

SUNYLA Council Meeting
September 25, 2015
Monroe Community College
Library (building 2), Room 423
10:00am –3:00pm

Attendance: Logan Rath, Michelle Eichelberger, Bill Jones, Rebecca Hyams, Katie DeRusso, Katrina Frazier, Rosanne Humes, Carrie Fishner, Jill Locasio

Virtual Attendance: (waiting for report list)

1. Approval of Minutes from June 3, 2015 meeting. – Approved with corrections to 4.2.3 and attendance

2. Report Recaps

2.1. Officers

2.1.1. President – Rebecca Hyams

- 2.1.1.1. Dates for this year's council meetings are out: 11/13/15 at Cobleskill, 1/29/16 at FIT, 3/11/16 & 6/8/16 at Binghamton. We like attendance in person, so please join us! The meetings are open to everyone, we feed you lunch! Rebecca has been very busy with SCLD – on the strategic plan and RFI review groups (RFI is the next step Library Management System for after Aleph expires in 2020, so we need to be moved off prior). Have also got the new SUNYLA ad hoc Assessment group, a rep from SUNYLA to participate with Open SUNY Center for Online Teaching Excellence (April S.), and also a University Faculty Senate Presidnet Peter Neffer wants a rep from SUNYLA join their group and to look at Librarian status and Distinguished Librarian rank and Chancellor's Awards (Logan R.). Remember that we are open to members serving on and reporting if you have areas of interest on any groups!

- 2.1.1.2. We will be doing another online mid-winter conference this year after the success of last year's, stay tuned

2.1.2. First Vice President – Bill Jones

- 2.1.2.1. Three new delegates have joined; Potsdam is still in need of one. Bill will also attend the next SCLD meeting and participate in the next mid-winter conference.

2.1.3. Second Vice President – Laura Evans

- 2.1.3.1. The conference date is confirmed at Binghamton for June 8-10, 2016. Classroom and residence hall space have already been reserved. A call for volunteers will go out on Monday following this meeting; the report online in the forum has more specific details. They are going to try to be central with the University Library and Union – space in the newer residence halls will cost \$30/double or \$37/single with an additional one time charge of either \$12 or \$13 for linens per person. Rosanne asked Laura to send out a Save the Date with some minor information (this was done following the council meeting). Logan suggested that we add linen price to the room price somehow. It was suggested to look at local businesses (primarily breweries and restaurants to sponsor things for the group). Also, instead of dine around on Thursday, have an optional large group dinner on campus somewhere.

2.1.4. Secretary – Carrie Fishner

- 2.1.4.1. Please let me know if you notice issues on your reported attendance

2.1.5. Treasurer – Greg Bobish

- 2.1.5.1. Nothing to add to what is posted on the forum.

2.2. Committees

2.2.1. Membership Development – Carol Anne Germain

- 2.2.1.1. Report on forum. Lifetime membership was brought up as something the committee may be looking in to. Thoughts are based on age when purchase – 49 and under would be \$350, 50-59 would be \$300, and 60 and over would be \$250. Thoughts? Discussion – what could tax implication be to our revenue? Prices would be approximate for around 10 years. No

refunds if you leave SUNY. Payment plan option? This will be taken back to the committee and they will come up with a more formal proposal.

