

## SUNYLA Council Meeting

March 13, 2015

SUNY Purchase

Library

10:00am –3:00pm

In Attendance: Rosanne Humes (NCC), Bill Jones (Geneseo IDS), Rebecca Hyams (Maritime), Susanne Markgren (Purchase), April Davies (Cobleskill), Carrie Fishner (Delhi), Carrie Marten (Purchase), Dan Harms (Cortland), Jason Kaloudis (Old Westbury), Anne Deutsch (New Paltz)  
Virtually Attending: Jen Kegler (Brockport), Michelle Bishop (Oswego), Mary Timmons (MonroeCC), Katherine Brent (Cobleskill), Michelle Costello (Geneseo), Jennifer DeVito (Stony Brook), Sarah Levy (Rockland), Jennifer Collins (Delhi), Sara Parme (Fredonia), Violet Price (Downstate), Carleen Huxley (Jefferson), Jane Verosteck (ESF), Rebecca Nous (Albany), Wendy West (Albany), Jill Locascio (OPT), Logan Rath (Brockport), Marla Gruner (Ulster), Emma Antobam-Ntekudzi (Old Westbury), Eugene Harvey (Buffalo State), Louise Charbonneau (MVCC), Joleen McInnis (New Paltz), Justina Elmore (Geneseo), Karen Ferington (Niagara CC), Susanna Van Sant (TC3), Michelle Eichelberger (Genesee), Adam Saunders (Morrisville)

1. Approval of Minutes from November 14, 2014 and January 23, 2015 meetings.

i. Approved

2. Report Recaps

a. Officers

i. President – Rosanne Humes

1. SUNYLA's Midwinter Online Conference

SUNYLA's Midwinter Online Conference was an over the top success – but I will let Bill Jones give the report on the conference. I just want to thank the committee:

Michelle Eichelberger, SUNYGenesee; Bill Jones, SUNY Geneseo; Rebecca Hyams, SUNY Maritime; Jill Locascio, SUNY Optometry; Lyndsie Robinson, SUNY Oneonta; Rosanne Humes, SUNY NCC

SCLD meeting

Rebecca and I are registered to attend the SCLD meeting on April 15-17. It will be held at the Otsego Hotel in Cooperstown.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

June 3, 2015 Purchase (during the SUNYLA conference)

2. Executive page on SUNYLA, Rosanne and Rebecca will start adding dates of terms. No email went out for archives ad hoc committee chair, put it into the newsletter first.

ii. First Vice President – Rebecca Hyams

1. It's that time of year again! Time for the Nomination Committee to seek nominations for 1st Vice President/President-Elect, 2nd Vice President/Conference Chair and Treasurer. Any member current with their dues is eligible to run for a position. I'll be sending out a call for nominations on the listserv in the next few days and I'm hoping to have a good slate this year! Elections are typically in April.

The position terms are:

1st VP/President-Elect serves for 3 years (1 as VP, 1 as President, and 1 as Past-President)

2nd VP/Conference Chair serves for 1 year (and should be at the site hosting the conference)

Treasurer serves for 2 years

In other areas, I took a look through the delegate list again. There are a few folks who identified themselves as delegates but are not actually members of SUNYLA, so I plan on reaching out to them and asking them to get their membership in. (At least two campuses don't have delegates, but we do have contact information for people in their libraries in lieu of delegates.)

There is also one campus off the top of my head where a delegate left since the last time I checked my list. (If this sounds like your campus, please contact me so we can talk about getting a new delegate elected.)

2. Chair of nominations committee is part of job, and currently seeking nominations for 1<sup>st</sup> VP, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, and Treasurer. 1 nomination for treasurer already. Email Rebecca if you have one to nominate or if you have questions. Going back through the delegate list to make sure it's up to date. One campus just had their delegate leave so they need to do a new election for delegate.
  3. Rosanne mentioned that there is no site for the conference next year, which means likely no 2<sup>nd</sup> VP nomination as they generally go together. Contact Rebecca or Carrie Marten to talk about the position and needs.
- iii. Second Vice President – Carrie Marten
    1. Report is up on the forum. Call has gone out for conference program proposals, approximately 90-94 session proposals (4 are vendors) and 10 pre-conference proposals were received.
  - iv. Secretary – Carrie Fishner
    1. No report
  - v. Treasurer – Greg Bobish
    1. Report is up on forum. I have attached the latest treasurer's report as an appendix. We've spent a little money, but are still doing great. The balance once all the outstanding checks are cashed is

\$25,896.84, plus \$10,386.11 in paypal (about half of which is vendor payments for the conference).

