

Southern Tier Library System **UPDATE**

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STLS Annual Meeting

Come help us celebrate our **49th Annual Meeting, October 20, Bath County Club.**

The guest speaker will be Bernard A. Margolis, New York State Librarian.

A registration form is attached on the last page. Invitations will also be sent out later this month.

STLS Staff

Darleen English will not be returning to the Southern Tier Library System. Thanks Darleen for your many years of service. We wish you well.

Marianne Califiore is leaving STLS to continue her education. Thanks Marianne for working with us this summer.

On August 31 **Linda Lewis** started working as the STLS Business Manager. Linda was previously at the Corning Credit Union, is excited about her position at STLS, and is looking forward to working with everyone.

Laura Di Nunno is joining STLS as a part-time cataloger. Laura learned about Workflows in her previous position at the Southeast Steuben County Library, Corning, so she will be off to a good start in her work.

Libraries are like Netflix for Free

My library is part of a regional network and I can order videos online and have them delivered to any library in the network. (I call it "Netflix for Free.") And I can return books to any library in the network, so I don't have to make an extra trip.

From –

<http://consumerist.com/people/RandomHookup/>



Upcoming meetings in September

Check the STLS web page for the most up-to-date calendar information.
www.stls.org/calendar/

Monday September 7 – LABOR DAY
STLS Closed

Tuesday September 8 – Allegany County Director's Meeting @ Whitesville

Tuesday September 15 – STLS Board Meeting @ Steele Memorial Library 3pm

Wednesday September 16 – Youth Workshop @ Cuba 9am-noon

Thursday September 17 – Youth Workshop @ Southeast Steuben County Library 9am-noon

Thursday September 17 – Beginning Genealogy Workshop @ Steele Memorial Library 1pm-3

Week of September 26th – Banned Books Week
<http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/banned/bannedbooksweek/index.cfm>

Tuesday September 29 – Director's Advisory Council @ Bath 10am

Upcoming Events:

Thursday October 1 – How Libraries Can Survive in the Digital Age @ Watson Homestead

Tuesday October 20 – STLS Annual Meeting @ Bath Country Club

The Future, System Services and Member Financial Support

August meetings to discuss System services and member financial support were held in Schuyler, Allegany, Steuben and Yates Counties. STLS trustees attended each of the meetings and also made a presentation at the August Chemung County Library District trustees meeting.

Background information was sent to member library trustees and is posted, along with meeting notes at:

<http://www.stls.org/about/planofservice.htm>

See photos from the county meetings on

Flickr at: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/stslibsys>

Brief discussion points –

Libraries look to STLS to provide

Technology support

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Rotating collections

Opportunities to learn

Downloadable audios

Advocacy

Delivery

STLS has reduced costs and obtained grants

Reduced staff by 30% in 2003

Obtained over \$250,000 for migration to Sirsi/Dynix

Received \$84,000 in NYS construction aid to cool computers and purchase key computer servers

Short-term problem, long term challenge

Due to static and reduced state aid, estimated \$300,000 in member contributions is needed by the end of 2013.

Ideas for member contributions

Across the board increase based on cost-share

Cost per hold filled per library

Fees for individual services, fairly balanced in their effect on various sized libraries – e.g.

delivery, rotating collections

USE MORE, PAY MORE

How can STLS be accountable?

Provide information to trustees

Tell libraries what value they are getting for their money

Hold separate meeting each year to present information/meetings held in each county

Join the Member Contribution Committee!

Be part of this important discussion.

Directors and trustees bring important individual points of view – we need your participation.

Meetings will be about 2 hours and all are being held at the Dormann Library, Bath.

Tues, Sept 29th 10am

Tues, Oct 13th 12noon

Thurs, Oct 29th 2:15pm

Mon, Nov 16th 10am

Please let Mike Eckstein, ecksteinm@stls.org

know when you will be attending.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

– Rusty

Rotating Collection Materials

Libraries borrowing STLS materials as holds or as part of a rotating collection will want to be aware of some **changes in policy and procedures** as we continue to strive to provide you with the same quality of service with fewer staff.

