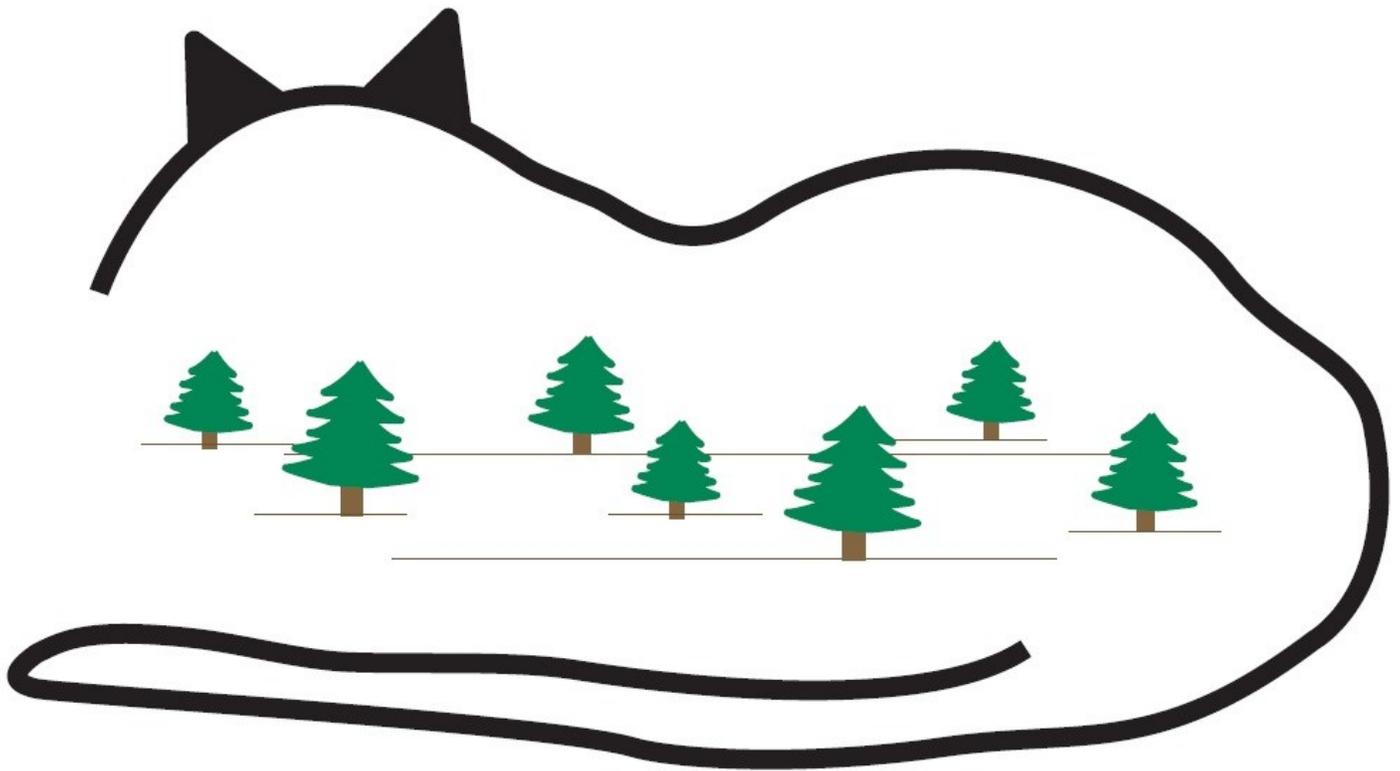


New York State Library Assistants' Association

42nd Annual Conference

June 10-12, 2020



**Library Assistants: Create,
Learn and Explore in the
Catskills.**

Hosted by the Library Assistants of
SUNY Cobleskill, NY

Workshop Choices Thursday—June 11, 2020

Workshop Session I 10:00—11:30 Please see insert for speaker information.

- 1. Meditation, Crystals, and Stress Relief**
Rev. Dr. Tiffany Butler
Rev. Dr. Tiffany will guide you through meditations for the mind, body and soul to relax and connect to the earth. The activities in the workshop will give you tools to use daily. Learn meditations to help you relax your mind after a long day, so you can be peaceful within yourself and be present in the world around you.
- 2. Studio for Art and Craft**
Jacqui Hauser
\$22 FEE for supplies. See registration form.
Design your own light up bottle, perfect for summer evenings! The instructor will demonstrate different painting techniques—all of which are easy for any level painter. Each participant will choose a bottle and paint as they wish. A battery operated light kit is included.
- 3. Intro to Excel**
Vinnie Basile
Workshops are for beginner to intermediate level computer users. **LIMIT 24 people.**
Learn how to navigate Excel. The presenter will teach how to use columns and rows and create worksheets. Discover how to add, subtract, multiply, divide and use other basic formulas. The presenter will also teach the use of the basic functions of Excel and how to print from Excel.
- 4. The Science of Sound**
Ed Stander
Dr. Stander will demonstrate and explain the various sundry ways we have developed to create sounds. In particular, demonstrations will include the noseflute, pennywhistle, hurdy gurdy, glass harmonica, guqin, theremin, and whatever else he can find lying around the house.
- 5. Applying Virtue Ethics to the Work of Library Assistantship**
Alexander Eustice-Corwin
What is virtue ethics and how can we use it to become more effective at work? This workshop offers a crash course in Aristotelian virtue ethics, as well as a brief summary of how the virtue-based approach has been developed in the literature on business ethics. What is the relationship between virtue and leadership? How can we apply these lessons to the work we do as library assistants. Participants will come away from the workshop with a better appreciation of what virtue ethics is and how they can make us more effective both at work and in life.

