Considering end of the year gifts? CDLC is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. Your membership and gift contributions are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law. Many companies have matching gift policies - if your employer does matching gifts please include the appropriate form with your application. Follow the link for CDLC Personal Membership information.

***Attention GE Employees and Retirees! The General Electric Foundation has certified the Capital District Library Council as a participant in the GE Matching Gifts program. In this time of diminishing public funds for libraries we encourage you to register your personal membership donation and other qualifying gifts of $25 or more. GE will match your contribution dollar-for-dollar. To register your 2010 membership donation, go to the GE web site at www.ge.com/foundation and select Matching Gifts to log on as a GE participant. Gifts may also be registered by calling the Matching Gifts Customer Support Center at (800) 305-0669.

CaDiLaC Online 2.0 PLUS: Take a look at CaDiLaC Online 2.0 PLUS! CaDiLaC now provides a single search interface for 26 catalogs representing more than 420 academic, special, public, and school libraries plus the New York State Library. Hint: look at the tips and pointers page to better understand how it works.

Good news! CaDiLaC Online 2.0 PLUS includes our NEW Union List of Serials (ULS) which provides information about more than 36,000 serial titles held by CDLC libraries. The ULS can be accessed by going to www.cdlc.org and clicking on the CaDiLaC Online 2.0 button at the top of the green column. Then click on the Union List of Serials Quick Link button which appears on the next screen. This database will be updated every six months using information from our region’s OCLC union list of serials. We are continuing to develop these new products as we receive feedback from users.

Looking for a Job? The Job Postings page on the CDLC web site is one of our most heavily used resources. If you’ve looked at it lately you may have noticed that there are a lot of listings for Archives positions. Does that mean that there are more Archives openings out there than other library positions? Not necessarily – it’s just that the Archives people send us their positions to post! Please send us your job openings so we can get them online!

Courier Service: After many struggles in the past few years, the current CDLC Courier service is working smoothly and efficiently. ALDS, our service vendor, provides prompt, accurate, and friendly service – consistently! We are again running a system that works in conjunction with Mohawk Valley Library System, Southern Adirondack Library System, and the Upper Hudson Library System. Service includes stops at all of the School Library Systems, so materials are moved quickly throughout all of the area libraries that subscribe to the service.

DAP – CDLC’s Direct Access Program: The number of users of the DAP has decreased over the years, but those who do use the DAP card to borrow directly from area libraries still praise the program. Look at the CDLC website to see the DAP Directory and learn the details of the Direct Access Program. We have just updated all directory information for the DAP. If your library would like to participate in DAP, just contact CDLC.

CDLC Annual Meeting: CDLC’s Annual Meeting will be held on May 16, 2011. Plans are underway for a program featuring a nationally known speaker. Stay tuned for details coming soon!
CDLC Interest Groups: CDLC supports a number of Interest Groups that were created to encourage communication and collaboration among the staff of CDLC member libraries and other interested individuals. The Council does not appoint these groups and participation is informal. The sole criterion for membership is an interest in the work of the group.

The following interest groups currently exist: Capital Area Library Assistants (CALA), Capital Area Technical Services Group (CATS), Capital District Business Librarians Group (CDBL), Capital District Library Retirees Group, CDLC Government Information Interest Group (GIIG), SLEEK - Librarians’ Social Group. Some of these groups are very active while others come and go as the groups evolve and change. The newest group is the Reference Services Interest Group (RSIG), a forum in which librarians of the Capital District can come together and share their best practices and approaches to satisfying the informational needs of users. Contact Chris Tosh at CDLC (ctosh@cdlc.org) if you would like to be added to the email list.

A few years ago area library staff indicated that there was a need for opportunities for those interested in Information Literacy to get together to discuss current issues. The InfoLit Interest Group was started, but now the group needs new leadership. Are you interested in organizing some meetings for this group? Please contact CDLC to volunteer.

CALA Workshop: The Capital Area Library Assistants interest group will sponsor a program Monday, January 10, 2011, on the NYSLAA Library Assistant Certificate of Achievement Program (CAP). This program recognizes library assistants’ contributions to libraries and the library profession, acknowledges the achievements of the library assistant and provides recognition by NYSLAA for quality work performance. A Certificate of Achievement is issued to acknowledge the education and skills the library assistant has acquired. The workshop will be presented by CALA members Michele Matthews, CAP Review Board Coordinator and Michele Giuffre, CAP Review Board Member.

CDLC Digital Collections: CDLC Digital Collections is a constantly expanding web site of unique digitized materials from libraries in the CDLC service area. Several of our libraries have put a link to CDLC Digital Collections on their web page, and their patrons are having great fun discovering these materials. We encourage you to put a link to CDLC Digital Collections on your library's web - it’s easy! Just visit http://contentdm.cdlc.org/add_cdlc.php for the logo and directions for downloading it.

The CDLC Gift Shop: Looking for a gift that is unique and supports CDLC at the same time? We have a number of items bearing the CDLC logo for sale including mugs, briefcases, portfolios, umbrellas, soup mugs, and . . . . . . . Just call us at CDLC and we’ll be happy to fill your order (while supplies last).

Personnel News: Connie Alesse has retired as Director of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation library. Patti McCall, formerly of AMRI and Lauren Cardinal of Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library were each awarded a 2010 Dewey Fellowship by NYLA. Suzanne Turner, Coordinator of Access Services at University at Albany, will retire effective December 31.

HOLD THE DATE!!! CDLC’s Resource Development Committee is busy planning CDLC’s first ever Golf Outing fund raiser. On May 19, 2011 the Mohawk River Country Club will be the site for this exciting event. Teams of golfers will participate in fun, food, and merriment while supporting CDLC. If you are a golfer, or if you KNOW golfers, put this date on your calendar now. Details will follow soon. Want to help plan the outing? Contact Kingsley Greene, greenk@sage.edu.