- 2.2.1.2. There are 125 current active members – Logan stated we should check for duplicates
- 2.2.1.3. Temp Table – Logan explained what this was they need to do periodic clean up on it (back end of membership)
- 2.2.1.4. Paying dues with current conference- what was the way it was stated? Must be member to get rate by is this date (TBD) on the conference forms. Can only pay for next year's dues when registering for the conference.
 - 2.2.2. Personnel Policies – Eugene Harvey
 - 2.2.2.1. No report. Jill stated the salary survey was wrapped in July and that they now need to collate the results. Got more responses than were expected.
 - 2.2.3. Professional Development – Justina Elmore and Katrina Fraser
 - 2.2.3.1. Justina has resigned as chair as she has left SUNY, we wish her well. Katrina needs help with how to set up a virtual meeting. Logan and Bill both have options to do virtual rooms and will help. There has been one Professional Development Grant approved. The next meeting is in two weeks. Carrie M. asked if Professional Development handles mentors. She pointed out that ACRLNY is starting up a mentor program and has 2-3 SUNY mentees signed up, she is concerned that the mentor program information is not easily findable on our website and should have a link. Katherine fixed it while we were talking.
 - 2.2.4. Publications – April Davies
 - 2.2.4.1. Report on forum
 - 2.2.5. TUG – Jill Locasio
 - 2.2.5.1. The committee met at the conference and plans to reassess their goals. They would also like to change the name to Tech Discussion Group, to become an umbrella group for other librarian related tech groups that aren't addressed in other places. The plan is to create a private Facebook group for discussion. Possible initiatives, collaboration, professional development topics. There were some really great ideas and discussion at the meeting.
 - 2.2.6. Web Development – Katherine Brent
 - 2.2.6.1. Nothing to add from what is on the forum. Updating the software for the forums over the weekends, so if it down that is why. Let Katherine know if anything is old or outdated.
 - 2.2.7. WGIL – Logan Rath & Carleen Huxley
 - 2.2.7.1. Report on forum. The list serv has been updated and membership also. OpenSUNY information portal and 3T's are being worked on. April at MCC said maybe for 3T's conference. Considering changing name from WGIL, as they are not so much a working group now. Round table? Open Portal anything other than video/audio files, information literacy focused and library related stuff. Consider a THATcamp.org (The Humanities and Technology) format for the 3T's conference
 - 2.2.8. Archives (ad hoc) – Jennifer Collins
 - 2.2.8.1. Nothing to report because she has not gotten instructions yet. Rosanne said she will have Dan Harms get in touch with Jenny.
 - 2.2.9. Continuing Ed (ad hoc) – Logan Rath
 - 2.2.9.1. Innovative Services Through Technology, Logan stepped down. Nothing is happening now they are re-tooling. CPD is taking leadership. Rebecca will ask at SCLD if anything is being done through them.
 - 2.2.9.2. This started a side conversation on CPD points and how a push to use them needs to come from above. Perhaps from Lisa Raposo. How many and how to use them information.
 - 2.2.10. WGIL SUNY GER Information Management Task Force – Carleen Huxley
 - 2.2.10.1. Letter is still hanging out in faculty senate. Librarians can publish a document (was suggested). No report on forum. Rebecca will approach Peter and ask for a Representative for SUNYLA

- 2.2.11. Assessment (ad hoc) – Michelle Toth
- 2.2.11.1. Report on forum. Be able to report back at SUNYLA annual and maybe have an assessment track during the conference.

2.3. Liaisons

- 2.3.1. FACT2 – Logan Rath
- 2.3.1.1. Meeting was in July, report posted in forum. Nov. 6 – symposium on accessibility in Syracuse. CIT is the last week in May at Potsdam, Logan will post a link. Instruction Support and Excellence in Instruction Award, librarians are eligible for both – need someone else to nominate you. Commons.suny.edu/fact2 Program proposals are due Dec. 5th
- 2.3.2. LACUNY – Kimmy Szeto/Frans Albarillo
- 2.3.2.1. No report
- 2.3.3. SCFC – Rebecca Hyams
- 2.3.3.1. New chair voted in a June meeting. SUNYLA is a non-voting committee member, updating bylaws. There is a list serv for this group. Report on forum.
- 2.3.4. IDS – Bill Jones
- 2.3.4.1. Annual conference had 104 attendees, 2 pre-conference and all user group. Total of 33 conference presentations. Projected membership continues to grow, IDS logic is available to non-member libraries, connects separate library processes. Rulekit.idsproject.org Report on forum. Fall regional user groups coming up, dates and locations on forum. New user group regional chairs also on forum.
- 2.3.5. OLIS – John Schumacher
- 2.3.5.1. Report on the forum
- 2.3.6. UUP – Dan Harms
- 2.3.6.1. Report on the forum
- 2.3.7. METRO 3R's- Jill Locasio
- 2.3.7.1. Joint ALLN/SLN meeting on 10/22 that Jill will attend
- 2.3.8. NYLA – Wendy West
- 2.3.8.1. NYLA conference at Lake Placid Oct. 21-24th. Report on forum.
- 2.3.9. OpenSUNY Taskforce – April Steenburgh
- 2.3.9.1. Noting to report as they haven't met yet. Katie reporting – found a great comprehensive resource, create community of practice involved in instructional design and OER. Working on a group and trying to set up a meeting.
- 2.3.10. SUNY Academic Programs & Awards committee – Logan Rath
- 2.3.10.1. Under new business