2. Carrie Marten will be contacting Greg about the PayPal funds that have been received for the conference.

b. Committees

i. Membership Development – Wendy West

1. Here are the latest membership stats:

Current members = 190

New members in 2015=14

Delegates = 56 (current members = 43)

Check out the number of currently paid delegates!

News:

Work in the Membership Directory:

Ongoing: address the duplicate & spam entries in the database admin section

Ongoing: Merge entries in admin section with the current directory

ii. Personnel Policies – Eugene Harvey

1. No Report

iii. Professional Development – Justina Elmore and Katrina Fraser

1. The PDC met virtually on Friday, March 6, 2015. The following topics were covered:

I. Future Activities and Programs

The committee brainstormed ideas for future programming and activities. Possible topics include a brownbag series that may consist of panels and/or practical training. These programs may be in person (regional locations) or virtual (webinars). The Co-Chairs will need assistance from the Council to discuss logistics and feasibility of such events as they relate to:

1. Software to handle sign-up and virtual workshops (Does SUNYLA have software in-place?-CLRC is willing to help with this)

2. The issue of archiving documents and/or a link to a Google Doc that the PD Committee can update often. Access to this document would be beneficial to current and future SUNYLA and PD Committee members.

II. A. Professional Development Grants Subcommittee (Lisa Errico, Chair)

The subcommittee has recently awarded four grants to the following recipients:

Justina Elmore SUNY Geneseo (Attend ACRL Conference in Portland, OR)

Emily Mitchell SUNY Oswego (Attend LOEX Conference in Denver, CO)

Brandon West SUNY Oswego (Attend LOEX Conference in Denver, CO)

Lydia Willoughby SUNY Plattsburgh (Attend CritLib Unconference and ACRL in Portland, OR)

As of March 6, 2015, a total of \$2,500 has been awarded (five applications) to fund grant requests. Due to the fact that there was a balance of only \$500 remaining to fund one more grant application request, the PDC Co-Chairs submitted a request to the SUNYLA Council for the sum of \$2,500 to fund future grant activities until the end of SUNYLA' fiscal year. The request was approved via email vote on 2/10/15.

#### B. Conference Awards

i. Dan Kissane and Sylvia Chu Memorial Scholarships (Kim Myers)

Announcements to apply for the Dan Kissane and Sylvia Chu Memorial Scholarships will be posted on the SUNYLA listserv in the next few weeks.

ii. Friends of SUNYLA (Greg Bobbish)

The time is also approaching to send out a call for nominations for the Friends of SUNYLA Award.

#### III. Mentoring Program

The mentoring program has been in place for almost one year. A small subcommittee was formed to identify possible assessment strategies and goals moving forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Justina Elmore

Katrina Frazier

iv. Publications – Jennifer Kegler

1. Committee activities:

1) The Newsletter is in its final stages of editing.

2) The SUNYLA facebook page and twitter feed have been updated more regularly now.

3) The newsletter welcomes reports from those who have received professional development money. The list of recipients has been sent to the chair, and she will watch for future submissions and prompt those who have not sent an article.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Little Kegler (Brockport)

Chair, Publications Committee

v. TUG – Bill Jones

1. Statistics on the SUNYLA Midwinter Online Conference 2015:

1. Attendees All - This includes everyone that attended the morning and/or the afternoon. Total: 250

2. DeDuped Attendees - This includes only one name per attendee (removed duplicates for people who attended both morning and afternoon). Total: 167
3. DeDuped Universities - We had a total of 132 institutions represented in attendance!
4. ALL Registrants - This is everyone who registered. Total: 252
5. Attendees Analytics (See forum attachment)
- vi. Web Development – Katherine Brent
  1. Renewal paid
  2. No other news
  3. Updates continue as needed, if you find outdated information let Katherine know so it can be fixed
- vii. WGIL – Michelle Castello and Michael Daly
  1. No report
- viii. Archives (ad hoc) – Jennifer Kegler
  1. Take Jennifer off as chair - there is an “ad” in the newsletter asking if someone would like to chair this ad hoc committee. An email will come out soon also requesting if we have no takers.
- ix. Continuing Ed (ad hoc) – Logan Rath
  1. Offering scholarships to 4 people for the series, must create a video for the portal though as part of your scholarship
- x. WGIL SUNY GER Information Management Task Force – Carleen Huxley
  1. Our work is almost done. Some of you may have seen the report we sent out to the SUNYLA listserv with our suggestions for revised Information Management competencies. We also sent the report to the FACT2 and SCLD listserves for feedback. I've attached the document on the forum report if any of you haven't seen it or want to review it again.
- xi. FACT2 – Logan Rath
  1. CIT is coming! New website is up (the old site will re-direct, and it is in the forum report). Next meeting is April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- xii. LACUNY – Kimmy Szeto/Frans Albarillo
  1. The new LACUNY Archives finding aid is now available on lacuny.org (About ◊ LACUNY History ◊ LACUNY Archives Finding Aid). Sydney Van Nort at City College currently collects archival LACUNY materials.

