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This year, we bid farewell to one distinguished member of our Board of Trustees:

Thomas Murray, Oneida Public Library, completes his term of service on the Board this year. CLRC thanks Tom for his years of service to the Board.

Creating Stronger Libraries: Advocacy, Grants & Communication

Advocacy Efforts

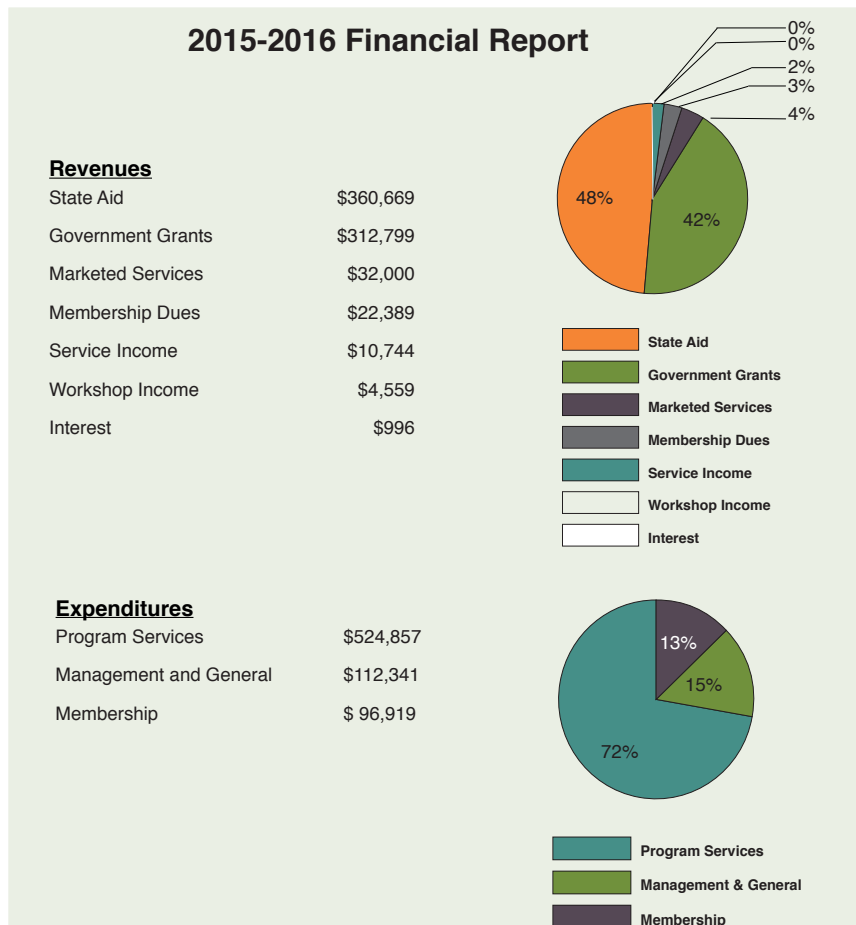
- 52 library supporters boarded a charter bus to Albany to meet with their legislators for Library Advocacy Day (Mar '16)
- Syracuse Legislative Breakfast hosted by St. Joseph's College of Nursing (Dec '15)
- Utica area Legislative Breakfast hosted by Utica Public Library (Dec '15)
- CNYFi project brought high-speed internet to users of one rural library and two urban libraries (ongoing)
- Hosted State Fair Booth for New York Libraries (Aug '15)

Grants Received

- \$6,000 award from the 40 Below Foundation for the CNYFi Project to pilot mobile hotspots in Central New York
- \$10,000 award from the Institute of Museum and Library Services/Mozilla Foundation for digital Literacy training
- \$15,000 award from the Central NY Community Foundation for the CNYFi Project to purchase mobile hot spots for Central New York Libraries
- \$17,750 award from the Institute of Museum & Library Services for a Sparks! grant to promote development of the EADitor (an xml creation tool for encoded archival description) to assist organizations with the creation of archival finding aids

Communications with Members

- 35,174 visits to CLRC website, by 15,420 users
- 170 targeted MailChimp announcements sent to members
- 687 listserv messages
- Frequent postings on social media via Facebook and Twitter
- Sponsored vendor tables at CNY SLS and Leatherstocking conferences (Fall '15)



CLRC extends a special thanks to all its Committee and Board Members for their contributions over the past year!

