

# LILRC Newsletter

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## News From the Long Island Library Resources Council

### March 13, 2007 — On to ALBANY

After almost 10 years of stagnant funding for libraries and library systems, 2006 brought an important change. The NYS Legislature appropriated money to fund Chapter 917 based on the 2000 census, added \$3 million as a “down payment” to return our library systems to fiscal health, and offered \$14 million in construction aid to begin the process of renovating libraries for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Leaders in the library community welcomed this action, although many felt that we should temper our optimism.

#### What Do We Need?

Restoring library funding to the buying power promised in Chapter 917 will require at least a 50% increase in all categories of library funding — an infusion of more than \$50 million. While the library community does not expect to achieve this increase in one year, a program of support totaling \$27 million has been identified as an appropriate increase for 2007. Our program includes:

- **20% increase in support for public library systems and 3Rs councils**
- **50% increase in funding for school library systems**
- **100% increase in Coordinated Collection Development aid**
- **66% increase in Local Library Services aid**
- **20% increase for Central Libraries**
- **25% increase in library service to the blind**

In addition,

- **Increase library materials aid from \$6 to \$15 per pupil to our school libraries**
- **Provide \$5 million for the maintenance and development of NOVEL**
- **Continue the funding of public library construction by at least \$14 million in 2007.**

Nassau and Suffolk County Library Associations will provide buses to take Long Islanders to Albany to convince our legislators of the real need to fund libraries. Please contact:

#### **Suffolk County:**

**Deborah Cunningham**  
Haborfields Public Library  
Phone: (631) 757-4200

#### **Nassau County**

**Charles Sleafé**  
Mineola Public Library  
Phone: (516) 746-8488

*Please reserve your seat so your voice can be heard.*

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## News From the LILRC Office

We are pleased to announce that the Board of Trustees, at their meeting on February 15, 2007 approved the appointment of **Min Liu** as the Council's new Assistant Director. Min has been with LILRC since 1994. We congratulate her and look forward to continuing working with her in this new capacity.

## PLEASE HOLD THE DATE

The 5th Symposium on Digitization will be held on April 26, 2007. The subject of this year's Symposium is *Digital Preservation*.

Guest Speakers for the Symposium are:

**Thomas Claerson** of Palinet

**Gregory S. Hunter**, Professor at L.I.U. -  
Palmer School of Library and Information Science

### What is Digital Preservation

It is preserving digital information that was either "born digital" or transformed to digital format from traditional sources. "Digital preservation refers to the various methods of keeping digital materials alive into the future," according to a recent statement from the Council on Library and Information Resources. Digital preservation typically centers on the choice of interim storage media, the life expectancy of a digital imaging system, and the expectation to migrate the digital files within future systems while maintaining both the full functionality and the integrity of the original digital file

### Welcome Brentwood Public Library

We welcome the Brentwood Public Library's Digitization Project, and invite you to view the collection which is now a part of LILRC's Regional Digitization Program, "Long Island Memories." Brentwood has a rich and interesting history which can now be made accessible to the general public.

Why not make your town's local history a part of the program? If you plan on entering the digitization program in the near future, please attend the symposium and the digital training workshops that are required for entry into the program. LILRC provides the training, software, and server to enable your organization to start digitizing local history and thus making it available to the public.

Virginia Antonucci-Gibbons  
Project Manager  
LILRC Regional Digitization Program

## New OCLC WorldCat Services

OCLC has recently launched two new services under the WorldCat brand name, the WorldCat Selection and the WorldCat Registry.

The WorldCat Selection service allows selectors to view records from multiple material vendors in one central comprehensive system, instead of using systems from each material vendor. Libraries are also able to get WorldCat records for newly purchased materials into their integrated library system early in the technical services process. The new service automates the middle part of the acquisition workflow—the selection process. Librarians still "select" materials, but the additional step to send items via paper slips or selecting items in multiple vendor systems is eliminated. Acquisitions staff automatically load WorldCat MARC records into the integrated library system, eliminating the need to re-key data or import data from multiple sources.

The WorldCat Registry is a global directory for libraries, consortia, archives and museums and the services these institutions provide. It will help these institutions manage and share data - such as institution type, location, URLs for electronic services, circulation statistics and population served - through a single, authoritative Web platform.

Profile data in the Registry supports end-user access to a number of OCLC services, including FirstSearch, the open-Web version of WorldCat, and others. Later, as the Registry service expands, details such as branch library locations will enhance the ability of WorldCat on the open Web to connect users to the nearest library that holds an item - another step closer to making all libraries' holdings discoverable through WorldCat.

It is a comprehensive source of library data designed to improve efficiencies among libraries, consortia, and electronic content vendors.

Source: OCLC Web site at  
<http://www.oclc.org/nextspace>

### About the LILRC Newsletter

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# LILRC Open House

January 10, 2007



Gail Barraco, Eastern Suffolk BOCES SLS; Sister Joan Ryan, St. Joseph's College; and former LILRC Assistant Director Judith Neufeld.



Retiring Assistant Director Judith Neufeld cutting her congratulatory cake.



Gerry Arthus, LILRC; Gail Barraco, Eastern Suffolk BOCES SLS; and Charlotte Sweda, LILRC.



LILRC Director Herb Biblo with LILRC Board of Trustees President Jean Galbraith.

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## The LILRC Technology Series

Everything from email, web-based intranets, calendar, and many other applications which facilitate collaboration and communication within the organization can be considered as part of a CMS for that organization. The general goal of the Technology Series is to examine the alternatives to expensive and difficult to use *proprietary enterprise software* for managing the information glut which many libraries are experiencing. Universal Standards such as XML, Web Services, and various Communications and Data protocols are making the goal of inter-operable software a reality.

Each workshop presentation will be available at:

<http://209.139.1.11/presentations/default.php>

which is under Programs and Services on the LILRC web site. All topics will eventually be covered offering a complete Open-Source solution for Library Services Automation. For more information please contact:

Gerry Arthus via e-mail at [garthus@lilrc.org](mailto:garthus@lilrc.org) or by phone (631) 632-6652.

— Gerry Arthus

## LILRC Jobline

Libraries are reminded to list professional and support staff job openings on **Jobline**. Taped messages and webpage postings are retained for two weeks; there is a \$10 fee. Please call (631) 632-6651 to request a form, or submit your announcement by fax to (631) 632-6662.

Those seeking positions in Long Island libraries are reminded to check **Jobline** at (631) 632-6658 or check the LILRC web page at:

<http://lilrc.org/jobs/joblistings.php>

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### **Of Note: *Position Available***

LILRC will be interviewing candidates for a Special Projects Librarian Position.

For further information check the LILRC website at:

<http://www.lilrc.org/jobs/joblistings.php>

or call our jobline at (631) 632-6658.

Applications should be post marked by April 16, 2007.

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### **March/April 2007 LILRC Workshops**

March 7, 2007

**Survival of the Fittest** : *Strategies to prove your library's value*

MLA Educational Webcast

March 21, 2007

**Design Library Space** : *Create a Human Centered Modern Library*

March 27, 2007

LILRC Technology Series #6: **The Construction of a Digital or Institutional Repository**

April 24, 2007

LILRC Technology Series #4: **Workstation, Server, and Network Security II**

April 26, 2007

5th Symposium on Digitization:  
“**Digital Preservation**”

*For more information about these workshops please go to this link on the LILRC webpage:*

[http://www.lilrc.org/calendars/cont\\_edcalendar.php](http://www.lilrc.org/calendars/cont_edcalendar.php)

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