CUNY's new scholarly communications librarian Megan Wachha came on board in February. She will be leading the rollout of the institutional repository.

The LACUNY Dália Leonardo Scholarship will be offering two \$500 scholarships to library school students. Application deadline is April 24. Details are available on the LACUNY web site.

LACUNY Dialogues was held on February 6 at the Graduate Center.

LACUNY's annual conference, LACUNY Institute, will be held on May 8 at John Jay College. This year's theme is "Privacy and Surveillance: Library Advocacy for the 21st Century." The call for proposals has ended. Registration will begin March 18. More info: <http://2015lacunyinst.commons.gc.cuny.edu/>

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More about LACUNY and calendar of events: [www.lacuny.org](http://www.lacuny.org).

xiii. SCFC - April Davies

1. RSUNYConnect Coordinating & Finance Committee (SCFC) Report

SCFC has not met since December 10th. The chair sent an email & doodle poll at the end of February to set up a quick conference call before SCLD's spring meeting but I haven't heard anything more about it since.

I expect that the proposal to change the SCLD bylaws with regard to SCFC membership that I mentioned in my January report will be on the agenda at that spring meeting. This is something for SUNYLA to watch. There will probably be other SCFC-related items discussed as well: alternative revenue sources, Elsevier, SUNYConnect core services, etc. These are just educated guesses since there's been no official communication.

\*\*\*\*\* UPDATE: I forgot SCFC has a regularly scheduled conference call next week. I'll let you know if I learn anything interesting. \*\*\*\*\*

Respectfully submitted,  
April Davies

2. Waiting to see if they will banish SUNYLA.

xiv. IDS – Bill Jones

1. Registration for the Spring 2015 Regional User Group meeting is now open! The dates and locations are as follows:

-- Eastern Group: Thursday, April 9th (10am - 4pm) @ Binghamton University

-- METRO Group: Wednesday, April 29th (10am - 4pm) @ METRO NY Library Council

-- Western Group: Wednesday, April 15th (10am - 4pm) @ The College at Brockport, SUNY

Call for Proposals for the 2015 IDS Project Conference has been released. The annual conference will be held at the beautiful Hilton Garden Inn Watertown. Please submit your presentation/poster proposals at <http://idsproject.org/conferences/2015/proposals.aspx>

For more information about the conference, please visit <http://idsproject.org/conferences.aspx>

Pilot Member Libraries have been announced! The new custom holdings groups for IDS Project are:

Loans (75):

BNG BUF BUFSP CTX NYG NYP RRR RVE SYB UVV VDB  
VDH VGA VGK VJA VJN VND VQT VSI VVB VVD VVJ  
VVO VVV VVX VWB VXF VXP VXT VXV VYA VYE VYQ  
VYT VZB VZJ WKM XBM XDM XFM XJM XMM XNC XQM  
YAH YBM YCM YDM YEM YFM YGM YJA YJL YJM YOM  
YPM YSM YSY YTM ZBM ZCZ ZDG ZEM ZGM ZHC ZHM  
ZLM ZMM ZOW ZPM ZQM ZRS ZVM ZXC ZZY

Articles (82):

BBH BNG BUF BUFSP CTX EAU IXA MDY NYG NYP RRR  
RVE SYB UVV VDB VDH VGA VGK VJA VJN VND VQT  
VRU VSI VVB VVD VVJ VVO VVV VWB VVX VXF VXP  
VXT VXV VYA VYE VYQ VYT VZB VZJ WEL WKM XBM  
XDM XFM XIM XJM XMM XNC XQM YAH YBM YCM YDM  
YEM YFM YGM YJA YJL YJM YOM YPM YSM YSY YTM  
ZBM ZCZ ZDG ZEM ZGM ZHC ZHM ZLM ZMM ZOW ZPM  
ZQM ZRS ZVM ZXC ZZY

xv. OLIS – John Schumacher

1. Phase 1 Curriculum builder by EBSCO just notified this week it is ready.
2. SUNYConnect LMS and Related Activities
  - OLIS is drafting a Request for Information document to solicit information from next generation library management system vendors;
  - Phase 2 of the shared catalog/single bib POC (Proof of Concept) is continuing. The following activities have been underway:
    - Building the server environment for Phase 2 of the POC (to accommodate merging data from all 57 campuses)
    - Building the “u-tree” environments/Aleph table updates for all 57 campuses
    - Aleph PROD data was copied to campus Aleph DEV regions
    - Data updates on the Aleph DEV regions (on servers 002 and 004) in preparation for the record merges

