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FY16 State Library Administrative Agencies Survey Results



"The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) has [released the latest report](#) on the State Library Administrative Agencies (SLAA) Survey. The [biennial survey](#), conducted in FY 2016, assesses the condition of SLAAs in all 50 states and the District of Columbia." Click [here](#) to read the rest of the press release.

2018 Teen Video Challenge



Know any creative VT teens aged 13-18?

A Note from the State Librarian

Hello from the Vermont Department of Libraries (VTLIB)!

During this season of giving thanks and looking forward to the New Year, I would like to update the Vermont library community on the many changes happening at VTLIB. We are in an exciting time of rebuilding and planning for the future, and I am eager to share this update with you.

As you may know, VTLIB has gone through systemic changes over the past few years, including funding cuts, staff departures, and a strategic restructuring—all while working to keep VTLIB vital and relevant.

This year, VTLIB hired several new staff members, and I've been working with them to develop a new vision and service philosophy. We face competing priorities, and the limitations imposed by our reduced funding and staffing demand a fresh take on our programs. Our shared vision is to provide leadership for library services in Vermont, help libraries of all types in VT better serve their communities, and meet the goals of our funders. This is part of our mission to realize the Governor's priorities of growing the Vermont economy, making Vermont a more affordable place to live, and protecting vulnerable populations.

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ATTN: State Employees

Encourage them to participate in the
2018 VT Teen Video Challenge!

Teens are asked to make a 30-90
second video promoting libraries and
the 2018 summer reading theme
"Libraries Rock!"

The winner(s) of the challenge will
receive **\$100** and their sponsoring
public library will receive a prize as
well.

For more information, visit our website:

<http://libraries.vermont.gov/2018tvc>

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Welcome to the new section of our newsletter that is just for you, State Employees! Each month I will feature a service or information resource available to you from the Department of Libraries. This month, our feature is our newspaper collection. Currently VTLIB has a subscription to nearly all of the local newspapers published in Vermont. Do you know of an article published in a local news source about your department? Or an employee quoted in a newspaper? If you know that there was coverage of your department in a local news source and you do not have a subscription, contact April Shaw at April.Shaw@vermont.gov and she will scan the article as a PDF for you. The Department of Libraries is here for all your information needs and is happy to help!

CLOVER Corner



Congratulations libraries of Vermont! Clover has officially passed the 20,000 interlibrary loan requests made mark! Since the launch of Clover on August 1st of this year, libraries around the state have been linking in their catalogs, lending, borrowing, and learning all about this new system. Here are a couple of statistics for the end of the year:

- Number of requests (at time of article submission): 20812
- Number of catalogs linked: 115

Thank you to everyone who has provided feedback about this new system! Please keep any suggestions, ideas, problems, and anomalies coming. They all help with making sure Clover runs as smoothly as possible.

If you are using Clover and are not currently on the VTLIB ILL listserv, you can contact Lara Keenan (Lara.Keenan@vermont.gov) to subscribe to LibILL.

Updates and reminders about Clover are sent out weekly (or biweekly) on this listserv, as well as great conversations between interlibrary loan librarians around the state.

If you have any questions about Clover, please contact April Shaw (April.Shaw@vermont.gov).

2017 Trustees and Friends Conference a Success!



Over 100 library trustees, friends, and staff attended the annual Trustees and Friends Conference held November 4th at Champlain College in Burlington. This year, VTLIB and VLA planned a "Foundational Year" focusing on reconnecting with the fundamental roles and responsibilities of trustees and friends.

Materials and handouts from the conference are located on the VTLIB website:
<http://libraries.vermont.gov/VLTFC2017>.

Have questions or want to follow-up on something discussed at the Conference? Reach out to Lara Keenan, Statewide Consultant for Governance and Management: lara.keenan@vermont.gov; 802-828-2734.

Bringing Resources to Light

This month's episode:
Culinary Arts Collection
(<http://www.vtonlinelib.org/persona.php>) and click on



Do cookbooks fly off the shelves at your library? Are patrons interested in the localvore movement? Are you a secret foodie yourself? If so, be sure to check out the *Culinary Arts Collection*.

