards presentations and the basket raffle.

Please save the conference brochure that was mailed to you this year. We are hoping that much of it will still be the same and we can send out an updated page for the brochure next year. We will not be reprinting or mailing the entire brochure. Hoping to see you all in June! Until then, let us lighten the mood:

Why do they call it the novel coronavirus? It's a long story....

What's the best way to avoid touching your face? A glass of wine in each hand.

What do you call panic-buying of sausage and cheese in Germany? The wurst-kase scenario.

The grocery stores in France look like tornadoes hit them. All that's left is de brie.

My husband purchased a world map and then gave me a dart and said, "Throw this and wherever it lands—that's where I'm taking you when this pandemic ends." Turns out, we're spending two weeks behind the fridge.



Check out this webpage article: "49 Coronavirus and Quarantine Jokes to Retrain Your Face to Smile: It's a pandemic" by Emily Kelleher for more jokes.

<https://www.fatherly.com/play/best-coronavirus-jokes/>

2020 Election Results

Dawn Foland, Elections Chair

Serving as chair for the 2020 elections, I'm excited to report that I received 4 nominations. One for each of the following positions:

Vice President, Recording Secretary, Membership Secretary and Conference Coordinator.

The winners:

Kathy Rossello, East Greenbush Community Library was nominated as the Vice President (incumbent)

Tammy Southard, SUNY Oneonta was nominated as the Recording Secretary (incumbent)

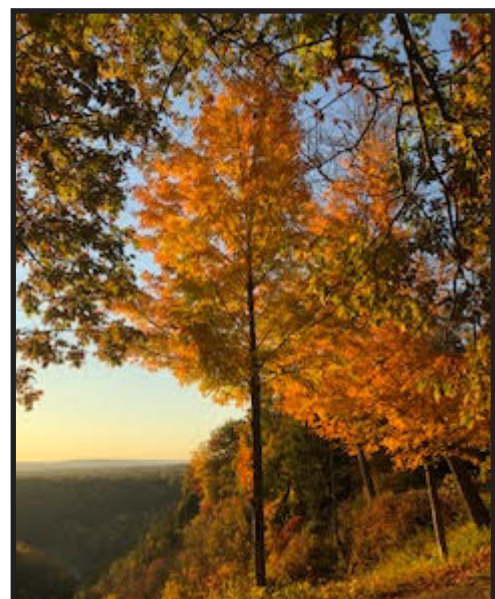
Donna Hanna, SUNY Geneseo was nominated as the Membership Secretary (incumbent)

Wendy Freier, Geneva Public Library was nominated as the Conference Coordinator (incumbent)

Since there was no opposition, the slate was declared elected. They will all take office on January 1, 2021. These are two-year terms.



Please join us in congratulating Kathy, Tammy, Donna and Wendy. On behalf of the NYSLAA Executive Council we are excited to have the opportunity to work with them for the upcoming years.



SCRLC's 2020 Award Winners

SCRLC Spirit Award

Acknowledges a SCRLC library staff member, trustee, or administrator who provides outstanding service or support to SCRLC and demonstrates the value of belonging to a system.

*Virgilio Pinto, ILL Lending Coordinator
Ithaca College Library*



Virgilio has been involved with the council since joining the Ithaca College Library Staff eight years ago. For the past several years he has served as an active Chair of the SCRLC Resource Sharing Advisory Committee, helping to

develop the agendas and expertly facilitating their meetings. Virgilio is also actively engaged in IDS, serving on the annual conference planning committee. Because his reach is outside the region and even national, he has been able to provide ILL/Resource Sharing updates for our Outreach Services Librarian, Molly Brown, to share with the rest of the region via our resource sharing listserv.

Virgilio is also committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion, both at Ithaca College and at SCRLC. This past year, he joined SCRLC's DEI Advisory Committee and helped with the development of a DEI IMLS grant application. He was also a facilitator for the Ibram X. Kendi How to be an Antiracist book discussion.

There is something else that Virgilio has contributed to SCRLC this year: Positivity. He has attended many of our member meetups and Resource Sharing meetups, and though the stress of COVID-19 has been crashing around us for the past seven months, Virgilio has helped the SCRLC staff and everyone else attending the meetups to focus on the positive.