3. Old Business

- 3.1. Lanyards
- 3.1.1. 250 left (located in Albany with Wendy). Wendy will send some to Jill. Wendy said we are going to purchase more. Logan moved to allocate \$500 for lanyards for the upcoming year, Bill 2nd, and motion passed.
- 3.2. TUG chair responsibilities
- 3.2.1. Passed at last meeting, we just need to update the manual and director to be up to date. Finish the discussion at the next meeting.
- 3.3. Final report on last year's annual conference – Carrie Marten
- 3.3.1. 1 Vendor and 7 conference registrants not paid yet. Waiting to submit final report until all numbers are in. Ended in the black by at least a few thousand, yay!

4. New Business (including action items from reports)

- 4.1. Change the name of TUG group

- 4.1.1. Change to Technology Discussion Group. The committee needs to write up a bylaws revision, also included piece about chair being required in person at all meetings. Needs an association vote to become final, goes to the council first then to the entire membership. Section 12.4.5 of bylaws
- 4.2. Next Virtual conference, planning
 - 4.2.1. Them, we want to do this again! Data driven analysis, SUSHI, Assessment and Data Infographics. “The Human side of Data” “telling the data story”. Logan brought up the Power of Tuesdays, Put a cap on library workstations, and have a viewing party on campus. Why does the conference only happen once a year when so many want to present? It is a lot of work, opposite the annual. Let’s work on this becoming an annual. Perhaps TDG can pick up some sort of digital meeting/conference/round table every few months as a “mini conference”.
 - 4.2.1.1. Entertain monthly sessions as a member benefit, or bi-monthly as part of TDG. By the next meeting we will have a date. Team Awesome will meet soon to start planning. Email Rosanne or Rebecca if interested in helping or with any suggestions.
- 4.3. Seed money for the next conference
 - 4.3.1. Logan moves to allocate \$5,000 as conference start up. Rosanne 2nd, motion passed. Recommended that Laura talk to manager at local bank, need 501c letter from Greg. Laura will get in touch with Greg to open the account. Make sure we get a debit card with the account.
- 4.4. SUNY Academic Programs & Awards Committee – Logan Rath
 - 4.4.1. SUNY Senate is somewhat concerned about the number of Chancellor’s awards awarded to Librarians. Why are we not nominating librarians? Eligibility is 3 years within the last 5. Logan asks us to think about it, any ideas on how to publicize? Announcement to campus? Committee on campus who are unaware or purposefully excluding librarians? Can librarians be nominated by an outside department? Get the word out that anyone can nominate according to SUNY guidelines. Send out nomination announcements through the list serv also. There is discussion of dropping down from 1 nomination per 7000FTE to 1 per 5000FTE (this allows a minimum of 1 nomination per campus even if your FTE is below the standard).
 - 4.4.2. Distinguished Librarian – similar concerns. From Associate to Full to Distinguished is the route. Logan will talk with Marianne Hebert. There is something within the requirements that make this prohibitive for many of the librarians, we think it was something about international recognition. There is also a concern that many are in non-professional UUP lines. We need to get clarification on the community college aspect here also. This may move to a new ad hoc group to continue this discussion. Logan will be sending out a survey and/or taking information from the salary survey to get more understanding. There will be a call out to people who may be interested in the conversation.

Campus Updates

Adirondack (Joyce Miller)

Kay Hafner has joined the SUNY Adirondack Library staff as a part-time reference librarian.

Greer Hamilton is the new library specialist, covering the circulation desk evenings and weekends.

A descendant of Glens Falls founder Abraham Wing has donated a collection of family documents to the SUNY Adirondack Library. Some of the Wing Collection papers date back to 1717. The donation was arranged through Paul McCarty, the historian who coordinates the library's local history collection, the Hill Collection. Paul said that future plans call for the documents to be digitized and made available to the public. Details are available on The Chronicle newspaper's website: [Wing Heir Gives Trove to ACC](#).

