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## CDLC Welcomes Newest Member

CDLC has welcomed another museum into membership! The Iroquois Indian Museum, located in Howes Cave, NY, became the second affiliate member when their membership application was accepted by the CDLC Board of Trustees in December. The museum is a not-for-profit anthropology museum with a focus on contemporary Iroquois arts, and they have dealings with all six Iroquois nations. The building, which was opened in 1992, is shaped as a longhouse to recall the traditional Iroquois longhouse of elm bark found in the area 400 years ago.

Among the resource collections of the museum are books, slides (all scanned and accessible in a database), black and white negatives, videos (including interviews with artists and performances), typology files, extensive vertical files, and historical archives. They expect to receive a large collection of archival materials and research notes in the near future. These materials include files on contemporary issues, Iroquois artists and craftspeople, communities, and history.

Volunteer librarian Suzanne Shelton hopes to organize the collections and catalog them so that the information is more accessible by researchers and the public. While the collections do not circulate, they are available for use in house by appointment. When asked what they hope to gain by CDLC membership, Ms. Shelton and the staff cited assistance in cataloging and software selection as well archival training and support as goals. In return, they hope to make the region aware of the specialized materials available in their collection. The museum has plans for a renovation which includes developing a more formal library space.

The Iroquois Indian Museum presents two new exhibits every year, and they sponsor a number of programs and festivals from April through December. While they are closed to the public from January through March, you can visit their website at [www.iroquoismuseum.org](http://www.iroquoismuseum.org).

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*JOIN US*

*for the*

*2007 CDLC ANNUAL MEETING and DINNER*

*May 15, 2007*

*UNION COLLEGE*

*College Park Hall*

*Details will be available on the CDLC Web Site*

*[www.cdlic.org](http://www.cdlic.org)*

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## New Features Added to the CDLC Web Site

The CDLC web site ([www.cdlic.org](http://www.cdlic.org)) is maintained by the council to provide up-to-date information and resources for CDLC members, friends, and supporters. Recent improvements (adding printer friendly style sheets) have made it possible to print any CDLC web page with the resulting document being more usable.

The online Interlibrary Loan Directory is finally available. The link from the Interlibrary Loan page ([http://www.cdlic.org/Resource\\_Sharing/ill/ill.shtml](http://www.cdlic.org/Resource_Sharing/ill/ill.shtml)) to the Interlibrary Loan Directory (<http://www.cdlic.org/ill/>) takes you to a page with a drop-down menu from which you choose an institution and click "Get Info." The results page will show you

interlibrary loan details for the chosen institution, as entered by that institution. At this time the directory includes only CDLC direct members (those that have provided information), but public library and school library information will be available in the future.

Another addition to the CDLC web site is a searchable database of the materials that are available in the Documentary Heritage Program's lending library of over 100 titles related to archives, special collections and historical museums. To search the database simply follow the link from the Documentary Heritage Program page ([http://www.cdlic.org/Programs\\_And\\_Services/dhp/](http://www.cdlic.org/Programs_And_Services/dhp/)

[dhp.shtml](#)) to the Lending Library page ([http://www.cdlic.org/Programs\\_And\\_Services/dhp/searchDB/finalSearch.asp](http://www.cdlic.org/Programs_And_Services/dhp/searchDB/finalSearch.asp)) and enter your search. Contact Susan D'Entremont ([sdentremont@cdlic.org](mailto:sdentremont@cdlic.org)) if you would like more information.

The Job Posting pages of the CDLC web site continue to be often referred to and heavily used. Anecdotal information tells us that job-seekers count on the site page for information and that hiring institutions find that many of their applicants located the position announcement on the site. Jack Beadle maintains the Job Postings page and will be happy to add your position listing. Contact [jbeadle@cdlic.org](mailto:jbeadle@cdlic.org).

## New CDLC Interest Group is Formed

On January 31, 2007, twenty people from all kinds of libraries throughout the region attended the first meeting of a new Information Literacy Interest Group. Those who attended shared information about their information literacy work, challenges, and achievements. Some discussed information literacy initiatives they are involved in at their institutions, which ranged from the formal courses, such as the 1 credit requirement at the University at Albany and the information literacy plan for the Foundations first year experience course at Siena, to the Homework Help workshops at Voorheesville Public Library which are designed to help parents understand the research resources their children will need to use. School library systems directors described the K-12 information literacy curricula which have been implemented or are being developed for use in area schools.