Core Services

Resource Sharing

- Member libraries loaned 63,965 items
- Member libraries borrowed 45,964 items
- 5,439 items shipped in UPS CampusShip delivery
- Medical Information Services Program awarded \$8,269 to member libraries to support medical resource sharing
- Member academic libraries were awarded a total of \$128,392 in Coordinated Collection Development Aid

Continuing Education

- 61 professional development programs/workshops
- 1,142 librarians and staff members attended training
- Special Interest Groups (SIGs) included Digital Inclusion, Usage Statistics, Comics and Graphic Novels, Digitization, College & University Archivists, and Gaming
- \$2,199 awarded to member libraries for staff professional development

Hospital Library Program

- Medical Circuit Librarian provided library services to three contract hospitals
- Program served eight hospitals in region
- Collaborative purchase of Stat!Ref, Doody's Review Service, and Nursing Reference Center

Cooperative Purchasing

- OCLC's WorldShare Discovery Service was available to all member libraries
- Six libraries participated in Encyclopedia Britannica subscription
- Ten libraries participated in AskUs 24/7 Virtual Reference Collaborative

Cultural Heritage Services

- Five new partners from CLRC's existing and new membership have joined New York Heritage Digital Collections (41 CLRC-area partners overall)
- 17 new CLRC-area digital collections added to New York Heritage Digital Collections (101 CLRC-area digital collections overall)
- 25 CLRC-area partners contributed 6,526 records to the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA)
- 16 archival and/or digital consultation site visits
- Focus group/training session with CLRC members to instruct and get feedback on the Empire Archival Discovery Cooperative (Jun '16)

Member Grants

CLRC awarded \$36,106.50 in Regional Bibliographic Database funds to the following:

- Baldwinsville Public Library, \$5,000 for Digitization of High School Yearbooks 1887-present
- Moon Library, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, \$3,045 for the project, Empire Forester Yearbook Collection
- Fayetteville Free Library, \$2,000 for the project Fayetteville Historic Newspaper Archive
- Dunham Public Library, \$3,000 for Whitesboro Central School, Whitestown Seminary and Notable People of Whitesboro Digitization
- Hamilton College, \$5,536.50 for the Beinecke Lesser Antilles Collection
- Holy Trinity Orthodox Seminary, \$2,000 for the project Retrospective Conversion of Core Russian Orthodox Collection
- Holy Trinity Orthodox Seminary, \$2,000 for Orthodox Russia Online Index
- OCM BOCES School Library System, \$10,000 for the OCM BOCES School Library System Resource Sharing project
- Marcellus Free Library, \$2,500 for Marcellus High School Yearbook Digitization
- Little Falls Public Library, \$1,025 for Little Falls Symphony Orchestra Digitization project

Library Staff All-Star of the Year

The CLRC Library Staff All-Star of the Year for Academic Libraries is **Olivia Tsistinas**. Oliva is the Clinical Outreach Librarian at the **Upstate Medical University Health Sciences Library**. According to a colleague who nominated her, Olivia is "an essential part of Upstate Nursing".

The CLRC Library Staff All-Star of the Year for Public Libraries is **Betsy Kennedy**. Betsy is the Director of the **Cazenovia Public Library** (a member of the Mid York Library System). She is "a wonderful ambassador for the library, the town and the whole county".

The CLRC Library Staff All-Star of the Year for School Libraries is **Julie Olmstead**. Julie is a Library Aide at **Memorial Park Elementary School Library** in Waterville (a member of the Oneida/Herkimer BOCES SLS). Julie "makes coming to the library a joy for students".