1. STLS will no longer provide book cards for the adult popular reading, large print, audio book, and youth collection titles. Titles will continue to have a book pocket for date due slips, but these will not be labeled with author/title information. Many titles are returned without cards. The staff time saved in replacing these cards will be used to develop Reader's Advisory tools for use by local library staff.
2. Fewer genre spine labels will be used on large print titles. As with the Adult Popular Reading titles, mysteries, westerns, religious fiction, and fantasy titles will

receive designated spine labels. Titles not fitting into one of these genres will receive the standard fiction or non-fiction spine labeling (author initial or Dewey number). Again staff time saved will be used to support member library staff's reader's advisory and title promotional efforts.

- 3. STLS will invoice libraries for assumed lost materials.** STLS has traditionally considered a small loss rate to be part of the service it provides to member libraries and has not billed for lost items unless a patron or member library requested a bill. With stagnant funding and a DVD loss rate approaching 25%, beginning to adversely affect the ability of STLS to provide a diverse collection of materials, **STLS will now bill for lost materials.**

Notes from the Central Library

1. We are pleased to announce that Julie Mullen and Connie Ogilvie reference librarians at the Central Library will be conducting a special session about **search strategies** during the STLS sponsored "How Libraries can Thrive in the Digital Age" at the Watson Homestead on October 1st.
2. At our August 17th Central Advisory Committee Meeting it was suggested that opportunities for one-on-one training be made available. In response to the committee's recommendation we would like to let everybody know that if you and/or any other member of your library staff can travel to the Central Library, we can provide individualized training sessions on a variety of topics. Please email Owen Frank (franko@stls.org) or call 607-733-8603 to arrange a mutually convenient time for training.

Library Director IV, Chemung County Library District seeks an experienced and dynamic leader. Oversees operations and manages personnel of district located in Chemung County, NY, consisting of 5 neighborhood libraries, Bookmobile and comprehensive web site, serving a population of 90,000. Also serves as Chief Administrative Officer of the Central Library of the Southern Tier Library System. Master's Degree or higher, from an ALA accredited program, 8 years of professional library experience, 3 years in an administrative capacity. Civil Service competitive appointment. \$75 to \$85K, excellent benefits. Full description at website: www.cclld.lib.ny.us

DUC (Distribution to Underserved Libraries) Library Program

<http://www.ducprogram.org/>

Art Resources Transfer, Inc., through its Distribution to Underserved Communities Library Program (DUC) partners with the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA)/Al Poulin Independent Publishers Development Project to make a variety of contemporary fiction, poetry, literary nonfiction, and drama available to a wide audience throughout the state. The DUC/Program/Poulin Partnership distributes magazines, journals, and books from nonprofit independent publishers in New York State free of charge to alternative and school libraries, including correctional facilities, adult day care, youth centers, and public libraries where needed.

New York State Literary Tree Website

www.nyslittree.org was created to serve New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA)-funded organizations with literary programs, their curators, and the poets and writers they present. The site offers in-depth information about the organizations and their curators as well as detailed event and special events calendars, serving as a learning center and clearing house not only

for those involved in literature-based presentation but for all those interested in the various aspects of literature. Among Littree's features are listings and contact information for all the public and private libraries and bookstores in New York; complete information about writers who are available for readings and workshops; ongoing national literary events, technical assistance; a literary map with exhaustive information about literary sites and deceased authors who lived and worked in New York; and profiles of literary presses and journals.

In Praise of Libraries

Prattsburg Library

Three different men have used library resources, books and internet to prepare themselves for the test for a commercial license to drive. So far two have successfully received jobs in the field.

Colonial Library, Richburg

This year our library and the Andover Library received the Family Literacy Grant from NY State. This is our second year. Allegany County Literacy Volunteers teach computer classes twice a week. We have five to six GED students, four of which are very close to earning their GED.

Dormann Library, Bath

Has 1773 friends on their MySpace page <http://www.myspace.com/dormannlibrary> and a history of the library, link to STARCat, information about the weekly musical programs in the library's Café, and pictures of library events.

What surprising Bookmarks have you found?

STLS staff have found the following items used as bookmarks in returned books here:

- Dollar bills
- A Five dollar bill
- A credit card
- Tissue box tops
- A slice of baloney

Send your list of surprising bookmarks to Mike Eckstein at ecksteinm@stls.org for publication in the October UPDATE.

