The 2017/2018 fiscal year has been an exciting one as I embarked on my first full year as the Executive Director of CLRC. We have seen a few changes and overcome a few challenges to make way for the success of the organization and for our members.

First, we welcome Rebecca Kluberdaiz to the team as our new Continuing Education and Emerging Technologies Librarian. Rebecca joined us from NYC and quickly filled the schedule with intriguing continuing education opportunities. This past year we have seen remarkable attendance at all of our workshops. The board also approved the creation of a Finance and Administrative Coordinator position filled by Fran Dingle. Within a few short months Fran has established policies and procedures to benefit both our office and our members.

We are happy to have created some additional programs to better assist both individual members and member libraries. The council has established a “New Initiatives Grant,” which provides funds for projects that are new to the library industry. We are looking for creative ideas that break new ground in our field. We are also offering “Webinars At Your Library” where CLRC will fund a viewing party at your library if you provide the venue and audience.

I’d like to acknowledge the amazing staff of CLRC for guiding me through my first year and making me feel so welcome. I would also like to thank all the volunteers on our Board of Trustees and all of our committees for your dedication and hard work to make CLRC the valued organization that it is to our members.

-Marc Wildman, CLRC Executive Director
Advocacy, Grants, & Communication

Advocacy Efforts
- CLRC hosted the annual Legislative Breakfasts in early December at La Casita Cultural Center and at the Kirkland Town Library where 83 librarians, staff, trustees, and Friends had an opportunity to “speed date” their legislators.
- 48 library supporters came on the chartered bus and met 17 legislators in Albany for NYLA Advocacy Day; a total of 51 representatives from the CLRC region called for increased funding
- 120 volunteers covered 356 hours over 13 days at the New York Libraries’ exhibit booth at the 2017 New York State Fair

Grants Awarded
- $4,433 was awarded to member libraries for staff professional development
- $10,563 was awarded to member libraries for New Initiatives

Communications with members
- 36,499 visits to the CLRC website by 16,984 users
- 76 targeted MailChimp announcements and 242 listserv messages

Member Grants & Awards
CLRC awarded $42,383.50 in Regional Bibliographic Database funds to the following:
- New Woodstock Free Library: $750 to digitize works of art by a local artist
- Mid York Library System: $3,815 to perform retrospective conversion for Prospect Free Library’s catalog records
- Oneida Public Library: $1,620 to digitize Oneida High School yearbooks
- Ilion Free Public Library: $4,160 to digitize Ilion High School yearbooks
- SUNY Polytechnic Institute: $5,500 to create metadata for multimedia content from the Refugees Starting Over Project: $1,310 to digitize the SUNY Poly student newspaper archive
- Jervis Public Library: $4,560 to digitize drawings by John Jervis, a prominent nineteenth-century civil engineer
- Liverpool Public Library: $2,520 to digitize Liverpool Central School District yearbooks
- Sculpture Space: $1,586 to digitize materials related to activities of resident artists and alumni; $1,222 to perform a metadata crosswalk that will enable materials from their Antoinette project to be included in NY Heritage
- Fayetteville Free Library: $2,000 to digitize issues of the Fayetteville Eagle Bulletin from 1995-2000
- Manlius Library: $3,200 to digitize additional materials for their Village of Manlius Collection
- SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry: $2,600 to digitize SUNY ESF’s Cranberry Lake campus yearbooks, dating from 1935-1940
- Dunham Public Library: $1,500 to digitize Dunham Public Library board minutes, going back to 1926
- Holy Trinity Orthodox Seminary: $2,000 to perform retrospective conversion of their remaining physical catalog records
- Skaneateles Historical Society, Museum at the Creamery: $3,000 to create metadata for digitized photographs for inclusion in NY Heritage
- Little Falls Public Library: $1,000 to digitize Little Falls High School yearbooks

2018 Library Awards:
- Public Library of the Year: Baldwinsville Public Library
- School Library of the Year: Herkimer Elementary School Library Media Center
- Academic Library of the Year: SUNY Upstate University Health Sciences Library
- Public Library Staff All-Star: Anne Debraggio, Director at Kirkland Town Library
- School Library Staff All-Star: Tina Nabinger, Teacher Librarian at East Syracuse-Minoa Elementary School
- Academic Library Staff All-Star: Abigail Smith, Senior Assistant Librarian at SUNY Upstate Medical University Health Science Library

Core Services

Resource Sharing
- Member libraries loaned 64,993 items and borrowed 56,065 items through OCLC and Disci
- CLRC subsidized delivery costs of 2,716 items sent via UPS CampusShip delivery
- Medical Information Services Program awarded $9,156 to member libraries to support medical resource sharing
- Member academic libraries awarded a total of $128,385 in Coordinated Collection Development Aid

Continuing Education
- 27 professional development programs/workshops were offered
- 401 librarians and staff members attended training
- Special Interest Groups (SIGs) include Digital Inclusion, Usage Statistics, Comics and Graphic Novels, and Gaming

Hospital Library Program
- CLRC’s Medical Circuit Librarian provided library services to 3 contract hospitals
- 303 reference inquiries answered and 615 resources provided
- Provides Doody’s Review Service to member hospitals; provides Nursing Reference Center and AccessMedicine
- CLRC subsidized databases and support materials for hospitals in the amount of $27,724

Cooperative Purchasing
- OCLC’s WorldShare Discovery Service and WorldShare ILL is available to member libraries
- 10 libraries participated in AskUs 24/7 Virtual Reference Collaborative

Cultural Heritage Services
- Two new CLRC contributors have joined New York Heritage Digital Collections (Episcopal Diocese of Central New York and SUNY Polytechnic Institute), bringing the total to 47 contributors from the CLRC region
- 18 new CLRC-area collections were added to New York Heritage Digital Collections, bringing the total to 121 collections from our region; new items were added to numerous existing collections
- 33 CLRC institutions contributed 13,483 records to the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) as of September 2018
- 17 site visits for digitization or archival consultations with members
- Begun offering in-house digitization services through the CLRC DigLab

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