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### To Introduce

*Ourselves.....*

*The new Editors of the  
SUNYLA Newsletter  
are pleased to put forth  
their first issue.*

*We welcome articles and  
news pieces to share with  
SUNYLA members.*

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this issue for more  
information.*

**Jim Coan**

*SUNY Oneonta*

**Eileen O'Hara**

*SUNY Brockport*

## What Have We Done for "Us" Lately?

By Mark Smith, President

Here it is, my first official column as President of SUNYLA. Shall I pontificate on issues, innovations and trends in library and information service? Or, shall I comment on the work of state and national organizations that share our concerns and interests and comment on how we may help to implement their ideas in our rapidly changing service environments? I could also climb back up on my soapbox and continue to encourage the membership to help SUNYLA seek alliances and opportunities to work in partnerships with various SUNY and non-SUNY organizations that share issues of concern. But no, I am going to use this forum in this issue to illustrate several reasons why I feel fortunate to be a member of this organization.

On our campuses and throughout SUNY we are increasingly seen as the implementers, the change agents, and the essential service providers. We are the "doers." We are continually "doing" for patrons, "doing" for colleagues, and "doing" for administration. Perhaps it is time to take a minute, step back and ask ourselves an important question. What have we done for "us" lately? This is a question that we don't always think to ask, but whose answer makes me proud to contribute my efforts to our organization.

What *have* we done for us lately? For the answer, I refer to some items highlighted in the minutes of the past 3 council meetings (since March 1999). There are many examples to be found in these documents. Here are just a few of them:

### Advocacy:

- We have established an advocacy committee to investigate and report to us on issues that need our support and comment.
- We have advocated directly to SUNY Board of Trustees and Regents Commission on Libraries regarding issues of critical importance to the membership.

### Administrative:

- We have established a Web manager position that has clearly enhanced the visibility, organization and accessibility to our resources.

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**Professional Development:**

- We have held another outstanding conference in which we had an opportunity to share and provide information on the widest range of issues and topics that effect our work.
- We have strengthened support to new members and provided additional scholarships and grants to encourage participation.
- We have awarded a professional development grant to study uses of Metadata. This grant also resulted in a presentation to membership at our annual conference.

**Outreach and Collaboration:**

- We have partnered with OLIS and ALIS by serving on several new committees and advisory panels in support of new SUNY initiatives in Library and Information technology.
- We have benefited by the efforts of several members who have made presentations and advocated on our behalf to our non-librarian faculty and technology colleagues on a variety of library-focused issues and initiatives.

**Research:**

- We have supported or conducted several surveys, including our biennial librarian salary survey, a survey of SUNY libraries and Distance Education, and a survey focusing on "Access to Materials in SUNY Libraries."
- We have enjoyed significant enhancements to the SUNYLA Library Instruction Website.

**On Membership:**

- We have increased membership to over 420 members.
- We have developed a new association brochure detailing the benefits of membership.
- We have begun recruiting members from library assistant ranks and are poised to actively recruit members from library schools.

These are just a sample of contributions made in the past few months. There are many others. These are simply a few illustrations of the types of things we "do" for us. Many individuals and subcommittees are directly responsible for these efforts. And, many individuals are supporting the association in other unsung ways, not the least of which include performing the numerous administrative duties required to support such a large and growing organization. We should all take pride in all these accomplishments. These are association supported activities.

In midst of all the rush and wild effort of "doing" for all of our various constituencies, let us remember that we belong to an organization that accomplishes much. Your membership is your opportunity to "do" for "us" and your contributions are appreciated by all. Please consider making your contribution to our continued success. It is your chance to do for "us." I look forward to serving and benefiting from all of our work over the coming year.

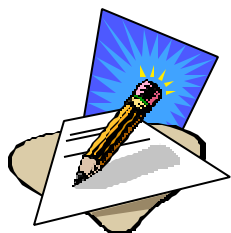
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Mark A. Smith  
SUNYLA President

### SYLVIA CHU SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 1999

The following SUNYLA Librarians received Sylvia Chu Scholarships to attend the SUNYLA Annual Conference at Adirondack Community College in June. The Professional Development Committee was fortunate to be able to award scholarships to ten SUNYLA members this year. Eligibility is based on being a recent member of SUNYLA (no more than three years), by attending the Annual Conference for the first time and providing the Committee with a brief statement of how attending the conference may assist in their professional development. Congratulations to the 1999 Recipients!

**Kathie Graham** SUNY Oswego  
**Lisa Milewski** SUNY Institute of Technology, Utica-Rome  
**Kathleen Loomis** SUNY Fredonia  
**Alice Harrington** Monroe Community College  
**Susana Tejada** University at Buffalo  
**Wendi Ackerman** SUNY Oswego  
**Cathy LaFontaine** SUNY Oneonta  
**Kimberly Davies** University at Buffalo  
**Heather Munger** University at Buffalo  
**Jane Verostek** College of Environmental Science & Forestry



## News From the Campuses

### Adirondack

#### Joyce Miller

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#### Staff News:

**Teresa Ronning**, Systems Cataloging Librarian and Acting Director of Library and Media, is the new president of the Eastern New York Chapter of ACRL. The ENY/ACRL fall conference will be held at Siena College in Loudonville on October 18 with keynote speaker Hannalore Rader, ACRL's Academic Librarian of the Year for 1999.

**Teresa Ronning** received tenure this year.

Reference and Instruction Librarian **Joyce Miller** has been promoted from Assistant to Associate Professor of Library Science. She

also was awarded the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship for 1999.

Cataloger **Colleen Smith** has left ACC to join the staff of the SUNY Cobleskill Library.

**Rosemary Castelli**, formerly at Schenectady County Community College, is now Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of the College at ACC.

#### Grants:

**Joyce Miller** received a grant from the ACC Foundation to pay for part of the ACRL's Institute for Information Literacy program, Immersion '99, at Plattsburgh in July.

#### Publications:

Joyce Miller's thesis, "Factors Enhancing the Teaching of Information Literacy to Adirondack Community College Faculty" was published by ERIC this summer. The thesis was written last year to complete a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies with a concentration in Administration and Leadership from Plattsburgh State University.

#### Committees:

Media Librarian **David Ofiara** serves on the Professional Recognition Committee.

**Teresa Ronning** is chair of the Student Affairs Committee this year.

**Joyce Miller** serves on the Professional Development Committee.

## Albany

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#### **Staff News :**

**Laura Cohen** published "A Comparison of Research University and Two-Year College Library Web Sites: Content, Functionality, and Form" with Julie M. Still in *College & Research Libraries* 60.3 (May 1999): 165-181. Laura is serving as the new SUNYLA liaison to the SUNYConnect Advisory Council (SAC). She is also on the SAC Bylaws Committee.

**Candace Merbler** received her MLS degree from the University at Albany in May 1999. She has also been named the 1999 NYLA Dewey Fellow for RASS (Reference and Adult Services Section).

**Laurel Russell**, currently in DMPB, will move to the Technical Services Division, Acquisitions Department, Serials Unit. Her new telephone number starting 9/16 will be (518) 442-3627.

**Patricia Palleschi** will join us on 9/2/99 as a Clerk I in MMPR Circulation. Her telephone number will be (518) 442-3609. Patricia is presently working in the University Mail Room and for the New York State Thruway Authority as a toll collector.

**Ronald Gilmour** has accepted our job offer as a Science Reference Librarian/Information Consultant in the Science Library, effective 9/16/99. He will be moving from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he earned his MLS and MS in Biology. Ronald earned his BS in biology from Florida State University.

