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NYSLAA Celebrates its 40th Annual Conference in Corning, NY!

Sheila Tshudy, Conference Committee Chair

Join us for NYSLAA's 40th annual conference, June 6-8 at the Radisson Hotel Corning. We've planned some amazing workshops and events to make this a memorable conference and are excited to welcome you once again to Corning!

Here's a quick overview and reminder of what's in store. If you've signed up for any of the tours being offered on Wednesday afternoon, each will begin promptly at 1:00 pm, and is within walking distance of the hotel (bring your walking shoes and maybe an umbrella).

Tour Information:

- **The Corning Museum of Glass**

Meet at the registration table at 12:15 p.m.

The group will leave to walk promptly at 12:30 p.m.

You may walk, drive, or catch the Museum's shuttle.

- **The Christ Episcopal Church of Corning**

Meet at the registration table at 12:30 p.m.

The group will leave to walk promptly at 12:45 p.m.

- **Wine and Design**

Meet at the registration table at 12:30 p.m.

The group will leave to walk promptly at 12:35 p.m.

Remember you are welcome to bring your own wine, beer, soda and/or snacks!

We're planning something a little different at the Mixer this year, so enjoy the food, be prepared to participate, have some fun, and enjoy the night!

Thursday morning's town meeting is your opportunity to speak up and be heard. Please plan on attending and participating in the discussion with your comments, concerns and suggestions for everything NYSLAA.

Friday the conference concludes with our awards banquet featuring a deli buffet. Instead of a keynote speaker this year, we've opted to celebrate our own NYSLAA members by inviting members to do a short, 3-minute talk about themselves – a rewarding moment in their career, a special project they've worked on, or whatever they'd like to share. What a great way to learn more about each other! This will be followed by the presentation of NYSLAA awards and Passing of the Scroll, followed by NYSLAA's infamous basket raffles! (We welcome donations for the basket raffles – contact a conference committee member.)

Please remember:

- *Wearing your conference badge is an absolute must not only for off-site events, but throughout the entire conference; meals at the Radisson will also require your name badge to be worn.*

- *Corning has welcomed us to their town, please consider giving back by supporting the local community through donations of requested items by NYSLAA's Community Outreach Committee.*

We'll see you in Corning!



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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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Membership Update

Donna Hanna

Memberships for 2018 is at 204 and 28 members are new.

A second renewal reminder will go out at the end of May. Membership cards/letters for 2018 renewals are being mailed electronically, so if you haven't received yours you will shortly. If you believe you have renewed and did not receive a card/letter please let me know and I will check into it for you.

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 notifications.

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.

Paralibrarian of the Year

Have you ever heard of the term "Paralibrarian"? Each year DEMCO sponsors the Paralibrarian of the Year Award. The award recognizes the essential role of paralibrarians in providing excellent library service. DEMCO underwrites the \$1,500 cash prize and a reception to honor the winner at the American Library Association annual conference in New Orleans, this June.



To read the inspiring article about "**Paralibrarian of the Year 2018: Orquidea Olvera**" that was published in the Library Journal last month, copy and paste this link: <https://bit.ly/2vs7iWo>.

NYSLAA Needs You!

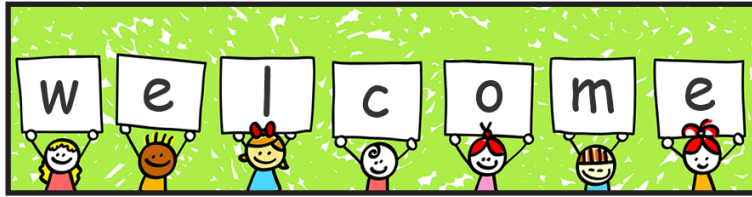
Rose Flickner stepped down as Conference Coordinator in October and **Ruth Oberg** graciously came out of retirement to serve as interim Conference Coordinator for this year's conference. We are in need of someone to take on the role of Conference Coordinator for the future. We need someone to take over this position to continue to provide fine quality conferences. Please consider. You always have great support and help in planning.



Library Assistants' Day 2018

NYLSAA's Public Relations Chair, **Kara Greene**, contacted Assemblyman Barrett's office to request the Resolution for Library Assistants' Day 2018. The Resolution has been signed and adopted in the Assembly on March 29, 2018 with Library Assistants' Day being April 12, 2018 in the State of New York. Above is the photo of the signed Resolution. You may view the actual resolution at the the conference next month!

Thank you Kara!



Welcome New Members!

Brenta Agard	New York Public Library for the Performing Arts, New York Public Library
Patricia Barber	Scholes Library, NYS College of Ceramics, Alfred University
Alexander Benjamin	James M. Milne Library, SUNY College at Oneonta
Robin Booth	Melvil Dewey Library, Jefferson Community College
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Cynthia Sloan	Melvil Dewey Library, Jefferson Community College
Andrea Viscusi	Onondaga-Cortland-Madison Boces Library System
Cathy Wise	Van Wagenen Library, SUNY Cobleskill

**Volunteers from the
RRLC Library Assistants Group
made dinner on February 24
for the families staying at
the Ronald McDonald House
in Rochester.**



John Palmer, **Donna Hanna**, Rocco Hagen, **Rebekah Walker**,
Ronald McDonald, **Laureen Anthony-Palmer**, Nancy Nau.

Designated Donations for the June 2018 Conference

Lauren Anthony-Palmer, Community Outreach Chair

After researching and collaborating with the Conference Committee, the following five donation categories have been selected that will benefit community members in the Corning area.

1. Homemade blankets (following the Project Linus guidelines) for Arnot Ogden's Pediatrics Unit <http://www.projectlinus.org/patterns/>
2. New long sleeved onesies/outfits (premie & newborn size; no zippers) for Arnot Ogden's NICU at <http://www.arnothealth.org/arnot-ogden-medical-center>.
3. New and gently used books (toddlers to teens) for the Red Book Shelf program which offers free books in public places throughout Steuben and Yates counties <http://proactioninc.org/resilient-children-and-families/#family-literacy-and-development>
4. Food and toiletries distributed to local residents by <https://corningfoodpantry.com/> .
Under the "give" tab, see "give food", "give other items."
These are the food items we need the most: Boxed dry foods such as pasta, rice and instant potatoes
Canned proteins such as salmon and tuna
Nuts, peanut butter and other nut butters
Canned fruits, beans, soups and vegetables
Crackers
Baby food

Clothing: We accept new or gently used clothing, including coats and blankets for the winter months, all sizes.
Personal Care Items: Deodorant, shampoo, soap, toothpaste, mouthwash, and feminine hygiene items
All sizes of disposable baby diapers
Items for our homeless project, such as can openers, blankets, plastic utensils, paper plates, hand sanitizer, moist towelettes

5. Cleaning items for Tanner's P.A.W.S. www.tannerspaws.org.
paper towels, bleach, Clorox concentrated cleaner, Mrs. Meyers concentrated Household Cleaner.

We will also be accepting monetary donations for any of the above named organizations as well.

Contact Lauren at lanthony@libraryweb.org with any questions.



Corning Community Food Pantry