During the discussion several themes

emerged:

- The need for increased collaboration between teachers and librarians in K-12 and college environments to share information about what each group needs and expects from their students so that curricula, goals and standards align.
- The need for increased community involvement with information literacy: creating interest as well as common expectations and understanding between parents, public librarians, school librarians, students, teachers, etc. regarding information literacy.
- A desire to share information literacy techniques and best practices.
- Definitions and fundamentals: sharing the vocabulary, expectations, and activities of school-level information literacy and college-level information literacy. Both "sides" could

benefit from learning how the other approaches information literacy.

- Questions about how best to reach adult learners.
- Distance learning: developing online learning resources and courses and teaching in a virtual classroom.

The group decided that they would like to meet monthly, with each meeting focusing on a different topic. CDLC has set up an email list for the group to share information.

Thanks to Amy Pass of Sage Colleges for suggesting this idea. She and Gail Golderman (Union College) are taking the lead in coordinating programs. Contact Amy ([passa@sage.edu](mailto:passa@sage.edu)) or Jean Sheviak ([jsheviak@cdlic.org](mailto:jsheviak@cdlic.org)) if you'd like to be involved!

Next meeting:

April 25th, 2:30pm: Demonstration of a Google Scholar instruction session; and sharing of market materials.

## ***Announcing the Third Annual CDLC Basket Raffle . . .***

Thanks to our many supporters CDLC's annual basket raffle continues! The baskets will be on display at CDLC Headquarters (28 Essex Street, Albany) and at the CDLC Annual Meeting which will be held on May 15, 2007, at Union College. Proceeds from the raffle will be used to improve and enhance the resources of training spaces at CDLC headquarters.

To see examples of last year's baskets follow the link on CDLC's web site home page ([www.cdlic.org](http://www.cdlic.org)). If you would like to donate a basket for this year's raffle please use the link on the web site to the Basket Donation Form, or contact CDLC. Donation forms must be returned by March 30, 2007.

2007 baskets will be announced and tickets will go on sale on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Use the link on the web site to the Raffle Ticket Order Form to order tickets. The drawing will be held at the close of the Annual Meeting. You need not be present to win.



Join us at the CDLC Annual Meeting -  
maybe YOU will be a winner!

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## ***. . . and the Second Annual CDLC Silent Auction!***

The 2006 CDLC Silent Auction was a success! In support of the Carol Lagasse and Charles Custer Memorial Funds for expansion and development of the CDLC Training Center used for ongoing education of Capital District librarians for our Tech Valley future, we auctioned off five items. The fevered final bidding at the CDLC Annual Meeting added excitement to the fun of the companion Basket Raffle -

**SO WE'RE DOING IT AGAIN, and making it even BIGGER!**

This year's auction items include:

### **TOURISM**

Weekend at Buggy B&B, Acadia National Park, ME  
Night at NYC B&B  
2 Aqua Ducks tickets  
2 Proctor's tickets  
2 Sunday brunch cruise tickets, Captain JP Cruises  
Western Turnpike Golf Course tickets

### **SERVICES**

Massage  
Knitting lesson and kit, Spinning Room, Altamont  
Haircut  
4 hours of genealogy research  
1 hour of will preparation  
Chair refinishing

### **GOODS**

Lindt chocolate basket  
Panamanian molo

More information on the 2007 auction items and bidding procedure will be available soon. Watch the CDLC web site and your email for announcements. Deb Priest is the 2007 CDLC Auction Chair. You can contact her at [auction@cdlic.org](mailto:auction@cdlic.org).

## CDLC Member Program



### ***The Story of Three Water Drops* Photomicrograph Exhibit Now Open at Schenectady Museum**

*The Story of Three Water Drops*, a new exhibit at the Schenectady Museum & Suits-Bueche Planetarium opened February 10 and runs through April 15. This exhibit features the fascinating photomicrographs of **Roger Cheng**, a scientist at the Atmospheric Sciences Research Center (ASRC) at the University of Albany from 1966 to 2000.

