Meet Your Legislator
five-minute interview with
Assemblyman Brian Kolb
129th Assembly District

On April 6, 2009, Assemblyman Kolb was unanimously elected Minority Leader by his colleagues. His district includes the towns of Spafford, Otisco, Tully and Fabius in Onondaga county. He has gained a reputation for hard work, producing results and being very active in his district with a down-to-earth, straight-talking approach.

For more information on sponsored legislation visit:
http://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/Brian-M-Kolb/sponsor/

Assemblyman Kolb spoke to Claire Enkosky, CLRC’s Special Projects Assistant, and answered a few questions about libraries.

► What is your favorite book?
*The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch. It is about the importance of overcoming obstacles, enabling the dreams of others and seizing every moment because you may find one day that you have less than you think.

► What is your favorite aspect about visiting libraries?
Having the opportunity to enjoy so many terrific works of literature! I also appreciate the cultural activities (such as story-time hours) that many libraries regularly sponsor for area families and their children.

► You are known as a supporter of libraries. What led you to this role?
I was fortunate to have wonderful parents (and teachers) that always encouraged me to read and continue learning more about our world.

► Who first introduced you to libraries?
Rita Carrier, one of my favorite teachers at Honeoye Central.

► Librarians must continually advocate for funding. What advice would you give them?
Staying in close, constant contact and keeping the lines of communication open with your elected officials are some of the most effective ways to "make the case" as to why library funding is so important. Also, demonstrating the positive impact that libraries have on local communities is an important reminder for all elected officials!
Upcoming CLRC Events

Register for all CLRC events at: http://www.clrc.org/wrf/

Dropbox: Sharing and Storing Files

Date: Wednesday, July 27, 2011
Time: 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Location: CLRC office
Syracuse, New York

Workshop Description:
Learn how you can store, retrieve, backup, and share files and folders using Dropbox, a file-sharing system that stores files and folders on the Internet.

In this class you will:
- install Dropbox on your desktop
- upload files
- invite others to share and edit your Word, Excel and PowerPoint documents
- invite people to view photographs that you uploaded to Dropbox
- learn why Dropbox is consistently ranked as one of the top ten mobile apps to download

Presenter:
Barbara Moore has owned her business, Net Results, for 15 years and teaches individuals and classes a wide-range of computing skills including Office 2007, Dreamweaver, Windows 7, and social networking tools such as Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.
Barbara is a former librarian having worked for both the University of Rochester Libraries and the Monroe County Library System. For more information about Barbara and her business, see her website at www.netresultsusa.com.

Registration:
This workshop is free for CLRC members. Non-member cost is $12.

Unconference: The Library as Space and Place!

When: Wednesday, September 28, 2011 8:30am to 3:00pm
Where: Best Western (formerly Holiday Inn), Carrier Circle, Syracuse, NY
Cost: $26 (members); $45 (non-members)

What's an Unconference?
An Unconference can be many things, but the defining characteristic is that it’s driven by the participants. In this way, an Unconference is great for sharing knowledge and fleshing out ideas.

Presenters:
You! Participants will spend the morning in "Lightning Talks", each speaking for 5 minutes about any aspect of the theme. You will then divide into "Birds of a Feather" sessions where you will discuss the aspects of the concept that most appeal to you.

While we strongly encourage everyone to speak (if time permits) we do not require this for attendance. We will also scroll a Twitter feed where conference participants can post their thoughts, observations, praise, criticism, etc... So bring your laptops, your tablets, or your smart phones and prepare for a high-energy day!

Information:
For more detailed instructions on how to participate, go to the Unconference website at: http://www.clrc.org/cec/libcamp.php or call the CLRC office at 315-446-5446.

Participants are not required to submit or use visuals, but if they would like to do so, instructions can be
Watch for the new and improved CLRC website featuring an interactive calendar and rotating news items.

The CLRC Advocacy Video contest “Libraries Change Lives” will launch in late summer/early fall. Three categories will be judged...under 13, under 17 and over 18.
Madison-Oneida BOCES Center of Instructional Support Receives a Grant from the Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties

The Madison-Oneida BOCES Center of Instructional Support will be receiving $4,100 to add to their adaptive toy collection. The collection was created in 2004, with a grant from the CNY Community Foundation. The Center is excited to add to the collection and thrilled to have support from another community foundation within its service area.

The Adaptive Toy Collection features a variety of nontraditional toys. They are designed to help special needs students develop essential skills including fine and gross motor, cognitive, visual, and social skills as well as increase their mobility and independence.

