



Library Development

LSTA FY2008 Projects with Abstracts and Contact Information

FY2008 Library Services and Technology Act Projects

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Brooklyn Public Library SCP	08-0054	<p><i>Everyone Serves Seniors (ESS)</i> will offer staff training for Brooklyn Public Library employees. These workshops will be designed to increase library employees' knowledge about the needs of older adults, and this knowledge can then be used to improve library services for older adults.</p> <p>Jo Ann Radioli (718) 236-1760 x148</p>	\$30,000
Broome-Tioga BOCES SLS AEC	08-0021	<p><i>Regional Resource Sharing</i> will improve services to teachers, students, and the general public by updating and maintaining SCOOLES CAT, a regional web-based catalog that also allows patrons to search NOVELNY. This project will provide access to high-quality information resources, encourage the school community to look for resources outside their school's collection, and increase Interlibrary Loan (ILL) activity and patron satisfaction with ILL.</p> <p>Kathryn Bertrand (607) 766-3730</p>	\$5,000
Buffalo and Erie County Public Library System	08-0055	<p><i>Database Direct</i> will train students in grades 4 through 8 in how to use NOVELNY databases. As a result of this training, students will</p>	\$15,000

AEC		<p>learn how to access high-quality information resources and develop research skills that will help them perform better throughout their education.</p> <p>Mary Jean Jakubowski (716) 858-7190</p>	
Capital District Library Council AEC	08-0022	<p><i>Don't Be Afraid! Hands-on Digitization</i> will provide training to staff members of member libraries interested in digitizing a portion of their library materials. Training participants will have an increased knowledge of digitization processes and procedures which they can then incorporate into their library's activities and provide patrons with better access to materials.</p> <p>Susan D'Entremont (518) 438-2500</p>	\$17,500
Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES SLS AEC	08-0008	<p><i>SCOOOLS Catalog Improvement</i> will improve services, especially ILL services, to library catalog users within the School Library System by maintaining a union catalog for all libraries within the system. This improvement in the catalog will result in an increase in ILL activity and patrons will report greater satisfaction with the ILL program.</p> <p>Ann Voorhees (315) 253-3183</p>	\$5,000
Central New York Library Resources Council (CLRC) SI	08-0056	<p><i>Training for Tomorrow</i> will fund equipment upgrades to CLRC's training facility and enable CLRC to host various training opportunities for library staff. CLRC will also work with the South Central Regional Library Council (SCRLC) on a Focus on Leadership Workshop, a collection development conference, and a digitization training program. As a result of these training opportunities, library staff will have confidence in the skills that they have learned and use those skills in their work environment.</p>	\$17,500

		Nancy J. Howe (315) 446-5446	
Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System SCP	08-0038	<i>Libraries: A Teen Destination</i> will provide library staff with the tools necessary to strengthen library services for young adults. As a result of the offered workshops, library staff will be able to offer improved services for young adults. Camille Guinnane (716) 484-7135 x250	\$10,000
Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System (CEFLS) SI	08-0039	<i>Connect, Click, and Listen</i> will make over 1,200 downloadable e-audiobooks available to residents of the CEFLS on a pilot basis, and also purchase MP3 players for patrons with no or slow Internet connection. The intent of this project is to expand audiobook delivery services to the geographically isolated areas served by CEFLS and meet the demand for downloadable media. Julie Wever (518) 563-5190	\$10,000
Clinton-Essex-Warren-Washington BOCES SLS AEC	08-0040	<i>SLS 2.0</i> funds will be used to create a new School Library System website that takes advantage of blogs, wikis, RSS feeds, and web casts in order to increase communication between librarians. Training workshops will be held to educate librarians about this technology and how to use it in their own libraries. As a result, librarians will rely less on paper correspondence in favor of electronic correspondence. Jennifer Henry (518) 561-0100 x361	\$5,000
Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES SLS	08-0014	<i>Building Confidence in Open-source Applications</i> will increase school library media specialists' confidence in using the School Library System's open-source software and union catalog. One staff member	\$5,000