The move of library materials to the new Science Library Building began on August 16 and will continue for 5 to 8 weeks. It is hoped the New Science Library Building will be open for business on September 27, 1999. As of this writing, all library materials from storage areas on the downtown campus have been moved to the new Library Storage Facility in the basement of the Campus Center. Currently, all science books (call nos. Q-TP) are being moved from the 2nd floor of the University Library to the Lower Level of the New

building. You can check our progress at [www.albany.edu/library/move](http://www.albany.edu/library/move).

## Alfred Ceramics

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#### **Staff news:**

Public Services Librarian, **Bruce Connolly** received the SUNY Chancellors Award for Excellence in Librarianship

#### **Grants:**

**Elizabeth Gulacsy**, Art and Serials Librarian and College Archivist received an Alfred University Development Grants to attend a New York University, School of Continuing Education Studies Conference on American Ceramics.

#### **Other:**

The Scholes Library at NYS College of Ceramics is joining together with Alfred University's Herrick Library in a cooperative, university wide project in electronic reserves.

## Alfred Tech

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#### **Staff News:**

**Suzanne Wood**, Acquisitions & Technical Services Librarian, retired in June, 1999.

**Diana Hovorka** rejoined the Hinkle Library staff in January, 1999.

**Barbara Greil** was promoted to Librarian and received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship.

#### **Grants:**

**Barbara Greil** received a PDQWL grant to attend the ACRL SUNY Immersion Program in Plattsburgh in August, 1999.

## Binghamton

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#### **Staff News:**

**Caryl Ward** earned her M.L.S. degree from SUNY Albany.

The Binghamton University Libraries will hold their annual Book Sale on October 7 through October 11, on the second floor of the Glenn G. Bartle (main) Library. Members of the community are invited to browse the thousands of books offered at the sale. Opening day prices will range from \$1 to \$3 for most of the books. The prices will be reduced each day, ending with a "dollar-a-bag" sale on the final day.

The dates and hours are as follows:

Thurs. Oct. 7	12 noon to 5 p.m.
	Opening Day
Fri. Oct. 8	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 9	12 noon to 4 p.m.
Sun. Oct. 10	12 noon to 4 p.m.
	"Surprise Discount Day"
Mon. Oct. 11	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
	"Dollar-a-Bag" Sale

Binghamton University librarians, **Elizabeth Brown** and **Eunice Roe**, were two of the six presenters in the session on knowledge management at the annual conference of the Special Libraries Association held in Minneapolis, June 5-10, 1999. Their respective papers, "Taking Control of the Information Explosion," and "Use of Authorship Patterns from MathSciNet for Decision Making in Acquiring Materials and Electronic Access," are available in *Knowledge Leaders for the New Millennium*, which is published by the Association.

## Brockport

### **Jennifer Quigley**

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**Julie Wash** and **Jennifer Quigley** participated in the Institute for Information Literacy (SUNY Immersion '99) at SUNY Plattsburgh this summer.

**Eileen O'Hara** spoke at the ACRL Western NY/Ontario Chapter Fall Conference on "Electronic Reserves"

#### **Staff News:**

**Jonathan Coe** resigned as from the Information Services Dept. to

become Head of Bibliographic Instruction at Niagara University.

## **Buffalo HSL**

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#### **Staff News:**

Nancy Stimson (Assistant Head of RES), Michelle Lavoie (Assistant Librarian), and Neville Prendergast (Coordinator of Information Management Education) resigned.

**Heather Munger** was appointed Assistant Librarian.

**Marcy Daumen**, was appointed Outreach Librarian for "Partners in Information Access for Public Health Professionals" project as well as part time temporary assistant librarian.

**Sarah DiThomas** was appointed as Office Aide in the Information Delivery Service.

#### **Grants**

Partners in Information Access for Public Health Professionals." National Library of Medicine, National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Health Resources and Services Admin., Assoc. of State and Territorial Health Officials, National Assoc. of County and City Health Officials, \$49,995, October 1998. The project was developed in collaboration with UB Department of Social and Preventive Medicine and the Western Regional Office of the New York State Department of Health. The Project Director is **Sharon Gray** and the Outreach Librarian is **Marcy Daumen**. The two-year project involves hands-on computer training on using the Internet for public health information to staff in 17 county health departments and in the Western Regional Office of the New York State Department of Health; developing and maintaining a project Web site; and publicizing the NLM Internet Connections Grant to those health departments that are eligible for funding.

#### **Web Sites**

The reference staff undertook several web-related projects to organize information that is available

on the web and make it more accessible to our users. (<http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/units/hsl/ref>)

#### **Publications**

**Kim Davies** and **Tara Hoag**, "Annotated bibliography of full-text web-based articles relating to library instruction," SUNYLA Instruction Committee. <http://library.lib.binghamton.edu/sunyla/fulltext.html>

#### **Awards and Honors**

**Neville Prendergast** attended 2 institutes as a Fellow in the competitive ARL " Program Leadership and Career Development"

**Sharon Gray** received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship.

**Kim Davies** and **Heather Munger** received the Sylvia Chu Memorial Scholarship which provided funding to attend SUNYLA's Annual Conference '99.

#### **Professional Activities**

**Sharon Gray** was appointed to Grants and Scholarship Committee of the Medical Library Association.

**Jeanne Fielding** and **Pat Sarchet** were appointed co-editors of the newsletter for the Upstate New York and Ontario Chapter of the Medical Library Association.

**Cindy Hepfer** gave a presentation for the session "Serialists: Proving Our Worth: Publishing, Editing, and Getting Our Message Across" at the 8<sup>th</sup> North Carolina Serials Conference on March 4, 1999 in Chapel Hill.

**Lori Widzinski** gave a presentation entitled "Publishing a peer-reviewed electronic journal" at the 8<sup>th</sup> North Carolina Serials Conference on March 4, 1999 in Chapel Hill.

## **Buffalo State**

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#### **Staff News:**

**Dr. G. Charles Newman** was awarded the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship.

**Musa Abdul Hakim** received a two-year term appointment as Senior Assistant Librarian in Reference Services.

**Sue Stievator**, Associate Librarian Emerita, exhibited her photographs at the WNY Library Resources Council. The exhibit was titled: RECON: A Retrospective 'Concoction' of Photographs.

**Randy Gadikian**, librarian and Manager of Information Services, resigned to become Director of the Reed Library in Fredonia. He is an alumnus of the BSC Information Systems Management (now Computer Information Systems) department, taught in ISM and has been a librarian at Buffalo State for eighteen years. He did an enormous amount of grass roots technology for the library and campus, where he served as technical webmaster until August 1st. His creativity and energy will be missed.

**Marilyn Kihl**, Associate Librarian, has retired; she was a contributing member of the library faculty in Acquisitions for 31 years. She served as the campus United Way Loaned Executive in 1991 and 1992 and was awarded the President's Award for Excellence in Librarianship in 1996 for her work on the Tile Team--the asbestos abatement of floor tile in the library--coordinating the abatement of quadrants and the moving of books so all library materials remained available throughout the multi-year project. She was active in library governance and staff development and gave generously of her time and expertise to the WNY Library Resources Council and the New York Library Association.

## **Buffalo University**

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#### **Staff news:**

**Bachtuyet (Becky) Britt** accepted a one-year position as undergraduate Library Reference/ Instruction Librarian.

**Waihan (Betty) Gillham**, part-time Undergraduate Library Reference/Instruction Librarian accepted a position at Mohawk Valley Community College.