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CLRC empowers its members by providing support, programs, and advocacy, resulting in stronger libraries and communities within the region.

Library of the Year

The CLRC Academic Library of the Year is **Upstate Medical University Health Sciences Library**. A user reports, "The Healthy Pet Project including the Baldwinsville Public Library, Fayetteville Public Library, Veterinary Medical Center of Central New York and the CLRC has demonstrated remarkable success. Resources have been brought to public attention and citizens, including children, have learned valuable insights into their own health through workshops that delivered valuable information about pet health."

The CLRC Public Library of the Year is **Cazenovia Public Library**. One of their nominations reads, "Our library is the center of our small community...a typical day sees every available space being used for activities, tutoring, technology assistance and story times. We are incredibly fortunate to have a designated art gallery whose offerings change several times a year as well as a first class small museum. The museum was founded in 1894 and features a 2000 year old mummy as well hundreds of other 'curiosities'. Cazenovians LOVE their library and are very proud of it." Cazenovia Public Library is a member of the Mid York Public Library System.

The CLRC School Library of the Year is **Chittenango High School Library**. A teacher at the school writes, "The legendary game nights, video club, Bibliotech club, bagel Fridays and girls club are just a few examples of extra activities that Mary Klucznik provides to encourage our students interests and personal growth. Mary is committed to creating a welcoming environment where our students are accepted, encouraged and provided with the resources they need to become outstanding students and citizens." Chittenango High School Library is a member of the OCM BOCES SLS.



Our Members

- American Pomeroy Historic Genealogical Association - *Affiliate*
- Arcadis - *Affiliate*
- Bond, Schoeneck & King Library
- Bryant & Stratton College, Liverpool
- Bryant & Stratton College, Syracuse
- Cazenovia College
- Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum - *Heritage*
- CNY Chapter, National Railway Historical Society - *Heritage*
- Clinton Historical Society - *Heritage*
- Colden Corporation - *Affiliate*
- Colgate University
- Community Memorial Hospital
- Crouse Hospital
- Erie Canal Museum - *Affiliate*
- Erieville-Nelson Heritage Society - *Heritage*
- Everson Museum of Art - *Affiliate*
- Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare
- Gaylord Brothers - *Affiliate*
- Hamilton College
- Herkimer College
- Holy Trinity Orthodox Seminary/Foundation of Russian History
- La Casita Cultural Center Community Library - *Heritage*
- Le Moyne College
- Madison-Oneida BOCES School Library System
- Masonic Medical Research Laboratory
- Mid-York Library System
- Mohawk Valley Community College
- Morrisville State College
- Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute
- O'Brien & Gere, Inc - *Affiliate*
- Oneida Castle Village Historian - *Heritage*
- Oneida Healthcare
- Oneida/Herkimer BOCES School Library System
- Onondaga Community College
- Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES School Library System
- Onondaga County Public Library System
- Oriskany Museum - *Heritage*
- Patricia Lynn Cross Trust (Gage Institute) - *Affiliate*
- Renssen Steuben Historical Society
- Rome Memorial Hospital
- Saint Marianne Cope Shrine and Museum - *Affiliate*
- School of Information Studies, Syracuse University - *Affiliate*
- Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities - *Affiliate*
- Skaneateles Historical Society - *Heritage*
- Solvay-Geddes Historical Society - *Heritage*
- St. Elizabeth Medical Center
- St. Elizabeth College of Nursing
- St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center
- SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry
- SUNY Polytechnic Institute
- Supreme Court Law Library
- Syracuse Polish Community - *Heritage*
- SRC, Inc., EHA Library
- Syracuse University College of Law
- Syracuse University Libraries
- Tromptown Historical Society - *Heritage*
- Upstate Medical University Health Sciences Library
- Utica College
- Utica School of Commerce Library
- Wisdom Thinkers Network - *Heritage*



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