With the use of microscopes, Cheng's careful, deliberate study of a single drop of water challenged existing knowledge. During his 32-year tenure at ASRC, Cheng worked closely with Vincent Schaefer, who founded ASRC and helped discover cloud seeding while working at General Electric.

Cheng's photomicrographs have appeared on the cover of more than 30 international science journals and magazines and have been cited in *National Geographic*, *Scientific American*, and *Smithsonian*.

According to the Museum's Senior Curator, Bridget Kelly Stein, this exhibit demonstrates that great knowledge can come from asking simple questions, and that looking closely at the familiar in a new way can result in awe-inspiring discoveries.

"Who knew an acid rain drop could look so beautiful and yet be so damaging? Roger's enthusiasm for his work is infectious," said Kelly Stein. "His willingness to share his

unique vision and his ability to 'open another way to look at something' is very exciting."

"We're presenting a beautiful photo exhibit with images that are possible because of technology. This exhibit illustrates the very essence of the Museum's mission: to inspire a sense of wonder about extraordinary scientific and technological developments: past, present, and future," noted Museum Executive Director Kerry Orlyk.

Roger Cheng - Faced with the enormous world-changing events of China during the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Roger Cheng found success with the microscopic study of three water drops at the ASRC during the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. From a past filled with big, complicated issues, Cheng went on to study the small, simplicity of water drops.

Cheng was born in 1929 among millions of peasants in the poor farm country of Kaifeng, China. During the Japanese invasion in 1942, Cheng moved to Chongqing and attended the prestigious Nankai Middle School, whose former students include China's current Premier Wen Jiabao and Zhou Enlai, the first premier of the People's Republic of China. During the Communist Revolution in 1946, Cheng attended college in Taiwan.

Before coming to the ASRC, Cheng went to Florida State University in 1957 to work with meteorologist and space researcher Seymour Hess. He helped design equipment to measure the water vapor in the atmosphere of Mars. In 1966, Cheng came to the ASRC and began work as Schaefer's technical assistant. Cheng created a laboratory for atmospheric particulate analysis where he used microscopes to study the unseen secrets of the weather, the ocean, and the environment.

Cheng has published more than a hundred articles in professional journals, scientific conferences, and technical reports. He is also the author of two books: *Solar Energy Experiments for High School & College Students* and *Air Pollution and Control* (in Chinese).

Admission to **The Story of Three Water Drops** is free with Museum admission: \$3.00 for children, \$4.00 for seniors, and \$5.00 for adults; \$5.50/\$6.50/\$7.50 with a Planetarium show. The Schenectady Museum & Suits-Bueche Planetarium is located at 15 Nott Terrace Heights in Schenectady and is open 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday - Sunday year-round. For more information, please call 518.382.7890 or visit the Museum on line at [www.SchenectadyMuseum.org](http://www.SchenectadyMuseum.org)

*News Release from Schenectady Museum & Suits-Bueche Planetarium*

## Capital Area Library Assistants



In November the Capital District Library Assistants (CALA) held their annual Fall Workshop. This year's workshop was titled "Using Microsoft Publisher", presented by Polly-Alida Farrington of P.A. Farrington Associates. This was a hands-on workshop held at the Voorhees Computing Center on the RPI campus and attended by 17. The workshop was well received. It covered many aspects of Microsoft Publisher version 3.0 and allowed for many questions to be asked and answered by Ms. Farrington.

### SPRING 2007 "LUNCH AND LEARN" WORKSHOP

The CALA Spring workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18, 2007, from 12:00 - 1:30 PM. **"Beginning Your Genealogy Research at the National Archives"** will be presented by Jean Nudd, Archivist. The lunch and learn workshop will show you how to get started with genealogical research at the National Archives! The presenter, Jean Nudd, is an archivist with the National Archives and Records Administration in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, where she manages the microfilm reading room as well as the volunteer and outreach programs. Ms. Nudd lectures frequently throughout the region, writes quarterly columns for Archival Anecdotes (the publication of the Friends of the National Archives) and also appears on WAMC radio's VoxPop program, where she discusses genealogy methods and gives callers advice on finding their ancestors. The \$5 registration fee is payable at the door. Bring your lunch; we will provide coffee, tea and cookies. Hope to see you there!

