



WNYLRC Committees 2017/2018

A current list of committee members and contact information can be found at www.wnylrc.org

Standing Committees

Committee for Health Information Access (CHIA)

Recent Activities:

- Participated in local outreach events that focused on wellness and health awareness such as the Williamsville East High School Wellness Fair, BECPL Women's Health Fair, Amherst Family Health Fair, and Elmwood Avenue Festival of the Arts.
- Educate individuals about where and how to find high-quality healthcare information through the CHIA LibGuide and interactions at outreach events.

Charge:

- To actively represent the interests of Western New York health sciences libraries
- To assess, promote and facilitate health information access to health consumers in the WNYLRC region
- To encourage collaboration, coordination and cooperative ventures that strengthen existing information resources in the region and to identify and develop new ones as needed
- To further the HLSP goals and objectives as stated in the current five-year WNYLRC Plan of Service.

Continuing Education Committee (CE)

Recent Activities:

- Planning a regional conference for 2017 to support the continuing education of librarians in Western New York
- Planning additional educational events to be held at least once a year

Charge:

- To assess the continuing education needs and concerns of librarians and support staff within Western New York, through surveys and other measures
- To plan, develop, or assist with continuing education opportunities that benefit the members of the Western New York library community
- To identify and communicate with other regional library organizations to encourage the joint development and support of continuing education opportunities
- To monitor Continuing Education programs and provide information for the council newsletter, listserv, and other publications or avenues of communication
- To monitor and advise the Professional Development Grant Program through the Selection subcommittee and its members who have joint responsibilities to both the CE and PDG Selection subcommittee
- To monitor and advise the Western New York Library Assistants subcommittee and their activities

High School to College Committee (HSCC)

Recent Activities:

- Strive to develop a collaboration between academic and high school librarians in order to better prepare high school students for the college environment



- Actively search for current models used to teach literacy in high school and college with the hope of using this information to create a searchable database

Charge:

- Identify ways in which developmentally appropriate information literacy goals can be effectively addressed throughout students' educational experience
- Develop and implement a framework in which instructors and students can continuously build upon vital information literacy skills regardless of their educational setting
- Foster communication among stakeholders in the instruction of information literacy
- Organize workshops in which information literacy skills and practices can be addressed
- Disseminate information about the information literacy continuum, including guidelines and best practices
- Create a framework for inter-campus visits among students, teachers and information specialists

Library Advocacy Committee (on hiatus)

Charge:

- To define public awareness and legislative action goals for the region
- To define a supportable organizational structure and process which will enable the region to progress toward these goals
- To keep the region informed about library legislation
- To keep local legislators aware of libraries and their programs
- To organize regional activities which will encourage New York State Assembly and Senate support for library legislation

Preservation Committee

Recent Activities:

- Proposed exhibit preparation class had to be cancelled due to the fact that one of the two presenters left to accept a new position elsewhere. Possibility of doing a DPlan workshop for another date is being discussed.
- Preservation Institute planning is ongoing. There are now four sessions instead of five: October 11, 2016; November 1, 2016; November 22, 2016; December 13, 2016. The topics are: history of audio formats and hardware needed to play them; Issues related to audio degradation and preservation; Copyright and case studies; Oral histories. A number of speakers have already committed to taking part.

Charge:

- To foster education and an awareness of sound conservation and preservation practices on both basic and advanced levels throughout Western New York
- To be a regional resource for facilitating knowledge of and promoting an attitude for conservation and preservation
- To those ends, to:
 - Educate committee members
 - Develop training workshops
 - Assess the need in Western New York for preservation and conservation
 - Provide preservation guidelines and referral information for institutions with preservation and conservation needs



Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)

Recent Activities:

- Approved 2017 RBDB grants
- Facilitates resource sharing via grant-funded projects
- Supports Ask Us 24/7 Virtual Chat service
- Supports New York Heritage Digital Collections

Charge:

- Assess and recommend endeavors that support or enhance regional and/or state-wide information discovery and delivery, virtual information services, and resource sharing.
- Review and recommend annual RBDB-funded priorities in light of regional needs as outlined in WNYLRC's Five-Year Plan of Service and the state's strategic and operational plans according to established guidelines.
- Recommend and plan regional workshops on library automation and new technologies that impact library information services.
- Support the WNYLRC regional conference and assist in planning as needed by the Continuing Education Committee.
- Communicate with other Council committees on issues of automation, technology, resource sharing, and information services.

Resource Sharing Committee (RSC)

Recent Activities:

- Organize and host annual events with a focus on resource sharing
- Facilitate innovative resource sharing projects, including the AcademicSHARE program

Charge:

- Promote and encourage resource sharing including consortial purchasing, coordinated collection development, and shared storage
- Recommend proposals for funding that enhance resource sharing initiatives
- Assess and recommend resource sharing strategies and endeavors within the region and beyond
- Aid the Western New York Library Resources Council in meeting resource sharing goals as stipulated in the Five Year Plan of Service

WNY Library Assistants (WNYLA)

Recent Activities:

- Organize getting-to-know-you events to allow for networking amongst library assistants
- Host a variety of workshops to support continuing education for library assistants

Charge:

- To professionally recognize library assistants/staff employed in the Western New York area whatever their job title.
- To further professional growth and to promote both personal and job enrichment.
- To promote communication and access to developmental opportunities among library assistants in the six county Western New York area.
- To collaborate with other WNYLRC committees and discussion group.
- To correspond with other library assistants' groups on state (NYSLAA) and national levels (LSSIRT, COLT) to advance the group's goals.



Additional Committees and Task Groups

Please note: Participation on these groups do not go through the annual committee recruitment process. Participations is either voluntary or appointments are made by their specific role on a standing committee.

Academic Libraries Directors Group

- Although the Caucus has no formal charge, its purpose is to share information about campus library activities and to discuss current issues and trends facing library and information resources and services in higher education.
- WNYLRC's Executive Director attends Caucus meetings to share information about WNYLRC's resources and services and to provide a region-wide perspective on issues.

Committee Chairpersons Committee

Charge:

- To annually assess the WNYLRC committee guidelines and propose changes or additions to the WNYLRC Board of Trustees Executive Committee as needed
- To communicate with other Council committees representatives on committee activities and assist in coordinating activities across committees
- To monitor and advise WNYLRC competitive funding for committee sponsored professional development activities or events

Professional Development Grant Program Subcommittee of CE

The purpose of the PDGP is to assist the staff of member libraries in their professional development by providing competitive financial aid. Grants from this program would enable staff to attend conferences, seminars, workshops and other educational activities sponsored by a professional association or organization, or non-matriculated college undergraduate and graduate coursework which might not be available locally and for which funds might not otherwise be available.

Subcommittee Charge:

- To evaluate and recommend funding of grants submitted to the Professional Development Grant Program