Organizational Project Updates

**Continuing Education:**
- June 3: High School 2 College Program at College of Saint Rose
- June 7: Two workshops by Stephanie Cole Adams (am: copyright and fair use/pm: legal issues and oral histories) at Schenectady County PL
- June 12: InfoMingle at Skidmore College
- June 21 at 2 pm: Special Collections tour at University at Albany
- Sept. 18: DAP Users Group Meeting

Interest group meetings are also opportunities for professional development.

**Oral History:** We held our first oral histories workshop to gauge interest in the region for an oral history initiative and start to figure out what shape that initiative might take. There is definitely strong interest, but people had a wide variety of questions and needs. We are forming a working group to help determine the direction of a CDLC initiative and they are meeting this Summer. We are next offering Legal Issues and Oral Histories workshop on June 7.

**RBDB Grants:** The grants working group reviewed guidelines for professional development grants for members, which were brought to RAAC for approval. Suggestions were made and the guidelines will be reviewed again.

**Technology Inventory/Asset Map:** We discussed the content at a CORS meeting, and relabeled it Library Landscape Survey. We are re-working some of the questions and plan to distribute it this Summer.

**Coordinated Collections:** The CD Committee will host a member tour at the University at Albany’s special collections on June 21 at 2:00 pm. We are tentatively planning one in the Fall at SUNY Cobleskill. Based on CORS and CD Committee discussions, over the Summer we will put together a small group representing academic and public libraries to discuss how they can best share physical materials.

**Resource Sharing**
- E-form usage statistics were gathered and shared at the Annual Meeting; use of the form has increased.
Special Library Groups

- The High School to College Interest Group is hosting an all-day program on Monday, June 3 at The College of Saint Rose on making this transition for students with special needs. Kerrie Burch and I visited the site and are finalizing the agenda. Registration has been open.

- Chris arranged for two MLA critical appraisal webinars in June.

Professional Development and Continuing Education

- We spent much time and effort to get ready for the Annual Meeting, including my presentation, reports, logistics, all handouts, elections, etc. Special thanks particularly to Amy Hren for all she did in preparation for and on the day of the meeting, and to Kari Kakeh for her work on the Annual Report and other meeting documents. An evaluation was distributed and Amy is following up with the hotel and any outstanding issues. Kari compiled the list of regional collections discussed.

- We held many interest group meetings, including ones for CALA, RIO, CATS, ScholCom and HS2C. The Pres. Group is meeting on June 4.

- In addition to programs above Summer meetings are being scheduled as follows: NY Heritage, OPALS and academic ILL user groups, and public-academic library collaborations.

- We had a successful program on Weeding your Collection at Clifton Park-Halfmoon PL, which attracted many SALS librarians.

- The next Member Showcase is confirmed for Friday, October 18 at Maria College. We have the option of adding an afternoon program.

- We had to reschedule the Digital POWRR workshop at the last minute because presenters’ flight was cancelled. It is now May 20. Most of the original registrants are able to attend the new date.

- In the past month we added three users to Skillshare and two users to Treehouse.

- Susan attended the Urban Librarians Conference at Brooklyn Public Library. Attended presentation by three Albany PL staff members. Per Susan, the keynote speaker, Eric Klinenberg, was very interesting. Kari mentioned that she is reading his book, Palaces for the People: How Social Infrastructure Can Help Fight Inequality, Polarization, and the Decline of Civic Life. She thought it might make a good staff or member book discussion.

- I’ll be attending the ENY/ACRL Spring Conference on May 22.
Consulting and Development Services

Communication among Member Libraries and Library Systems

- A thank you breakfast for Board members, committee members and interest group facilitators is Thursday June 6 at CDLC at 9:30 am.

- Susan met someone from the new Hudson River Mill Museum in Corinth at the MANY conference. He is interested in digitization of company newspapers. She sent him info about membership and/or the possibility of collaborating with a local public library on the project. They just received their 501(c)(3), so it may be too early for them to contemplate this.

- The next InfoMingle is June 12 at Skidmore College.

- Tariyka Chaulk from HFM BOCES SLS has joined RAAC.

- CORS had several resignations due to retirements or new positions: Timothy Jackson (UAlbany), Deb Booth (HFM BOCES SLS), Debra Wellspeak (Albany Medical College) and Andrea Herman (Crandall PL). Committee rosters are being reviewed for the next call-out for committee members.

Coordinated Services

- Crandall Public Library, New York State Military Museum and Schenectady County Historical Society added to New York Heritage in April.

- We are again offering a discount for members to purchase the RDA toolkit through ESLN.

- Susan attended a meeting in NYC sponsored by DPLA to discuss options for another possible NY state hub for DPLA as ESDN phases out its operation.

Awareness and Advocacy

- Legislators were invited to the Annual Meeting. Two legislators and one aide came. We plan to follow-up by sending Annual Reports to all local legislators.

- We shared news about a 2020 Census hearing in Albany and encouraged members to testify.

- Susan worked at the ESLN vendor table at Museum Association of New York conference in Cooperstown. She said it was much busier than expected, she talked to a number of potential users and contributors and was surprised that there were few attendees from our region.

Cooperative Efforts with other Library Systems

- Kari, Susan and I represented CDLC at an ESLN Strategic Planning meeting that CDLC hosted. The previous day, Chris and I hosted a meeting with ESLN directors and HLSP
coordinators. I also met with ESLN directors to discuss the budget and we had dinner with the consultant we are working with.

- The RFP for Empire Library Delivery went out.

**Administrative/Planning/Misc./Other**

- At the recommendation of our new auditor, we developed a new credit card policy to restrict the number of CDLC credit cards and to streamline services.

- Any edits were made to the draft 2019/2020 budget.