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NYLA’s Government Information Roundtable congratulates Rosemary! This year’s Mildred Lowe Award Winner is Rosemary LaSala of St. John’s University’s Rittenberg Law Library.

Rosemary has been at the Rittenberg Law Library for fifteen years of which the past ten have been in the Government Documents area of the Library. As the position was vacant, Library Director Linda M. Ryan, promoted Rosemary to the Government Documents technician position to ensure that the government documents were received, shelved, and maintained according to GPO guidelines.

She has worked arduously with the Director of Technical Services, Joseph P. Hinger, to ensure that everything is cataloged correctly, and that all de-selected items are properly removed.

With the assistance of several part time workers and technical services staff, Rosemary took this job on with speed, ease, comfort, and joy and has brought the US Document Collection up to standard; everything is cataloged and maintained accordingly.

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The New York Library Association Government Information Roundtable (NYLA/GIRT) is seeking nominations for the Notable New York Document Award. This award honors government agencies that have produced notable documents distributed through the New York State Documents Depository Program. We need your help in identifying nominees. Categories to look for include reference publications, informational documents, and notable agency efforts (need not be limited to a specific document).

Is the document useful, informative, logically and attractively presented, innovative? These and other qualities can be considered in choosing nominees.

Additional information about the award, including previous winners, can be found on the NYLA web site at http://www.nyla.org/index.php?page_id=201.

A nomination form may be printed off the web, or requested from Mary Redmond via email or at (518) 474-5957, and must be submitted by November 18, 2008.

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From late September through November, the I Love New York web site is posting weekly online fall foliage color reports. Narrative reports and color-coded maps at http://fallgetaways.iloveny.com/foliage.aspx help focus in on the areas of peak color.

For those who could use guidance on the types of trees responsible for the show, the Leaf Guide http://www.iloveny.com/SeasonsInNY/LeafGuide.aspx includes pictures of some of the different types of foliage throughout New York State.

A Feast for the Eyes
Beautiful color plates of New York State indigenous and naturalized plants originally published in John Torrey's A Flora of the State of New-York, 1843 are now available online at the State Library's website.

Or if your taste runs to the animal world, check out James E. De Kay's companion Zoology volume with its illustrations of birds, mammals, and mollusks, and crustaceans.

For more information on the State Library's Digital Historical Documents collection, including direct links to each of the documents, go to http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/scandocs/

Disaster Preparedness
Learn how to protect your pets and other animals with an online training class presented by the University at Albany School of Public Health's Center for Public Health Preparedness. The course addresses such issues as the types of disasters that can affect animals, why it is important to plan for animals, the work of State and County Animal Response Teams, and the Incident Command System.

The Center's mission is to "improve the capacity of public health workforce in the states of New York and Vermont to respond to current and emerging public health threats with a focus on bioterrorism and infectious disease handouts". Among the Center's other online classes which are freely open to the public are Zoonosis, diseases that can be transmitted from animals to humans, Preparedness and Public Health, Your Family Disaster Plan, and Personal Preparedness.

For more information, visit the e-Learning Center at http://www.ualbanycphp.org/learning/default.cfm

NYS Library CD Wins "Notable Document" Honors


The CD is one of only 13 documents selected for this honor in the state and local category.

The papers of Sir William Johnson, British Superintendent of Indian Affairs from 1755 to 1774 in New York, were originally published in 14 print volumes between 1921 and 1965. The papers can also be found online, as part of the New York State Library's digital collections, at http://purl.org/net/nyslib/nysdocs/423659.

The CD includes some additional material, as well as a search engine, not part of the online collection.

Treasurer’s Report  by Robert Dowd

Our current treasury balance of $1,884.38 attests to the frugal nature of the board. Last year’s conference programming relied exclusively upon NYLA-supplied A/V and supporting equipment that was hauled to Buffalo by presenters.

We are again thankful to LexisNexis for funding the Mildred Lowe award. An honorarium is given for “significant contribution to government documents librarianship” and is much appreciated by each year’s recipient!

According to the NYLA membership directory, last fall we had 46 dues-paying GIRT members. This fall the count is down to 39 dues-paying members. There are several former members who we know to be retirees. Some colleagues have evidently declined to renew with us. It is interesting to note that two GIRT board members are librarians not presently working in libraries, yet each of them sustains a high degree of interest in the profession.

Please encourage those whose job is not exclusively “documents” to consider GIRT in addition to basic NYLA membership. There is a lot of good information to be had from government publications, and the Government Information Roundtable is a great place to network with like-minded colleagues.

Call for nominations

GIRT seeks nominations for Vice President, Program Chair, to serve as VP during 2009 followed by President in 2010 and Past-President in 2011.

2007/2008 GIRT Officers

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