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NYSLAA: Learning and Growing in the Finger Lakes

Wendy Freier, 2019 Conference Committee Chair

Our 41st conference this year will be taking place June 12-14, 2019 at the Ramada Plaza on beautiful Seneca Lake in Geneva, NY. Our theme this year is **Learning and Growing in the Finger Lakes**. This theme is reflective of all the networking, sharing of ideas, and workshops we attend during this event.

Ramada Plaza Geneva
2019 Conference hotel
Call in your reservations.
\$129 Street view
\$139 Lake view.
315-789-0400
Ask for NYSLAA rate!



Register of Historic Places and has been called an architectural gem by The New York Times and the Smithsonian.

- 1 ½ hour White Deer bus tour. On the tour you might see the white deer herd which were found by army personnel and fenced in for protection in 1941. The tour also includes a visit to the former Seneca Army Depot. See a bomb shelter, a storage igloo, and visit the edge of “Q” area, which allegedly housed nuclear weapons.

As we are in the heart of the Finger Lake wine region, we are firming up plans to hold our mixer at Ventosa Vineyards. If our plans come to fruition, we will have: complimentary wine tastings, a wine maker present to answer questions about the wines, and golf cart rides to see the grounds and the vineyard. We are planning a buffet dinner and there will be live music to liven up the evening.



View at Ventosa Vineyards,
the Wednesday Mixer venue.

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For our Wednesday afternoon tours, we are working to provide some, *or all*, of the following tours:

- 3 hour winery/brewery/cideries tour visiting establishments on Seneca Lake. The price will include tastings.
- 45 minute walking tour of Historic South Main Street including Pulteney Park
- A tour of the Smith Opera House - This magnificent Opera House opened on October 29, 1894. The Richardsonian Romanesque-style theater was the dream of local philanthropist and businessman William Smith, constructed with the vision of bringing culture and entertainment to the Finger Lakes area. The Smith Opera House continues as one of the oldest operating performing arts theaters in the United States. It is recognized by the National

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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

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Our Thursday night dinner will be at the stunningly beautiful Belhurst Castle. Before or after dinner, walk the grounds, enjoy the terrace and take in the lake views. We are planning a sit down dinner in their modern ballroom, the Meritage Ballroom. It is fully surrounded by large windows with a spectacular view of the gardens and Seneca Lake.



Belhurst Castle
Thursday dinner spot

We are finishing the workshop planning and are working hard to find topics that are of interest to all those who attend. We have several history and genealogy related workshops. We are planning workshops for those who work in either academic or public libraries as well as some general topic workshops that will appeal to all. We will have more information in the next newsletter.

While you are here, plan on looking around downtown Geneva. There are quite a few eateries and quaint shops all within a short walk from the hotel. Check it out! www.downtowngeneva.org/directory.html.

Please plan on to join us here in June. We look forward to welcoming you to the beauty of the Finger Lakes.

Outreach 2019!

Please start planning now, we will be collecting for the following local community groups:

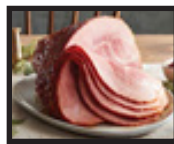
- **Golisano Children's Hospital** would love us to donate **children books** (tots up through middle school) including board books. They also need **character bandaids** (*no latex*, which excludes the bandaid brand bandaids)
- **Beverly Animal Shelter** needs donations of canned and dry dog and cat food. Litter, cleaning supplies, bleach, laundry detergent and used linens.
- **Center of Concern** food pantry needs donations of canned goods, non-parishable foods, etc.
- **Blankets** for the **Linus Project**. They *must be handmade*; ie. fleece tied, knitted or crocheted and at least 36 inches in length.

Fundraising

Wendy Freier

We finished our **Dutch Mill Bulb** fundraiser. We raised \$245. Thank you to the following people who bought bulbs: **Geraldine McCarthy, Sheila Tshudy, Donna Hanna, Tammy Southard, Wendy Freier, Morgan Bond, Ruth Freier, Carrie Goetz, Debbie Elliotto,** and **Krista Allis**. A thank you also goes out to **Janet Selby** who sent a donation instead of buying bulbs.

We will be starting our next fundraiser on November 1st. This will be a **Schwan's Home Food Delivery** fundraiser. Our group will earn **20%** on every online food purchase and **40% on eGift Cards** for the first 45 days and **5%** on food orders for the next 90 days. Share the link with your friends and family on your social media pages. Let's see if we can double the \$500 goal! You can shop for your holiday essentials. I will be buying pies for Thanksgiving, as I have little time to bake.