For registration information contact Kathy Corbett at CDLC ([kcorbett@cdlc.org](mailto:kcorbett@cdlc.org)).

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The Capital Area Library Assistants group was formed as a Membership Committee of the Capital District Library Council in 1989. CDLC's Membership Committees are interest groups, with CALA's interest being issues that face the library assistants of the Capital District and surrounding area. CALA represents anyone employed in a library that is not a librarian. CALA activities are planned and produced by the members of the Coordinating Committee who meet regularly to explore new and interesting ways to reach area library staff.

To obtain a copy of CALA's newest membership brochure and for information about upcoming CALA programs please contact Kathy Corbett at CDLC ([kcorbett@cdlc.org](mailto:kcorbett@cdlc.org)).

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## CDLC Headquarters Redesign

The CDLC redesign project is underway! CDLC is serving as a model client for Professor Adrian Avram and Architect Jeffrey Dyer's design classes which are a part of Sage College's Visual Arts program. The program helps students build a strong portfolio of art and design work and prepares them for a career in graphic design, illustration, interior design, photography, or fine arts.

On a recent evening the class of 18 students visited CDLC to check out the space and to be (hopefully) inspired. Staff members Kathy Corbett, Susan D'Entremont, Jean Sheviak and Chris Walker were in attendance to answer questions and discuss CDLC space needs. CDLC staff had previously supplied outlines listing their current office configurations, including what works for them and what doesn't, and a wish list. The visit proved to be quite informative for both sides. We learned that we're quite "messy" and the students learned that it's not feasible to scan the Mansells and then get rid of them! All in all we present a challenge, albeit, we think a realistic one, to the class.

Unexpectedly our card catalogs were a big hit and there may be sales pending -- so if you've been waiting for the right time to purchase one, this is it!

CDLC hopes to use information presented by the design class as the basis for writing a grant to help fund a renovation. Funds will be supplemented by raffle proceeds as well as the Carol Lagasse and Charles Custer Memorial Funds.

## How Old Is That Library???

(Based on information gathered by Adjunct Librarian Marina Vaysberg of Sage College)

### **Adirondack Community College Library** - Scoville Learning Center

The Scoville building was completed in 1997.

### **Albany College of Pharmacy** - George and Leona Lewis Library

Library is not a separate building; opened in 1982, renovated/expanded in 2000 - added classroom, study room, expanded circulation desk area, new furniture.

### **Albany Law School** - Schaffer Law Library

Albany Law School's library building was completed in the summer of 1986. There have been no major renovations.

### **Albany Medical College** - Schaffer Library of Health Sciences

The Library was built /opened in 1972.

### **Bryant and Stratton College Library**

Library is 12 years old.

### **The College Of Saint Rose** - Hellman Library

The Library was built in 1949; renovated in 1982-83.

### **Fulton-Montgomery Community College** - The Evans Library

The Library was built 1969; had an inside renovation in 1995.

**Maria College** - The library opened along with the college in 1958, and a reference room was added in the 1960's. Renovations are planned in the next couple of years.

**Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary** - The library was founded and built with the Seminary in 1989. There are no renovation plans in place, though they are "bursting at the seams."

**Mildred Elley** - The library in its present form began around 2000 when the college hired a professional librarian to develop the library collections and program.

### **Hudson Valley Community College** - Marvin Library

The Marvin Library was built in 1970 and has undergone at least two renovations. A major renovation of the ground floor was done five years ago. The main floor with the Reference and Circ desks was redone about four years ago, mostly to make room for more computers.

### **Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute** - Rensselaer Research Libraries - Folsom Library

The library was opened in 1976. Big Renovation project - 2005.

### **Sage Colleges**

In Troy, the front part of the building was built and opened in spring of 1953. The back addition was completed in 1966. Many interior renovations have taken place. In Albany, the original part of the building was built in 1917 as a quarantine (later, reception) cottage for the Albany Home For Children. When the Junior College of Albany moved to that property in 1960, the building, since 1935 known as Lansing Cottage, became the library. A large addition was added in 1966.