AEC		<p>will receive SUSE Linux certification training, and will then train Library Media Specialists and library staff in open-source library software that can be used in their library.</p> <p>John P. Brock (607) 335-1371</p>	
Dutchess BOCES SLS AEC	08-0041	<p><i>Destination Communication: The SLS and Web 2.0</i> will improve the School Library System's web presence with the creation of a new School Library System website using Web 2.0 technologies. The system will offer training in Web 2.0 technologies to all Library Media Specialists and library staff with the intention that they will use the new technologies to encourage communication and information sharing.</p> <p>Rebecca L. Gerald (845) 486-4840 x3061</p>	\$5,000
Eastern Suffolk BOCES SLS SI	08-0042	<p><i>Workshops That Rock</i> will provide member libraries with professional development workshops covering best practices in 21st century librarianship. Topics covered by these workshops will include federated searching, communication technology such as blogs and wikis, and marketing library media programs.</p> <p>Gail Barraco (631) 286-0891</p>	\$5,000
Erie 2-Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES (LEA) SI Collaborative project with Buffalo City SLS; Cattaraugus-	08-0043	<p><i>Linking Libraries and Learning Speaker Series</i> is a collaborative workshop series that will provide Library Media Specialists and teachers with literacy promotion training for all School Library Systems involved in the project. Cooperation and communication between member libraries, Library Media Specialists and teachers will be increased as a result of planning this workshop series.</p> <p>Susan M. Bartle (716) 672-4371 x2022</p>	\$30,000

Allegany- Erie-Wyoming SLS; -Erie 1 SLS; Orleans-Niagara SLS			
Finger Lakes Library System SCP	08-0009	<p><i>Making Connections: Libraries Serving the 50+ Population in Their Communities</i> will assist member libraries as well as community agencies to better serve the older adult population through training workshops. The workshops will inform attendees on how to establish partnerships between libraries and agencies that serve older adults, skills and passions of a healthier older adult population, and new trends in providing services to older adults.</p> <p>Marisa Iacobucci (607) 273-4074 x26</p>	\$10,000
Four County Library System (4CLS) SI	08-0057	<p><i>Delivery Service Improvement Project</i> will upgrade 4CLS's delivery service with the purchase of a delivery van. 4CLS and Broome County Public Library have increased resource sharing by allowing patrons to request materials delivery to any member library. This van is necessary to accommodate an expected increase in ILL borrowing as a result of this recent improvement.</p> <p>Paul Golaszewski (607) 723-8236 x304</p>	\$10,000
Franklin-Essex-Hamilton BOCES SLS AEC	08-0003	<p><i>OPALS Opens Access</i> will improve the OPALS library automation system by adding new programming to enhance the system and make it easier for library staff to manage library resources. Training will also be provided for one School Library System staff member to attend a Linux/Red Hat course which will improve technical support staff skills with Linux/Red Hat. It is expected that students and staff will have better access to library resources as a result of this OPALS</p>	\$5,000

		upgrade. Donna M. Hanus (518) 483-1697	
Genesee Valley SLS (LEA) SI Collaborative project with Monroe #1 BOCES SLS; Monroe #2-Orleans BOCES SLS	08-0044	<i>School Library 2.0 Symposium</i> will be a regional institute focusing on emerging technologies and how School Library System members can take a leadership role in applying these emerging technologies in the school community. Speakers from the 2006 <i>School Library Journal</i> Library Leadership Summit will provide institute attendees with best practices examples and specific implementation recommendations as well as information about emerging technologies. Christopher Harris (585) 344-7942	\$15,000
Jefferson-Lewis-Hamilton-Herkimer BOCES SLS SI	08-0023	<i>Reaching Reluctant Readers</i> will educate teachers, Library Media Specialist, school library staff, and administrators about how to reach reluctant readers with two events featuring speakers with experience in reaching reluctant readers. Event attendees will also receive support materials to help them implement outreach initiatives to reluctant readers in their school's library. April Bliss (315) 377-7350	\$5,000
Long Island Library Resources Council SI	08-0001	<i>Improving Library Services on Long Island</i> is a multi-part project that involves workshops on implementing digitization programs, recognizing and helping patrons with low health literacy, and libraries and the future. Funds will also be used to purchase equipment for a Web 2.0 Lab and training workshops in the use of the equipment, how to create digital video programs, and how to produce a podcast. Herb Biblo (631) 632-6650	\$17,500