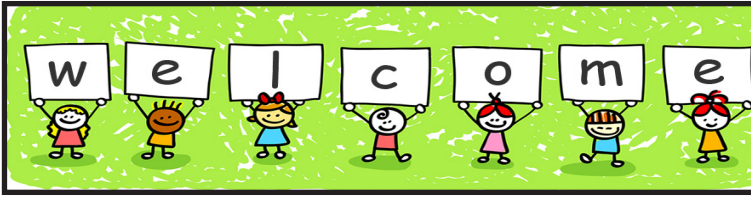
Is your mouth watering yet? I know mine is.

Conferences are not cheap, there are many costs incurred. I know this as a first time conference committee chair, I am doing my best to keep costs to a minimum, but we all need to do our part. It is **OUR** conference. Let's support each other and contribute either through the fundraiser, providing a basket for the raffle, or by giving a donation. Remember to bring your cash to the conference for the basket raffles and the 50/50. Thank you all for your support and I know I join you in saying that we have an awesome conference!

If you want to donate directly instead of participating in the fundraisers, use the following link. [PayPal.Me/USLAA](https://www.paypal.com/USLAA) It will take you right to our PayPal page and you can enter any amount that you want to donate.

(Note: This link is now available on the nyslaa.org home page.)





Welcome New Members!

Matthew Ciuccio	New City Library
Darla Critchfield	Cornell University, Olin/Uris Library
Anne Davies	New City Library
Cindy Falise	Baldwinsville Public Library
Anne Pierce	Stratford University, Newport News Campus LRC

Membership Update

Donna Hanna, Membership Chair

Memberships for 2018 is at 249 including 34 new members.

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.

Election Results

Nora Renda, Elections Chair

Serving as chair for the 2019/2020 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 are:

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)
Ruth V. Oberg, University at Buffalo (Retired) 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, 2019. These are two-year terms.



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



Certificate of Achievement Review Board News

Michele A. Matthews, Coordinator

The Certificate of Achievement Review Board has awarded one certificate since the conference. **Debra Elliott** of Geneva Public Library earned a Level IV in Administration/Management in October.

The Review Board would like to thank **Michele Giuffre** of Bethlehem Public Library for her years of service on the Certificate of Achievement Review Board. We wish her the best of luck in her retirement.

If you are interested in earning your Certificate of Achievement please contact one of the following Review Board members:

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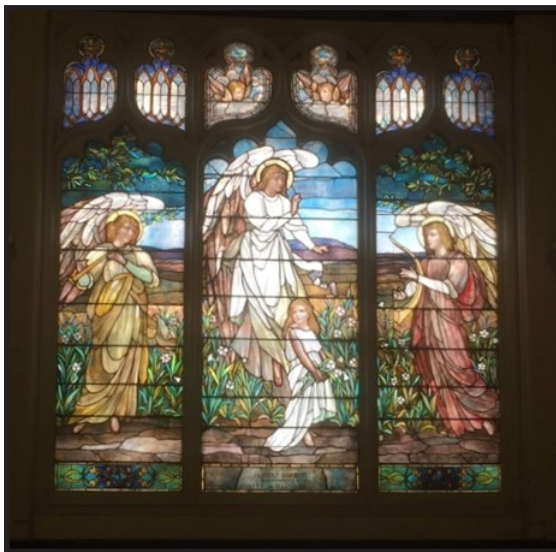
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Anyone interested in serving on the Certificate of Achievement Review Board can contact me directly at prendm@rpi.edu.



One of the many beautiful stained glass windows at **Christ Episcopal Church** which we toured at the 2018 Conference in Corning.



Public Relations Committee

The Public Relations Committee needs a new chairperson.

Working with Executive Council, the duties are:

- Publicize NYSLAA across New York State
- Contact NYS Legislature in February to establish the proclamation of Library Assistants' Day for April and obtain a copy of that proclamation for the NYSLAA Archives
- Promote Library Assistants Day
- Publicize Annual Conference on: NYSLAA-1, Libsup-1, NYSLAA Network Connection, Place a blurb in Associates by February for the March issue
- Work with Donation Committee in fundraising activities
- Submit written report and/or committee minutes for each Executive Council meeting
- Pre-Approval from Executive Council is necessary for all proposed activities
- Financial documentation to Treasurer
- Annual report to NYSLAA President by January 15th

This is a two-year appointment renewed in even years.

(**Note:** This position does not require you to attend regular Executive Council meetings.)



View from the pace car at **Watkins Glen International** at the 2018 Conference in Corning.



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:

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