**Miguel Juarez**, Undergraduate Library Reference/Instruction Librarian and former co-editor of the SUNYLA Newsletter, accepted a position at the University of Arizona Library in Tucson, where he will be Assistant Librarian on the Fine Arts and Humanities Team.

### Grants :

**Michael Lavin**, Business and Management subject specialist, Business and Government Documents Dept, Lockwood Library published Comic Books and Libraries, Part Four, in "Serials Review," v. 25, no. 1, (1999) pp. 27-94. The article titles are "Introduction;" "A Librarian's Guide to Independent Comics, I;" "A Librarian's Guide to Independent Comics, II;" "A Librarian's Guide to Archie Comics;" "Magazines and Journals about Comic Books."

**Ellen McGrath**, Head of Cataloging, Charles B. Sears Law Library, reviewed "Communicating Research" by A.J. Meadows in "Library Resources & Technical Services," v.43, no. 2 (April 1999) pp. 124-126.

**Fred Stoss**, Biological Sciences Librarian, Science & Engineering Library, is co-author of "Information Resources in Toxicology," 3rd Edition (Academic Press).

### Professional Activities

**David Bertuca** is the North East Map Organization (NEMO) Newsletter editor.

**Susan L. Dow**, Electronic Information Services Librarian, Charles B. Sears Library, has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Association of Law Librarians of Upstate New York (ALLUNY)

**Jill Hackenberg**, Reference and Electronic Services Coordinator, Science and Engineering Library, attended the Annual Meeting of the Special Libraries Association in Minneapolis as a member of the Physics-Astronomy-Math and Sci-Tech Divisions.

**Ellen McGrath** co-moderated the meeting of the OBS/TS-SIS Research Roundtable held on July 18, 1999, at the annual meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) in Washington, DC.

**Ellen McGrath** has been appointed to the 2001 Annual Meeting Program Selection Committee of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL).

**Maiken Naylor**, Associate Librarian, Bibliographer for Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics, Science and Engineering Library, provided a cyber presentation of the Science in Stamps (web exhibit) <http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/units/ser/exhibits/stamps/> at this year's Pittcon (Pittsburgh Conference) meeting in Orlando.

**Ruth Oberg**, Library Assistant, Science and Engineering Library, presided over the 21st Annual Conference of the New York State Library Assistants' Association (NYSLAA)

**Frederick Stoss** was selected for a two-year term as a member of the ALA Social Responsibility Round Table Action Council and will serve as the SRRT Coordinator.

**Ernie Woodson**, Map Librarian, Science and Engineering Library, was installed as Captain-elect for 1999/2000 of the North East Map Organization at the NEMO 12th Annual Meeting in Wellsley, MA. He will be Captain for 2000/2001.

### Other:

**Ellen Gibson**, Director, Charles B. Sears Law Library, will be awarded the Anthony P. Grech Memorial Award by the Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York (ALLUNY) at its annual meeting in September. The award honors ALLUNY members who have made significant contributions to the scholarship of law librarianship in New York State. Ellen receives the award in recognition of her second, expanded edition of the New York Legal Research Guide.

### Cornell

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### Geneva Staff News

**Peter McDonald**, Director of the Geneva Library at Cornell's Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva, NY, was elected to ALA's SRRT Action Council beginning this summer and running for 3 years.

### Other:

The Geneva Library has begun an "Eastern Wine & Grape Archive". The purpose of the Eastern Wine & Grape archive is to provide researchers and historians with access to primary material which describes the evolution of the industry first hand. Materials from individuals, grape growers and wine makers, wineries of all sizes, associations, and professional organizations, are of great interest. Among the records being sought are letters, account books, diaries, scrapbooks, pamphlets, posters, memorabilia, scientific notes, field reports, photographs, winery publications (and other ephemera such as brochures, invitations to special events, etc.) and any pertinent materials which document first hand the particulars of the person(s) and organization(s) involved with grape growing and wine making in the East. The Archive is a joint venture of the Geneva Library at Cornell's Agricultural Experiment Station, the Division of Rare and Manuscripts and the American Society of Ecology and Viticulture – Eastern Section, who kindly donated \$2500 to kick-start the project.

### Mann Staff News

**Greg Lawrence, Jo Jaynes, Julie Peterson, Sandy Driscoll, and Bill Kehoe** won a US Department of Agriculture Honor Award for their work on the USDA's Economics and Statistics System (<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu>). The system provides the public with free access via the Internet to vital agricultural information published by the Department of Agriculture. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman presented the award at a ceremony in Washington on June 9, 1999.

**Harold Raskin** received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship. Howard was honored for his professional contributions to Mann Library and the Library community.

### Other Mann news:

Mann Library has unveiled its virtual library tour. Located on the Web at <http://www.mannlib.cornell.edu/tour/html>, the tour is a digital walk-through of the library's special collections, preservation, technology and global services. Highlighted are resources and services such as the renowned Phillips Beekeeping collection, the USDA Economics and Statistics System and the preservation of older brittle books.

## Corning Community College

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### Staff News

**Donald Voorhees** passed away in August, 1998. He had been at the college since 1975. **Alexis Manheim** was hired as the new Government Document Reference Librarian in January 1999.

**Lynn Usack** is the new educational Technology Professional. She was hired in June 1999. **Susan (Roy) Gloss** received tenure.

### Grants:

A Grant of \$13,194 for Records Creation and System Design.

## Cortland

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### Staff News:

PDQWL Awards:

**Ellen McCabe** received a PDQWL Grant for an independent study on Thomas Hardy during the first summer session at SUNY Cortland. The credits received contribute to progress on a second master's degree in English.

**Tom Bonn** used a PDQWL grant during month of May to continue his research into the literary agenting in the United States. During the month he consulted the Alfred A. Knopf manuscript archives at the University of Texas, Austin.

### Other:

New Interactive Reference Area:

Memorial Library brings on line for the Fall semester the Interactive Reference Area! A hands-on library instruction forum positioned in the traditional Reference Area so that it may be utilized by users when no bibliographic instruction class is in session, the IRA seats 25 and will sport the same Link Systems workstation screen control hardware now utilized in a lab at Milne Library, SUNY Oneonta.

## Dutchess

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### Staff News:

**Anthony Denizad** has become a full time employee for the fall 1999 semester to staff our Teaching Learning Center. He will help faculty take full advantage of the technology available to them for improving instruction.

**Ron Crovisier, Evelyn Rosenthal,** and **Tom Trinchera** demonstrated our latest library technology to the professional staff and the opening meeting of the Professional Staff Organization. They showed the latest version of our OPAC, Spectrum, and our most recently acquired database Academic Universe.

### Other:

Gifts:

The Rabbi Erwin Zimet Foundation has donated \$1,240 to buy books on the Holocaust. Approximately forty books have been purchased and will be on display in the library during September.

The law firm of McCabe and Mack has donated approximately \$6,000 worth of law books for our Paralegal Program.

## Environmental Science

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Did you know that SUNY ESF, that tiny little campus in Syracuse has two branch libraries in the Adirondacks? This summer three SUNY ESF, Moon Librarians, **Betsy**

**Elkins, JoAnne Ellis and Jane Verostek** made a working visit to these branches! They spent 1 ½ days at both the Ranger School Library in Wanekena and at the Adirondack Ecological Center (AEC) Library in Newcomb, N.Y. The Ranger School Library serves the Forest Tech. Program for ESF and the AEC Library serves research activities of ESF faculty and staff in the Adirondacks. The Moon Library has responsibility for these two branches and its library management system (Voyager from Endeavor, Inc.) includes the holdings of these small libraries. At both sites the librarians met with faculty and staff to discuss access to these collections, how they are used and how we can better serve our users in these "remote" locations. The trio then rolled up their sleeves and weeded, read shelves and collected materials for binding! They also took a little time to "enjoy" the area, staying in rustic campus housing in the woods, eating in the mess hall with students whose summer jobs included measuring trees and sighting a black bear at 6 a.m.

