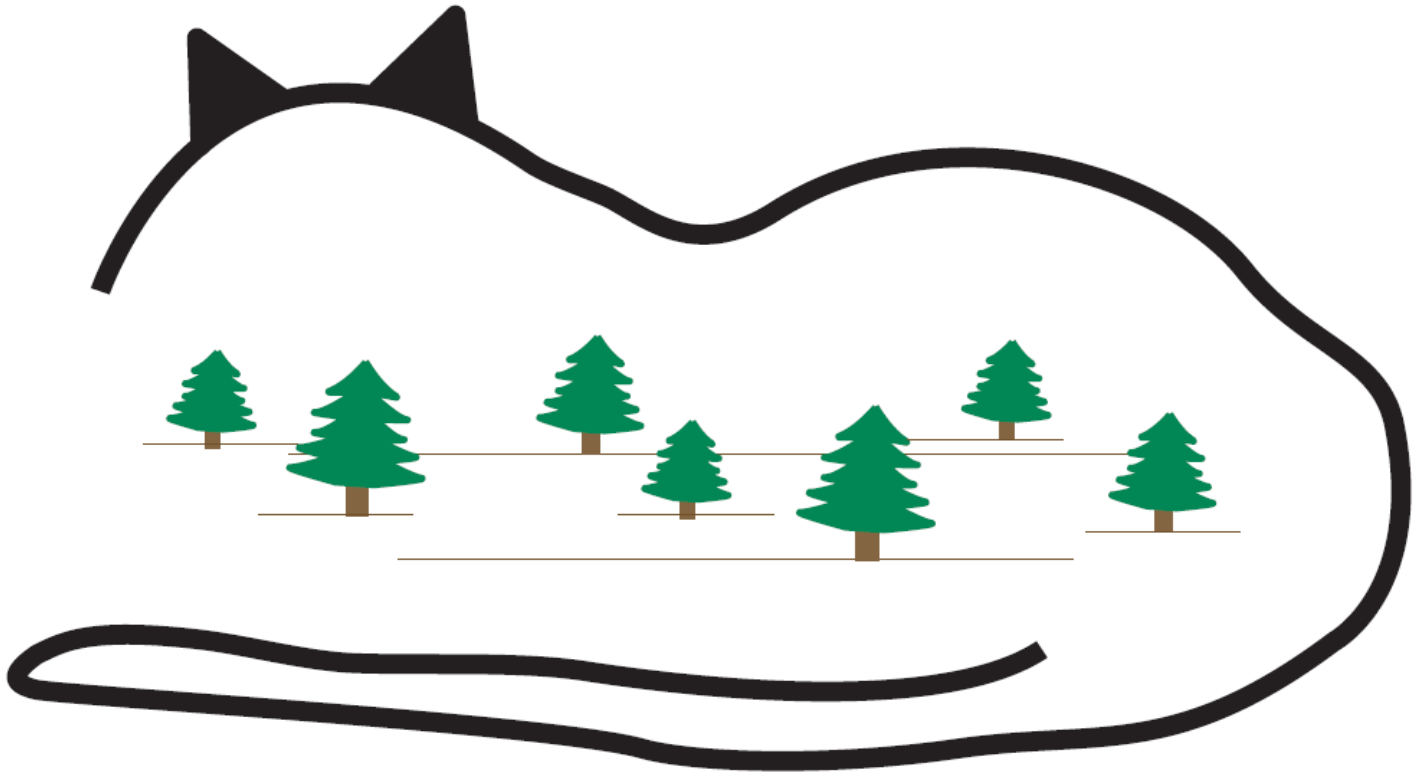# New York State
Library Assistants' Association

42nd Annual Conference

June 7 – 9, 2023

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

Hosted by the Library Assistants of
SUNY Oneonta, NY

Tours
Wednesday June 7, 2023

Tour locations are between 20 to 30 minutes away from SUNY Oneonta. You will need to drive or carpool.