Madison-Oneida BOCES SLS SI	08-0024	<p><i>Seamless Interlibrary Loan Through C.I.D.E.R. Enhancement</i> will ensure accuracy of the C.I.D.E.R. catalog, improving the catalog's search functions, and provide more complete holdings information for all items held by member libraries. These enhancements to the C.I.D.E.R. catalog will make it easier for catalog users to find accurate information, search the catalog easily and more accurately, and increase ILL as a result of the improved catalog.</p> <p>Beatrice E. Angus (315) 361-5660</p>	\$5,000
Metropolitan New York Library Council AEC	08-0025	<p><i>METROcasting: Best Practices in Building Network Communities and How Web 2.0 Help</i> will provide member librarians with tools and resources about emerging communication technologies. A project wiki will be developed on the METRO website to facilitate communication between librarians and share information about new technologies and services. Podcasts and vodcasts will be produced to help librarians learn about emerging technology and best library practices.</p> <p>Dottie Hiebing (212) 228-2320</p>	\$25,000
Mid-Hudson Library System SI	08-0002	<p><i>Building Your Base</i> will generate a list of underserved populations who vote frequently, help member libraries develop marketing and outreach strategies designed for these populations, and develop new services to increase voter use of the library, thus gaining more community support for the library.</p> <p>Merribeth Advocate (845) 471-6060 x54</p>	\$15,000
Mid-York Library System	08-0010	<p><i>Mid-York Portal Project</i> will upgrade Mid-York's website into a portal that combines traditional content such as the system catalog with</p>	\$10,000

AEC		<p>electronic content and services, as well as make use of new ways of communicating with library users. Mid-York staff and librarians will also be trained in using the portal software purchased so they can create and manage content on the portal.</p> <p>Linda Manfredo (315) 735-8331 x237</p>	
Mohawk Valley Library System SI	08-0015	<p><i>Telling Your Library Story</i> will help library directors, trustees and staff learn how to raise awareness of their library's value to the community. A workshop will be held to instruct attendees as to how economic statements can help raise awareness of a library's value, and attendees will create a promotional message that they can then use to support a marketing or outreach campaign.</p> <p>Sue Rokos (518) 355-2010</p>	\$10,000
Monroe County Library System (MCLS) AEC	08-0061	<p><i>Technology Training and Development in Library 2.0</i> is targeted to MCLS staff. MCLS will develop a training module on the MCLS intranet consisting of Library 2.0 exercises and sharing information about wikis, blogs, social bookmarking and photo sharing sites.</p> <p>Jeff Baker (585) 428-8051</p>	\$15,000
Nassau BOCES SLS (NBSLS) AEC	08-0045	<p><i>Podcasting @ NBSLS</i> will be hosting workshops for LMS in how to develop podcasts that can be used as part of school curriculum. The funds from this grant will enable the School Library System to purchase iPods as well as the necessary software for these workshops.</p> <p>Eva Efron (516) 608-6650</p>	\$5,000
Nassau Library	08-0026	<p><i>Member Library Leader and Staff Development</i> will host workshops</p>	\$20,000

System SI		for member library directors and staff about improving customer service and outreach and service to underserved populations such as immigrants, people with learning disabilities, and at-risk youth. Jacquelyn Thresher (516) 292-8920 x220	
New York City School Library System SI	08-0046	<i>Inquiry in School Libraries</i> will host a Summer Inquiry Institute to teach librarian-teacher teams how to integrate inquiry-based instruction and information literacy skills into the classroom. The Information Fluency Continuum and Independent Investigation Method will be used as frameworks used to design inquiry-based projects for use in the classroom. Elizabeth Naylor-Gutierrez (212) 374-0322	\$20,000
The New York Public Library SCP	08-0047	<i>Hispanic Community Outreach</i> will increase awareness of library resources and programming in this population. Branch Libraries will hold library Open House events, provide bilingual basic computing workshops, and cultural performance events. Ismael Alicea (212) 340-0804	\$30,000
Nioga Library System SI	08-0027	<i>Trustee Training 2007</i> will fill a need for library trustee training caused by high trustee turnover in recent years. There will be a workshop series for library trustees about how to govern libraries effectively, and a workshop for library directors about how to work with their library board of trustees. The library system will also establish a resource center for trustees with materials on budget and finance, governance, facility planning, and other topics of interest. Thomas C. Bindeman (716) 434-6167 x14	\$10,000