### Other news of Moon Librarians:

**Jane Verostek** participated in the Institute for Information Literacy (SUNY Immersion '99) at SUNY Plattsburgh this summer.

**Betsy Elkins** is one of the 6 faculty elected to serve on the ESF Presidential Search Committee. While Moon is always a popular site for library interns from nearby Syracuse University, we were happy to host Andre Schlieker, a graduate student in information studies from Wiesbaden, Germany this past February. He loved OCLC and our online catalog!

## Fredonia

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### Staff News:

After 11 + years, **Dr. Susan Besemer**, Director of Reed Library, is retiring as of August 31, 1999. She has decided to keep active in academia as an adjunct professor at Buffalo State in the Creative Studies

Department. As an avid supporter of libraries, we look forward to seeing Sue at library functions in the Western New York area.

Our newly appointed Library Director is **Randy Gadikian**, who begins September 1, 1999. He comes to us from the Buffalo State campus where he has held various library positions for the last 18 years, most recently functioning as the Manager of Information Resources.

**Marianne B. Eimer** as Interlibrary Loan/Reference Librarian has been promoted to Senior Assistant Librarian as of Sept. 1, 1999.

**Andy Dutcher**, our SILS student who has been covering weekend reference hours will be leaving us to take up a position at the Buffalo State campus as an Assistant Systems Librarian.

#### Other:

**Katie Loomis**, the Electronic Resources/Systems Librarian invites you to take a "virtual tour" of our library. While visiting our home page of <http://www.fredonia.edu/library> simply click on the "Take a Tour of the Library" link where you can see recent photos of the staff and the library.

### Genesee CC

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#### Staff news:

**Linda Herman** has resigned her position as part-time Reference and Instruction Librarian for an appointment as Librarian at Medaille College in Buffalo.

#### Professional Activities

**Nina Warren** attended the "Association of College & Research Libraries Institute for Information Literacy SUNY Immersion '99" Program at SUNY Plattsburgh, July 31 - Aug. 5, 1999.

### Geneseo

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#### Staff News:

**Sonja Landes** has been promoted to Associate Librarian, effective January 1999, and has been granted continuing appointment, effective January 2000.

**Kim Davies** has been appointed Senior Assistant Librarian in Reference and Instruction, effective August 23, 1999. Kim previously held a reference position at the University at Buffalo's Health Sciences Library.

**Lindsay Klik** joins the staff at Milne Library as our new Technology Support Professional, effective August 23, 1999.

#### Professional Activities :

**Sue Ann Butwell** presented on Evaluation First: A New Approach to Teaching the Web at the CIT Conference in Rome/Utica, June 1999.

#### Publications:

**Nan Pollot's** name will appear twice in The Scribner Encyclopedia of American Lives, v.1: Notable Americans Who Died Between 1981 and 1985 (Scribner, 1998) for her work on two biographical essays about William Allison Davis and Rachel Harris.

### Jefferson CC

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#### Grants:

**Inger Curth**, Assistant Librarian at Jefferson Community College's Melvil Dewey Library, received a grant from the A. C. Walker Foundation at the William C. Merwin Rural Services Institute, and the Literacy Volunteers of America to fund a survey of Northern New York's information literacy. The survey was conducted earlier this year, and findings will be reported during the upcoming semester.

### Monroe CC

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#### Staff News:

**Peter Genovese** has been appointed Interim Associate Vice President of Curriculum and Development at Monroe Community College. **Ted Ciambor** and **Ann Penwarden** will assume the positions of Interim Director and Interim Associate Director of Libraries in Peter's absence.

**Deborah Emerson** will serve as 2nd Vice President of SUNYLA and Chair of the 2000 Conference.

The Monroe Community College Board of Trustees has bestowed upon newly retired Serials Librarian **Vincent Prestianni** the title Emeritus.

#### Other:

We have expanded our electronic reference area to include 25 new public access computers.

### Morrisville

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#### Staff news:

**Sue Greenhagen**, Technical Services Librarian at SUNY Morrisville, was awarded a SUNY Morrisville Alumni Association Research Grant this May. The title of the grant was "Flora Temple and the City of Baltimore, 1861. Flora Temple was a nineteenth century trotting horse that dominated her sport from 1850 to 1861. It was at the height of her popularity that she became embroiled in the American Civil War. The research on Flora Temple has also resulted in a web site devoted to her life and accomplishments. You can access this site at [http://www.morrisville.edu/pages/library/local\\_history/flora/](http://www.morrisville.edu/pages/library/local_history/flora/)

**Angela Weiler**, Instruction Librarian, attended the SUNY Information Literacy Immersion Program at SUNY Plattsburgh from July 31 to August 4. Angela was a "Track 2" participant, which involved the development an Action Plan for Information Literacy, tailored to the needs of each individual institution. She has returned to Morrisville eager

to set her Action Plan in motion, with the help of the rest of the professional staff at Morrisville.

#### Other:

SUNY Morrisville is a IBM Thinkpad University. We currently have over 700 students with IBM Thinkpads. The campus is fully wired (at 10 MB to the desktop or wired port) in the academic buildings with internet cafes and lounges in several buildings around campus including the library. The dorms will be fully "wireless" by the end of September with access via a wireless Raytheon network card for each laptop (at 2MB shared capacity). **Bill Drew** is investigating library services for wireless and wired laptop users. Is anyone else doing this and what special library services are being offered to such "wireless" users as well as "wired" users? Contact Bill Drew at [drewwe@morrisville.edu](mailto:drewwe@morrisville.edu). URLs for the library and the college lower level pages will be changing over the next few months as we move from VAX VMS based web server to Windows NT using Microsoft IIS.

### New Paltz

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#### Staff news:

Mick Stafford is the new Coordinator of Instruction at the library. Mick received his MLS from the University of Texas at Austin, and comes to New Paltz from Galveston Community College.

#### Grants:

**Christopher Raab** is the recipient of a \$12,688 grant from the New York Discretionary Grant Program for the Conservation and Preservation of Library Materials. The money will be used to reformat 430 photos from the college archives on acid free archival paper.

#### Professional Activities:

**Susan Kraat** and **Mick Stafford** participated in the first regional ACRL Institute for Information Literacy at Plattsburgh in August.

#### Other:

The Library received special funding from the SUNY New Paltz Foundation to promote an Information Literacy Fair on September 9. The event included presentations by SUNY Connect and FirstSearch, as well as interactive quizzes, door prizes, and Info Jeopardy. College Auxiliary Services, library vendors, cosortia and local businesses helped sponsor the Fair, which celebrated the grand opening of the library's new electronic classroom.

### Niagara

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#### Staff news:

**Elizabeth Fulwell** has returned as Library Director after nearly five years working as an Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for the College.

**Beth Hodgson**, after two years as Acting Library Director, is returning to her previous position as Media and Systems Librarian.

#### Other news:

A new computer lab has been created in the Library Learning Center to use for library instruction classes. It is being shared with other departments for various uses such as computerized registration.

### Old Westbury

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#### Staff News:

**Stephen Kirkpatrick**, Head of Reference, has been named Acting Director of the Library while a search is being conducted for a permanent Director.