- o For instance – staff user accounts and bibliographic data;
- o Please note that all changes were made only to Aleph DEV regions;
- o Please submit any questions to Footprints;
  - WebOPAC development/testing within a shared one bib environment
  - Acquiring OCLC master records for all 57 campuses (~2.6 million received)

Anticipated OLIS/ITEC activities for March:

- copy campus xxx30, xxx50, xxx60 data from Aleph DEV servers to the Phase 2 POC server
- determine when merges start to create the new SNY60 and SNY50 libraries
- load the OCLC master records
- begin the first bib data merge load (starting with two campuses from 002) and review
  - OLIS will provide updates on the project at the upcoming SCLD meeting and a proposal for an update session at the SUNYLA Conference has been submitted;

EBSCO Discovery Service

- Phase 1 campuses have begun implementing the EBSCO tool Curriculum Builder (reading list interoperability between CMS (Bb, etc.) and EDS); the vendor hosted and supported version of the tool is available to all interested SUNY EDS campuses at no additional charge (through June 2017);
- EBSCO indicates that they have completed all of the requested reviews/quality checks of the SUNY EDS implementations;
- SUNY EDS sites can be found here.

Full-Text Finder (EBSCO)

- SUNY EDS sites will be surveyed about their preferences for scheduling the migration to Full Text Finder; initial work on the migration of the first campuses is scheduled to start in April;
- See EBSCO's schedule of training sessions; including ones on Full Text Finder.

Electronic Resources

- Scopus will be available for all SUNY ScienceDirect campuses; access will commence and be announced once procurement issues are resolved; access should begin soon;
- Thanks to University at Buffalo and their agreement to subscribe to the Journal of the American Dental Association, this title is available to all SUNY ScienceDirect participants;
- Gale Cengage has provided discounted pricing for their DemographicsNow:Business & People; trial access is available



through the month of March for this business/social science research tool with interactive reporting and mapping features;

- Cold calls (and related) – please contact the OLIS Liaison if you are interested in one or more of the following: ArtStor Shared Shelf, BiblioBoard, Business Expert Press and Momentum Press, eHRAF World Cultures & Archaeology, Faulkner Information Services,

#### Open SUNY and Related Activities

- Open SUNY Affordable Learning Solutions highlights Open Education Week (March 9 – March 13, 2015);
- Introduction to Open Educational Resources (OERs) course begins April 27, 2015; also see Open SUNY Affordable Learning Solutions for some of the course information/resources;
- Provide your feedback, comments, questions regarding Open SUNY

#### SUNYConnect Information / Resources

- For additional information about SUNYConnect <http://www.SUNYConnect.suny.edu/>
- OLIS' Footprints Service Request System <http://service.sunyconnect.suny.edu/footprints/help.html>
- OLIS Support Portal <http://wiki.sunyconnect.suny.edu/display/OLIS/Support+Portal>
- SUNYConnect union catalog <http://search.sunyconnect.suny.edu/>

#### Links (in this document)

- <http://service.sunyconnect.suny.edu/footprints/help.html>
- <https://sunyla2015.wordpress.com/>
- <http://www.ebscohost.com/discovery/customization/curriculum-builder>
- <http://wiki.sunyconnect.suny.edu/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=21925277>
- <http://www.ebscohost.com/discovery/technology/full-text-finder>
- <https://ebcotraining.webex.com/mw0401sp12/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=ebcotraining>
- <http://www.elsevier.com/online-tools/scopus>
- <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/00028177>
- <http://wiki.sunyconnect.suny.edu/download/attachments/5112822/Demographics+Now+pricing.xlsx>
- [http://cengagesites.com/sites/233/12L-RF0708\\_DemographicsNOW\\_Public\\_Onesheet\\_final1.pdf](http://cengagesites.com/sites/233/12L-RF0708_DemographicsNOW_Public_Onesheet_final1.pdf)
- <http://galesupport.com/trial/suny2015/index.php>
- <http://www.artstor.org/shared-shelf/s-html/shared-shelf-home.shtml>

