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Archives Month Event at ACHOR

Albany County Clerk Bruce A. Hidley and the Albany County Hall of Records are proud to present **“98 Acres in Albany: Researching the Area Demolished for the South Mall.”**

David Hochfelder, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History at the University at Albany will give a presentation on Tuesday, October 27th 10AM – 12PM at the Albany County Hall of Records at 95 Tivoli Street, Albany, NY 12207.

Staff will also have a special exhibit “Now and Then: Albany, the South Mall and a Neighborhood Lost.” Tours will be available following the presentation.

Please RSVP by calling 518-487-5146 or by email at jbrothers@albanycounty.com.

Schoharie County Passport Day

The Schoharie County Clerk's Office will be hosting a **Passport Day on Saturday, October 24th 9AM – 12PM**. It will be held at the Schoharie County Clerk's office located at 284 Main Street, Schoharie, NY 12157.

Avoid the stress of getting your passport in time for a trip! Allow time for any problems to be settled! Passport processing centers are typically busier towards the winter months – avoid the wait!

Bring with you a copy of your birth certificate with a raised seal and both parents listed and a photo ID such as a driver's license. Personal checks or money orders only.

Photos can be taken at the office! Feel free to call with any questions: 518-295-8316.

The Walls in the Woods - Passing on our Heritage

The New York State Archives Partnership Trust (APT) will be hosting a special presentation by the **Honorable Jack McEneny**, APT Trustee emeritus, for a lively and interactive discussion on ways to fully engage audience members and create a friendly portal for historical inquiry. Utilizing examples of "flashback history," McEneny will share techniques on speaking from the vantage point of joint exploration and relevance; moving from the shared known to the unknown, the hierarchical structure can be broken down to welcome larger audiences and "casual historians" to the conversation and the field. Program is free ~ reservations encouraged.

This **FREE** event will be on **Thursday, October 29, 2015 at 7PM** in the Huxley Theater at the Cultural Education Center, 222 Madison Avenue, Albany, NY 12230. We hope you can join us! **RSVP** via phone 518-474-1303 or aptrust@nysed.gov.

Researching New York

The 2015 Researching New York conference will be held on November 19-20, 2015 at the University at Albany. **Researching New York** brings together historians, researchers, archivists, museum curators, librarians, graduate students,

teachers, Web and multimedia producers, and documentarians to share their work on New York State history. The complete conference program includes more than 25 panels and featured events will examine a wide array of topics on New York State history. Conference registration information is available at: <http://nystatehistory.org/researchny/rsny.html>.

Special sessions at the New York State Museum, including *The Future of the New York State Museum's Permanent Exhibitions*, a discussion of an exciting project to update and build 35,000 square feet of new permanent exhibit spaces in the Museum. Senior Historian **Jennifer Lemak** will offer a short history of the existing exhibits and Museum Director **Mark Schaming** will outline plans for the upcoming gallery renewal, looking to the future of the Museum. **Galleries will be open after hours to explore exhibits** with museum staff available for questions and comments.

Talks by **Ginger Strand**, author of the upcoming *The Brothers Vonnegut*, a cultural history and joint biography that offers "a wild collision of science and literature set against the backdrop of the Cold War and the dawn of the digital world." Much of the story originates in New York at GE and the University at Albany Department of Atmospheric Sciences. She will present a public lecture on Thursday evening at the New York State Museum, *The Brothers Vonnegut: Bernard Vonnegut and Kurt Vonnegut in GE's House of Magic* and a conference session, *Why am I Always the Only One Weeping in the Reading Room? A Writer in the Archives*.

The Friday lunch keynote with Philip Terrie, *Adirondack Towns: Cultural Constructions, Political Agendas, and Social Realities*. Terrie is the author of numerous works on Adirondack history and culture.

Upcoming Metadata Webinars

The NY3Rs is offering a series of inexpensive webinars on metadata. The webinars are for medium to advanced level users.

<http://www.ny3rs.org/events/metadata-1-oct-15/>

<http://www.ny3rs.org/events/webinar-metadata-standards-and-types/>

<http://www.ny3rs.org/events/webinar-metadata-customization-exchange-transformation-and-migration/>

<http://www.ny3rs.org/events/webinar-metadata-relationships/>

New York Heritage Collections Added to DPLA

The [Empire State Digital Network](#) has successfully added a second group of material from around New York State into the Digital Public Library of America ([dp.la](#)). CDLC is happy to announce that three of our members were part of this group, and their material is now available to view on the DPLA website:

- [Fulton Montgomery Community College](#)
- [Hudson Valley Community College](#)
- [Maria College](#)

We thank them for their hard work in preparing their material for DPLA. They join 11 other CDLC institutions that were added to DPLA this past April. For a list of Empire State Digital Network institutions currently live in DPLA, visit [http://dp.la/search?partner\[\]=Empire+State+Digital+Network](http://dp.la/search?partner[]=Empire+State+Digital+Network)

From the Editor

Please remember that this newsletter is compiled by information from your institutions. If you have an event or news item you'd like to share, please let me know. If you have recently learned a tip that you'd like to share with others, send it along! We're all in this together and can all learn from each other!!

Finally, an upcoming feature of this newsletter will be to focus on a repository in the Greater Capital Region. I plan to interview an employee from that institution asking about the collections, the staff, the researchers and any challenges or opportunities in the position or institution. If you are interested in participating in this, please send me an email at emilysouthworth@yahoo.com.

Tip #1

I recently came across an excellent website that explains MARC cataloging in plain, simple terms and hope that it will be a useful resource to others.

What is a MARC record and why is it important:

<http://www.loc.gov/marc/umb/um01to06.html>

Another website that is essential when working with MARC cataloging is, of course, MARC 21 Format for Bibliographic Data:

<http://www.loc.gov/marc/bibliographic/>