### Oneonta

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#### Staff News:

**Dan Kissane** was promoted to Assistant Librarian.

**Kathy Franco** received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship.

**Dan Kissane, Nancy Cannon, Kay Benjamin, and Mary Lynn Bensen** attended the Information Literacy Immersion Institute in Plattsburgh in July.

#### Grants:

**Nancy Cannon** received a PDQWL Grant to complete a revision of the Reference Page on the Library's Web Site.

#### Professional Activities:

**Dan Kissane and Nancy Cannon** presented a paper entitled Library Support Services for Distance Education Faculty and Students at the SUNY FACT Conference on Instructional Technologies at the SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome in June, 1999.

### Optometry

#### Staff News:

**Ms. Elaine Wells** has been promoted from Reference Librarian to Library Director. Ms. **Kadri Niider** has been appointed Assistant Librarian.

#### Grants:

**Ms. Elaine Wells** received a grant of \$912 from NYS/UUP Joint Labor Committees for a graduate level course in cataloging. Ms. **Tina Perez** received \$100 from the above organization for a workshop in LC classification.

#### Publication/Research:

**Elaine Wells** wrote a column entitled "Net" works for the summer 1999 MLA NY-NJ Chapter Newsletter.

#### Professional Activities:

**Elaine Wells** is serving as co-chair of the MLA NY-NJ Advocacy Committee.

## Orange

### **Sarah Vasse**

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#### **Grants:**

The Orange County Community College Learning Resource Center has been selected to receive the State Archives and Record Administration (SARA) Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund Grant. The Funds will be used to provide for consultant services to complete a needs assessment for the formal creation of an archival preservation program.

## Oswego

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#### **Staff news:**

**Mary Beth Bell** has been appointed Director of Libraries, Aug. 1999.

**Lee Ann Johst** has resigned her position at Penfield Library to accept a position in the Education Library at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.

**Elizabeth Young** has been promoted to the rank of Senior Assistant Librarian, effective September 1, 1999.

**Ed Vermue** has been appointed Coordinator of Special Collections, effective Aug. 1998.

**Cathy Reed** has been appointed Assistant Coordinator of Reference.

#### **Grants:**

**Mary Hong Loe** received a PDQWL grant and a North Country 3Rs Continuing Education Grant to attend the three day ALA/ALCTS Collection Management and Development Institute in Pomona, CA in late March.

**Ed Vermue** received a PDQWL grant for \$300 for professional development.

#### **Professional Activities:**

**Mary Hong Loe** was invited to lead a discussion on Collection Management and Development and

current issues as part of the NC3Rs Annual Meeting in Alexandria Bay on May 20th.

**Ed Vermue** participated in a six week internship at Cornell Library's Preservation Dept.

## Plattsburgh

### **Carla Hendrix**

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#### **Staff news:**

Our newest librarian is **Michelle Toth**, Instruction Librarian. Michelle received her MLS from Indiana University, Bloomington this spring and began her work at Plattsburgh at the end of July. She's already signed up as a new member of SUNYLA

#### **Grants:**

**Holly Heller-Ross** and **Karen Volkman** received a PDQWL Grant to sponsor a SUNY Information Literacy Institute in early August. Following the first ACRL Information Literacy Institute held at Plattsburgh, the SUNY Institute, funded largely by the NYS/UUP Labor-Management PDQWL grant, enabled 41 SUNY Librarians to work together for a week on issues of information literacy.

#### **Publications:**

**Holly Heller-Ross** "Library Support for Distance Learning Programs: A Distributed Model." Journal of Library Services for Distance Education. July 1999 (URL: [www.westga.edu/library/jlsde/](http://www.westga.edu/library/jlsde/))

#### **Professional Activities**

**Holly Heller-Ross** gave a presentation at the SUNY Council of Library Directors annual meeting entitled, "New Strategies for Library Instruction: Issues and Approaches."

**Karen Volkman** presented a paper at the 8th annual SUNY FACT Conference--CIT99 with Ray Gydosh (School of Business) entitled, "Shifting from a Process-Based to an Application-Driven Instruction Method: Teaching Technology to Business Students."

**Carla List** has been appointed chair of a Task Force of the ACRL

Instruction Section, charged with revising the Model Statement of Objectives for Academic Bibliographic Instruction.

**Carla List** is also serving as an editor for College & Undergraduate Libraries.

**Patty Bentley** was named a member of the state-wide UUP Executive Board and has been named Chair of the UUP Legislation Committee.

**Carla Hendrix** has been appointed to the state-wide UUP Committee on Disability Rights and Concerns.

#### **Other:**

Feinberg Library was completely recarpetted this summer with a remarkable lack of chaos and confusion. In the process all stacks were moved to allow for recarpetting and were re-placed so that the spacing between them complies with ADA standards. The entire reference area was also reconfigured with counter height shelving, new computer stations out in the main part of the reference area, and a new reference desk and student assistant desk in close proximity. The change required a significant weeding and relocation of many reference items to the circulating stacks, government documents and special collections. The space is transformed into a light and welcoming area.

## Purchase

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#### **Staff News:**

**Patrick F. Callahan** has been appointed Library Director. Patrick comes to Purchase from St. John's University, where he was Assistant Dean for Collections and Technical Services. His ties to the SUNY system include having consulted to SUNY Plattsburgh on technical services issues and as acting President of WALDO, the Westchester Academic Library Directors' Organization. **Marcus E. Kiltyka** has been appointed Social Sciences & Government Documents Librarian.

#### **Other**

**Michael W. Handis** is currently serving as the Acting Head of Technical Services

## Schenectady County CC

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### Staff News:

**Steven McIntosh** joined the staff in mid-February as Coordinator of Instructional Technology. Begley Library's Media Center has been renamed the Instructional Technology Center. In addition to providing traditional audiovisual services to the Campus, the ITC will be working with the faculty to develop resources supporting on-campus and distance learning instruction.

**Laurie Davis** was appointed adjunct Reference Librarian in August. She received her MLS from SUNY at Albany in May, 1999.

**David Moore**, Technical Services/Systems Librarian was promoted from Assistant Librarian II to Associate Librarian, effective September 1, 1999.

## Stony Brook HSL

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### Staff news:

**Ken Gibson** resigned as Assistant Director for Education Services in June. He has accepted a new position at Hanover College in Hanover, Indiana.

**Guillaume van Moorsel** has been appointed as Acting Assistant Director for Education Services.

### Grants:

**Julitta Jo** received a \$1,000 NYS/UUP Professional Development and Quality of Working Life grant to

**Karen Carney**  
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### Staff news:

attend "Racing Toward Tomorrow," in Detroit April 8-11, 1999. This was the 9th National Conference and Exhibits of the ACRL.

**Julitta Jo** attended the ACRL Institute for Information Literacy through the SUNY Immersion Program held at Plattsburgh from July 31 through August 5, 1999. Support for program attendees was funded through a NYS/UUP PDQWL grant.

**Ruth Marcolina** received a NYS/UUP PDQWL grant to attend the Special Libraries Association annual meeting "Knowledge Leaders for the New Millennium: Creators of the Information Future" held in Minneapolis, Minnesota from June 5th to 10th. The \$1,000 grant also included participation in the CE course "Creating a Knowledge Map of Your Organization."

### Professional Activities:

**Michael Huang** presented a paper titled "A Comparative Study of the Evaluation of Librarians in Academic Libraries in China and the United States," co-authored with Hu Yue, Director of the Capital Normal University Library, Beijing, at the Annual Conference of the China Society for Library Science. The conference was held in Dalian, China on July 8-13, 1999. The paper will be published in the Peking Library Press publication "In the Turn of the Centuries: Retrospect and Prospect of Libraries" (1999).