The Milford Track—Rail Explorers are excited to offer a spectacular 12 mile round trip (our longest ride yet!). "The Milford Track" journeys north through the farm lands and forests alongside of the Susquehanna River. You'll glide past working farms, magnificent woodlands and rumble across historic trestle bridges.
The Rail Explorers are fitted with the 'REX Propulsion System' - custom built electric motors that make the 12 mile round trip journey truly effortless.

Bring a light refreshment to enjoy at the 20 minute break at the midway turnaround.

Tour duration: 2.5 hours.

The Fenimore Art Museum— contains Landscape paintings, American Indian artifacts, folk art & more in a 1930s neo-Georgian mansion.

The Farmers' Museum is located in Cooperstown, New York, and is one of the best-known attractions in the town. Just north of Cooperstown, it overlooks Otsego Lake and recreates rural life from the 19th century through exhibits and interactive workshops.

Workshop Choices Thursday—June 8, 2023

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

1. College Students, What are They Anyway?
Alexander Eustice-Corwin

Aimed at library assistants in academic libraries, this workshop explores the concept of "emerging adulthood" referring to young adults 18-29. Understanding what makes this period of the human lifecycle unique can help us better serve this population. How are they different /similar to adolescents and mature adults. How changes in the emerging adult brain influence their thinking and behavior, touching upon both cognitive and moral development.

2. Paint 'n Stress Relief Part I
Cat Fallon

$35 FEE for supplies. You will need to attend both workshops. See registration form.

The first painting is a no-paint brush technique, with a paint-n-pour and swipe. In addition, you will learn the pour ratios to do your own paint-n-pours at home, as well as instructions for every skill level. We will start painting the background of our second project using a simple blending technique.

3. Banned Books 101
Michelle Hendley

This interactive workshop will provide a brief overview of book bans and challenges in libraries, the importance of intellectual freedom, and the impact of the recent slew of book censorship on library workers. The session will also include strategies that libraries and library staff can adopt to address book bans and challenges.

4. Leadership I - Becoming Familiar with the Root of the Problem
Liz King

Feel free to take **one or both** of the leadership workshops.
Attendees will be able to define adaptive versus technical problems as well as define systems thinking, and recognize common system archetypes. We will identify common roadblocks and challenges to taking a leadership role. In addition, attendees will learn how to apply the "balcony perspective" principle to an existing problem.

5. Certificate of Achievement
Kathy Rossello

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.

Workshop Session II   1:00—2:30

6. A Llama Visited Our Library and Here is What Happened
Ben Hogben
Abby Juda

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 six times so far!

7. Paint 'n Stress Relief Part II
Cat Fallon

The FEE listed in Part I description includes this workshop. See registration form.

For the second painting you will use paintbrushes. In this session we will add the sea life to the background we finished in the first session. I will provide different sea life images from which to choose. This is a simple technique with no skill needed.

You will go home with a minimum of two completed projects.

8. Isolation Obliterated! Oneonta Emerges from the Middle of Nowhere
Mark Simonson

Learn how Oneonta, far removed from canals and major cities in New York, grew following the move to build a railroad from Albany to Binghamton from the 1840's through 60's becoming a major railroad hub and gradually growing into a college town in the 20th century.

9. Leadership II - Realistically Addressing Problems when You're not in Charge
Liz King

Feel free to take **one or both** of the leadership workshops.
Attendees will be able to recognize that authority exists at all levels. Examine what level of authority you possess. Discuss "leading from where you are" as it applies to various situations. Define "holding steady" and "giving the work back" as leadership strategies for addressing "unsolvable" problems.

10. Beginning and Continuing Your COA
Kathy Rossello

To start your certificate, please bring your higher education transcript as well as a letter from your institution stating your Full Time Equivalency (FTE) as defined by your institution. To continue working on your certificate, bring the items that you are currently working on adding and we can work on it together.

Workshop Choices Friday—June 9, 2023

Workshop Session III   8:45—10:15   Please see insert for speaker information.

11. PowerPoint
   Raphael Web

Identify the names and functions within the PowerPoint software. Create, edit, save, and print presentations. Format presentations in a variety of ways. Add video, audio, and graphics to presentations. Create and manipulate simple slides shows with outlines and notes. Create presentations that include text, graphics, animation, and transitions.

