Center for Folklife, History & Cultural Programs
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New Grants & Income
• Capital District Library Council’s Cataloging Grant $2,500
• New York State Council on the Arts–Folk Arts Program $29,400
• New York State Music Fund $90,000

Special Collections & Archives
• temporary move to Southern Adirondack Library System, Saratoga Springs, staffed Mon–Fri, 9 to 4.
• Erica Burke began work as our new archivist/librarian in April.
• 860 titles added (purchased new or donated) to the Holden Reference Collection.
• Vital Records Index (births, marriages, deaths) onsite through the NYS Health Department & Archives.
• Folk Arts Collections available as traveling displays to SALS member libraries throughout the year.
• preservation & cataloging projects by interns & consultants via NYS Archives and CDLC funds.

Live Music & Storytelling
• Adesso, songs in English & Italian, at exhibit reception in February for World Awareness Museum.
  
• Only the Message Mattered, original songs by Bob Warren in April for the 5th annual awards/Women History Month essay contest, at the Wood Theater, co-sponsored by the American Association of University Women.
  
• storytellers Lale Davidson & Joseph Bruchac in February for the Battenkill Valley Ice Breaker Winter Festival.
  
• storyteller Bairbre McCarthy in June for Adirondack Day at Queensbury Schools.

Lecture Circuit
• Indian Camps & Upstate Tourism by DeGarmo for Queensbury Seniors (April).
• Library’s Renovations by DeGarmo for NYS Folk Arts Roundtable, Syracuse (May).
• Using HeritageQuest & Ancestry.com by Burke for CPL Reference staff (July).
• Panelist’s Advice by DeGarmo for LARAC’s Individual Artist Grant (August).
• Getting Started with Family History by Burke for NYSUT, Lake George (October).
• Folklife Center Research by Burke for Heritage Hunters, Saratoga Springs (November).
• Mining Local Archives, by DeGarmo at the CDCSS conference, Colonie (November).

Kids & Classrooms
• Guess What I Collect training sessions to showcase kids’ own collections in displays at the Library.
  
• Book Boxes travel to classrooms, home schools, etc.: Chinese Cultures, India, Backyards, 1776, Navajo, Slavery, Foodways, Dolls, Japan, Keepsakes & Memories, Migration, Extraordinary Women, Iroquois, Rainforest Cultures.
  
• Kids in Archives a revived program, in partnership with the Children’s Department and the Glens Falls City Schools thru a 21st Century Grant, putting archival collections in kids’ hands to teach local history.

Music Makers: A Fusion of Classical, Folk & Jazz
• L’Ensemble recruited 15 musicians from a variety of genres to perform a 4-part concert series (Sing! Sing! Sing! • Fiddle Fever • Percussion Party • Finale!) for 13 performances in 3 communities attracting over 1,156, and funded by the NYS Music Fund to Folklife Center partnering with SALS and Easton & Long Lake libraries.