- <http://biblioboard.com/>
- <http://www.businessexpertpress.com>
- <http://hraf.yale.edu/online-databases/ehraf-world-cultures/>
- <http://www.faulkner.com/>
- <http://opensunyals.org/index.html>
- <http://www.cvent.com/d/drq011>
- <http://www.openeducationweek.org/>
- <http://commons.suny.edu/opensuny/feedback/>
- <http://commons.suny.edu/opensuny>

xvi. UUP – Dan Harms

1. This has been a busy time for the union. The governor's new SUNY budget has called for 10% of the SUNY campus budgets to be held pending the submission of plans for performance-based funding. The plan also calls for extensive investments in experiential legislation, cuts to Educational Opportunity Programs, incentives for participating in Start-UP NY, and bonuses for high-performing faculty researchers and presidents. We encourage librarians to keep up on the news regarding the state budget and to let their local legislators know where they stand.

Fred Kowal: Making SUNY Whole

<http://wamc.org/post/fred-kowal-making-suny-whole>

Union, students rip teacher certification tests

<http://www.timesunion.com/tuplus-local/article/Union-decries-teacher-testing-6117954.php>

2. The budget situation is taking priority - negotiations with Albany, withholding 10%. A48 reps from UUP/State/SUNY looking for time to meet together.

xvii. METRO 3R's-Katrina Frazier

1. I will be representing SUNYLA at next week's Student Mixer organized by ALLN (Archives and Library Leadership Network). It will be held at Queens College on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 (St. Patrick's Day) from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Katrina Frazier

2. Katrina's term is up - Jill Locasio from Optometry is a possible replacement. Rosanne thinks this has been a good partnership, to have a liaison. It is increasing our visibility downstate.

xviii. NYLA – Wendy West

1. No report, waiting to hear from them.

3. Old Business

- i. Lanyards

1. Decision was made for: woven, lobster style clip in royal blue saying "SUNYLA" repeated over lanyard. They will be housed with Wendy at Albany for the time being. Will be given out at the conference and at student mixers.
4. New Business (including action items from reports)
  - i. Local Conference Planning Report (tour)
    1. Everything is very nicely placed and close together for the most part. Starbucks is located inside the Residence Hall we will be staying at (Fort Awesome). Catered lunch was delicious!
  - ii. TUG Chair responsibilities
    1. Virtual responsibilities, the listserv. The chair has been doing these things but they are not actually listed in the bylaws or duties.
      - a. This is a policy change, not a bylaw change as it's just duties and responsibilities (no membership approval is needed, just a Council vote). Becky and Logan will work on the wording to put in the manual.
      - b. Consideration - what if TUG chair campus doesn't have online meeting capabilities?
  - iii. Nominations for 1<sup>st</sup> V.P.? Becky will start calling people out about this if needed.
5. Adjourned at 1:58pm - the next meeting will take place at the Annual Conference on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Purchase

### **Campus Updates:**

#### **Cobleskill** (April Davies)

The library is going to be renovating and expanding the Special Collections area/s. We've been working with the designer and are very excited to see it become a reality. We're also getting some cool new group study furniture.

We were on the March cover of Choice! Check it out: <http://www.ala.org/acrl/choice/>

Katherine Brent is heading off to Virginia Beach next week for the ILLiad Conference. April Davies will go to Portland the week after that for the ACRL conference. Katie DeRusso has been accepted into ACRL's Immersion 2015 Program Track, she will also be presenting at CIT with other SUNY librarians about the IITG-funded project they've been working on.

Quick items...

We're planning another Peeps diorama contest for this spring.

The first of our new 3D printers arrived last week. (I do love new toys!)

#### **Brockport** (Logan Rath)

Registration is still open for Publishing in Libraries (<http://www.publishinginlibraries.org>) on March 20th

Also, on April 10th, Brockport will be hosting the SUNY Undergraduate Research Conference

(SURC) in our Special Events and Recreation Center (SERC). For more information:  
<http://digitalcommons.brockport.edu/surc/>

On Friday, February 28th, Drake Memorial Library at The College at Brockport, hosted their second annual Comic Con. The event ran from 9pm to 12:30am. Over 160 students and community members attended. The night began with a trivia game and finished with the announcement of the costume contest winner.

The student organizations were instrumental in making the Comic Con a success. Late Night, an organization focused on providing students free, fun weekend activities, was our co-sponsor for the event. Additional support for the event was contributed by the Brockport Gaming Association, Brockport Manga and Anime Club, Humans versus Zombie Club, LARPing Club and Dumbledore's Army. The clubs staffed the discussion panels, provided games, ran a concession stand and offered live demonstrations.