**Guillaume (Gui) van Moorsel** presented two papers at the Medical Library Association meeting held in May in Chicago. One paper, "Collaboration and Co-leveraging between the LRC and the Dean's Office in Formation of a Graduate Medical Education Resource Center," was before the Education and Technologies Section on May 18. That same day he presented "From Guest Lecturer to Academic Partner: Integration of Librarian-Defined Health Care Informatics into the Core Curricula for Allied Health Sciences" to a combined session of the Medical Informatics, Medical School Libraries, Hospital Libraries, and Research Sections of MLA.

## Stony Brook Univ.

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### Staff news:

**David Allen** delivered a paper entitled "How to Put Your Maps on the Internet" at the 65th Annual IFLA Conference in Bangkok, Thailand, August 23, 1999.

**Sue Allen-Bosco** was promoted to Assistant Head of Serials Acquisitions and Control.

**Nathan Baum** has been reassigned from Head of Reference to Digital Resources Librarian.

**Gisele Glover** has been promoted to Head of the Music Library.

**Christine King** resigned as Music Library Head to assume a position in the Education Library, Purdue University.

**Charles Simpson** is now the President of the Board of Trustees of the Long Island Library Resources Council. He was also selected to participate in the 1999 Senior Fellows Program for managers of academic libraries, conducted by the UCLA Graduate School of Education and Information Studies.

## Suffolk

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### Staff News:

After serving 14 years as the Dean of Libraries for the three campuses of SCCC and, more recently, as Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, **Dr. Antoinette Kania** has left to become Dean of the Long Island region for Empire State College.

## Ulster CC

### **Karen Carney**

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**Patricia Carroll-Mathes** has retired from her position as Associate Librarian and Coordinator of Information Literacy after 28 years of service in the Macdonald DeWitt Library. **Ms Carroll-Mathes** was awarded the title of Professor Emerita on her retirement.

#### **Other:**

UCCC has been selected by a team representing SUNY librarians, the SUNY Learning Network, SUNY education faculty, and OLIS to provide a Web-based Information Literacy course for the SUNY System.

## Westchester CC

### **Gloria Bader Meisel**

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#### **Staff News:**

**Anna Pierce** was the recipient of the 1999 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship

#### **Grants:**

**Veronica Kenausis, Gloria Meisel, Dale Leifeste** –Department Initiative Award in the amount of \$2400 to continue development and provide for usability studies of VIRGIL (Virtual Research Guide to Information Literacy).

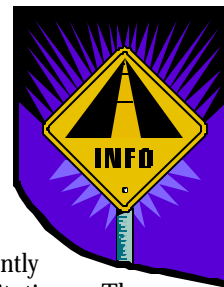
#### **Professional Activities:**

**Gloria Meisel** was appointed to the AASL/ACRL Joint Task Force on the Educational Role of Libraries to run through ALA Annual 2000.

**Gloria Meisel and Veronica Kenausis** presented a poster session : "Coping with Change: The Design and Development of an Interactive Web-Based Tutorial for First-Year English Students," at the 1999 American Library Association Conference in New Orleans.

## **Library Instruction Committee**

### **Nancy Cannon (Oneonta), Chair**



The SUNYLA Library Instruction Committee currently has 26 members representing 18 SUNY institutions. The Committee is composed of three subcommittees: Information Literacy, Distance Education, and the Library Instruction Web Site. Since we have members from throughout the state, we communicate primarily through e-mail.

Members of the Distance Education Subcommittee are:

**Deborah Bernard** (University at Albany), Coordinator; **Mary Andolina** (Fulton-Montgomery Community College); **Holly Heller-Ross** (Plattsburgh) **Maureen Lindstrom** (Buffalo); **Bob Matthews** (Hudson Valley Community College). In the coming year, the Distance Education subcommittee will develop a clearinghouse of tools for librarians to use when they deliver information literacy to students at a distance. In addition, the Distance Education subcommittee will continue to update and monitor the Distance Education page of the SUNYLA Library Instruction web site.

Members of the Information Literacy Subcommittee are:

**Gretchen Douglas** (Cortland), Coordinator; **Eric Acree** (University at Buffalo); **Sue Ann Butwell** (Geneseo); **Elizabeth Gulacsy** (Alfred); **Kathie Graham** (Oswego); **Deborah LaFond** (Albany); **Heather Munger** (University at Buffalo); **Barbara Petruzelli** (New Paltz); **Karen Shockey** (Oswego); **Prue Stelling** (Binghamton); **Hilary Sternberg** (Buffalo State); **Sarah Vasse** (Orange County CC).

The Information Literacy subcommittee will add Information Literacy web pages to the existing Library Instruction web site to highlight information literacy efforts both within SUNY and nationwide in the coming year.

Members of the Library Instruction Web Page Committee are:

**Bern Mulligan** (Binghamton), Webmaster; **Nancy Cannon** (Oneonta), Coordinator; **Deborah Bernard** (University at Albany); **Sue Ann Butwell** (Geneseo); **Laura Cohen** (University at Albany); **Kimberly S. Davies** (Geneseo); **Gretchen Douglas** (Cortland); **Tara Hoag** (Farmingdale); **Janet Hogan** (Binghamton); **Barbara Kobritz** (Tompkins-Cortland Community College); **Nan Pollot** (Geneseo); **Amy Rockwell** (College at Buffalo)

In the forthcoming year, the Web Page Subcommittee will continue to expand and maintain the SUNYLA Library Instruction website:  
<http://library.lib.binghamton.edu/sunyla/>



# 1999 Conference Report

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By Joyce Miller

## **Attendance:**

Approximately 150 people attended the SUNYLA '99 conference, held June 16-18 at Adirondack Community College in Queensbury. The theme of the conference was "ACC 99: Advocacy, Coalitions and Cooperation."

The Friend of SUNYLA Award was presented to **Christine Haile**, Associate Provost of the Advanced Learning and Information Initiatives at SUNY System Administration. We hosted 30 speakers, including the pre-conference workshop presenters. Keynote speaker **Karen G. Schneider**, author of the "Internet Librarian" column in *American Libraries*, gave an entertaining presentation on filters and Web issues.

Roundtable discussions were held on four topics: libraries and academic computing centers, library management issues, technostress, and information literacy. Nine poster sessions were offered, on subjects ranging from a librarian exchange in China to managing a database management system for periodicals.

The conference offered three pre-conference workshops:

- Library Budgeting by **Katharine Winderlin** and **Barbara Nichols Randall**, on the components of a budget and how to organize a budget spreadsheet using Excel;
- Advocacy and SUNY Libraries: What Works, What Doesn't by **John Hammond** and **Kathleen Miller**, with practical, real-life advice on how to build and keep support for your library and its services;
- Building Coalitions with **Mary-Alice Lynch** and **Carey Hatch**, on the role of consortia, the organization of consortia in the New York State and SUNY library systems and the dilemmas and choices facing consortiums and the benefits they create for their members.

Cultural events include a tour of historical downtown Glens Falls, a visit to the Hyde Collection, a scenic dinner cruise on the Mohican on Lake George with dancing to the music of Doc Scanlon's Rhythm Boys, and a reception in the ACC Visual Arts Gallery, sponsored by Joy, McCoola and Zilch Architects and Planners, architects of ACC's new Scoville Learning Center building. Film clips portraying librarians and a film featuring librarians provided entertainment one evening.

