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News from the Long Island Library Resources Council

## Upcoming Events

### January 23rd

Intermediate Microsoft Excel  
2003

Farmingdale Public Library  
10:00AM-12:30PM

### January 23rd

Advanced Microsoft Excel 2003

Farmingdale Public Library  
1:30PM-4:00PM



## Save the Date

NYLA Library Lobby Day

**Tuesday, March 10, 2009**

Empire State Plaza, Room 6  
Albany, New York



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## LILRC Holidays

Thursday, January 1, 2009

**New Year's Day**

Monday, January 19, 2009

**Martin Luther King Day**

Monday, February 16, 2009

**President's Day**



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Effective on or about January 19, 2009 LILRC will be closing our office at Suite E5310 of the Melville Library at Stony Brook University and temporarily moving to our new location at the Suffolk Cooperative Library System (SCLS) in Bellport.

Our office will remain open during this time, however some of our member services may be suspended through January 19, 2009 due to the move. Please make note of the following important changes:

### **Our New Mailing Address is:**

P.O. Box 955

Bellport, New York 11713

### **Our Delivery Address (UPS, etc.) is:**

627 N. Sunrise Service Road,

Bellport, New York 11713

**Thank you for your continued support during this time of transition. We will keep you informed of additional changes as they become available.**

## 3M Tattle-Tapes Now Available

As a result of member requests, LILRC has negotiated a new contract with 3M to once again offer group purchasing of quality Tattle-Tape Security Strips. An order form will be sent out to all libraries soon; please look for it in the mail. The prices are the best available and will be in effect starting January 2009 through December 2009.

Any library interested in ordering tapes should send the completed order form to our new mailing address listed above. If you need assistance with your order, please contact Joan Seaman via email at [jseaman@lilrc.org](mailto:jseaman@lilrc.org)



## 2009 NYLA BUDGET PRIORITIES

### Restore and Make Permanent

- Restore Library Aid funding to 2007/2008 levels (\$102 million)

### Amend Contracts for Excellence Initiative

- Amend Contracts for Excellence Initiative to allow extra funds for high need school districts to be spent on hiring certified school librarians and purchase library books.

### Library Aid Increases

- \$9 million increase in public library and central library book aid
- \$2 million increase in aid (Coordinated Collection Development) for academic libraries.
- Increase in Library Materials Aid from \$6.25 to \$7.00 per pupil for school libraries (portion targeted to Contracts for Excellence Schools) with phased increases over three years to \$10 per pupil.

### Library System Aid

- \$7.4 million in additional operating aid to bring every library system up to the 20% increase needed to close the gap created by inflation and years without any increase.
- \$280,000 for merger aid for school library systems.
- \$1.9 million for family literacy

### Statewide Internet Library

- \$5 million annually to fund Statewide Internet Library that would provide free access to thousands of publications, including health, business and consumer information and authoritative copyrighted material not freely available on the internet.



## People & Places

### *LILRC Congratulates:*

**dale Krongel**, who was recognized at the LILRC Annual Meeting on November 13, 2008 for 20 years of dedicated service to LILRC.

**Gerry Leibowitz** from Nassau Community College, winner of the 2008 Friend of SUNYLA Award for his exceptional leadership as chair and co-chair of the SUNYLA Publications Committee. Gerry is being honored for his role as chief editor of the SUNYLA newsletter through a time of transition from print to electronic format.

### *Welcomes New Director:*

**Jennifer DeVito**, Briarcliff College Library

## LILRC CE Blog

Did you miss the LILRC Annual Conference on Libraries and the Future, *Millenials: Talkin' 'bout Y Generation?*

If so, be sure to check out the LILRC CE Blog. Here you can find the presentation slides, as well as audio files of our guest speakers including Will Manley, Ann Marshall and Beth Gallaway.

Visit us online at: <http://lilrc.wordpress.com>.

## LILRC SNAPSHOTS

**November 18, 2008**– Library advocates from across New York State gathered at the Well of the Legislative Office Building in Albany for the NYLA RALLY to support “No More Cuts” to library funding.

For additional information, including media coverage of the event, please visit: [http://www.nyla.org/index.php?page\\_id=1627](http://www.nyla.org/index.php?page_id=1627).

## 2008 LILRC Annual Meeting



*Pictured from left to right: Herbert Biblo, LILRC, view of attendees, and Daniel Kinney, LILRC Board President .*

### New LILRC Trustees Elected

At the LILRC Annual Meeting on November 13, 2008 held at the de Seversky Center of the New York Institute of Technology– Old Westbury, Deborah Podolski, Chair of the LILRC Nominating Committee, introduced the newly elected LILRC trustees.

#### *Congratulations to:*

**Mary Beth Beidl**, Nassau Library System

**Joseph Latini**, South Huntington Public Library

Their terms of service on the Board will run from January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2013.

#### *Continuing Board Members are:*

**eva efron**, Nassau BOCES School Library System

**Debra Eisenberg**, North Shore University Hospital-  
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**Arthur Friedman**, Nassau Community College

**Howard Graves**, Hofstra University

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**MyMorph** is a new Windows-based software program provided by the National Library of Medicine (NLM) that can convert 50 different file types to PDF.

MyMorph is a client software program that runs on Windows 98, ME, NT, 2000 and XP. With just a few mouse clicks, a MyMorph user can select hundreds of files and begin the conversion. MyMorph takes care of uploading the files over the Internet and downloading the PDF files to hard disk, and can be run in the background on the user's computer. Because of the efficiency it offers, MyMorph is applicable to large-scale file conversions, and serves as a model for digital library file migration, in which obsolescent file types may need to be converted to newer versions such as PDF.