Rob Dumo, a comic book artist and a Brockport alumni, sold portraits, caricatures and copies of his original work Nightmare Unknown. In addition, Rob provided an interesting panel discussion titled The Art of Comics. Liz Pritchard, a Brockport student, sold posters and copies of her original comic, Paper Bag. First Print Comics of Gates N.Y., offered a wide selection of material for both the casual and the serious comic book fans. Student vendors provided a variety of creative items from colorful clay dragons to hand crocheted Moggles.

Comic Con is an event that promotes the library as more than just a place to study but as an active part of the campus community. The event encourages students to view the library and its staff as being concerned with their needs and interests.

### **Stony Brook University** (Jenn Devito)

Lots of new faces at the Stony Brook University Libraries these days. We've hired the following people for positions in the Library:

John Fitzgerald

Senior programmer/analyst in the Library Information Technology Department

John Fitzgerald is currently working for a consulting agency doing work for the Copper Ridge Institute, which is affiliated with the John Hopkins Medical School. Before that, he worked as a programmer in industry and as a mechanical engineer for the MTA in New York City where he worked with computer-based data of 3D subway tunnel characteristics. He also introduced 3D computer-aided design practices to the Mechanical and Electrical Design Departments. John received a B.S. in Engineering Sciences from Stony Brook.

Lis Pankl

Head of Academic Engagement

Lis comes to us from Kansas State University Libraries where she was the Graduate and Faculty Services Librarian. Previous to that, she worked as Humanities Librarian and Instruction Librarian at Kansas State. Before earning her Master's degree in Library Science at the University of North Texas, she taught English at high schools in Plano and Terrell, Texas, and at Western Texas College.

In addition to her Library Science degree, Lis recently earned her PhD at Kansas State, writing her dissertation The Critical Geographies of Frida Kahlo. She has served on ACRL and LLAMA

committees, published articles and book chapters on library instruction and recruitment, and presented at a number of literature and geography conferences.

Sarita Sharma

Clerk in Access Services

Sarita has a B.S. from HMW College (India) and a Bachelor's degree in Education from Government College of Education (India).

Hu Wang

Senior programmer/analysts in the Library Information Technology Department

Hu will be joining Stony Brook University Libraries on March 26, 2015. Hu has worked as a software architect and senior programmer analyst for the American Institute of Physics (API) for over 20 years where he designed and implemented software systems and applications and developed programs. Hu has a master's degree and a PhD in applied mathematics and statistics from Stony Brook and a BS from the Northeast Petroleum University in China. Dr. Wang is the recipient of several awards from AIP, Stony Brook and China and has published in such journals as the American Journal of Physiology, Applied Mathematics Letters, and Computers & Mathematics with Applications.

Jack Yi

Senior programmer/analyst in the Library Information Technology Department

Jack Yi has ten years experience in software development, data programming and management, and web development in private industry. He has an M.S. in computer science from the New Jersey Institute of Technology, an M.A. in Demography from Sichuan University in China and an A.S. in Physics from Yichun University in China.

We're celebrating Pi-day on Wednesday, March 11th in the Melville Library Galleria. Visitors will get a FREE slice of pie and be able to enter to win numerous contests for a chance to win gift cards to the Bench Bar & Grill and Barnes & Noble. Learn more at <http://guides.library.stonybrook.edu/piday>

**Morrisville** (Adam Saunders)

Update to GNED course

Morrisville library has been working hard on updating our 1 credit Basic Research Methods course, offered every spring semester. GNED104 is a required course for our natural science students and has been in need of revisions for some time. We approached this course update taking into account the new Framework for Information Literacy and developing learning outcomes that matched basic General Education requirements. Below is the new course title and catalog description.

**GNED 104: Critical Information Literacy**

A course designed to cultivate metaliterate citizens. This course will provide lifelong skills that will enable students to become confident and independent consumers and creators of information. Students will learn how to recognize their own information needs, and how to locate, evaluate, and effectively use that information. Topics include plagiarism, publication

styles, searching and retrieving information in controlled and uncontrolled environments, and becoming conscientious participants in information creation and dissemination.

### Library Assessment Projects

Over the course of the spring and fall 2015 semesters our librarians will be conducting studies on several facets of library services.

#### Angela Rhodes – Study of Equipment Usage and Need in the Library

- The purpose of this study is to track turn-aways and equipment usage to make a strong proposal for the installment of more machines and printing/equipment services in the library (provided there is funding and support to implement these changes). At the end of the semester, an analysis of usage of the library and the Cyberlab will be done, showcasing equipment usage by head counts, printer usage through print logs, and equipment services required to maintain the equipment services provided. Part of the study will hopefully give some insight into why students select to come to the Cyberlab over the library or vice versa, as well as a longitudinal look at who is using the library and Cyberlab and when they are using it. These analyses will hopefully present a picture of what can be done to improve the equipment and services rendered at both locations.