You can look up the stevia leaf to find recent, accurate research on this new sweetener (a wild herb from South America). A search for "localvore" brings up an article about the Brattleboro Food Co-op. Do you know what jicama is or what it's used for? A keyword search reveals articles about prebiotics and use of jicama by restaurants in creative slaws.

With a quick search in the *Culinary Arts Collection* database, you can show your patrons yet another way their library provides more than they might expect!

Surprise your patrons by telling them about the *Culinary Arts Collection* - available for free from your library through Vermont Online Library!

(con't.) A Note from the State Librarian

First, the vision, as articulated in our Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Five-Year Plan: The Vermont Department of Libraries will support Vermont libraries' ability to become hubs of lifelong learning, offering free, universal, and convenient access that will improve quality of life and strengthen our communities. Our services will help grow the Vermont economy, reinforce and support various approaches to literacy, and make library services more accessible to vulnerable and underserved populations.

VTLIB works to meet the goals we set with our federal funders (through the LSTA plan), the goals we set with the Governor and Legislature (our state funders), and the needs expressed by all types of libraries in Vermont (public, school, academic, and special) and the patrons of those libraries. This wide

range of goals requires us to juggle competing priorities while also working to help our funders understand the important work we and all of you do for every citizen in Vermont.

Second, I would like to talk about the people who make this happen: the VTLIB staff. We have recently welcomed Jason Broughton aboard as Assistant State Librarian for Library Advancement. Jason leads our Library Advancement Division.

Jason's Library Advancement colleagues are also all new in 2017: Lara Keenan is Library Consultant for Governance and Management, Vin Livoti is Library Consultant for Special Populations and head of the Special Services Unit, and Cass Mabbott is Youth Services Consultant. Jason, Lara, Vin, and Cass are your subject specialists for consulting.

Our Professional Development and Small Library Consultant position is currently vacant: This position will revitalize the Continuing Education program for all types of libraries in Vermont and coordinate its implementation. This person will also provide additional consultation services to libraries in partnership with Lara, Vin, and Cass.

In our Information and Access Division, Tom McMurdo is Assistant State Librarian for Information and Access. Tom acts as leader and coordinator for the Information and Access consultants and support staff.

April Shaw is Head of Interlibrary Loan and Government Services Librarian. April is available to answer your questions about CLOVER and interlibrary loan.

Information Technology Consultant - Vacant: This position will act as primary consultant for VERSO (the library management system), the State Data Coordinator, as well as, a consultant on IT issues for all types of libraries in Vermont.

In addition to these consultants, VTLIB has numerous staff who support the work of the consultants and myself, manage grants, do interlibrary loan work, and much more. In many ways, they are the backbone of the organization.

Some of our current projects:

- Leverage state agency and department partnerships for better usage of state

- resources;
- Securing funding for upcoming years;
- Moving VTLIB: By July 1st, 2018, all of VTLIB - including the staff, books, materials, and offices in Montpelier and Berlin - will need to be packed up and moved to our new location in the VT Historical Society building in Barre. This challenging task will take a great deal of planning between now and July;
- Statewide Courier System for interlibrary loans - securing a vendor, negotiating a contract, and implementing that program for all types of libraries in Vermont;
- VERSO Transition - for libraries in Vermont who are moving over to this new library management system;
- CLOVER Transition - continued transition activities around the new interlibrary loan system;
- Onboarding new staff - continuing to form our new team, hiring the remaining 2 vacancies, and setting priorities for the next year;
- Redesigning the Continuing Education and Library Certification program to ensure libraries have robust and relevant options for trustees and staff;
- Continued refinement of our consultation method and philosophy.

Future Projects:

- Re-evaluating State Standards for Libraries
- Emergency Preparedness for Libraries
- Modifying State Statistics for Public Libraries

I hope this update gives insight in the exciting future for VTLIB and the challenges we face as we look eagerly towards that future. I am working hard to make sure that all our funders understand how essential libraries of all shapes and sizes are to the citizens of Vermont. My focus remains on VTLIB as a strong, sustainable presence in state government so that we can continue to be here to support your essential work.

I wish all of you a joyful holiday season and happy New Year!

-Scott Murphy, State Librarian

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