12. SMART Libraries at Work
   Fred Stoss

There was a time for the concept of a "Green Environment." It allowed us to think about our lifestyles and practices about consumption, renewable energy, reducing pollution, and how these things affect the environment. In recent years, the word "Green" became a cliché of sorts and a trite "branding" technique; or used to conclude that what follows is a rant from "one of those Environmental-Whackos." I am beginning to prefer the word "Smart" to replace "Green,". This presentation will look at libraries' decades of Green Programming, Projects, and Outreach, especially as it pertains to Sustainability.

13. Basic Paper & Book Repair Part I
   Heather Parks

Hands-on workshop ! Do you have books with pages that are torn or unattached?

This workshop will teach you the proper technique to mend torn pages and also how to re-attach pages that have fallen out of books.

Books will be provided for practicing the techniques you will learn. Feel free to bring items to be assessed after the workshop.

14. Introduction to Research with the Internet
   Alayna Vander Veer

This workshop will provide helpful tips on how to find reliable and relevant facts for your information needs. Participants will be able to effectively use the internet, evaluating the helpfulness and truthfulness of websites to gather information.

15. Hosting a Conference
   Cat Fallon
   Wendy Freier
   Donna Hanna

Learn all about hosting a conference from your current host and members of the Executive Council. The Executive Council will give you help and encouragement along the way. It is not as hard as you think and it is a lot of fun.!

Workshop Session IV   10:30—12:00

16. Excel
   Raphael Web

Learn how to navigate Excel. Use columns and rows. Create worksheets. Learn how to use Excel to add, subtract, multiply, divide. Also explore other basic formulas and functions that you are able to use within Excel and learn how to print from this program.

17. Designing an Effective Library Newsletter
   Fred Stoss

For many types of organizations, including libraries from private and public institutions newsletters are a convenient and effective way to draw attention to the activities, programs, projects, accomplishments, and explanations of a library's functioning. They represent a direct and meaningful connection between your library and its users, communities, and often-overlooked supporters and potential partners. From effective design for print and online newsletters to developing and expanding a distribution-base this presentation focuses on basic design, editing, managing, content, messaging, and distribution techniques that will help you produce an effect and a "Smart" newsletter.

18. Basic Paper & Book Repair Part II
   Heather Parks

Hands-on workshop ! Do you have books with unattached covers?

This workshop will teach you how to repair that kind of damage. Spine damage will not be a focus.

Books will be provided for practicing the techniques you will learn. Feel free to bring items to be assessed after the workshop.

19. Dynamic Access Services
   Brendan Aucoin

This workshop 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. While adaptation is essential, the constant change and adapting to the shifting demands on access services is wearing on personnel. This will be a highly interactive workshop designed around the exchange of ideas and creative problem solving. While targeted toward access services, all library personnel are welcome and encouraged to participate.

NYSLAA Program June 7 – 9, 2023

Wednesday, June 7, 2023

11:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Conference Registration – Craven in Morris Hall
	Tours: (See Tour/Speaker Information insert for details) - Meet at registration at 12:30pm
1:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Rail Explorers in Milford – Quad explorer $40.00/person
1:30 - 4:30 p.m.	Fenimore Art Museum/Farmer's Museum - Meet at registration at 12:30pm
	Price for one museum $19.00 or two museums for $28.00
6:00 - 9:00 p m	Dinner: Meet and Greet: Brooks' Chicken BBQ - College Camp.

Thursday, June 8, 2023

7:00 - 8:00 a.m.	Conference Registration – Craven in Morris Hall
7:00 - 8:30 a.m.	Hot Breakfast Buffet – The Grille, Morris Hall
8:30 - 9:45 a.m.	Welcoming Remarks and Town Meeting. Please join us! The Grille, Morris Hall
10:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Workshop Session I
11:30 - 12:30 p.m.	Lunch – The Grille, Morris Hall
1:00 - 2:30 p.m.	Workshop Session II
5:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Dinner at Oneonta Country Club - Meet at Craven in Morris Hall at 4:30pm

Friday, June 9, 2023

7:00 - 8:00 a.m.	Conference Registration – Craven in Morris Hall
7:00 - 8:30 a.m.	Hot Breakfast Buffet – The Grille, Morris Hall
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 – The Grille, Morris Hall
	Darren Chase, the director of the James M. Milne Library
	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

Ride needed for any event ? Food Issues? See special needs section on the registration form.

