

## Oral History Basics

CDLC's Documentary Heritage Program (DHP) Oral History Basics Workshop

- When: Tuesday, June 14, 2011, 9:30 am-1:00 pm
- Where: CDLC, 28 Essex St, Albany, NY 12206
- Fee: \$10.00
- Instructor: Ellen McHale, Executive Director of New York Folklore Society

### Description:

The documentation of a community's history is vital to the preservation of the historical record for future generations. Each person, each story, and each business lends itself both to the greater story of New York State and to a wider National narrative. This workshop on collecting oral histories will provide the basics for designing and implementing a community oral history project. Topics to be covered include "What is oral history?," interviewing techniques and pitfalls, recruiting and training volunteers, equipment, release forms and permissions.

**The workshop will provide a hands-on component. If you have equipment (recorders, microphones) please bring it for practice.**

### Instructor:

Ellen McHale holds a Ph.D in Folklore and Folklife from the University of Pennsylvania. She currently holds the position of Executive Director of the New York Folklore Society, a position she's held since 1999. She is also a trainer and best practices consultant for the Library of Congress's Veteran's History Project for which she's trained both adults and youth in the techniques of gathering oral history.

To register for this workshop send the form below and your check for \$10 (made out to CDLC) to Susan D'Entremont, Regional Archivist, CDLC, 28 Essex Street, Albany, NY 12206.

**Registration deadline is Friday, June 10, 2011.**

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Directions to CDLC can be found at [http://www.cdlic.org/About\\_CDLC/directions.shtml](http://www.cdlic.org/About_CDLC/directions.shtml)



## Oral History Basics Workshop Registration Form

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E-mail Address (for confirmation)