<p>North Country Library System (NCLS)</p> <p>AEC</p>	08-0007	<p>NCLS will offer training to some library staff on the system's iBistro catalog so they can offer training classes to other library staff on the catalog's features. Also, NCLS will develop a new training room and a new meeting room, as well as purchase new audiovisual equipment.</p> <p>Yvonne Reff (315) 782-5540</p>	\$10,000
<p>Northern New York Library Network</p> <p>AEC</p>	08-0005	<p><i>Resource Sharing Service Improvement: ILLIAD</i> will enable academic libraries to become ILLIAD users and streamline their ILL process. The funds for this project will be used to purchase the servers, associated software and ILLIAD licenses, and ILLIAD training. Once ILLIAD has been implemented at these libraries, it is expected that ILL service will be greatly improved for library users due to more accurate and faster ILL service.</p> <p>John Hammond (315) 265-1119</p>	\$17,500
<p>Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES SLS</p> <p>SI</p>	08-0006	<p><i>Enhancing Library Services</i> will improve library service by updating the union catalog's MARC records thereby improving search results and shortening the wait time for ILL requests. Library service will also be improved by providing a workshop for teachers and librarians to develop a collaborative project that will be used as part of the 2007-2008 class curriculum.</p> <p>Patricia M. Skelly (315) 793-8504</p>	\$5,000
<p>Onondaga County Public Library (OCPL)</p> <p>AEC</p>	08-0028	<p><i>Communication Improvement</i> will improve communication between OCPL staff and member libraries' staff by implementing Microsoft Outlook and creating an OCPL intranet with Microsoft Sharepoint. An intranet will enable staff to share information easily and more</p>	\$15,000

		<p>efficiently and when combined with Outlook will enable staff to work from different locations. Training in both these programs will be offered to OCPL and member libraries' staff so they can use these new tools.</p> <p>Doreen Milcarek (315) 435-1816</p>	
<p>Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES SLS</p> <p>AEC</p>	08-0048	<p><i>Support Student Achievement through Electronic Resources</i> will make librarians, principals, and superintendents aware of the NOVELNY databases, the OURS union catalog, and other electronic resources offered by the School Library System, as well as enhance the union catalog's records for difficult-to-locate materials in biographies, folklore, and other areas. On-site training will be offered in how to use these resources, and School Library System liaison meetings will include information on available electronic resources.</p> <p>Judith Dzikowski (315) 433-2665</p>	\$5,000
<p>Orange-Ulster BOCES SLS</p> <p>AEC</p>	08-0029	<p><i>Keeping Pace With Technology</i> will provide training in Web 2.0 technologies to Library Media Specialist, library support staff, and School Library System staff via a blog or a wiki and a virtual environment training service. A training workshop on how to use new technology will be held, as well as the on-demand virtual training sessions. Conversations on the blog or wiki will be supported by a subscription to Multimedia & Internet @ Schools, a guide on how to use new technology in the classroom.</p> <p>Maxine Kamin (845) 781-4360</p>	\$5,000
<p>Oswego BOCES SLS</p> <p>SI</p>	08-0011	<p><i>Data-Driven Initiative</i> will teach LMS and teachers in low-performing school districts how to read and interpret test data provided by COGNOS and Data Mentor, and use this data to design lessons that</p>	\$5,000