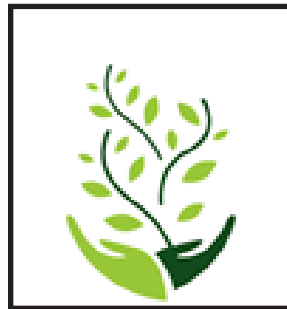
Library Sustainability Award

James M. Milne Library, SUNY Oneonta

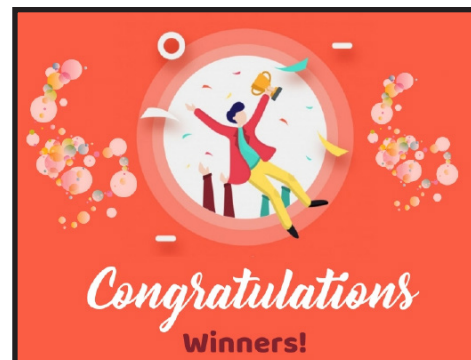
During the 2019-2020 academic year, the library partnered with RAC (Revival of Apparel Club) to host a DIY series including:

- A Mending Workshop where students learned how to fix their damaged and torn clothes. Students were also given a free sewing kit!
- RAC taught students how to repurpose old jeans into storage jars. Pictures from the event can be found at the RAC's Instagram page.
- RAC taught students how to make clutches from upcycled denim.
- On Oct. 14th, the library hosted "Sustainable Study Tips" where they collaborated with the Office of Sustainability and the Student Learning Center to teach students how to make a recycled notebook and highlight ways students can be sustainable environmentally and academically.

Additionally, the library sustainability committee is "greening" up the lounge, using reusable dishes and silverware in place of disposables. They are also collecting things to recycle such as batteries and toothpaste tubes in coordination with the Office of Sustainability. The library has also installed motion detection lighting and hydration stations to further their sustainability initiatives.



Nominated by Tammy Southard





NYSLAA

Continuing Education Scholarship

NYSLAA will award one scholarship up to \$250.

To qualify for the NYSLAA Continuing Education Scholarship, you must be:

- ❖ A current regular member of NYSLAA
- ❖ A NYSLAA member for the previous consecutive three years
- ❖ Continuing your professional development in a non-matriculated program

To apply for a scholarship submit the following to the NYSLAA President:

- ❖ Complete the application form below
- ❖ Write a statement of 150 to 300 words explaining your goals and how this scholarship will aid you
- ❖ Include a letter from the Registrar's office or a receipt showing that you are enrolled and the cost of the course
- ❖ A letter from the NYSLAA Membership Secretary verifying your years of membership

Please note:

- ❖ Applications must be postmarked no later than December 31st
- ❖ First consideration will be given to those applicants who have not received a NYSLAA scholarship in the past.

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Name of Educational Institution: _____

- ❖ If you are awarded this scholarship, would you like your director/supervisor notified in writing by NYSLAA? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please provide a name and address below:

Signature: _____

Return completed packet to the NYSLAA President. (see nyslaa.org)



NYSLAA

Degree Program Scholarship

NYSLAA will award one scholarship in the amount of \$350.

To qualify for the NYSLAA Degree Program Scholarship, you must be:

- ❖ A current regular member of NYSLAA
- ❖ A NYSLAA member for the previous consecutive three years
- ❖ Actively pursuing a matriculated degree at an accredited educational institution

To apply for a scholarship submit the following to the NYSLAA President:

- ❖ Complete the application form below
- ❖ Write a statement of 150 to 300 words explaining your goals and how this scholarship will aid you
- ❖ Include a *copy* of your transcript, or letter from the Registrar's office citing the number of credit hours taken
- ❖ A letter from the NYSLAA Membership Secretary verifying your years of membership

Please note:

- ❖ Applications must be postmarked no later than December 31st
- ❖ Applicants may receive this scholarship only once. Previous winners may not apply.

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Name of Educational Institution: _____

- ❖ If you are awarded this scholarship, would you like your director/supervisor notified in writing by NYSLAA? Yes No

If yes, please provide a name and address below:

Signature: _____

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NYSLAA

Enrichment Fund Scholarship

NYSLAA will award multiple scholarships per calendar year.

The Enrichment Fund Scholarship is for NYSLAA members who would like to attend a workshop, class, or conference for their professional development.

To qualify for the Enrichment Fund Scholarship, you must:

- ❖ Be a current regular member of NYSLAA
- ❖ Be a NYSLAA member for the previous consecutive three years

To apply for a scholarship submit the following to the NYSLAA President:

- ❖ The completed application form below
- ❖ A written statement explaining the event and how it will benefit you
- ❖ A receipt showing that you are registered for the workshop, class, or conference
- ❖ A letter from the NYSLAA Membership Secretary verifying your years of membership

Please note:

- ❖ Applications will be accepted year round.
- ❖ Requests are limited to one per person, per calendar year.
- ❖ Requests are good for up to \$50.00 as long as funding is available.
- ❖ The Enrichment Fund Scholarship **cannot** be used towards the NYSLAA Annual Conference.

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

Signature: _____

Return completed packet to the NYSLAA President. (*see nyslaa.org*)