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CDLC Golf Tournament Fundraiser: Information about this exciting event is now available on the CDLC website. Sponsorship opportunities and registration information will be posted soon. The tournament will be held at the Mohawk River Country Club in Rexford on May 19, 2011. Please consider being a sponsor or joining in on the golfing fun!

Coordinated Collection Development (CCDA): CDLC coordinates the distribution of over \$150,000 in New York State Coordinated Collection Development Aid funds. The grants for 2010-2011 have been approved and we hope the funds will be distributed soon. Twenty-one CDLC academic library members receive the funds based on a formula that includes the FTE of the institution. Go to http://www.cdlc.org/Programs_And_Services/ccd/ccd.shtml to find out more about the CCDA at CDLC. Here you will find a list of the subject areas that are enhanced by CCDA funds for each institution. Remember, materials purchased with CCDA funds must be made available for use by anyone in New York State.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Excelsior College and Empire State College participate in the CCDA program! Excelsior uses CCDA funds for materials related to Nursing – specifically the [Ovid SP](#) Research Database. Empire State College uses CCDA funds for materials related to Public Policy – specifically the [Westlaw](#) Database. See details for using these databases at http://www.cdlc.org/Programs_And_Services/ccd/ccdinst.shtml.

Reference Services Interest Group: the next meeting of this new group will be Thursday, March 17 at 9:30am, and the topic will be answering medical/legal questions. Organized by University at Albany's Colin Quin (cquin@uamail.albany.edu), the group meets bi-monthly to discuss and share best practices and approaches for providing reference and information services. If you wish to join the group or be added to their email list, please contact Chris Tosh (ctosh@cdlc.org).

2011 CDLC Outstanding Student Employee Award: Here is an opportunity to reward superior performance by students working in your library! The Capital District Library Council announces the [2011 Award for Outstanding Student Employees](#) in CDLC Libraries. The purpose of this award is to reward excellence among young library workers, both to exemplify the high standards sought in library staff and to encourage investigation of librarianship as a career goal. Winners receive a certificate and token prizes, along with the recognition of their supervisors and peers that their work has been exemplary. It will be appropriate for recipients to note this award on resumes and job applications. You can see details of the award by following the link to the CDLC web site. Notice – Deadline for a library to register is February 18th, so don't delay! Registration forms can be found on the web site under [Student Award Documents](#).

CaDiLaC Online 2.0: We have a new web page for [CaDiLaC](#)! Do you have a link to [CaDiLaC](#) on your website? Please make sure that your link goes to [the new page](#) as it includes information about the [NEW Union List of Serials](#). How deep is the [CaDiLaC](#) link in your web site? What are you calling the link? Call us if you need help!

CDLC Digital Collections: Please welcome our newest addition to [CDLC Digital Collections - The Sage Colleges!](#) Sage currently has 21 items that are accessible to the public on our web site. Most of these items are photographs of student life. Visit the collection to see how students in 1937 were better dressed for archery class than today's students are for parties. (Imagine hitting a bulls-eye while your hair remains perfectly coiffed!) View a photo of a 1953 modern dance performance that looks much like one you would see today. And does anyone remember doing "correctives" in physical education class? We have no idea what these are, but the photo portrays students hanging upside down on a ladder-like contraption.

The newest project participant, Northville Public Library, is just getting started. The director says the images will be "a selection of postcards from the local history collection in the library's Sacandaga Room. The materials in this collection support research and genealogy for the Village of Northville / Town of Northampton and surrounding communities." The collections will include items about the Sacandaga, a historical Southern Adirondack resort community.

Coming Soon to a Computer Near You: CDLC will be sponsoring a free, fun and easy, online learning opportunity that will help you keep up (and catch up!) with many of the web-based services and networking tools that abound online today. Over the course of about 10 weeks we'll cover topics from blogs to online communities to media sites to online meetings and much, much more. Each topic or "thing" will include an introduction, some tips and ideas about how they can be used in libraries, education and for personal use, and a short activity for you to complete. There will also be plenty of opportunity for you to connect with other colleagues around the region. All this without having to leave your desk!

How will it work? We'll have more details for you about the program soon. But to get an idea of how it will work, take a look at the wildly popular "23 Things" project that Helen Blowers launched in 2006 at the Charlotte-Mecklenberg (NC) Public Library System. In the 5 years since that program went online, over 450 libraries and systems around the world have replicated the program. It's your turn next!

- [Original 23 Things Program](#)
- [Public Library: 23 Things Kansas](#)
- [Academic Library: 23 Things Cambridge](#)
- [Schools: All Together Now](#)

Why bother?

- Learn to be lifelong learners.**
- Learn how to use tools your customers use.**
- Be able to help customers who need a helping hand navigating the online world.**
- Be more efficient in your work.**

Whether you work in a public, school, college or special library don't miss this chance to get up to speed on with new web tools, jump start your own learning, and have some fun at the same time!

CDLC's Documentary Heritage Program (DHP): Does your library assist patrons that are researching local history, genealogy, and other history-related topics? We can help! The DHP maintains a directory of over 200 Capital District institutions that hold historical records and make them accessible to the public. This directory is available at http://www.cdlic.org/Programs_And_Services/dhp/dhpdirectory.shtml. There are many wonderful small collections in institutions that you may not even know exist! One example: The Foundation of New York State Nurses has a collection that includes information on military nurses, psychiatric nursing, 1993 World Trade nurses, missionary nursing, and an extensive bed pan collection!

Only a miniscule percentage of the holdings of historical records repositories are available online, and many places do not even have catalog information available online, but you can learn more about the organization and its collections through the [DHP Directory of Repositories](#). If you know of other institutions that you think should be listed, or if the entry for your institution needs updating, please contact Susan D'Entremont, Regional Archivist, at 518-438-2500 or susan@cdlic.org. Institutions do not need to be CDLC members to be included.

Member news: Local librarian **Jim Mancuso** wrote one of the chapters in the newest ALA publication, *The Frugal Librarian*. His chapter, entitled "Laid off? Here's one way to land on your feet," discusses the advantages and disadvantages of looking for, interviewing for, and securing part-time employment in the library realm. Due to the economic downturn which began in 2008, many librarians are facing unemployment as employers eliminate library positions, and this essay shows librarians how to approach the replacement of lost income by taking multiple part-time positions. Mancuso points out that sometimes it is better to think inside the box if you turn the box sideways. By viewing a situation in a new light, you can still solve a problem like unemployment by using the things inside your 'box' such as experience, networking, and professional skills. [The Frugal Librarian: Thriving in Tough Times](#), edited by Carol Smallwood (ISBN 978-0-8389-1075-7), contains 34 chapters on topics including helping patrons search for jobs, writing grant proposals, programming, sharing, staffing, and professional development—all in tough times.

SLEEK Interest Group: [SLEEK](#) (a librarians' social group) needs a new coordinator. The job is neither difficult nor overly time-consuming. It consists of obtaining hosts for the bi-monthly dinners and keeping membership information up to date. The SLEEK host for an event emails the dinner announcement to the distribution list (sleek@cdlic.org), which is hosted and maintained for SLEEK by CDLC. Anyone who is interested in becoming the new coordinator should contact CDLC. If a new coordinator is not found, SLEEK dinners will be suspended until further notice.
