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# NY3Rs NEWS

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## NY 3Rs Association, Inc. Elects Officers

Members of NY3Rs, Inc. elected new officers at the October 20, 2004 meeting held at the New York Library Association Conference in Rochester, NY. Jean Sheviak, Executive Director of the Capital District Library Council, located in Albany, NY, was elected Chair. Michael McLane, Executive Director of the Central New York Library Resources Council located in Syracuse NY, was elected Vice-Chair and Treasurer. Jean Currie, Executive Director of the South Central 3Rs Council located in Ithaca, NY, was elected Secretary. Each officer will serve a two-year term. Gail M. Staines, Ph.D., Executive Director of the Western NY Library Resources Council located in Buffalo, NY, completed her two-year term as Chair of the NY3Rs.

Prior to her appointment as Executive Director of CDLC, Jean Sheviak held several positions at the Schaffer Library, Union College. She also served at the Folsom Library, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Jean is very active in the New York Library Association where she has held several positions within the Academic and Special Libraries Sec-

tion, including serving as President of ASLS. She has been a member of the American Library Association since 1978 and a member of the Eastern New York Chapter of ACRL since 1981. In addition, she was inducted into the Beta Phi Mu national library honor society and has been a member of the Special Libraries Association. She has given numerous presentations on the topics of academic policy and library automation. Jean holds an MA in Library Science from Northern Illinois University, and both a BA in History and an MS in Social Studies Education from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Michael McLane has served as Executive Director of the Central NY Library Resources Council since 2000. Prior to this position, Mike was Dean of Libraries and Instructional Resources at Salisbury State University in Salisbury, Maryland, Director of Libraries and Learning Resources at SUNY/Oswego, and Director of the Library at Herkimer Community College. Mike has a wide-range of experience in college and commu-

nity organizations including serving on curriculum committees, college president's and provost's advisory councils, distance learning projects, faculty associations, and other committees. Additionally, Mike has served on the Microwave Task Force and the Irish Club. (You will need to ask Mike about these). Mike has been a member of the American Library Association since 1991 and a member of NYLA since 2000. He is a member of the ENY/ACRL Board of Directors, the Central NY Bill of Rights Defense Coalition Steering Committee, and the ACRL Government Relations Committee. Within the past few years, Mike has presented on the topics of civil liberties, information literacy, the changing role of academic libraries and recruitment of college librarians. Mike has been inducted into the Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, the Pi Gamma Mu National Social Science Honor Society, and is listed in *Who's Who in the East*. Mike holds a BS in History/Political Science from Le Moyne College, and both an MS in Higher Education Administration and MLS from Syracuse University.

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## NY 3Rs Association, Inc.

The NY 3Rs has incorporated! The official name of the corporation is the NY 3Rs Association, Inc. and its purposes include improving library services in New York, increasing cooperation and resource sharing among libraries and library systems, supporting improved economic development, health care, and information technology through librar-

ies in New York, increasing awareness of reference and research library resources systems, and providing professional support for the effective operation of the state's reference and research library resources systems.

The incorporation took place last year, and was approved by the New York State Board of Regents.

The NY 3Rs has received 501(c)3 status from the Internal Revenue Service. Now that the NY 3Rs has a corporate identity, it can apply for grants and other forms of support for statewide projects. It can also negotiate and execute contracts, and handle funds in its own name.

John Hammond  
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## NY3R's and Digitization

Google's recent announcement that they intend to digitize the collections of several research libraries put the issue of digitization on the national news pages. However, most of New York's Three R's organizations have been working with their members on digitization for several years. Their activities consist of professional development training, planning, and providing web space to house local special collections.

Below are activities of the several 3R's. These and others are explained in greater detail on their respective websites.

- The **Central New York Library Resources Council** uses various grants to provide funding for digitizing and web access to many of their members collections. Collections listed on their website include a Civil War Collection from Hamilton College Library's collection and a local history photographic collection from the Liverpool Public Library.
- The **Long Island Libraries Resource Council** created a Regional Digitization Task Force to develop standards and guidelines

to facilitate digitization and establish guidelines for metadata, imaging, selection of materials, and collection policies. They currently have a Digitization Pilot Project, entitled Long Island Memories, on their website that includes material from more than fifteen member libraries.

- The **Metropolitan New York Library Council** has held two symposia, a venter showcase, and regularly sponsors professional development classes on digitization. Recently they formed a region-wide Digitization Committee to plan for increased cooperative work in this area. METRO's website is currently being revamped to illustrate some of their work in digitization, which will include workgroups on standardization and links to local collections. In 2005, under grants administered by METRO, a number of libraries will begin work on digitizing specific collections related to the history and cultural heritage of New York City and Westchester County.

- The **Northern New York Library Network** approved a regional Digitization Plan last Fall. In their plan they plan to hold at least four classes on digitization annually and provide onsite technical assistance to members. They have already initiated a region-wide image database and have scanned over 100,000 pages of historical newspapers.
- The **Southeastern New York Library Resources Council** coordinates the Hudson Valley Heritage Digital Initiative. The HVH website includes sections on best practices, their regional assessment and digitization plans, and various collections and links to member library collections, including Images of Early Vassar (College), which consists of materials relating to the early history of Vassar College, from its founding in 1861 to the early years of the 20th century.

For more information on the above or information on the digitization work of your local 3R's organization, consult their website.

Tim Johnson  
METRO

### NY3Rs Officers, Continued

Jean Currie, Executive Director of the South Central 3Rs Council in Ithaca, originally hails from New Zealand. She has served as the Executive Director of the South Central Regional Library Council since 1994 and as Assistant Director from 1989-1994. Jean also held positions at Cornell University, Washington

University in St. Louis, University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, Canada, the University of New South Wales in Australia, and Massey University in New Zealand. Jean has been a member of both the American Library Association and NYLA since 1979, and a member of the Special Libraries Associa-

tion since 1984. She has served on several boards of area historical societies and a Founding Member of IthacaNet, Inc. Jean has been involved in librarianship from typed catalog cards to virtual systems.

Gail Staines  
WNYLRC

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### Do you CE?

- Do you attend workshops to learn new skills and concepts? Do you plan meetings and events to help other library employees learn new skills and concepts? If so, remember to look at the New York State 3Rs New York Library Continuing Education Calendar, linked from the NY3Rs Continuing Education page [www.ny3rs.org/conted.html](http://www.ny3rs.org/conted.html).
- To add events to the calendar, contact your local 3Rs Council office.

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