The library allows these students and their families access to a variety of toys beyond those that are found in retail settings. In addition, the library facilitates educators’ use of these specialized toys which enrich student learning. The collection is available for loan to Madison-Oneida BOCES Component district staff.

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SUNY Upstate Medical University acquires Community General Hospital

On Thursday, July 8 Upstate Medical University took over ownership and operation of Community General Hospital. It will now be known as Upstate University Hospital at Community General.

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Timelines Trace ESF’s First Century

The 100-year history of the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry is on display in the College’s F. Franklin Moon Library in the form of a timeline produced by the Onondaga Historical Association.

More ESF News

Bonnie Charity, library clerk 3 at F. Franklin Moon Library, received the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Classified Service.

The award is given to University Classified Service staff who have consistently demonstrated superlative performance within and beyond their position.

Congratulations Bonnie!
Member News

For the Fourth Year in a Row, SRC Ranks in Top 10 of Best Companies to Work for in New York

SRC is a not-for-profit research and development company with more than 50 years of experience in defense, environment and intelligence. SRCTec, a subsidiary, offers manufacturing and lifecycle support for complex electronics systems. Together, through innovation in science, technology and information, they are redefining possible – helping keep America safe and strong. SRC works with the customer for the best solution – not the bottom line – resulting in nationally significant, next generation products and services.

This year, the company made it to fifth place on the list of large companies. “SRC remains committed to offering our employees outstanding benefits and programs to sustain a positive, supportive and healthy work environment,” stated Paul Tremont, president of SRC. “We are honored to receive this award for the fourth year in a row, as it is truly a testament to our employees’ dedication, which is essential to our unique culture.”

The company employs more than 1,100 people in 15 offices throughout Colorado, Maine, Maryland, New York, Ohio, Texas and Virginia.

For more information on the Best Companies to Work for in New York awards program, visit www.bestcompaniesNY.com.

Dr. Shannon Magari featured in the July issue of Today’s CNY Woman

Dr. Magari is an occupational and environmental epidemiologist with CLRC affiliate member, Colden Corporation. She is responsible for helping clients identify the causes of workplace illnesses and injuries. She also devotes her time to Engineers Without Borders, a non-profit humanitarian organization established to improve the quality of life in developing countries worldwide.

To read more about Shannon, go to the online article at: http://issuu.com/scotsmanonline/docs/tcnyw_070811/31

Mid-York Library System

eMobile Public Computer Center (PCC)

The eMobile PCC allows for a 15 laptop network to be set up anywhere wireless broadband exists or cellular service is available. It serves the Mid-York member libraries for staff training or to extend the member library’s services to the public.

The eMobile PCC is also available to community organizations supporting digital literacy or employment. This service is available through BTOP, the Broadband Technology Opportunity Program.
News You Can Use

Clinical Research Information Access Program (CIRA)

The New York State Senate approved legislation to establish a clinical information resource access program (CIRA) that will provide information to medical institutions and facilities. The bill (S. 4991) is sponsored by Senator Kemp Hannon, Health Chair, and is intended to remedy the problem of inadequate access to increasingly expensive information resources.

“Patients and their families desire and deserve health care providers to be well-educated in the best and most effective clinical practices available,” said Senator Hannon. “The Clinical Information Resource Access Program provides the mechanism for coordinated acquisition and dissemination of clinical medical information across New York.”

New York state has approximately 200 hospitals, 50 federally qualified health clinics, 700 nursing homes, over 200 colleges and universities training in the medical professions or conducting research, and hundreds of public health departments and agencies. The total workforce for these institutions is nearly 800,000 people. For many, access to up-to-date and reliable health care information is a problem.

This bill has passed the Assembly and will be sent to the Governor.

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Don’t forget to check out the Job Opportunities page on the CLRC website.
http://www.clrc.org/about/employment.php
Hey, you never know!

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Archival Services News

The New York State Archives assists researchers in locating archival records relating to New York in government agencies and in historical records repositories.

Archivists have prepared publications on a variety of research topics. You can review the finding aids, information sheets, and guides by topic... http://www.archives.nysed.gov/a/research/res_topics.shtml or by publications... http://iarchives.nysed.gov/Publications/pubOrderServlet?category=GuidesHistRecs

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CLRC welcomes the Onondaga Historical Association as its newest affiliate member.

Documents pertaining to the history of Syracuse and Onondaga County are available at the Research Center. The reference collection is organized by subject and contains printed material such as newspaper clippings, pamphlets and monographs. There is a photography reference collection that contains thousands of images dating from the mid-19th century to the present.

Visit the OHA website at: http://www.cnyhistory.org/