HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year's Day.

- EDITH LOVEJOY PIERCE
Happy New Year! I hope you had a restful winter break. Here at ConnectNY, we are looking forward to new initiatives for 2021: implementing ReShare, hosting online events, providing OER program training, exploring consortial digital repositories, and establishing two new working groups (see the Strategic Plan, 2020–2025 for details). In 2020, the Community Engagement Committee shifted their event planning from a single in-person event to a series of online events. The Committee is looking for ideas for future online events and gatherings, so watch for a survey coming to your inbox to provide feedback!

Our OER Ambassadors have reached out to each library to offer training. They are ready to help you get OER adoption going at your institution when you are! The contract with Index Data to provide implementation, hosting, and professional services for ReShare was signed on January 6, 2021. I will be convening an Implementers Group made up of representatives from each library to begin the implementation process. The Group will initially include a systems contact from each library, and later will also include access services and ILL personnel. Our goal is to be live in mid-August 2021.

The counterpart to implementing ReShare is exiting INN-Reach. The work for this will begin in March 2021 when borrowing and lending will be turned off. I will provide more details on both the ReShare implementation and INN-Reach exit in the near future—watch for a Town Hall invitation!

**RESHARE UPDATE**

Project ReShare hosted a virtual open meeting on Monday, December 14, 2020, to share project updates with interested colleagues. Click to watch the recording:
PARTNERSHIP FOR SHARED BOOK COLLECTIONS

The Partnership is also pleased to welcome the Center for Research Libraries (CRL) and the Virginia’s Academic Library Consortium (VIVA) to the Partnership for Shared Book Collections. This brings the Partnership to over 470 libraries supported by 16 Member Shared Print programs.

A full list of the Participating Libraries from the Partnership Member programs is available HERE:

NEW SUPPORT SERVICES IN 2021:
- Updated missing or damaged claims process and form.
- Tracking program rollout and training.
- Quarterly “office hours” for members to drop in to ask questions or share ideas.

GOOD NEWS!

DAVID ALMODOVAR, Head of Research & Circulation Services at Pace University, has been appointed to the Infrastructure working group of the Partnership for Shared Book Collections. Read more HERE.

ConnectNY’s Member Services Coordinator, JILL TOMINOSKY, MSIS, CA was recently named as one of five members of the Academy of Certified Archivist’s Cultural Competency Task Force - charged with developing Domain 8: Cultural Competency for the ACA Handbook, creating questions for upcoming exams, and promoting awareness of the new domain to prospective examinees.

MEETINGS

COMM ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE
February 16 / 1:00PM

DIGITIZATION COMMITTEE
February 18 / 10:00AM

E-BOOK COMMITTEE
Thursday, January 28 / 3:00PM

OER STEERING COMMITTEE
Friday, January 15 / 2:00PM

SHARED PRINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
TBD / January 2021

UX/METADATA COMMITTEE
Monday, January 18 / 11:00AM

MIDWINTER MEETING & EXHIBITS VIRTUAL

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