MyMorph is freely available for download at:

<http://docmorph.nlm.nih.gov/docmorph/mymorphinstallation.htm>.

**LILRC Jobline** Libraries are reminded to list professional and support staff job openings on Jobline. Webpage postings are retained for two weeks and there is a \$10 fee.

Please check the LILRC website at <http://www.lilrc.org/progsvce/jobs.php> to find a copy of the form and submit your announcement. Those seeking positions in Long Island libraries are reminded to check Jobline online at: <http://lilrc.org/jobs/joblistings.php>.

### LILRC ILL Service Suspension

As of December 15, 2008, LILRC will not be accepting any new interlibrary loan requests due to our relocation. We will try to complete pending requests as best we can, but any incomplete requests will be held or cancelled until the system is operational on or about January 19, 2009.

LILRC will send out notifications as soon as the system is fully operational. We apologize in advance for any inconveniences this may cause and will do our best to keep ILL down time to a minimum.

Thank you for your understanding and any additional questions, should be addressed to Min Liu, Assistant Director, via email at [minliu@lilrc.org](mailto:minliu@lilrc.org).



### Tech Tips by Gerry Arthus

#### Etext Creation in Open Source, Part I

Previously, I had mentioned that Internet Archive and Project Gutenberg were open source organizations which were creating an all encompassing Digital Archive of public domain texts, audio files, and various video compilations.

Library staff who are involved with digitization projects can also take advantage of the various open source software applications, which are available at no cost.

The first step in a digitization project is to select the items to be digitized. Once this is completed, if text-based materials are involved, they have to be scanned into one of the various formats available such as TIFF, JPEG, JPEG200, PNG, etc.

One of the best applications for accomplishing this is IrfanView. IrfanView is a very fast, small, compact and innovative graphic viewer, which provides a number of valuable features. It can be used to batch scan multiple files into nearly all available formats and will also convert between file formats, and allow batch manipulation of images. Batched images can have file sizes, resolutions, image sizes, and compression levels that can be changed very easily.

To download this application or find additional information, visit the Irfanview webpage at: <http://www.irfanview.com/> or contact Gerry at LILRC.



## Spotlight On: Online File Sharing with Drop.io



Have you ever tried sharing a file, whether via email or by using web-based collaborating tools such as Google Docs, only to find that it is too large to email or not all of your collaborators want to create another account-even if it's free? If so, then drop.io may be the solution you're looking for when it comes to online file sharing.

Drop.io is a web-based file sharing service that allows users to very easily share an array of file types including images, video, audio, documents and more through unique user-created and controlled sharing points-or URLs- called *drops*.

In two easy steps, users are able to create a unique sharing point in the form of a URL, upload content and share. Users are even provided with the option of password-protecting files and the ability to set an expiration date for the file as well. All of this can be done without registering or creating a username and/or password.

The next time you need to share a large file online, give Drop.io a try by visiting <http://drop.io/>.

## Library 2.0: Are you Twittering? Libraries and Twitter

### What's Twitter?

Twitter is a social application tool that allows users to send IMs (instant messages) and to network with friends, family and colleagues in what is now recognized as *microblogging*. Users can create these short 140 character messages-or *tweets*- in a variety of ways including online via Twitter pages, emails, text messages from mobile devices and even using other social networking sites such as Facebook.



### So how does it work?

Easy. Users create a free account, add a profile image and then start twittering. People that are paying attention to your tweets are referred to as your *followers* and the people that you are following are referred to as your *friends*.

### What does this mean for libraries?

With the countless number of web 2.0 applications out there-and the numerous others that emerge daily-it's easy to question whether or not Twitter is worth the time (and effort). There are a number of professionals in the field weighing in with an overwhelming census toward finding positive uses for Twitter in libraries. Here are a few resources to get you twittering in no time:

- **Twitter Explained for Librarians, or 10 ways to use Twitter**  
(<http://pages.citebite.com/d7o7e3cnbce>) by David Lee King
- **A Guide to Twitter in Libraries**  
(<http://oedb.org/blogs/ilibrarian/2007/a-guide-to-twitter-in-libraries/>) by Ellyssa Kroski
- **Library Instruction Wiki for Twitter**  
(<http://instructionwiki.org/Twitter>)

You may visit the Twitter website at <http://twitter.com> for additional information including a video tutorial and to sign up for a free account.

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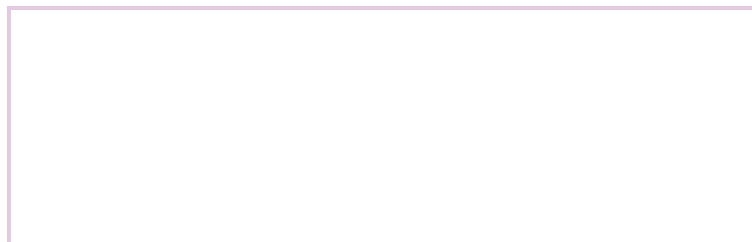
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### COMING SOON:

LILRC CE Brochure

*January-June 2009*



### Soaring to Excellence Teleconferences *Targeting the Ages: Programming that Hits the Mark*

**When: Friday, February 13, 2009**

**Speaker: Kelly Watson**

In this program we will look at some of the innovative programming libraries today are creating to meet the evolving needs of their patrons. We will also provide a basic primer for anyone who has always wanted to plan a program, but didn't know where or how to begin.

This teleconference is 90 minutes in length--Noon to 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

**The New York State Library has arranged a state-wide license for the College of DuPage teleconferences. To register and view a full listing of upcoming programs visit: <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/dupage.htm>.**

**Registration is FREE for all libraries in New York.**

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