Workshop Session II 1:00—2:30

- 6. Sharon Springs, NY: If Streets Could Talk**
Ron Ketelsen
This presentation is about the very early history of Sharon Springs, NY. Participants will learn about the early stages of the "spa era" and healing qualities of the mineral waters that brought international notoriety. Discover the historic boarding houses and luxury hotels that graced the village and the rich and famous who visited. Learn about the
- 7. Intro to Powerpoint**
Vinnie Basile
Workshops are for beginner to intermediate level computer users. **LIMIT 24 people.**
Learn how to identify the names and functions within the PowerPoint software. See how to create, edit, save, and print presentations. Learn how to format presentations in a variety of ways. Discover how to add text, video, audio, and graphics to presentations. Participants will also learn how to add animation and transitions to their slide shows.
- 8. Universal Design: Unleashing Potential in Students with Disabilities**
Wendi Richards
Assist students with disabilities to discover their learning style. Unleash their potential through universal design.
- 9. Certificate of Achievement**
Michele Matthews
Learn more about the NYSLAA Certificate of Achievement Program that has piqued the interest of library assistants and administrators in many states and regions. See how the program works, what the benefits can be and how to get started.
- 10. Managing Conflict with Effective Communication**
Katherine Federiconi
Colleen Vogel, MSW
How is conflict affecting your organization? It can be toxic or productive, but how can you make conflict productive? Effective communication is the key. Come learn what effective communication is, how your style can impact your preference for communication, and strategies to reduce toxicity, increase morale and make conflict productive.

Workshop Choices Friday—June 12, 2020

Workshop Session III 8:45—10:15

Please see insert for speaker information.

- 11. Develop Your Inner Leader: Defining Yourself as a Leader**
Liz King
Attendees will be able to identify different styles of leadership, and utilize self-reflection to identify and describe their own leadership identity. They will also collaborate with other attendees to identify methods and develop a plan to strengthen their own leadership qualities and techniques.
- 12. Serving New Americans**
Evanna DiSalvo
The presenter will share ways in which libraries can help new Americans in their communities. Public libraries can do things as simple as starting conversation groups or holding tutoring sessions to prepare for citizenship. Community service requirements at educational institutions provide a wealth of volunteers. Learn about the evolution of programs at the Maplewood Community Library and the wealth of resources available to get your library program started.
- 13. Developing Dynamic Access Services**
Brendan Aucoin
We will focus on developing and operating a dynamic and agile access services department. As the front line of the library, access services departments must be able to react efficiently to all manner of change and unique situations. Adaptation is essential, but constant change can be wearing on personnel. We will brainstorm ways of handling change and adapting to the shifting demands on access services. This will be a highly interactive workshop designed around the exchange of ideas and creative problem solving.
- 14. 3D Printing & Outreach**
Dawn Foland
Amanda Babirad
This workshop will go over the basics of operating a 3D printer including changing filament and setting up the file. The workshop will also cover ways to utilize the 3D printer as an outreach tool for the library.
- 15. Creating a Children's STEM Program, Will You Sink or Swim?**
Sheryl Saxby
Children have been referred to as natural scientists because they are curious about their world and eager to learn. Using simple materials, you can further ignite children's curiosity and build a STEM program. Participants will be given time to explore several successful experiments with handouts available to repeat experiments at their home libraries. The remainder of the program will focus on discussions about stumbling blocks others have had and brainstorming ways to help each other.