Name badges will be required for all conference activities

Lodging Information: Conference Lodging will be at the SUNY Oneonta campus - Wilber Hall

-Rate Single $53 /Per night Double $42/per night (linens included)
Bathrooms are not ensuite and are shared. Bring your own toiletries
(See the Lodging insert for more information.)

Maps and Directions: https://tinyurl.com/5n6k8dpw

Area Things to do:

Fly Creek Cider Mill & Orchard	Cooperstown Beverage Trail
Brewery Ommegang.	National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum

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 Kathy Rossello rossek@eglibrary.org 518-477-7476 ext. 108.

2023 Outreach for the Community

This year we will be collecting for the following agencies:
* **Super Heroes Humane Society** – cat litter, dog and cat food, paper towels and laundry soap.
* **Catholic Charities of Otsego County** Personal hygiene items such as: shampoo, feminine products, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors. They also need adult socks, winter coats, and backpacks. Food items are welcome as well as gift cards for Subway, Aldi's or Wegmans. Monetary donations are always welcome.

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: Wendy Freier at: 315-521-9442 or wfreier@owwl.org
Donna Hanna at: 585-245-5508 or hanna@geneseo.edu

Speaker Information

Thursday

Workshop Session I

1. **Alexander Eustice-Corwin**
Offsite Collections lead for the University of Rochester
Adjunct Faculty at Nazareth College in the Department
of Philosophy.
Currently a PhD candidate in Human Development
at the University of Rochester

2. **Cat Fallon**
Circulation Supervisor at
James M. Milne Library,
Access Services and Technology,
EAP Coordinator

3. **Michelle Hendley**
Head of Collection Development, Resource
Management and Sharing at Milne Library
at SUNY Oneonta

4. **Liz King**
Associate Director, Library Information
Services at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

5. **Kathy Rossello**
Technical Services Senior Clerk
Meeting Room Coordinator & Exhibits
East Greenbush Community Library
Review Board Coordinator of COA

Workshop Session II

6. **Ben Hogben**
Access Services Manager, Ithaca College Library

   Abby Juda
Natural Sciences Librarian at Ithaca College

7. **Cat Fallon**
Circulation Supervisor at
James M. Milne Library,
Access Services and Technology,
EAP Coordinator

8. **Mark Simonson**
Oneonta Historian

9. **Liz King**
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Friday

Workshop Session III

11. **Raphael Web**
Instructional Support Assistant at SUNY Oneonta

12. **Fred Stoss**
He is currently a science librarian at the SUNY
University at Buffalo (UB) where he holds the tenure
rank of Full Librarian

13. **Heather Parks**
Head of Preservation and Conservation at
Binghamton University Libraries

14. **Alayna Vander Veer**
Reference and Instruction Librarian at
SUNY Oneonta

15. **Cat Fallon**
Circulation Supervisor at
James M. Milne Library,
Access Services and Technology,
EAP Coordinator

    Wendy Freier
Library Assistant II at Geneva Public Library

    Donna Hanna
Library Clerk III at SUNY Geneseo, Fraser Hall
Library

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Registration Form

Name _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Work _____

Email _____

In the event you have an emergency while at the conference, please provide contact information.

Name _____ Phone _____

I would like to volunteer: ☐ Registration Table ☐ Carpooling ☐ Anything you need

Registration Information

Early Bird registration deadline: April 14, 2023
Final Registration deadline: May 12, 2023

Full payment must accompany registration.   Mail to: Donna Hanna
    SUNY College at Geneseo
Make checks payable to NYSLAA   Milne Library
Pay using *Paypal* (see back of form,   1 College Circle
an extra **$5 fee** applies **per person**).   Geneseo, NY 14454

We regret that **no refunds** can be made.
Please direct registration questions to Donna at: phone: 585-245-5508
    email: hanna@geneseo.edu

Confirmation, receipt, and information will be mailed **after** the payment has cleared.
Any returned check fees must be paid prior to receipt of conference packet.