Summer Library Programs finished for another year!

September brings falling leaves, kids back in school and it is the time to compile and report on the activities of summer in your library!

For the last several years, the NYS Annual Report has included questions related to your summer activities. The NYS Library commits a significant amount of money to the summer reading programs and if this is to continue, we—libraries across the state—MUST help to justify these funds with numbers of participants, circulation numbers and anecdotes. Summer reading activities are supported by Federal LSTA funds that are awarded to the New York State Library. It is imperative that summer reading program evaluations are returned to Lorie by September 15. By ensuring that your numbers are 'tallied' now, you will have at least one question on the NYS Annual Report answered.

One of the most important questions on the evaluation this year is under the heading of READING TOTALS. Staff at the Division of Library Development will be taking these numbers (of children recording time spent reading, number of books read etc.) and comparing this activity to educational research on recreational reading and on summer learning loss. The goal is to relate the summer reading numbers at public libraries to existing educational research and to student achievement.

If you have any questions about how to tally the numbers for your evaluation, please contact Lorie (brownl@stls.org) to talk about the various possibilities.

Ways your library can help you during a bad economy

<http://consumerist.com/5027723/7-ways-your-public-library-can-help-you-during-a-bad-economy>

Foreign languages in Downloadable Audios

STLS area residents wanting to learn a foreign language now have **access to lessons in Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, and Spanish** thanks to a recent acquisition by CCLD: Steele Memorial Library. The audio titles may be downloaded from the System-wide cooperative site. 23 additional new fiction and non-fiction titles, also purchased with CCLD: SML Central Library funds, were also added to digital site bringing the total number of titles owned to 626 with 230 currently checked out. Following is this month's "Wish List" of titles. Any library interested in purchasing a title for the site may do so by contacting Mary Passage at STLS Adult/Outreach/Delivery Services.

Downloadable Audio Wish List September 2009

Title	Author(s)	Subject(s)	Total
92 Pacific Boulevard	Debbie Macomber	Fiction, Romance	\$19.99
The Dark Room	Minette Walters	Fiction, Mystery	\$19.99
Dragon Knight	Donita K. Paul	Fantasy, Fiction	\$19.99
Dragon Quest	Donita K. Paul	Fantasy, Fiction	\$19.99
Dragon Spell	Donita K. Paul	Fiction	\$19.99
Even Money	Dick Francis	Fiction	\$85.00
The Last Song	Nicholas Sparks	Fiction, Literature	\$59.99
Resurrecting Midnight	Eric Jerome Dickey	Fiction	\$19.99
The Scoop	Fern Michaels	Fiction, Romance	\$19.99
Seduce Me at Sunrise	Lisa Kleypas	Fiction	\$39.97
The Spire	Richard North Patterson	Fiction, Thriller	\$54.95
Sworn to Silence	Linda Castillo	Fiction, Thriller	\$54.95
Vanished	Joseph Finder	Fiction, Thriller	\$54.95
Void Moon	Michael Connelly	Fiction, Thriller	\$23.98

MP3 Giveaway Drawing Winners

STLS conducted another MP3 Giveaway drawing for 2 free 2GB Creative Zen Mozaic music and video players. Over 1,000 patrons from STLS member libraries participated. STLS will attempt to offer similar drawings in the future.



Ann Zeitler being presented with MP3 Player by Cindy Dutton

The following is the August list of system wide HOLDS.

This list is intended to help directors know if they have missed ordering popular titles. If your library doesn't own some of these titles, and your patrons are putting holds on copies from other libraries, then think about ordering a copy for your library.