Reference and Instruction Librarian Joyce Miller participated in a birding trip to Northern Arizona in June. She wrote an article about the adventure, entitled "Her quest to see California condors in the Grand Canyon,"

published in the July 21 issue of the The Chronicle newspaper of Glens Falls.

Genesee (Michelle Eichelberger)

This will look familiar when you see the Newsletter. :-)

The Alfred C. O'Connell Library has hired a new part-time circulation clerk, Marisa Covert, replacing previous part-time clerk Amy Westfall, who became our new full-time Sr. Library Clerk.

Librarians Nicki Lerczak and Cindy Hagelberger participated in the college's bi-annual club fair on Tuesday, September 15, in order to support their New Age Circle Club and Literary Club, respectively.

Librarian Michelle Eichelberger and her co-author Bonnie Imler's article "How do I send an Email?": Technology Challenges for First-Year Students in the College Library" has been published in volume 33, issue 3 of Library Hi-Tech. Michelle was also promoted to Associate Professor, effective September 1.

Librarians Michelle Eichelberger, Cindy Francis, Cindy Hagelberger, Nicki Lerczak, are all serving on committees responsible for preparing materials for the college's upcoming Middle States Commission of Higher Education (MSCHE) Accreditation Self-Study. Library Director Nina Warren is chairing the Standard 1: Mission and Goals committee, and is a member of the Steering Committee.

Erie CC (Matthew Best)

The ECC libraries welcome new part-time College Librarians Justin Cronise, Maria Lowe, and David Odem. Justin joined the ECC North Campus library staff in September 2015. In October 2014, Maria joined the ECC City Campus library staff and David joined the South Campus library staff.

We also welcome new Senior Library Clerks Tina Doud and Karen Bailey. Karen is serving as a circulation clerk at the ECC City Campus. Tina serves as the City Campus cataloging clerk. They joined the staff in September 2015.

In addition to new hires, new department chairs were selected for two of the ECC libraries at the end of the 2015 Spring Semester. Senior College Librarian Matthew Best is the new chair at ECC North Campus. Senior College Librarian Taheera Shaheed-Sonubi is the new chair at ECC South Campus.

The ECC libraries congratulate librarian Professor Katherine Hill on receiving emeritus status during the college's September 2015 Opening Day ceremonies. Katherine retired from her position at the ECC North Campus library in 2014. We wish her continued success and happiness in her retirement.

Maritime (Rebecca Hyams)

Since my last update we've had a lot of changes in our Library. We had a few staff departures, a bit of hiring, and one staff member from another department transfer into ours.

On the new (or not-so-new) faces front, we hired Jannette D'Esposito as our new Part-time daytime Librarian. Jannette has been a long-time intern and volunteer in our library and we're pleased to have her officially join our staff. We are also in the process of hiring an additional Part-time librarian to fill another existing part-time vacancy.

In August, our campus Instructional Designer, officially moved into the Library department at the end of July. He was previously housed in our Global Business and Transportation (GBAT) department. Ian is currently in the final phases of migrating our faculty from Angel to Blackboard and oversees the LMS platforms for the entire campus.

Apart from all of the staff changes we've been super busy undertaking several projects to improve services for the Maritime community. Within a very short window we implemented Springshare's E-Reserves module, which now allows us to make course readings available digitally. As part of that process we upgraded LibGuides to CMS so we could take advantage of the LTI integration with Blackboard and several other features.

We started a massive weeding of our Government Documents and Periodicals collections, and plan on looking much more closely at several of our other collections over the coming months. We're also working on reevaluating many of our policies and procedures to make the library more user-focused.

College of Ceramics at Alfred (Eva Sclipa)

Following up on our news from last time, the Scholes Library is pleased to announce that repairs and renovations after the spring's basement flood are proceeding. The computer classroom space, which was too small, enclosed, and outdated for our needs, has been transformed into an open workspace. The new space is more flexible in terms of function, and features a wall covered in whiteboard paint, transforming the entire surface into a work area.

Additionally, the Harry Potter's World event series mentioned in our previous update is in full swing! The series began with an opening reception on September 1st—not coincidentally the first day of school at Hogwarts!—but a smaller group of incoming students got to kick things off early with a Horcrux Scavenger Hunt in August.