Vendor and library services support was very strong this year. We received donations from Baker & Taylor, Blackwell Information Services, Blackwell North America, EBSCO Subscription Services, Fortres Grand Corp., Joy McCoola and Zilch, Nylink, SIRS Mandarin and Yankee Peddler. Vendors also donated additional items for the "goody bags".

Evaluation forms:

Fifty-two evaluation forms were received. Some highlights:

\* Most people heard about the conference through the SUNYLA-L discussion list, their SUNYLA delegate or from the conference brochure or SUNYLA newsletter.

\* Among the programs attendees rated as “excellent” were the keynote speaker, information literacy roundtable discussion and electronic reserves. Almost all other programs received ratings of “excellent” or “above average”. None received a rating of “poor”.

\* Several commented that the roundtable discussions should be given additional time.

\* Most rated the on-campus meals and refreshments as “Excellent” or “Above average”. The Thursday night band and boat ride (though not the food) also received rave reviews.

\* The evaluations included an excellent array of program ideas for next year, as well as ten volunteers to help with next year’s conference.

SUNYLA’s new second vice-president, Debbie Emerson, has received a copy of the evaluation form results and list of volunteers to help plan SUNYLA 2000.

### Conference Program Reports:

Below are accounts of several of the programs, written by conference committee members who served as moderators. In addition to those summarized below, other programs included:

- Digital Libraries: Virtual Realities by **Marsha Spiegelman**, on the opportunities and challenges offered by virtual libraries, such as the issues of access, instruction, quality, cost, staffing, support and collaboration.

- Bibliographic Access to Digital Resources: a Look at Metadata, by **Kate Majewski** and **Judith Hopkins**, on describing and providing access to digital collections and other electronic resources;

- Librarian as Partner in Campus Leadership by **Marilyn Rosenthal**, on the practical advice and experiences on creating a campus presence for the library and the role of librarians as library advocates and campus leaders.



### Distance Learning: Making It Work

Presenters: **Marilyn Moody**, Director, Science Engineering Library, SUNY/Buffalo **John Ellison**, Ph. D., Associate Professor, School of Information & Library Studies Moderator: **Kathleen DeLaney**, Project Archivist, SUNY/Buffalo

Attendance: 46

Special Note: Permissions of students enrolled in DL classes to feature their discussions on the web were obtained prior to showing the sites for the conference. Speakers featured distance learning web sites at University of Illinois LEEP Program and University at Buffalo School of Information & Library Studies where they are instructors.

Moody uses synchronous and asynchronous Internet technology, favoring the live sessions at U of I. She uses a 28.8 modem connection geared at low level technology with a separate phone line. Using a combination of general Web boards, chalk boards, text chat, and audio feed, she also makes provision for "private conferences." Students and instructors in LEEP are required to attend an intensive two week orientation to program on campus during the summer; and Moody attributes high degree of familiarity with students to this feature. Web boards are standardized throughout U of I programs.

Ellison, who teaches 5 classes via DL at SILS and one undergraduate course, has been using this method for more than 5 years. He uses web discussion boards to post class notes, query students and several techniques to engage students in discussion (i.e., Academic and Research Libraries is taught as a seminar; Intellectual Freedom is taught using the Socratic method; and Management is a high degree of interaction and project involvement. "Office hours" are maintained, and students are aware of this from

a syllabus posted each semester. Some classes have "optional classroom instruction." Both draw students from wide range of backgrounds, countries, and non-traditional student populations. Assignments are accomplished via web and traditional methods. Students learn of classes via print and electronic advertising, and word of mouth. The session spurred a high interest (pre-conference 37 registered) with lively discussion in the "how to" methods. Handouts listing Distance Learning URLs were provided.

### **SUNYLA Web Site Update** - Deborah Bernard

This program consisted of live presentations of three SUNYLA Web Sites. **Laura Cohen**, Web Manager for SUNYLA, presented the main SUNYLA site and asked for suggestions for items to add. A lively discussion of what people would like to see on the site followed. Some of the ideas generated from this session have already appeared on the site. **Dan Kissane** unveiled the new Web page created by the Automation and Information Technology Committee. The site features lots of valuable information pulled together in one place. For some really useful tools, check out the System Support Tools and Web Site portion of the page.

**Nancy Cannon, Bern Mulligan** and **Janet Hogan** presented the Library Instruction Committee's Web site. Bern explained the overall structure of the site while Janet presented instruction pages created by several categories of SUNY institutions. There was a lot of feedback and discussion from the audience for all three sites.

### **Information Literacy Roundtable**

Over 50 attendees filled Miller Auditorium for an active discussion moderated by **Tim Hamett**. Among the wide-ranging topics for this roundtable were:

1. Integrating information literacy into the college curriculum
2. SUNY Board of Trustees' recommendations on the core curriculum (i.e. information management).
3. Reaching out to part-time/adjunct faculty
4. Best practices/current initiatives
5. Tutorials on the Web and how best to use them in teaching
6. Getting faculty prepared and involved
7. Active learning and teaching
8. Computer literacy vs. info literacy

### **SUNYConnect/SLAM Update: David Moore**

42 attended the session, presented by **Larry Randall**, SUNYConnect Project Coordinator and **Maureen Zajkowski**, SUNY Library Automation Migration (SLAM) Project Manager. Mr. Randall and Ms. Zajkowski's presentation covered the history of SUNY Library cooperative efforts, most notably the Library Automation Implementation Project (LAIP), which began in 1989 and is now serving 40 SUNY campuses as well as a model for SLAM. Joint database efforts date to 1995, when an ad hoc consortium of 32 SUNY libraries first subscribed to OCLC's FirstSearch. An up-to-the-minute report on the SLAM process was given by Ms. Zajkowski. A recommendation of a vendor should go to the SUNY Provost by July 1999 and the migration process beginning by the end of 1999. A brief question and answer session and discussion followed the presentation.

### **Electronic Reserves: Judith Adams-Volpe**

A vendor package (E-Res from Docutek) and an in-house developed system were discussed by **Eileen O'Hara** from Brockport and **Karen Senglaup** from Buffalo. The two presenters discussed the systems themselves, student use, faculty reaction and satisfaction, staffing needs and workflow, costs

(including systems, staff, technical support, printing, and photocopying revenue lost due to no charging for printing at present), and finally copyright issues. The large audience was very engaged in the program and lively discussion focused largely on staffing requirements, the ease of use of the Docutek system, student use patterns, and especially the huge printing costs, the problems of initiating a pay system for printing (due to authentication needs) and the evolving status of copyright legislation/policy regarding digital reproduction of materials. The program provided precise information needed by campuses that are contemplating offering electronic reserve services.

### **Digitization Projects:** Rudy Bruner and Love Canal at UB - **Kathleen DeLaney**

Presenters: **Kathleen DeLaney**, Project Archivist, SUNY/Buffalo, University Archives; **Christopher Densmore**, Director, SUNY/Buffalo, University Archives; **Judith Adams-Volpe**, Director, SUNY/Buffalo, Lockwood Library Moderator: **Kathleen DeLaney** Attendance: 39

Presenters discussed history of a digitization project funded through a grant encompassing two dissimilar collections. The Rudy Bruner Award for Urban Excellence is a prestigious architectural award presented biennially with submissions archives at UB since 1987. The collection consists of b x w microfilmed entries of colored submissions presented in three-ring binders, including architectural drawings, schematics, landscape and interior plans. Viewed as a unique educational tool, two UB libraries receive frequent requests to ILL the films, with the chief complaint being that they are "difficult to impossible to read."