### **Schenectady Community College** - Begley Library

The Begley building, including the library, was built in 1978, and the library itself has not had any major renovations. However, in 2000, the carpeting on the first floor of the library was replaced, and computer workstations and the Ref. Desk were rearranged.

### **Siena College** - J. Spencer & Patricia Standish Library

Standish Library was opened in 1999 as a new facility. Before that they had a 1950's building with a 1980's addition.

### **Skidmore College** - Lucy Scribner Library

The Library was built in 1966; renovated/expanded in 1995.

### **SUNY Cobleskill** - Van Wagenen Library

Van Wagenen Library at SUNY Cobleskill was occupied in 1976 and has had a new roof and new carpet/paint, but nothing else. They are looking forward to some renovations in the near future, pending funding availability.

### **Union College** - Schaffer Library

The Library was built in 1964; renovated with an addition in 1998-99.

### **University at Albany** - University Libraries

The University Library opened in 1966; Dewey Graduate Library for Public Affairs and Policy was dedicated in 1988. The New Library, designed by Lockwood Greene Associates and opened in September 1999, is a multi- purpose building with a strong focus on technology and network access.

## Personnel News from CDLC Member Libraries

☞ **The Empire State College Library** has added two new librarians to its staff: **Sarah Carmen** received her MLS from the University at Albany this past May. She has staffed the Information & Technology Services helpdesk at Siena College, been a teaching assistant in the U. Albany history department, and has worked as reference graduate assistant at the University at Albany Library, and interned at the New York State Library in local history collection development. She is currently working on her thesis on masculinity in the writings of prominent African American abolitionists for her M.A. in history at SUNY Albany. **Ian Hertz** received his MLS from Long Island University this past May, where he was also previously employed as an Admissions

Coordinator. He interned at the SUNY Purchase Library with the Systems Librarian. He also has a Computer and Information Science degree from Iona College.

☞ **Questar III School Library System** has a new Senior Library Clerk, **Karrie McLellan**. System director Dee Portzer says, "She is wonderful to work with!"

☞ **Amy Schindler**, formerly Curator of Manuscripts at **University at Albany**, has taken a new position as University Archivist at The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia

☞ **Michele Matthews** has been promoted to Library Specialist at the Rensselaer Research Libraries.

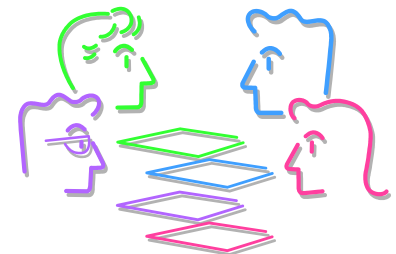
☞ Librarian **Steve Black** has

developed a regular radio program for the **The College of Saint Rose's** new radio station. Called "Periodical Radio," this show is an interview format, in which Steve talks with editors and producers in the magazine/journal industry. Among the programs produced so far and available as archived files are interviews with Ellen McHale of Voices: The Journal of the New York Folklore Society; Thomas White, editor of Documentary; and Deborah Carmichael, associate editor of Film & Society. (Archived files are available at <http://communications.strose.edu/RadioProgramList-PeriodicalRadio.htm>)

☞ **Maria Buhl**, a librarian at Guilderland Public Library, was the winner of a 2006 New York Times Librarian Award. Congratulations, Maria!

### BOOKSHELVES AVAILABLE!

The General Counsel for the NYS Nurses Association is closing their former independent practice law library and integrating portions of their collection with the Library of the NYS Nurses Association. This will result in the availability of library shelving units. The units are the standard putty-colored steel units, approximately 90 inches in height, and in good condition. There are approximately 25 - 30 foot wide units. The majority were used as single-side units, but some double-sided are also available. The cost is negotiable and anyone who has an interest should contact: Marilyn Graver at NYSNA, 518-782-9400 ext.423.



For an up-to-date listing of job openings in the CDLC area, go to [www.cdlic.org/jobs.html](http://www.cdlic.org/jobs.html). Submit information for this list to Jack Beadle - [jack@cdlic.org](mailto:jack@cdlic.org).

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