As part of the Harry Potter's World exhibit, our Hogwarts U. lecture series has also taken off, with attendance exceeding our room limitations at almost all events! Thus far, our lectures have included a Potions class ("What If Magic Were Real?"), two Herbology lessons ("Counteracting Spells Using Classic Chinese Herbal Formulas" and "Herbology 101: How to Identify Plants"), and a Muggle Studies Lecture exploring the social science and psychology of Harry Potter in the muggle world. Seven more lectures and demonstrations are upcoming, including a live owl demonstration this Thursday, the 24th.

The Harry Potter's World series isn't all work and no play, though—students, faculty, staff, and community members have gathered together at a well-attended Harry Potter Trivia Night and a movie showing. Finally, community institutions outside of the university have joined in, including the Box of Books public library and the local farmers market, which hosted a Hogsmeade Market day this past Sunday.

More updates to come as the series progresses!

Stony Brook (Jennifer DeVito)

Stony Brook University Libraries is hosting a free symposium to celebrate Open Access Week. Open Access, Open Data, Open Minds features visionary ideas and inspirational speakers. It combines the 9th Prelec Lecture on excellence in healthcare informatics with dynamic leaders from influential open access initiatives, and includes panel discussions of the value and meaning of open access and open data for academics, researchers and librarians.

When: Thursday, October 22

Where: Stony Brook University, Wang Center
100 Nicolls Road, Stony Brook, NY 11794

Learn More: <http://library.stonybrook.edu/oa-prelec-2015/>

Register Now! <http://library.stonybrook.edu/oa-prelec-2015/registration/>

RSVP by Thursday, October 8

New Library Faculty

Kathleen Kasten, Senior Assistant Librarian

Head of Humanities and Social Sciences

Collection Strategy and Management, Subject Specialist for French Language and Literature and Russian Studies

Jamie Saragossi

Health Sciences Collection Development and Outreach Librarian, Health Sciences Library

Publications

Kenefick, C., & DeVito, J. A. (2015). Five realities of hospital library mergers. *Journal of Hospital Librarianship*, 15(3). <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/15323269.2015.1049093>

Lyon JA, Kuntz GM, Edwards ME, Butson LC, Auten B. The Lived Experience and Training Needs of Librarians Serving at the Clinical Point-of-Care. *Medical Reference Services Quarterly* 2015; 34(3): 311-333. <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/02763869.2015.1052693>

Presentations

Michael B. Huang, Health Sciences Librarian and Coordinator of Global Library Initiatives, was invited to present "Changing Roles of Academic Libraries and Librarians" at Shandong University, Jinan, China, Guangxi University of Science and Technology, Liuzhou, China, and Shanghai University of Finance and Economics Zhejiang College, Jinhua, China in April this year.

Special Collections and University Archives

Learn about the university's one-of-kind library collections and university history on Special Collections and University Archives' new Instagram account. Pictured here are crew team members in 1962, rowing in Port Jefferson Harbor. Crew was founded in 1960 at the State University College on Long Island in Oyster Bay, the university's first campus. Photographs will be added on a regular basis, including historic campus scenes and student life, rare books, manuscripts, and more, so please follow us at https://instagram.com/sbu_specarch.

Potsdam (Marianne Hebert)

New hire: As of September 1st, Jessica Ramey has joined our Information Literacy Team. Jessica is recent graduate of Bowling Green State University in Ohio.

Vacancies and Searches: We still have three librarian vacancies and the continued campus hiring freeze leaves us very short staffed. The search for a Metadata librarian is on hold while we wait for approval revamp and re-advertise the position.

Renovations: We suffered again with a summer disrupted by noise dust and confusion. The payoff was a new instruction class on the 2nd floor, renovated Reference and research study spaces on the first floor, and a new Center for Creative Instruction (faculty development center). A new Center for Applied Learning is still under construction in spaces formerly home to our old BI classroom and the old faculty development center.

We aren't sure who our SUNYLA delegate is, so I'm just reporting, cuz I have time today.