#	Title	Author
56	FRUITS BASKET	Takaya, Natsuki
46	TIME TRAVELERS WIFE A NOVEL	Niffenegger, Audrey
44	BREAKING DAWN	Meyer, Stephenie
41	TWILIGHT	Meyer, Stephenie
39	NEW MOON	Meyer, Stephenie
37	SMASH CUT	Brown, Sandra

37	ECLIPSE	Meyer, Stephenie
36	ALEX CROSS TRIAL	Patterson, James
36	FINGER LICKIN FIFTEEN	Evanovich, Janet
34	SOUTH OF BROAD	Conroy, Pat
33	SHACK A NOVEL	Young, William P.
33	BLACK HILLS	Roberts, Nora
32	SWIMSUIT A NOVEL	Patterson, James
31	TIME TRAVELERS WIFE	Niffenegger, Audrey
29	THAT OLD CAPE MAGIC	Russo, Richard
22	HELP	Stockett, Kathryn
22	NARUTO	Kishimoto, Masashi
21	NEIGHBOR	Gardner, Lisa
20	BEST FRIENDS FOREVER A NOVEL	Weiner, Jennifer
19	DEVILS PUNCHBOWL	Iles, Greg
18	GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO	Larsson, Stieg
18	RACE TO WITCH MOUNTAIN	Gunn, Andrew
18	GUERNSEY LITERARY AND POTATO PEEL PIE SOCIETY	Shaffer, Mary Ann
17	FIRE AND ICE	Jance, Judith A.
17	THOUSAND SPLENDID SUNS	Hosseini, Khaled
17	000206 BONES	Reichs, Kathy
17	MY SISTERS KEEPER A NOVEL	Picoult, Jodi
17	OTHER QUEEN	Gregory, Philippa
16	CORALINE	Mechanic, Bill
15	SIEGE	White, Stephen
15	FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST	Arakawa, Hiromu

14	DEEP BLUE SEA FOR BEGINNERS A NOVEL	Rice, Luanne
14	DEFECTOR	Silva, Daniel
14	STORM CYCLE	Johansen, Iris
14	KNOCKOUT	Coulter, Catherine
13	UNDONE	Slaughter, Karin
13	ELEVENTH VICTIM	Grace, Nancy
13	LAST OLYMPIAN	Riordan, Rick
12	INTERVENTION	Cook, Robin
12	GIRL WHO PLAYED WITH FIRE	Larsson, Stieg
12	BLINDMANS BLUFF	Kellerman, Faye
12	GILMORE GIRLS	Sherman- Palladino, Amy
12	INKHEART	Softley, Iain
12	WHITE QUEEN	Gregory, Philippa
12	TRUE BLOOD	Woo, Alexander
12	VAMPIRE KNIGHT	Hino, Matsuri
11	CASTAWAYS A NOVEL	Hilderbrand, Elin
11	DOOMSDAY KEY A UPPER CASE GREEK LETTER SIGMA SIGMA FORCE N	Rollins, James
11	REPORTERS LIFE	Cronkite, Wlter
11	VAMPIRE DIARIES	Smith, L. J. (Lisa J.)
11	000008TH CONFESSION	Patterson, James
11	BOLT	Spencer, Clark
11	ART OF RACING IN THE RAIN A NOVEL	Stein, Garth
10	BLUESTARS PROPHECY	Hunter, Erin
10	SCARECROW A NOVEL	Connelly, Michael
10	SAND SHARKS	Maron, Margaret

10	SHANGHAI GIRLS A NOVEL	See, Lisa Meyer,
10	HOST A NOVEL	Stephenie
10	FEARLESS FOURTEEN	Evanovich, Jan.
10	FIRST FAMILY	Baldacci, David
9	TUDORS	Rhys-Meyers, Jonathan
9	DEADWOOD	Milch, David
9	CURIOUS CASE OF BENJAMIN BUTTON	Kennedy, Kathleen
9	CLUB DEAD	Harris, Charlaine
9	LUCKY ONE	Sparks, Nicholas
9	INKSPELL	Funke, Cornelia Caroline
9	GUARDIAN OF LIES	Martini, Steve
9	BETWEEN THE LIONS	Berry, Bertice
9	RAIN GODS	Burke, James
9	BOLD FRESH PIECE OF HUMANITY	O'Reilly, Bill
9	HARD EIGHT	Evanovich, Janet
8	VALKYRIE	Singer, Bryan
8	VANISHED	Finder, Joseph
8	VAMPIRE KISSES	Schreiber, Ellen
8	CULTURE OF CORRUPTION OBAMA AND HIS TEAM OF TAX CHEATS CRO	Malkin, Michelle
8	GONE TOMORROW A REACHER NOVEL	Child, Lee
8	EVEN MONEY	Francis, Dick
8	JUST BREATHE	Wiggs, Susan
8	SIEGE OF MACINDAW	Flanagan, John (John Anthony)
8	HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN	Rowling, J. K.
8	HANDLE WITH CARE	Picoult, Jodi