Workshop Session IV 10:30—12:00

- 16. Develop Your Inner Leader: Influencing Others Through Leadership**
Liz King
Attendees will be able to identify and recognize leadership techniques such as mindful listening, relationship building, and the importance of having difficult conversations. They will collaborate with other attendees to develop a leadership toolkit and define their role in leading others in the pursuit of goals.
- 17. Meditation, Crystals, and Stress Relief**
Tiffany Butler
Repeat of workshop number one.
Rev. Dr. Tiffany will guide you through meditations for the mind, body and soul to relax and connect to the earth. The activities in the workshop will give you tools to use daily. Learn meditations to help you relax your mind after a long day, so you can be peaceful within yourself and present in the world around you.
- 18. Libraries Responding to Climate Change**
Fred Stoss
Every day we see and hear more news that we live in a greenhouse gas-constrained world. Last year Governor Andrew Cuomo signed the New York Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA), the most comprehensive and robust plan in the country to address and implement technologies and policies preventing a growing climate crisis. New York's libraries have vital roles to play assuring CLCPA's success and help lead us on a path whose destination is a world no longer constrained by greenhouse gases.
- 19. Cataloging in Alma Demystified**
Margaret McGee
Learn how to successfully perform cataloging and related job duties in Alma without drowning in documentation. In this workshop, we will cover workflows that will allow you to perform your daily work effectively and confidently. You will be provided with the tools to return to your library and begin using these skills in Alma immediately.
- 20. What Happened When a Llama Visited Our Library**
Ben Hogben
Kelly Hallisy
Animal Assisted Activities are becoming more popular on college campuses, and in particular, libraries. This presentation will discuss the benefits of animal visits, as well as how to plan for an event of this type. Included will be photos and anecdotes of when a Llama visited the Ithaca College Library, not just once, but four times so far!

NYSLAA Program June 10-12, 2020

Wednesday, June 10, 2020

- 11:00 - 5:00 p.m. Conference Registration – Bouck Ballroom
Tours: (See Tour/Speaker Information insert for details)
- 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. * Campus Guided Tour – Meet at registration at 1:00. \$ 2.00
- 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. * Iroquois Indian Museum – Guided Tour (Limit 45) \$ 10.00
Meet at registration at 12:30 pm
- 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. * Howe's Cavern – Meet at registration at 2:00 pm \$ 20.00
- 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Dinner: Meet and Greet: Brooks Chicken BBQ — Alumni Commons under pavilion.
There will be a cash bar, a campfire and s'mores for dessert! (weather permitting)

Thursday, June 11, 2020

- 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. Conference Registration – Bouck Ballroom
- 7:00 - 8:30 a.m. Hot Breakfast Buffet – Bouck Ballroom
- 8:30 - 9:45 a.m. Welcoming Remarks and Town Meeting. Please join us! Bouck Ballroom
- 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Workshop Session I
- 11:30 - 12:30 p.m. Lunch – Boxed lunch on campus
Shorter lunch, allows for downtown shopping time before dinner
- 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Workshop Session II
- 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. Dinner at Chieftans.
Located 1.7 miles from Alumni Commons. Buffet Dinner, Trivia Contest and a cash bar.
Ride needed? Food Issues? See special needs section on the registration form.

Friday, June 12, 2020

- 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. Conference Registration – Bouck Ballroom
- 7:00 - 8:30 a.m. Hot Breakfast Buffet – Bouck Ballroom
- 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Welcome and Announcements
- 8:45 - 10:15 a.m. Workshop Session III
- 10:30 - 12:00 p.m. Workshop Session IV
- 12:15 - 3:00 p.m. Keynote and Awards Luncheon – Bouck Ballroom
Chuck D'Imperio
Ray Murray and Craig Koste Awards presented
Certificates of Achievement presented
5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30-year members honored
Passing the Scroll
Basket Raffle

Lodging Information:

Conference Lodging will be at the SUNY Cobleskill campus Alumni Commons
Schoharie Parkway North, Cobleskill, NY 12043
-- Rate \$75. Per bed/Per night Linens included Bring your own toiletries
(See insert Lodging at Alumni Commons for more information.)

Maps and Directions:

See nyslaa.org/conference.html or Google Maps

Area Things to do:

Secret Caverns	Old Stone Fort Museum
Serious Brewing Co.	Gobblers Knob Family Fun Park
Landis Arboretum	Tagua Nut Gift Shop & Café
Middleburgh Winery	Dr. Best House & Medical Museum
Vromans Nose	The Studio for Art and Craft

Conference Info:

See nyslaa.org/conference.html to download copies of this brochure and more info.
Join NYSLAA-L from nyslaa.org for questions/discussions regarding the conference.

The Certificate of Achievement Review Board will be available by appointment. Make yours by contacting Michele Matthews at 518-276-8330 or prendm@rpi.edu

2020 Outreach for the Community

This year we will be collecting for the following agencies:

- * Animal Shelter of Schoharie Valley – cat litter, dog and cat food, Dawn dish soap, laundry soap, cat towers, towels, toys, catnip
- * Catholic Charities – for battered women's shelter – Personal care items, shampoo, feminine products, deodorant, twin sheet sets, gas cards for transportation, towels, washcloths.
For the food pantry - tuna fish, peanut butter and jelly, pasta, canned vegetables.
- * Linus Project – Homemade blankets (knitted, crocheted, fleece tied)

Donated items, along with cash, and checks (made payable to NYSLAA) will be accepted at the NYSLAA registration table. Please consider helping our host's area charities.

Questions? Contact:

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