
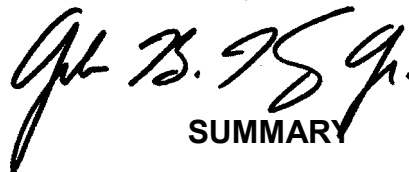




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TO: Cultural Education Committee
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SUBJECT: OCE Partnerships with other USNY Institutions
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SUMMARY

Issue for Discussion

What partnership activities has OCE engaged in to improve and expand partnerships with other USNY institutions?

Reason(s) for Consideration

At the October 2011 Cultural Education Committee meeting, OCE committed to four strategic directions. One of those directions was to improve and expand partnerships with other USNY institutions. OCE leadership would like to report on a sample of activities from the past year that support this strategic direction.

Background Information

- The State Library partnered with more than 1,000 public libraries and branches, schools and community organizations to support, promote and provide resources for children, parents, librarians and other educators in support of Summer Reading at New York Libraries. Over 1.76 million young people participated in Summer 2013.
- The Museum partnered with Hobart and William Smith Colleges to ensure preservation of the Elon Herald Eaton collection of birds.
- All OCE Programs began a formal partnership with the Roberson Museum in Binghamton to share collections, exhibits and public programs.
- The State Library partnered with the Library Trustees Association of New York State in 2013 and began offering a series of webinars in 2013 for library trustees

and staff focused on the roles, duties and responsibilities of library board members.

- The Museum partnered with Binghamton University, SUNY to ensure preservation of an important Binghamton University/Cornell University paleobotany collection.
- The State Library completed the three year \$9.5 million [Broadbandexpress@yourlibrary](#) federal grant project to extend hours, upgrade connectivity, add more than 700 new public access computer workstations, offer teleconferencing services, extend digital literacy services to rural areas through 5 e-mobile vans and also provide access to 24/7 job search resources through libraries, career one-stops and adult education programs in 41 economically distressed upstate New York counties. The project was conducted in partnership with 34 libraries and library systems across the state.
- The State Library partnered with the Friends of the Library and the New York State Writer's Institute to sponsor public programs for authors Russell Shorto and Bill Bryson speaking on their recent publications.
- The State Archives is partnering with the State University College at Plattsburgh on a federally funded grant to establish best practices for managing electronic university records.
- The Library collaborated with the New Netherland Institute to hold a week-long Teacher's Summer Institute at the Museum of the City of New York.
- The Museum partnered with Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art, SUNY New Paltz and Maniotoga- Russel Wright's home in Beacon NY to bring the *Russel Wright: The Nature of Design* exhibition to the Museum galleries in 2013.
- The Museum loaned and facilitated installation of artifacts on September 11, 2013 at the World Trade Center site working with the National September 11 Memorial Museum.
- The Museum partnered with SUNY/University at Albany for the annual archaeological field school for undergraduate students.
- The State Archives, the Archives Partnership Trust and the State Museum's Office of State History, partnered with both the New York State Historical Association and the University at Albany to organize and present two statewide New York history conferences.
- The Museum participated in and coordinated curatorial projects with 26 museums in the state as part the New York State Capitol's Hall of New York.
- The State Archives is partnering with the University at Albany's School of Information Science to provide in depth internships for its students in archival

administration. Interns receive hands-on training in a range of professional activities under the mentorship of Archives staff.

- The State Archives, the Archives Partnership Trust and the State Museum partner with both the New York State Historical Association and the University at Albany to organize and present two statewide New York history conferences each year.
- The Archives Partnership Trust partnered with Chautauqua Institution to present a program on New York in the Civil War with Harold Holzer. We also partnered with the Cooper Union in New York City to present a program on the music of the Civil War with musicians Judy Collins and Dar Williams.