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Thursday, July 10, 2008
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Justice Department Reaches Settlement Agreement with Library Under Americans with Disabilities Act

WASHINGTON – The Justice Department announced today a settlement agreement with West Virginia's Kanawha County Public Library Board under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The agreement ... was signed as part of Project Civic Access, the Department's nationwide initiative that has broadened opportunities for more than 3 million Americans with disabilities by bringing government entities into full compliance with...Title II of the ADA.

"Public libraries are vital civic institutions that help educate and inform our society," said Grace Chung Becker, Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division.Under the settlement agreement, Kanawha County Public Library will make modifications to each of its 10 library facilities to increase access for persons with disabilities....(including) bringing into compliance parking spaces, exterior routes, ramps, library entrances, book stacks, magazine racks, card catalogs, check-out counters, restrooms and drinking fountains. In addition to physical modifications, the Kanawha County Public Library Board will: ensure that communications with persons with disabilities are as effective as communications with others; adopt an ADA grievance procedure; appoint an ADA coordinator; and take steps to improve the accessibility of its Web site.

People interested in finding out more about the ADA or this agreement can access the ADA Web site at <http://www.ada.gov> or call the Justice Department's toll-free ADA Information Line at 800-514-0301 or 800-514-0383 (TTY).

SOUTHERN TIER LIBRARY SYSTEM
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

cordially invites you to attend our
49th ANNUAL MEETING

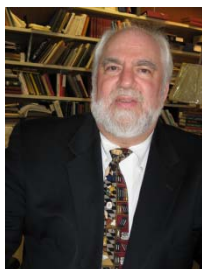
OCTOBER 20, 2009

Bath Country Club
330 May Street, Bath

Agenda

- 5:00 PM
- ◆ Registration
- 5:45 PM
- ◆ Introduction
- 6:00 PM
- ◆ Dinner
- 7:00 PM
- ◆ Business Meeting & Program

Payment of \$17.00 should be included with your reservation. Checks to be made payable to: Southern Tier Library System



State Librarian Bernard A. Margolis
“A Library State of Mind”

Bernard A. Margolis began serving as New York State Librarian and Assistant Commissioner for Libraries in January 2009. Reporting to the Commissioner of Education, Mr. Margolis administers the New York State Research Library and the Division of Library Development. In partnership with the state's 73 public and school library systems, the State Library delivers library services to 19.5 million people served by New York's 7,000 academic, public, school and special libraries.

Mr. Margolis came to the State Library from his previous post as President of the Boston Public Library (BPL), Boston, Massachusetts, where he served from 1997 to 2008. Mr. Margolis holds a BA in Political Science and an MA in Librarianship, both from the University of Denver. His library experience includes management and executive positions in libraries and library systems in Colorado, Michigan and Massachusetts. Prior to moving to Boston, he served as Director/CEO of the Pikes Peak Library District in Colorado Springs from 1988 to 1997.

Directions to the Bath Country Club, Bath:

Traveling West on Route 17: Take Exit 38, turn right at bottom of ramp, (West Washington Street) proceed for 1.6 miles (street becomes East Washington Street). At the stop sign turn left onto May Street. The Bath Country Club will be .4 of a mile on the right.

Traveling East on Route 17: Take Exit 38, turn left at bottom of ramp, (West Washington Street) proceed for 1.7 miles (street becomes East Washington Street). At the stop sign turn left onto May Street. The Bath Country Club will be .4 of a mile on the right.

Reservations due to Mike Eckstein by Friday, October 9th

Name _____ Library _____

Meal Choices

Roasted Prime Rib Au Jus _____ Chicken Kiev _____ Vegetarian _____

If you have food allergies or special dietary needs please list

Reservations may be made by calling (607) 962-3141 ext. 205 (leave a message on voicemail), by delivery or by email: ecksteinm@stls.org.

Mail form to: STLS, 9424 Scott Road, Painted Post, NY 14870