Purchase (Carrie Marten)

The Purchase College Library sponsored and hosted a reading/talk by acclaimed writer Lydia Davis, on September 24. Ms. Davis is the author of one novel and seven story collections. Her collection *Varieties of*

Disturbance was a finalist for the 2007 National Book Award. She is the recipient of a 2003 MacArthur Genius Fellowship, was named a Chevalier of the Order of Arts and Letters by the French government for her fiction and translations in 1999, and won both an American Academy of Arts and Letters Award of Merit medal and the Man Booker International Prize in 2013.

Susanne Markgren, Digital Services Librarian, did a panel session on E-book Collection Development: Formalizing a Policy and Streamlining Acquisitions at the NASIG 30th Annual Conference: Building the Digital Future. Washington, D.C. May 28, 2015. She also presented Writing and Publishing for the Profession: Finding Your Muse and Fighting Your Resistance as a pre-conference workshop for the 2015 SUNYLA Conference: The Art of Librarianship, at Purchase College, SUNY, on June 3, 2015.

Purchase College Library and Purchase College hosted the 2015 SUNYLA Conference on June 3rd, 4th and 5th. We wanted to extend our thanks to everyone who helped with planning and execution of the event, sponsored the conference, manned a vendor table, gave a workshop or presentation, moderated a session, presented a poster, or simply attended. Everyone's participation contributed to the wonderful success of the conference. Thanks!

An open house will be held at the Purchase College Library on September 30th from 4 to 10 pm. We have extended a special invitation to all first-year students, but will include anyone who wants to participate. The open house will include seven stations scattered around the Library. Each station will showcase one of the Library's many collections or services. At each station, students will learn about that collection or service and complete a fun, hands-on activity in order to earn a stamp in their 'passport'. For details, visit the LibGuide here: <http://purchase.libguides.com/openhouse>

Cobleskill (April Davies)

Don LaPlant, our new Instructional Design Librarian, started a couple of weeks ago. Don comes to us from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Katherine Brent was recently granted Continuing Appointment and promoted to Associate Librarian. She will be travelling to Atlanta for the annual Access Services Conference where she will present an examination of the influence of weather on circulation traffic.

April Davies is NOT doing another stint as SUNYLA President, but she is the new chair of the Publications Committee.

SUNY Cobleskill was unanimously chosen to host the 2016 SUNY Undergraduate Research Showcase! An exact date hasn't been set as yet but SURC 2016 will come to town sometime in April.

We will also be hosting the Nov. 13 SUNYLA Council meeting. You can learn more about what's happening at Cobleskill in the Library's Fall Newsletter (<http://www.cobleskill.edu/library/docs/fall2015.pdf>).

Oswego (Michelle Bishop)

Since spring 2015, Penfield Library's strategic plan, the Library of Tomorrow, has been taking shape. Feedback from department chairs, program chairs, staff, and students was used to inform the planning process and is reflected in the final plan. Resulting individual library unit goals are also closely aligned with the SUNY Oswego campus strategic plan. The following themes are the primary focus of the library's new plan.

- Enhance information resources and learning technologies, and assist with their use.
- Improve sharing of, and access to, our unique Special Collections archives, including college history artifacts.
- Equip students with critical literacies for lifelong learning.

- Improve promotion of our resources and services.

Streaming Media

The campus now has access to streaming media through two new library subscriptions to Kanopy Streaming and Docuseek 2. Initial faculty feedback has been positive. To learn more contact Deborah Curry, Coordinator of Collection Development/Acquisitions (deborah.curry@oswego.edu).

Second 3D Printer

The library added a second 3D printer to our technology offerings. The new Flashforge Creator Pro allows printing with two colors. The Flashforge and our original Makerbot Replicator 2 are both available to the campus and wider Oswego community. For more information contact Sharona Ginsberg, Learning Technologies Librarian (sharona.ginsberg@oswego.edu).

Personnel News

Sharona Ginsberg is our new Learning Technologies Librarian. In June, she assumed responsibility for multimedia instruction which includes the library's 3D printers, multimedia workshops, and more. Sharona is a 2015 Library Journal Mover & Shaker—a recognition she received for establishing an online community which addresses the need for diversity in the Maker movement. Sharona is a graduate of the University of Michigan's School of Information.