Workshop Selections

Some workshops sessions might be limited. Please give more than *one* choice below.

		1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice
Thursday	Workshop Session I (Workshops 1-5 only)	_____	_____	_____
	Workshop Session II (Workshops 6-10 only)	_____	_____	_____
Friday	Workshop Session III (Workshops 11-15 only)	_____	_____	_____
	Workshop Session IV (Workshops 16-19 only)	_____	_____	_____

Workshop substitutions: In the event of an emergency, we reserve the right to substitute an equally qualified speaker or cancel a workshop and honor one of your alternative choices.

SPECIAL NEEDS: NYSLAA can better accommodate you if we know in advance. Please indicate any physical or dietary requirements below. Will you need a ride to any of the offsite events ?

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Registration Fees

Early Bird Deadline—April 14, 2023 (Postmarked or submitted to PayPal by April 14, 2023)

☐ Full Conference: 4 workshops, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners
    ☐ $ 150.00 Member   ☐ $ 175.00 Non-member $ _____

☐ Thursday Only: 2 workshops, Thursday breakfast, lunch, & dinner
    ☐ $ 110.00 Member   ☐ $ 135.00 Non-member $ _____

☐ Friday Only: 2 Workshops, Friday breakfast & lunch w/keynote
    ☐ $ 110.00 Member   ☐ $ 135.00 Non-member $ _____

Final Deadline—May 12, 2023 (Postmarked or submitted to PayPal by May 12, 2023)

☐ Full Conference: 4 workshops, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners
    ☐ $ 160.00 Member   ☐ $ 185.00 Non-member $ _____

☐ Thursday Only: 2 workshops, Thursday breakfast, lunch, & dinner
    ☐ $ 120.00 Member   ☐ $ 145.00 Non-member $ _____

☐ Friday Only: 2 Workshops, Friday breakfast & lunch w/keynote
    ☐ $ 120.00 Member   ☐ $ 145.00 Non-member $ _____

Lodging Single (limited#) $ 53/night x ___nights   Double $42/night x ___ nights $ _____
     Singles will be assigned on a first come first serve basis.
     I would like to room with _____
       (See insert for room details.)

Paint 'n Stress Relief Workshop Fee (includes both workshops) – – $ 35.00 $ _____

Optional Fees (Payment for the following must be included in your registration fee.)

     Wednesday Tours — See insert for details and timing. Pay for each tour you take.
☐ Rail Explorers in Milford $40.00 $ _____
☐ MuseumTours **one** museum—**$19.00** _____ ,**two** museums — $28.00 $ _____
                                    name of museum
Wednesday Night Meet & Greet Dinner   Brooks' BBQ $20.00 $ _____
Apparel Choices—Indicate color and size choice below.
   tee shirt   ☐ heather grey   ☐ light blue   (Sm – 4x) _____ $20.00 $ _____
   zippered hoodie ☐ heather grey   ☐ light blue   (Sm - 4x) _____ $40.00 $ _____

NYSLAA Membership 2023   ☐ $15.00 regular   ☐ $12.00 associate $ _____
     If you are not a 2023 member yet, join now and register above at the NYSLAA member rate.

To pay online go to **www.nyslaa.org/membertools.html.**   ☐ $ 5.00 $ _____
     (A $5 fee applies Per Person, even for multiple registrations through PayPal.)

        Total Amount for Conference: (Make checks payable to NYSLAA.) $ _____

Food Information

The following are included. To assist with catering, please mark your attendance (yes or no) for each meal:
Thurs. **Breakfast/hot buffet** ☐ Yes ☐ No   **Lunch Buffet** ☐ Yes ☐ No   **Dinner Buffet** ☐ Yes ☐ No
Fri.   **Breakfast/hot buffet** ☐ Yes ☐ No   **Lunch Buffet** ☐ Yes ☐ No
Enter any special dietary needs in the space provided on the front of this form.

Name Tag Information
Name badges will be required for all conference activities.

Name: _____
Title: _____
Institution/Library: _____
City/State: _____

Registration fees to NYSLAA are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.