Collaboration Day 2019 was a year of firsts: live training opportunities, a keynote speaker, vendor sponsors, 2-day event, and more. The Desmond Hotel in Albany was a unique, fun venue at which to hold Collaboration Day. A huge thank you to the CNY Community Engagement Committee for all of their hard work! Many thanks to all of the staff who joined us over April 17th and 18th as well - it was wonderful to meet so many of you in person!

Training

New for this year, training opportunities on Sierra Systems Administration and INN-Reach were offered courtesy of Innovative Interfaces, Inc. Both morning and afternoon sessions were well attended and well received by participating staff. Slides from both presentations are available for those who were unable to attend; please email Sarah Probst for access.

Open Textbook Network

Sarah Faye Cohen, Managing Director of the Open Textbook Network (OTN), delivered an inspiring vision for smaller academic institutions in open education. The subsequent Q&A session was very robust and offered a lot of good commentary. Sarah’s full presentation can be viewed here: https://www.slideshare.net/thesheck

Vendor Showcase

Also new for this year, a vendor showcase and reception was held in the evening of April 17th. It was a great opportunity for attendees and vendors to garner valuable information, have productive discussions, and network. Contact information for all vendor reps in attendance can be found at http://www.connectny.org/collabday2019

Many of the activities and opportunities present at this year’s event would not have been possible without our vendor sponsors: Innovative Interfaces, Inc., ProQuest, Adam Matthew Digital, EBSCO, JSTOR, the Rope Center for Public Opinion, RapidILL, and ExLibris.

For those who were unable to attend, you can still view all of the Committee posters, presentations, PollEverywhere results, and more at https://www.connectny.org/collabday2019. Check out #collabday19 on Twitter for some great snapshots of the day!

ELD Update & April Statistics

Please submit your April statistics to ELD no later than May 10. Stats should be submitted through this link: https://tinyurl.com/ELDAprilStats

Maria DeGaetano (admin@esln.org) will now be handling all bag requests as Dennis Mott is retiring at the end of May. Old, dirty, or surplus bags should be sent to: Capital District Library Council, 28 Essex Street, Albany NY 12206 - VYD, Hub: ALB
Beyond Resource Sharing: Collaboration in Action

Collaboration and cooperation are terms I often see used interchangeably, but there is an important, nuanced difference between the two. In some ways, cooperation does not ask as much as collaboration does; cooperation brings us together to exchange information and resources that help support each other’s goals. Cooperation is important, there is little doubt of that, but at the end of the day, the smallest unit of cooperation is still the individual.

Collaboration, on the other hand, unites us in a shared vision and creates something new in support of that vision; the smallest unit of collaboration is the group that is bound by that collective vision. As the articles I shared last month indicated, collaboration is not easy. In exchange for that collective vision and power, we’re asked to give up some of our autonomy - no simple trade that. Collaboration also asks for trust, vulnerability, and respect; it is inherently a messy, imperfect process!

Yet the rewards of successful collaboration are manifold - not least of all the interpersonal relationships built along the way - and while we may prefer easier things, the collective struggle towards our shared vision unites us in ways few other projects can.

- Sarah

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Active projects led by library consortia:

- **CC-PLUS**: Consortia Collaborating on a Platform for Library Usage Statistics
- **Project ReShare**: Open source, community owned and driven, resource sharing platform for libraries

Committee Meetings & Upcoming Events

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Did You Know…?

- **Missed Collaboration Day?** All presentations and handouts are available for download [here](#).
- **ConnectNY will be opening up Committee Applications in late July/ early August.** Think you’d like to serve on a Committee? Read about their charges and work on the [CNY Committees & Working Groups page](#).
- **Have a news item you’d like to share with the CNY Community?** Email [sprobst@connectny.org](mailto:sprobst@connectny.org) by 5/25 to have it included in June’s newsletter.