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NYSLAA Conference: June 12-14, 2019 in Geneva, NY Library Assistants: Learning in the Heart of the Finger Lakes

We look forward to welcoming you to the HEART of the Finger Lakes!

Wendy Freier, 2019 Conference Committee Chair

Are you getting excited for the conference?
I hope you signed up to take a tour on Wednesday. We have some great options.

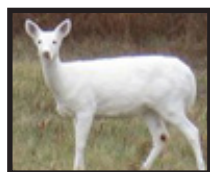
Smith Opera House Tour

Meet at the registration desk at 12:30 pm.
We will be leaving promptly at 12:45pm.
It is a short 10 minute walk or 3 minute drive from the hotel.



Winery/Distillery/Cidery Tour

Meet at the registration desk at 12:45pm.
The limo will leave promptly at 1:00pm.



White Deer Bus Tour

Meet at the registration desk at 1:30pm.
We will be leaving at 1:40 pm.

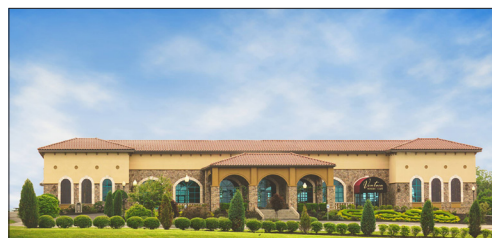
Mixer - Ventosa Vineyard

Finish off Wednesday night by attending the Mixer. Enjoy a buffet dinner, a cash bar, a breathtaking view, and great company.

Free wine tasting

Talk to a vintner

Take a vineyard tour (*weather permitting*)



Town 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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“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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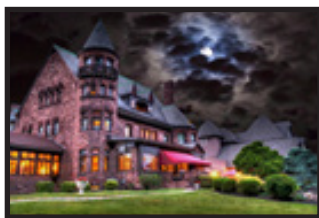
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During your free time we hope you will **explore** the downtown Geneva shops and eateries!

<http://www.downtowngeneva.org/default.htm>

Thursday night dinner will be at Belhurst Castle. Walk the grounds, enjoy the terrace and take in the lake views. Then sit down to a first-class dinner in the Meritage Ballroom.



Following Friday's workshops, we will enjoy lunch and our keynote speaker, Eleanor Stearns. She will be giving a dramatic presentation on Elizabeth Cady Stanton.



Then we will move right to one of the highlights of 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.



Membership Update

Donna Hanna

Memberships for 2019 is at 250 and 59 members are new.

Renewal reminders will go out again just before the conference. As a reminder, membership cards/letters are being mailed electronically to anyone who has an email.

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 that are snail mailed.

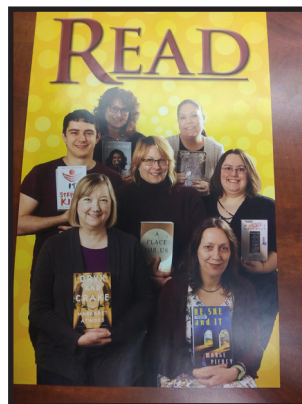
As always, if you have a question regarding your membership or if you need a letter verifying your years of NYSLAA membership for the Certificate of Achievement Program, please let me know via hanna@geneseo.edu.

Celebrating National Library Week

Holley Laudico

National Library Week was April 7-13 and SUNY Brockport's Drake Library celebrated with their own Brockport Celebrity READ posters. **Holley Laudico** writes "My department was featured on a READ poster this year. Also included in the poster project was "Tilly", our College President's dog, and an English professor (and heavy library user). As of right now, we have six READ posters in our library.

Even though my department was apprehensive about being on a poster, it was actually a lot of fun.



New Members!



