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National Library Week Celebrations!

Wendy Freier

Geneva Public Library celebrated National Library Week by hosting Spirit Week!



Monday was School Spirit Day and staff was invited to dress in the colors from their high school, college, or favorite school.

Tuesday was 80's Day for staff to dress in retro neon colors with or without big hair!

Wednesday was Dress Like Your Favorite Book Character Day.

Thursday was Library Superfan Day - with all that libraries have to offer, aren't we all superfans!

Friday was Pajama Day/ Comfy Clothes Day.

Saturday was Beach Vacation Day and was a great way to spread some sunshine!

Conference Update

Patty Jackman

We currently have 50 members that will be attending our Annual NYSLAA Conference in June. It will be a great opportunity for all library workers to get together for learning, imagination, and adventure.

Anyone arriving on Wednesday will be able to visit local attractions. Binghamton's collection of antique merry-go-rounds will transport visitors to yesteryear.



For a different kind of retro fun, enjoy some vintage video games at Robot City Games & Arcade, the state's largest arcade! The Susquehanna and Chenango rivers meet in Binghamton, where the waterfront is dotted with parks and trails.

For more conference updates please see page 3. Complete information can be found on our website

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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."**

CHECK OUT NYSLAA'S WEBSITE: nyslaa.org

Join NYSLAA's electronic listserv (NYSLAA-L) and follow us on Facebook.

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Annual NYSLAA Conference

Library Workers: Taking a Ride into Learning, Imagination, and Adventure.

Raffles, Gifts, and More!

Do you enjoy the NYSLAA basket raffle? Please consider taking your enjoyment to the next level by donating a basket. We want to see your creative side! Gather your ideas and items and put them together to make a basket for us to enjoy this year.

Let us know if you are planning to donate a basket this year by emailing the address below.

Thank you,

Shai-ana Bess at shaibobatea@gmail.com or
Wendy Freier at wfreier@owwl.org



Remember: Bring your cash to the conference for the basket raffle and the 50/50 opportunities!



NYSLAA Conference Donations

Our Community Outreach Committee is supporting this local Binghamton organization. Please consider helping our host's area charity. **Identity Youth Center** https://www.idyouth.org/ is an affiliate of the Southern Tier AIDS Program. It is a not-for-profit 501c(3) organization, that offers programs and support for the youngest generation of LGBTQ+ people.

Cash and check (made payable to NYSLAA) donations will be accepted at the NYSLAA registration table. NYSLAA will issue a check to the Identity Youth Center on our behalf.

Conference Meet & Greet Dinner

This year's Meet & Greet dinner is included in the registration price. We will be exchanging white elephant gifts during the dinner. Please keep your gift under $15.00. Bring a wrapped gift to get a ticket to participate and take a gift home!



NYSLAA Membership

Membership Updates

Donna Hanna

We have 145 members so far for 2025. Twenty-three of our members hold associate status. Forty-five persons are first time NYSLAA members - we wish them a special welcome! We had 41 members take advantage of our National Library Week offer of free membership for 2025 if they had never been a NYSLAA member. Membership cards/letters have been sent to all members who have renewed or joined so far, so if you did not receive yours, 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. Just email me if any of your information has changed. As a reminder, membership cards/letters are mailed electronically to anyone who has an email.

We still offer 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.

We Need You!

Patty Jackman

Please consider joining the Executive Council. There are open positions available:

Vice President (vacant)

Membership Secretary (looking to mentor)

Conference Coordinator (looking to mentor)

- All officers must be regular Association members in good standing for a minimum of two years.
- Vacancies on the Executive Council shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by appointment by the President with the majority consent of the Executive Council.
- All officers shall serve for two years and may be re-elected.

There are also vacant committees:

Community Outreach Committee Chair:

Acting NYSLAA Ambassador

Donations Committee Chair

Public Relations Committee Chair

If you are interested in any of the above positions, email us or talk to us at the conference. Council members and email addresses are on page 2.

Welcome New Members!

Kathleen Alesci	Newark Public Library
Nancy Anzalone	Molloy University, James E. Tobin Library
Amanda Austin-Bassett	Dansville Public Library
Dawn Bauer	Smithtown Library-Kings Park Building
Carol Benenati	Jericho Public Library
Monica Buckley	Broome County Public Library
Molly Budziszewski	Palmyra Community Library
Briana Coogan-Bassett	Perry Public Library
Marcia Cotton	Vestal Public Library
Angelique Daley	Smithtown Library-Kings Park Building
Emily Davis	Livonia Public Library
Lynn Dennis	Cannon Free Library
Laura Farrell	Vestal Public Library
Casey Fisher	Newark Public Library
Tess Gibala-Broxholm	Palmyra Community Library
Joshua Goldman	University of Rochester, Edward G. Miner Library
Donna Headley	Molloy University, James E. Tobin Library
Sarah Hulburt-Emerson	Perry Public Library
Elizabeth Lind	Bloomfield Public Library
Kristina Mattox	New York Public Library, Francis Martin Branch
Ethan Mellen	Broome County Public Library,
Kathryn Mills	George F. Johnson Memorial Library
Carlos Munoz Ospina	Jericho Public Library
Anna Park	Bryant Library
Adam Peretzman	Lindenhurst Memorial Library
Molly Prep	Huntington Public Library
Lex Pritchard	Newark Public Library
Kenneth Roman	George F. Johnson Memorial Library
Abigail Rosenthal	Molloy University, James E. Tobin Library
Annie Sancilio	Smithtown Library
Jenny Santisteban	New York Public Library, Sedgwick Branch
Kim Seliger	Smithtown Library
Sabrina Seward	New York Public Library, Melrose Library
Kathleen Shores	Broome County Public Library
Barbara Simonse	Newark Public Library
Cathy TschanzVictor	Farmington Library
Keithly Vite	New York Public Library, Stephen A Schwarzman
Catherine Watson	New York Public Library, Tottenville Public Library
Virginia Wescott	Rensselaer Polytechnic Library, Richard Gilman Folsom Library
Tracy Whitney	Marion Public Library
LeeAnn Williams	Kent Public Library