		<p>address identified weaknesses. Library Media Specialists will then partner with a teacher for summer training in collaboration, design a lesson plan that addresses students' weaknesses, and use that lesson plan in the classroom.</p> <p>Marla Yudin (315) 963-4304</p>	
<p>Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES SLS</p> <p>AEC</p>	08-0030	<p><i>SCOOLES CAT-Enhancing Regional Collaboration</i> will merge the current system union catalog into SCOOLES CAT, a regional union catalog that also allows for federated NOVELNY searching. This merge will improve services by allowing for ILL service expansion and increasing NOVELNY usage.</p> <p>Suzanne Feldberg (607) 652-2091</p>	\$5,000
<p>Pioneer Library System (PLS)</p> <p>AEC</p>	08-0012	<p><i>Pioneer 2.0 Improving User Access and Satisfaction via the OWWL Web</i> will redesign PLS's website to make it easier for users to find information and to accommodate Web 2.0 technology. This redesign will increase user satisfaction and make it easier for website users to find the information about the library system and available services that they need.</p> <p>Kimberly Iraci (585) 394-8260</p>	\$10,000
<p>Putnam-Westchester BOCES SLS</p> <p>AEC</p>	08-0031	<p><i>New Skills/New Tools for Today's Library Media Specialists</i> will offer a series of workshops to Library Media Specialists and school library support staff covering Web 2.0 technology, electronic copyright issues, and web resources. These workshops will fill a need for training in these areas in order to prepare Library Media Specialists to integrate technology into libraries.</p> <p>John P. Monahan (914) 248-2392</p>	\$5,000

Queens Borough Public Library (QBPL) SI	08-0032	<p><i>Public Library Administration and Management Program</i> will develop and enhance the public library administration and management skills of QBPL professional librarians. This program involves classes taught by the Palmer School of Library and Information Science which are intended to improve library manager skills and provide better services for library customers.</p> <p>Maureen O'Connor (718) 990-8569</p>	\$30,000
Ramapo Catskill Library System (RCLS) AEC	08-0058	<p><i>RCLS Website 2.0</i> will improve the RCLS and their member libraries' web presence by redesigning the RCLS web site to take advantage of RSS feeds and blogs as well as comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility standards. Training in how to maintain the website will be provided to RCLS staff as well as staff members from each library for which RCLS maintains a web site. In addition, staff members from member libraries will attend information sessions about the new web site.</p> <p>Jerry Kuntz (845) 343-1131 x246</p>	\$15,000
Rochester City School Library System AEC	08-0016	<p><i>Better Collections, Better Records Improve Student Performance</i> will host workshops to educate librarians in cataloging and collection development. Titlewise and the School Library System's library management system will be used to identify collections in need of weeding and title enhancement, and librarians responsible will be expected to attend the workshops and perform necessary collection development duties.</p> <p>Linda L. Cruttenden (585) 262-8733</p>	\$10,000
Rochester Regional Library Council	08-0017	<p><i>Supporting Excellent Service</i> will provide continuing education</p>	\$17,500

<p>(RRLC)</p> <p>SI</p>		<p>workshops for member library staff in management and supervisory skills and summer classes for School Library Media Specialists so they can stay current with trends in librarianship. The workshops will be evaluated by a focus group for effectiveness in order to improve RRLC's continuing education program.</p> <p>Deborah Emerson (585) 223-7570</p>	
<p>Schuyler-Steuben- Chemung-Tioga BOCES SLS</p> <p>AEC</p>	08-0033	<p><i>Virtual Library: From Local to Global</i> will create virtual catalogs for their member libraries after purchasing Web OPAC software, replacing a system where each school library has their own independent catalog. This will allow for effective ILL programs, provide users with remote catalog access, and provide more time for the School Library System's Automation Support Specialists to work with Library Media Specialists to further enhance their catalogs.</p> <p>Stephanie Wilson (607) 281-3199</p>	\$5,000
<p>South Central Regional Library Council (SCRLC)</p> <p>AEC</p>	08-0060	<p><i>Leadership and Collaboration: Improving Library Services</i> will upgrade the laptops in the SCRLC mobile training lab and will provide workshops in collaboration with Central Regional Library Council (CLRC) for member library staff. One workshop series will be on digitization projects and another will be on Web 2.0 technology and what issues those technologies raise for libraries. A collection development conference will also be organized in collaboration with CLRC, which will raise issues about the future of collection development, the move to electronic information, and what information libraries will provide and how.</p> <p>Jean Currie (607) 273-9106</p>	\$17,500
<p>Southeastern New</p>	08-0049	<p><i>Learning Activities Using Historical Materials</i> will provide access to</p>	\$17,500

