In 2019, ConnectNY became a founding member of Project ReShare, a community developing a new open-source resource sharing platform. The community developing this is made up of libraries, consortia, software developers, and open-source advocates.

ReShare 1.0 became available in July 2020, and is currently being implemented by a group of libraries in the PALCI consortium this summer. For the past five years, I have been looking for alternatives to INN-Reach for our community. ReShare is the first product that shows promise—and we can have a say in how it is developed! We won’t be tied to a vendor that is not responding to our needs.

With this, CNY is offering an online demonstration of ReShare on September 22nd at 11:00am. The developers from Index Data who are working with the ReShare community will show what is in version 1.0 and talk about the roadmap for the fall, which includes supporting Controlled Digital Lending (CDL).

I hope to see you there!
PHASE 2 began on June 23, 2020. The studies were conducted by applying the virulent SARS-CoV-2 virus on five materials held at standard room temperature and humidity conditions. The materials in Phase 2 testing included the following five items:

- Braille paper pages
- Glossy paper pages
- Magazine pages
- Children’s board book
- Archival folders

PHASE 3 began on July 10, 2020. These studies were conducted by applying the virulent SARS-CoC-2 virus on five materials held at standard room temperature and humidity conditions. The materials in Phase 3 testing included the following five items:

- Talking book/USB cassette
- DVD
- Storage bag (flexible plastic)
- Storage Container (rigid plastic)
- Plexiglass

Results show that after five days of quarantine in an unstacked configuration, the SARS-CoV-2 virus was not detected on the storage bag (flexible plastic) or the DVD. The storage container (rigid plastic), plexiglass, and the USB cassette all showed detectable virus at five days. Day five was the final timepoint tested.

Compared to the results of Test 1 and 2, this data suggests that a slightly longer quarantine time for these types of plastic-based materials may be required to render SARS-CoV-2 undetectable through natural attenuation alone. Alternatively, based on the materials’ nonporous nature, suitable liquid disinfection methods may promote a more rapid decontamination than the quarantine method.

Materials to be studied in Phase 4 (results expected in mid-September) will be tested in stacked configuration:

- DVD/CD case (polypropylene)
- Hardcover book cover (buckram cloth)
- Softcover (trade paperback) book cover
- Plastic protective cover (biaxially oriented polyester film)

"Libraries are places of learning and connection for all ages and backgrounds, so this crisis has challenged us to work creatively to adapt services while our facilities are closed. From bridging the digital divide to addressing learning loss to aiding job seekers and small businesses, we know library services are essential to campus and community recovery and resilience."

— ALA Immediate Past President Wanda Brown
**WATER COOLER chat session**

SEPTEMBER 24 / 11:00AM

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By signing up for this training, you'll gain access to readings and videos in preparation for this 3-hour workshop that will answer your questions, allow you to practice responding to concerns in open education, and connect with other open education advocates across our consortia.

**Registration closes October 7th!**

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