Betty Albright	SUNY Oswego, Penfield Library
Theo Andreu	Nazareth College, Lorette Wilmot Library
Todd Bachman	Guernsey Memorial Library
Alexandra Bastian	Manlius Library
Mary Beth Bell	Retired from SUNY Oswego
Amy Beltran	New York Public Library, 53rd Street Library
Melanie Bishop	Livonia Public Library
Shelby Blatche	Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville
Brittany Clinkscales	St. John Fisher College, Lavery Library
Cassey Cornish	Cayuga Medical Center, Health Care Library
Debra Cote'	Webster Public Library
Nicolas Crosby	Alfred University, Scholes Library
Patricia Ann Darby	New York Public Library, New York Public Library for the Performing Arts
Charity DeCaro	Buffalo State College, E.H. Butler Library
Kathy Delano	Wolcott Public Library
Fran DeNardo	Bristol Library
Jeffrey Dirr	Buffalo State College, E.H. Butler Library
Marilyn Dueno	Alfred University, Scholes Library
Marissa Fiorentino-Olivera	Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Inst., Pratt MWP Col. of Art and Design Library
Donna Gesel	Buffalo State College, E.H. Butler Library
Erin Gingrich	Potsdam Public Library
Melissa Green	Penn Yan Public Library
Carol Henning	Buffalo State College, E.H. Butler Library
Colleen Huddleston	SUNY Oswego, Penfield Library
Denise Jacobs	Guernsey Memorial Library
Sarah Johnson	Gates Public Library
Julia Koberlein	Macedon Public Library
Margaret Liddle	Newark Public Library
Judy Lupa	SUNY Oswego, Penfield Library
Paula Marra	Rochester Regional Health, Werner Medical Library
Kathryn Masterpol	Manlius Library
Arthur Maurici	Nazareth College, Lorette Wilmot Library
Kristen Medici	SUNY Oswego, Penfield Library
Kenneth Murphy	New York Public Library, New York Public Library for the Performing Arts
Laurie Osborne	Clifton Springs Library
Cheryl Paine	Gorham Free Library
Ken Parkola	SUNY Oswego, Penfield Library
Emma Perrone	Newark Public Library
Lisa Poli	Hudson Valley Community College, Dwight Marvin Library
Francis Powers	Munson Williams Proctor Arts Institute, Edward W. Root Library
Alejandra Rangel	Geneva Public Library
Morgan Richards	Guernsey Memorial Library
Sixta Robles	Guernsey Memorial Library
Andrea Rossman	Finger Lakes Community College, Charles J. Meder Library
Melissa Roy	Clinton Central School, Middle School/High School Library
Sheryl Saxby	Geneva Public Library
Sara Schlinger	Livonia Public Library
Marcia Short	Manlius Library
Emily Thomas	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Folsom Library
Marquis Wilkie	SUNY Oswego, Penfield Library



Scholarship from SCRLC

South Central Regional Library Council provided for the first time a \$500 scholarship for one of their members to attend the NYSLAA annual conference this year. Applications were to be submitted by February 25th, and **Cassey Cornish**, who handles Medical Library Services for Cayuga Medical Center will be attending the conference.

Congratulations Cassey!

ALA National Library Workers Day Star

Donna Hanna from SUNY Geneseo's Milne Library was nominated as a STAR and this was her nomination: *Donna from an academic library in Geneseo, NY, is a Star because Donna is the heart and soul of our library. She works hard in Technical Services but still finds time to plan parties and bake birthday cakes for people. She also volunteers at the Ronald McDonald House. – Anonymous*

Congratulations Donna!

Library Assistants' Day 2019

NYSLAA Vice President **Kathy Rossello** receiving the State of New York Legislative Resolution declaring April 11, 2019 Library Assistants' Day from Kate Meyer who is the Counsel to Assembly member Sean Ryan.



Fundraising Wendy Freier

We raised \$245 from the Dutch Mill Bulbs fundraiser. I checked my yard this week and my bulbs are coming up! I cannot wait to see them in full bloom.

We raised \$327 from the Schwan's Cares fundraiser. My family and I are still eating the delicious frozen food I bought from this fundraiser.

A huge thanks to all of you who joined me in supporting this conference by contributing to a fundraiser or sending in a monetary donation.

Unlike many other conferences, NYSLAA includes most of the meals in the cost and meals can add up. It is still not too late to donate. A donate link has been added to the NYSLAA.org home page.



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.

Remember:

Bring your cash to the conference for the basket raffle and the four 50/50 opportunities. Basket raffle tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$ 5.00. The 50/50 price - 15 tickets for \$5.00



Donations

Wendy Freier

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 a monetary donation.



Center of Concern – We are collecting non-perishable food items such as hearty soups, pasta sauce, canned meats (ham, tuna, chicken), peanut butter, jelly, pasta (elbows, spaghetti, mac & cheese), canned fruits, juice, pork & beans, all canned beans, and cereal.

In addition, we can collect toothpaste, baby wipes, deodorant, and shampoo.

Beverly Animal Shelter – We are collecting dry or canned dog/cat food, litter, cleaning supplies, bleach, laundry soap, and used linen.

Golisano Children’s Hospital - We are collecting new or gently used books from board books through middle school appropriate books and character bandaids (NO LATEX).

Linus Project – Finish off those handmade blankets! We accept tied fleece blankets, knitted blankets, and crochet blankets. Please make sure that the blanket measures at least 36”x36”.

Thank you all for your support.