<p>York Library Resources Council</p> <p>SCP</p>		<p>historical materials and primary sources for classroom use by fourth grade teachers for use with students. A consultant will identify and research a historic topic where primary sources could be incorporated into the classroom activities, select the materials from the HHS archives, and develop learning activities based on New York State Social Studies Standards.</p> <p>Tessa Killian (845) 883-9065 x14</p>	
<p>Southern Adirondack Library System</p> <p>AEC</p>	08-0019	<p><i>Library 2.0: Choices Along the Technology Curve</i> will provide member library staff with workshops on the use of new technologies such as blogs, RSS feeds and wikis. A training blog will provide support and a place for librarians to share feedback and experiences in implementing these technologies in their own libraries.</p> <p>Sarah Hinman (518) 584-7300 x202</p>	\$10,000
<p>Southern Tier Library System</p> <p>SI</p>	08-0034	<p><i>Setting the Stage: Steps to Sufficient Library Funding</i> will fund a workshop series for library trustees, providing education in trustee responsibilities, legal issues, working with a library director, creating a vision for the library, library districts and fundraising. A brochure about these topics will be developed for distribution to new trustees, and quarterly newsletters will reinforce what has been taught in the workshops.</p> <p>Ristiina Wigg (607) 962-3141 x207</p>	\$10,000
<p>Southern Westchester BOCES SLS</p> <p>AEC</p>	08-0036	<p><i>Technology Savvy for School Librarians</i> will provide Library Media Specialists with knowledge of new technology and how to incorporate it into their programs in an appropriate way. This will be done through a series of workshops organized in collaboration with Putnam-Westchester BOCES. The workshops will contain both</p>	\$5,000

		<p>theoretical knowledge of technology and how to apply technology appropriately as well as hands-on training.</p> <p>Francene C. Costello (914) 345-8500 x123</p>	
<p>St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES SLS</p> <p>AEC</p>	08-0013	<p><i>Serving SLS Members Through Open Source Library Automation</i> will provide funding for a new server which will then be used to move library catalogs to OPALS-NA, an open source web-based library automation system. Training will be provided for some library staff members in OPALS-NA management so they can teach their staff, teachers, and students how to use the new catalog.</p> <p>Allison Wheeler (315) 353-6684</p>	\$5,000
<p>Suffolk Cooperative Library System</p> <p>AEC</p>	08-0062	<p><i>Suffolk Historic Newspapers</i> will provide funds to digitize Suffolk County newspapers and make them available through the Suffolk Historic Newspaper Collection. This will improve services to researchers, genealogists, students, and the general public by providing them with greater access to local historic newspapers.</p> <p>David B. Concar (631) 286-1600 x1334</p>	\$20,000
<p>Sullivan County BOCES SLS</p> <p>SCP</p>	08-0035	<p><i>Service Improvement for ESL Students</i> will improve services for this group of students by training school library staff in language development. This training will consist of workshops throughout the school year conducted by a certified Speech Pathologist and a former ESL Program Director.</p> <p>Lynn Miller (845) 292-0246</p>	\$5,000
<p>Syracuse City School Library System</p>	08-0050	<p><i>Understanding Student Data to Improve Instruction in the Library</i></p>	\$10,000