Mike Paxton is Penfield's new Resource Sharing Librarian. Mike arrived in August bringing prior interlibrary loan experience from his time at Indiana University. Most recently, he also supervised the Interlibrary Loan & Document Delivery department at the University of Washington in Seattle. Mike is a graduate of Indiana University's School of Library and Information Science.

Meghin Roberts joined Penfield Library in August as a part-time reference librarian. She is a graduate of Syracuse University's School of Information Studies.

We also welcomed new Evening Student Manager, Paula Fredette and wished Student Assistant Manager, Carrie Izzo, a happy retirement.

Niagara CC (Karen Ferington)

Mary Beth Morse, Circulation Librarian, was granted tenure and was also promoted to Assistant Professor. She also attended the ACRL Conference in Portland, Oregon.

Jeanne Tuohey, Reference Librarian, is collaborating with area high school librarians in an outreach effort to help ease the transition for students from high school to college. She is also serving on the Faculty Association Board of Directors for our faculty union.

Karen Ferington, Catalog/Media Librarian, served on the World War II 70th Anniversary Commemoration Committee, helped with library resources for the Film Festival, and volunteered for many events held during the semester-long celebration in Spring 2015.

Lillian Passanese, Librarian and Coordinator of the Faculty Resource Center, retired in April 2015.

We are pleased to welcome two new part-time reference librarians, Jennifer Santomauro and Rose Ann Heilemann, to NCCC this fall.

The Buffalo-based architectural firm of Foit-Albert Associates has been selected to design, plan and engineer the college's new Learning Commons. Work should begin in Spring 2016 so it will be a very exciting year.

Albany (Rebecca Nous)

New Interim Dean and Director of Libraries

The University at Albany Libraries is pleased to announce that Rebecca L. Mugridge has accepted a two-year appointment as Interim Dean and Director of Libraries. Ms. Mugridge joined the University at Albany in January 2013, as Associate Director for Technical Services and Library Systems. She previously held positions at the Pennsylvania State University, Yale University, Robert Morris University, and the University of Pittsburgh. You can find her welcome to the Libraries at <http://library.albany.edu/welcome/>

Metaliteracy Badges

Here at the University Libraries we have been developing a Metaliteracy Badging System, and this year we continue to offer digital badges that recognize our students' mastery of metaliteracy competencies. A digital badge is a hyperlinked credential that signifies an accomplishment or achievement. Students progress through a series of metacognitive activities that require careful reflection, and these culminate in a top level badge that may be shared on digital resumes or portfolios. Instructors from a variety of disciplines have been assigning the badging exercises or "quests" to their students, and there are currently 34 sections participating. Visit metaliteracybadges.org to check it out!

Open Access Week Event – October 20, 10 am – 2 pm

The University Libraries will be celebrating Open Access Week with an event in the Science Library's Standish Room from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20th.

Speakers for the event will be Dr. P.D. Magnus and Paul Rapp, Esq. Dr. Magnus is a member of the Philosophy faculty at the University at Albany and is also the author of forall x, an open access introductory textbook on formal logic. Rapp is an attorney who specializes in intellectual property law. In addition to his role as an adjunct professor at Albany Law School, Rapp writes about issues related to copyright for his blog, Rapp on This, which is featured on the website of Metroland, a weekly newspaper in the Capital District.

The event is free and open to the public. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP if you plan to attend

(https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1LIIOQ8KRy8_cOIdvGez4CCIHrIkhNjl4235511tzxVw/viewform#start=openform).

Morrisville (Adam Saunders)

Library Space

The space at the Morrisville library has been changing as we make improvements and additions to our front entrance and study areas. The front entrance of the library has always been a point of contention among students and faculty, as it did not allow for easy traffic flow through the space. The main issue was that we had a single gate counter which was set up as an exit, which meant traffic had to be funneled through two points in order to get accurate counts. Removal of the gate allowed for traffic to flow with ease while entering or exiting the library. Our people counter was replaced by two ceiling mounted sensors operating through a cloud based system. The response to these changes has been overwhelmingly positive from students and faculty. One concern we had with removing our gate was that it also acted as a security system. Now with the front entrance open there is little we can do to stop materials from walking out. Therefore during the course of the fall semester we will be conducting a study to assess the walking rate of materials. We will be using our Sheila Johnson collection on the first floor as these are some of the higher circulated materials.