#### Laura Ryan – What Students Learn: A Pre/Post Test Assessment Study

- Assessment is a critical aspect of a successful instruction program. As the new Instructional Services Librarian at Morrisville, Laura decided to start small and grow from there. She is administering a pre-test and post-test assessment for the GNED 104 Basic Research Methods Class that she is teaching this semester. It is her hope that it will provide a good starting point to see where students are in terms of Info Lit skills, as well as provide a way of seeing what they learned over the 10 week course. This assessment project will also serve as a kind of “Intro” to assessment for Laura and will be a stepping stone to more involved methods of Information Literacy Instruction assessment in the future.

#### Adam Saunders – Library Website Navigation and Usability Study

- The purpose of this study is to analyze the behavior and strategies used by students navigating the Morrisville State College Library website. Student volunteers will be given specific tasks to carry out, as their actions on the computer will be recorded using screen capture software. Data collected will then be used to assess how students conduct searches for finding books, articles, subject guides, and finding library hours. It is our hope that this data will provide insight that will allow us to make necessary adjustments to the webpage both navigational and the phrasing of resource labels. It will also provide useful information for instruction purposes, as we will be able to address weak or inefficient search strategies being used.

### Oscar Display & Contest

The library once again ran its very popular Oscar Movie Display and contest. In the past we had

asked students and faculty to submit their votes on which movies would win in each of the Oscar categories. This year we wanted to take the contest a step further and make it more involved. We have asked the campus community to submit a movie review for any of the 86 previous Best Picture Oscar winners. A drawing was held selecting one winner out of all submitted entrees. Additionally reviews we received will be used for next year's Oscar display, which will allow students and faculty to read what their peers thought about a particular movie title.

### **Oswego** (Michelle Bishop)

Hello from Oswego! Here some of the highlights of our recent projects and activities.

- Candidate interviews for the Learning Technologies Librarian position beginning in next week
- Ray Morrison is running for ENY/ACRL Program Chair/President Elect
- Library gearing up to tackle strategic planning
- Extensive renovations to the lobby area have been drawn up and are being discussed
- Special Collections database growing due to increased digitization focus

### **ESF** (Jane Verostek) (picture on the forum)

SUNY ESF hosted a very successful Harry Potter Friday the 13th event on Friday February 13th with about 50 students competing in a Harry Potter trivia event. We also had our on campus alchemy club do some hands on scientific experiments as a warm up to the event.

The Friends of Moon Library FOML hosted a "coffee with friends" event in Moon Library on the morning of Friday February 18th. It was a very successful event with faculty, emeriti, staff and the college president in attendance. The FOML now plans to have regular "coffee with friends" events in the library.

Moon Library has 2 displays up right now of items related to Hyde Park <http://www.nps.gov/hofr/index.htm> home of Franklin Roosevelt. Associate Librarian Jane Verostek of Special Collections and Archives pulled items for the display such as letters from FDR on white house letterhead to the deans of SUNY ESF. During the time Hyde Park was developed until today - SUNY ESF has played a role in the tree plantings and landscape architecture of the property.

### **Adirondack** (J Miller)

In upcoming months, the SUNY Adirondack librarians will be focusing on specific ways to improve the academic performance of students for the Fall 2015 semester: personal librarians, regular e-mails and reminders, sign-up arrangements for study groups, and a streamlining of a section of the library's home page for easy access and readability.

Reference Librarian Mark Seabury created quick "how to" videos, now posted on these library pages: Finding More Books and Media (<http://library.sunyacc.edu/books>) and Find Articles (<http://library.sunyacc.edu/articles>).

Reference and Instruction Librarian Joyce Miller is mentioned in the acknowledgements page of

the newly-published novel *Elephant Murders: Starbuck*, by Dr. Susan Hunter, a medical anthropologist and frequent user of the SUNY Adirondack Library.

**Maritime** (Rebecca Hyams)

We've been keeping quite busy down here at Maritime this semester!

After interviewing several candidates for our Director position, the search committee decided to revise the posting and reopen the search. The current closing date on the reopened search is March 28th. We invite anyone that meets the qualifications and is interested to apply. The details are available at <https://interviewexchange.com/jobofferdetails.jsp?JOBID=54486>

Last month we finished setting up a Faculty Scholarship repository within our collections in the SUNY Institutional Repository. The faculty are being encouraged to upload their work to our collection and a guide was created to not only show them how to upload, but inform them about author rights and access issues.