SI		<p>will provide funds for Library Media Specialists to attend the New York Library Association School Library Media Section (NYLA SLMS) conference, where they can learn new skills. They will discuss what they learned at a group meeting as well as share information on the Syracuse City School District Library Media Specialist wiki. Copies of a professional title for the Library Media Specialist literature circle will be purchased, and selected Library Media Specialists will attend Acuity and nyStart workshop. A workshop will also be held for Library Media Specialists, reading specialists, and math specialists in examining Syracuse test data to develop instructional strategies.</p> <p>Michael Puntschenko (315) 435-5840</p>	
Tompkins-Seneca-Tioga BOCES SLS AEC	08-0059	<p>This grant will improve ILL service to teachers, students, and the general public by updating the School Library System's holdings in the regional SCHOOLS CAT catalog. The School Library System will purchase server space for hosting the catalog as well as for merging the union catalog with the catalogs of other school library systems. With this new catalog it will also be possible to search NOVELNY databases within the catalog, so NOVELNY usage should also increase.</p> <p>Jane O'Brien (607) 257-1551 x306</p>	\$5,000
Ulster BOCES SLS AEC	08-0020	<p><i>Online Handbook for Library Media Specialists</i> will develop a handbook for School Library Systems that will be included on the School Library System website and provided to Library Media Specialists. The School Library System will also provide training sessions for Library Media Specialists and library assistants on how to use the online handbook.</p> <p>Danielle Boyea (845) 255-1402 x1230</p>	\$5,000

<p>Upper Hudson Library System</p> <p>SI</p>	08-0051	<p><i>Keeping the Best, Reinventing the Rest: Customer Service in the 21st Century</i> will offer training sessions to member librarians. These sessions will cover topics in customer service to underserved and diverse populations and recent technology trends such as RSS feeds, instant messaging, blogs, wikis, and principles of web design.</p> <p>Jo-Ann Benedetti (518) 437-9880 x225</p>	\$15,000
<p>Washington-Saratoga-Warren-Hamilton-Essex BOCES SLS (LEA)</p> <p>SI</p> <p>Collaborative project with Capital Region BOCES; Questar III SLS; Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery BOCES</p>	08-0053	<p><i>Partners for 21st Century Learning: SLMS and Schools Administrators</i> will work to increase school administration support for school libraries and collaborative teaching to increase student achievement. A School Library Media Specialist workshop covering how to redefine the School Library Media Specialist role in the 21st century, and a workshop for school administrators about what school library media programs can do to build a learning community will be held. A workshop for School Library Media Specialist and school administrators to explore ways to use technology in the classroom and make learning interactive and meaningful for students will also be held.</p> <p>Robin Young (518) 877-6390</p>	\$20,000
<p>Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES SLS</p> <p>SI</p>	08-0052	<p><i>Connection With Students @ Your Library</i> will have a workshop for School Library Media Specialists to learn the technologies that their students are using, such as instant messaging and blogs. Also, another workshop on children's literature and strategies to promote books and reading will be held.</p> <p>Judy Marsh (315) 332-2100</p>	\$5,000
<p>Westchester Library System (WLS)</p>	08-0004	<p><i>Librarian's Best Picks Makeover and Training Initiative</i> will improve the Librarian's Best Picks web pathfinders currently on the WLS web</p>	\$15,000

AEC		<p>site by making links more accessible, improve the look of the web site, and add new technologies such as RSS feeds, e-mail notifications of changes, and search capabilities. WLS will also train member libraries' staff on how to use the new web pathfinders and use that knowledge to help library patrons.</p> <p>Rachel Charny (914) 231-3273</p>	
Western New York Library Resources Council (WNYLRC) SI	08-0037	<p><i>Planning for the Future: Evaluating Regional Resource Sharing</i> will evaluate WNYLRC's resource sharing and host workshops on resource sharing topics such as ILL. A consultant will be hired to evaluate current resource sharing, investigate ILL tools, and recommend resource sharing approaches that fit members' needs and existing tools while taking into account issues surrounding net lenders and net borrowers.</p> <p>Sheryl Knab (716) 633-0705 x121</p>	\$17,500
Yonkers City SLS SI	08-0018	<p>This project will create a handbook for all Library Media Specialists to provide them with information about policies and procedures and help them with their library duties and preparing lesson plans. This handbook is necessary because many Library Media Specialists serve more than one school in the district and there are no telephones in three-fourths of the school libraries, and this handbook will provide answers to common questions and step-by-step instruction when librarians need help.</p> <p>Nancy Keating (914) 376-8181</p>	\$10,000
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