In addition to this we shifted some of our back periodicals and removed 700 linear feet of shelving from the first floor to make room for a new group study and computer space. On the second floor in our quiet study zone we have ordered several new Agati POD workstations that will occupy one of our more sun soaked corners of the library and give our students a new option for single study.

Circulation Services

The circulation desk under the guidance of our new Circulation Coordinator Elizabeth Marcella has added charging cables to the list of lending materials. We now provide cables to cover most requested devices including student issued Lenovo YOGA and T430 laptops, Apple devices with Lightning and 30 pin connections, and a mini USB charger for Android phones and other devices. We have also updated the lending policy for our very successful iPad lending program. iPads for this program having been lending as overnight loans, due to the frequency of loans we decided it would be in our best interest to increase the loan period to 1 week.

Library Art Exhibit

The Morrisville library usually always has an art exhibit on display, and the start of the fall semester was no different. Between August 1st and September 20th the library hosted the works of Gerard H. Gaskin's photography. The exhibit titles "Legendary" features striking portraits of African American and Latino members of urban house and ballroom communities. Cast out by their biological parents, these "children" form support networks of makeshift families to redefine their sense of self-worth and their own systems of social rewards. On Thursday, September 10th Mr. Gaskin attended a reception at the library showcasing his works.

Library Marketing

We have been pushing for new methods of marketing library resources in order to reach a greater percentage of the student body. Working with Kelly Gardner Williamson in public relations we have turned to social media and will be posting major library events on the campus Facebook account and have set up a library Instagram account which all librarians have access to. Through the Instagram account we will be posting images of library gallery exhibits, displays, new materials, and random daily and weekly highlights. There have also been new and creative methods of marketing that developed over the summer. Olivia Cronn, our library secretary, has offered to publish a monthly library newsletter to be posted in bathrooms. This fun newsletter contains highlights on library events, new resources, helpful tips and fun facts.

The librarians and library staff also had a bit of fun at the end of the summer during Welcome Weekend as students moved into the dorms. A lemonade stand was set up just outside the library entrance, run by our librarians and staff Angela Rhodes, Laura Ryan, Adam Saunders, Olivia Cronn, and Marilyn Cook. This extremely well received event allowed us to interact with incoming students in a less formal setting while still providing them with information on what the library offers in terms of services and resources. We also provided a large map of the campus for direction questions, samples from our new book shelves, copies of Welcome Weekend schedules, library contact information, and some fruits and cookies provided by public relations.

Blackboard Integration

This summer also consisted of a push for more library integration onto the Blackboard Course Management System. The inclusion of Curriculum Builder, a system adopted across SUNY, while be a means to not only give faculty a simple option of adding articles to their course pages from our databases, but will also play a role in the beginnings of phasing out our current electronic reserve system in favor of Blackboard. Over the course of the summer we also developed a top level library tab on Blackboard, giving students direct access to online library resources on the course management system. There were several modules created for this tab: a general library information module with contact information and hours, an EDS search module with links to an advanced search page and course reserves, a Libguide module with a dropdown menu for all our subject and course guides, an online library chat module, and several other search boxes for Google, a dictionary, and thesaurus. We have also advocated that faculty can take any of the modules and to add them to their own course pages, granting even easier access to library resources.

Brockport (Logan Rath)

On July 16, Brockport welcomed its seventh president, Dr. Heidi R. Macpherson. Dr. Macpherson joins Brockport from the University of Wisconsin at LaCross. We have also just recently completed a search for our

Online and Hybrid Learning Librarian. Mia Breitkopf will be joining the Drake Memorial Library on October 26th. Retirements over the summer included librarian Greg Toth, and Library Clerk 2 Diane Hoy. This summer, Logan Rath published one article (“Collaborating Around Critical Multiliteracies: A Formula for Success”) and contributed to the edited book, *Metaliteracy in Practice* (eds. Jacobson and Mackey) with a faculty member in the department of Education and Human Development. Wendy Prince and Pam O’Sullivan were awarded a \$3000 grant from the ALA and National Endowment for the Humanities entitled “Latino Americans: 500 Years of History.” For this upcoming year, selected projects include beautification improvements on the Main Floor of the library, expanding offerings from our Makerspace.