The Love Canal , the world's first manmade federal disaster, may not have been the biggest or largest toxic waste dump, but it has the distinction of being the first around which grass roots movements developed and is the benchmark by which all other crises after it has been measured. UB holds the records of the Ecumenical Task Force known as the Love Canal Archives -- more than 198 linear feet (more than 300,000 records). This collection is unique because it was assembled at the height of the crisis, and continued for 19 years thereafter. A major portion of the collection is newspaper clippings, with court and medical records, unique private/confidential memos, and other assorted business-type materials. Differences in the approach to digitizing a colorful, graphically rich collection (Bruner) as compared to a text rich collection (Love Canal). Examples of archival records were shown to compare them to digitized version. A labor intense project, part of the grant focused on experimentation with different image formats and the results of the web design. Conclusions included advice not to digitize unprocessed collections, and to retain an archival copy of any digital work in the most simple and flexible format based on changing technology, and to determine what it is you need and want to showcase on the web prior to digitizing.

### **SUNY Student Resource Center**- Moderator: **Joyce Miller**

**Peter Genovese**, Director of Libraries at Monroe Community College and **Pamela O'Sullivan**, Manager of the SUNY Student Resource Center, presented a session to 15 people on the innovative SUNY Student Resource Center. The Center, based at the Rochester Public Library, is a cooperative effort between the Rochester Public Library, Monroe Community College, SUNY Brockport and Empire State College. The Center's purpose is to provide library and computer services to students attending those colleges' downtown campuses. The Center also provides reserve material for those campuses, training on Web use and word processing, numerous resource guides and pathfinders, group study rooms, and a reading garden. Telecourses may also be viewed at the Center. Students must have a valid ID card from one of the three affiliated colleges to use the Center. The Web computers have links to the campuses' web sites. The public may use the computers for limited times, but student have priority. To ensure the success of the Center, Peter and Pamela find that ongoing advocacy is required, promoting the Center's services by visiting classes and distributing handouts.



## The SUNYLA Web Site

<http://www.albany.edu/library/sunyla/>

By Laura Cohen

*SUNYLA has had a Web site for many years. This is not surprising given that we are a library-related organization and libraries have been out front with the technology of the Web. This past year, our membership formalized its view of the importance of our site by voting to create the new position of Web Manager. The Web Manager is responsible for maintaining the organization's site, performing Web development activities, and mounting and maintaining documents as requested by the Executive Board, Committee Chairpersons, Liaisons and other members.*

As SUNYLA Web Manager, I'd like to highlight some of the useful and interesting aspects of our site:

- **Administrative documents:** The SUNYLA Constitution, By Laws, *Manual of Duties and Responsibilities of Elected and Appointed Representatives*, and other official documents are here in their most recent editions.
- **List of officers, committee chairs, liaisons:** These lists contain contact information and are updated whenever changes occur throughout the year.
- **Directory of SUNYLA and SUNY Libraries:** Here you will find links to all the Web sites of libraries that maintain them, lists of campus delegates, and links to staff directories where these exist on the Web.
- **Membership forms:** Forms for new or renewing members are now available on the Web. Simply print the appropriate form, fill it out, and give it to your campus delegate with your membership fee.
- **SUNYLA newsletters:** Our collection of newsletters goes back (with some gaps) to 1993. Thanks to the efforts of our Publications and Communications Committee, the latest issues are available on the site in very spiffy and colorful PDF format.
- **SUNYLA activities:** Our site links to very informative committee Web sites, conference Web pages, information about the SUNYLA discussion group, and much more.
- **Sites of interest:** Visit our list of employment sites, links to the UUP Web site, and other sites of interest to our members.

On a personal note, I'd like to say that the job of Web Manager is a rewarding one, and fun. It's been gratifying to watch the site grow in importance to our members. Many members have sent me e-mail, keeping me informed about updated URLs, new e-mail addresses, suggestions for new content, and so on. As a Webmaster, I have always believed that a good Web site is a current and an accurate one, so this feedback has been immensely helpful. And speaking of new e-mail addresses, I must say that my greatest challenge so far has been keeping up with the ever-changing e-mail address of President Mark Smith.

**What else would you like to see on our site? Please feel free to let me know. This is OUR Web site. Enjoy.**

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 Inside Penfield Library, revised by B. Judd, January 1997  
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97-19 *Librarians' Publishing and Writing, a Sabbatical Bibliography and RAPS Discussion Session Outline*, by Nancy Seale Osborne, Fall 1996/Spring 1997  
 97-20 Handout ... 198 SUNYLA Conference Session "G": Formal and Informal Mentoring: What it Takes to Build Positive Mentoring

Relationships, by Deborah Curry (SUNY Oswego) and Nancy Osborne (SUNY Oswego).

98-01 Adirondack Comm. Coll. Publications (request by title)  
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99-03 Handouts ... 1999 SUNYLA Pre-Conference Session: Library Budgeting, by Katherine Winderlin (North Country BOCES). Moderator: Barbara Nichols-Randall (Guilderland Public Library).

99-04 Handouts ... 1999 SUNYLA Pre-Conference Session: Advocacy and SUNY Libraries: What Works, What Doesn't by John Hammond (North Country Reference and Research Resources Council) and Kathleen Miller (Rochester Regional Library Council). Moderator: Barbara Nichols-Randall (Guilderland Public Library).

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# The Advocacy Committee

from Bill Drew

## Purpose of Ad Hoc Advocacy Committee

When I started to write this article, I thought that looking at a definition of advocacy would be beneficial. According to Merriam-Webster Online, an advocate is “1: one that pleads the cause of another; *specifically*: one that pleads the cause of another before a tribunal or judicial court. 2: one that defends or maintains a cause or proposal.” The etymology of the word is even more interesting. One of the roots of the word is *voc* or *vox*, which is Latin for voice. Advocacy is defined as “the act or process of advocating or supporting a cause or proposal”. Going from this, I believe the major mission of the Ad Hoc Advocacy Committee is to provide a voice for causes and proposals supported by and beneficial to SUNYLA members.

## How did this committee come about?

Mark Smith and I started having conversations just after Mark took on the duties of First Vice President/President-Elect. Various things happening within SUNY and in the library community required a response from our organization. No real mechanism existed to provide a fast turn around on such responses. As a result of our discussions, Mark suggested the formation of an Ad Hoc committee. He presented his proposal at the board meeting in August at Brockport. He asked me to chair the committee. That brings us to the present.

## Charges to the Committee

Proposed charges to the committee are:

- Identify advocacy issues and potential actions that further the goals of the organization and are of direct benefit to the membership.
- Develop and recommend to the Executive Board a mechanism for sanctioned approval of "official position" communications by SUNYLA to all appropriate external organizations and persons.
- Compose statements, letters, press releases or position papers on advocacy issues to be presented to the executive board and council for discussion, approval and dissemination to appropriate and approved sources.
- Develop mass mailing communication "templates" (IE. letters to politicians) for use by the SUNYLA membership detailing advocacy positions to elected officials or government offices.
- Provide official sanctioned SUNYLA representation and voice at appropriate external meetings and forums where there exists an opportunity to advocate for the specific interests of the organization and/or stated objectives as outlined in Article II of the SUNYLA constitution.

## What Now?

Please contact me if you are interested in this challenging and important effort. I see no need initially to meet face to face. Most of the work will be done via e-mail and telephone calls. I will be investigating setting up an e-mail based discussion group ("listserv"). My e-mail address is [drewwe@morrisville.edu](mailto:drewwe@morrisville.edu) and my voice phone is 315-684-6055. Please help out in this effort.

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