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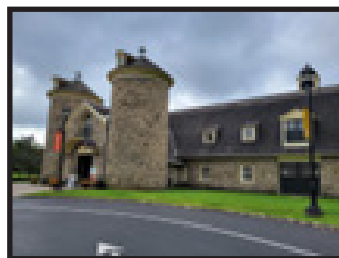
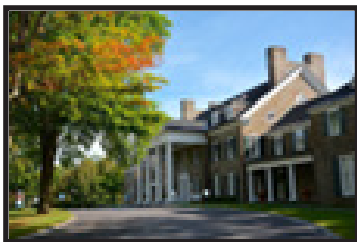
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NYSLAA Conference June 2023 **Wendy Freier, Conference Coordinator**

We look forward to welcoming you to **Create, Learn and Explore** in the Catskills! I hope you signed up to take a tour on Wednesday. We have some great options.

Fenimore Art/Farmer's Museums

Meet at the registration desk at 12:30 pm.
We will be leaving promptly at 12:30pm.

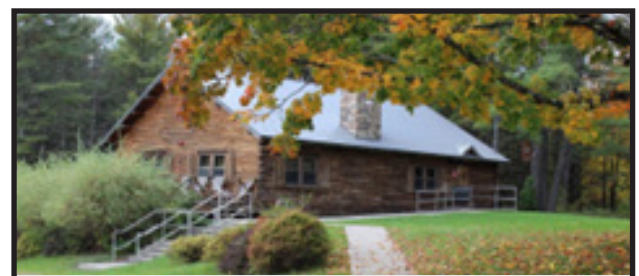


Rail Explorers Milford

Meet at the registration desk at 12:30pm.
We will be leaving promptly at 12:30pm.



Meet and Greet at the College Camp



Finish off Wednesday night by attending the Meet and Greet. Enjoy a Brooks' BBQ dinner, an evening in the great outdoors, along with yard games and great company.

Town Hall Meeting:

Join us Thursday morning for breakfast and the Town Hall Meeting. The Town Hall is an opportunity to give voice to your questions, ideas, and comments.

NYSLAA is our organization. Let's join the conversation and share our passions!

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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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Thursday night buffet dinner will be at the Oneonta Country Club.

Enjoy a delicious dinner, the beautiful views, and each other's company for the first time in three years!



Following Friday's workshops, we will enjoy lunch and our keynote speaker, Darren Chase, the director of the James A. Milne library.

Then we will move right to one of the highlights of the day, the presentation of the awards and the basket raffle.



Reminder: You will need to wear your conference badge for all events on-site and off-site.



Basket Raffle

We still need baskets to raffle off at the conference on Friday! If you enjoy the basket raffle, consider taking your enjoyment to the next step by donating a basket. Email me and let me know if you are planning to donate a basket at wfreier@gmail.com



Basket raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00.



The 50/50 price is 15 tickets for \$5.00

Bring New York State Lottery scratch-off tickets for the ever popular Lottery Tree to win. Ticket donors will receive one raffle ticket for each dollar value of the lottery ticket they donate, up to \$5.

Remember to bring your cash to the conference for the basket raffle and the four 50/50 drawings.

Donations

We will be collecting donations for the following local area agencies. Please bring your donations to the registration table. Donation jars for each organization will also be at the registration table for anyone wanting to give a monetary donation.

Catholic Charities of Otsego County personal hygiene items such as: shampoo, feminine products, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors. They also need adult socks, winter coats, and backpacks. Food items are welcome as well as gift cards to Subway, Aldi's or Walmart. Monetary donations are always welcome. We will have a donation jar at the registration table for cash, or checks made payable to NYSLAA.



Super Heroes Humane Society

cat litter, dog and cat food, paper towels and laundry soap are needed. We will have a donation jar for the shelter at the registration table for cash, or checks made payable to NYSLAA.



If you've collected toiletries from your travels that you'd like to donate for the homeless and women's shelters, we will also have a box for these items at registration. If you are staying at a hotel, please bring over your extras daily.

We Need You!

Wendy Freier, Conference Coordinator



Do you love planning and organizing?
Do you love making lists and checking them off?

If so, please consider hosting the NYSLAA conference next year.

You can collaborate with nearby libraries and work together to plan and host a conference.

It is easier than you might think and you will have the Executive Council to help you along the way!



Membership Update

Donna Hanna

We currently have 114 members for 2023. Thirty-five of our members hold associate status. We have seventeen new members. Membership cards/letters have been sent to all current members electronically so if you renewed and did not get one, please let me know.

Membership forms are available on our nyslaa.org website under the “Membership Application” on the right. You can fill out your renewal and mail it in with your check or you can renew via the “tools and resources” tab and following the directions. If you renew using this method, you do not need to send a membership form. I would just need to know if any of your information has changed. As a reminder, membership cards/letters are mailed electronically to anyone who has an email.

We have decided to revitalize the NYSLAA Membership Year Buy-Back program. For this program you would be able to buy back years of NYSLAA membership where you have had a gap and missed renewing for a particular year. The only stipulation is that you cannot buy membership for years prior to the first year you were a NYSLAA member. Please contact me, hanna@geneseo.edu, to find out what years you are missing and how to go about buying them back.

If you move or your email has changed, please be sure to alert me of these changes. This will help avoid unnecessary delays in receiving your membership information.

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 via hanna@geneseo.edu.

Welcome New Members!

Dawn Armstrong

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Sidney Memorial Public Library



Student Appreciation Treat Day

Each semester we like to show our appreciation for the work that our student workers do at James M. Milne Library at SUNY Oneonta. This year's theme was the *Mad Hatter's Tea Party*. We have fun decorating our staff lounge to turn it into a party atmosphere and library staff bring in comfort food and refreshments. Our students get to spend time socializing with their co-workers and taking a break from work near the end of the semester. This year we offered a \$20 gift card for the student worker with the best themed costume. Our well-deserved winner was Tuuli Hoaas, our Circulation Office student worker who created her entire costume as the Mad Hatter.