In the next few weeks our library is going to shift into Ship Mode. The TS Empire State VI will depart from our pier on May 11th so we're about to start on the many processes we need to transfer collections to the ship and make sure our students are well stocked with both leisure reading and materials for their ship-board courses. We also interviewed several candidates for the two Ship's Librarian positions and will announce the two librarians soon.

**Albany** (R. Nous)

Greetings from Albany!

Dean and Director Search:

The Library Dean and Director search has officially begun. The vacancy announcement can be seen here: <http://albany.interviewexchange.com/jobofferdetails.jsp?JOBID=57437>. Please feel free to share with any qualified people you know who you think may be interested. Application review will begin immediately, and applications should be submitted via the Isaacson Miller job ad: <http://www.imsearch.com/5366>.

Staffing Changes:

Dick Irving, Subject Specialist for Criminal Justice, Law, Political Science, and Public Administration and Policy will be retiring July 1. Cathy Dwyer, our current Head of Reference and Government Documents Librarian, will be transitioning to that position. Additionally, Chris Barber (Interlibrary Loan and Reserves clerk) and Suzi Dier (Interlibrary Loan and Reserves clerk) are retiring on April 23.

Library Event: Campus Conversations in Standish: NASA's Search for Life Beyond the Earth (Wednesday, March 11)

NASA's Search for Life Beyond the Earth premieres Campus Conversations in Standish, a new series showcasing UAlbany's research and creative talents and sponsored by the UAlbany University Libraries. Dr. John W. Delano, Distinguished Teaching Professor Emeritus, Collins Fellow, and Associate Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, will briefly present the latest results from research in geochemistry, planetary science, and astronomy bearing on the search for life



beyond earth. The presentation takes place on Wednesday, March 11 from 12:35 pm -1:30pm in the Science Library's Standish Board Room on the Uptown Campus. Light refreshments will be served.

**America East Finals:**

UAlbany Men's and Women's basketball teams are playing in the America East Finals this weekend right here at UAlbany! America East Women's Basketball Championship is Friday, March 13 @ 4:30 p.m. at SEFCU Arena (ESPNU) and America East Men's Basketball Championship is Saturday, March 14 @ 11:00 a.m., SEFCU Arena (ESPN2). GO GREAT DANES!!

**Genesee CC (Michelle Eichelberger)**

We're conducting a search for a new circulation manager.

We have several events coming up in the next month:

- Our A Tale for Three Counties author, Laura McBride, is coming to talk about her book "We are called to rise"
- Our 14th annual student poetry contest is underway and the awards ceremony will be taking place at the end of April
- We're working with history faculty to present a Civil War display in April

Treasurer's Report (Appendix)

Date	Income and Expense Summary	TOTALS
Category Description	Jan-Mar	
<b>INCOME</b>		
Balance forward from 2014	\$31,691.28	
<b>Membership Dues</b>		
3/5/2015	Renewing members - checks	180.00
<b>TOTAL Membership Dues</b>	<b>180.00</b>	<b>180.00</b>
<b>Conference Income</b>		
<b>TOTAL Conference Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
<b>Miscellaneous income</b>		
3/5/2015	PDGrant donation	5.00
<b>TOTAL Miscellaneous Income</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>5.00</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>185.00</b>	<b>\$185.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>Conference Expenses</b>		
1/9/2015	2015 Conference Startup Funds	-5,000.00
<b>3ts Expenses</b>		
<b>TOTAL Conference Expenses</b>	<b>-5,000.00</b>	<b>-5,000.00</b>
<b>Meeting Expenses</b>		
2/27/2015	March Council Meeting Food	-204.60
<b>TOTAL Meeting expenses</b>	<b>-204.60</b>	<b>-204.60</b>
<b>Officer's Expenses</b>		
2/12/2015	Council Mtg. Travel - C. Fishner	-205.02
2/12/2015	SCLD Registration - R. Hyams	-125.00
2/18/2015	Council Mtg. Travel and Food - R. Humes (part of this belongs under Meeting Expenses)	-325.42
<b>TOTAL Officer's Expenses</b>	<b>-655.44</b>	<b>-655.44</b>
<b>Professional Development Committee</b>		
<b>TOTAL Professional Development Committee</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>		
3/3/2015	Web site renewal - K. Brent	-119.40
<b>TOTAL Miscellaneous</b>	<b>-119.40</b>	<b>-119.40</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>-\$5,979.44</b>	
<b>INCOME-EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$25,896.84</b>	