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## **State of the SUNY Libraries**

*by Julie Wash, SUNYLA President*

Librarians have long sought to exemplify the best of what a community offers: diversity, collective knowledge, and sharing. SUNY academic librarians already share their more than \$500 million in diverse assets through Interlibrary Loan, benefiting SUNY administrators, faculty, students, community members, and public and special libraries across the state and region.

### **SUNY Libraries incubate great ideas**

SUNY librarians contribute much of what is positive about the future of New York State: we support the personal and academic growth of more than 400,000 students every year. SUNY librarians assist in bringing federal research dollars to our state by supporting SUNY researchers. The regional campuses offer economic vitality to many areas across New York State. And the respective SUNY libraries support students, community members, entrepreneurs, and workforce development by offering access to technology, transforming our library users into lifelong learners— tomorrow's teachers, business owners, artists, doctors and researchers.

### **SUNYConnect**

*SUNYConnect* is a project based on the above community ideals: diversity, collective knowledge, and sharing, but as they apply to SUNY libraries. Upholding the long tradition of maximizing the utility of our library resources, SUNY libraries and librarians are in the midst of implementing the earliest phases of *SUNYConnect*: the academic libraries' virtual library. A shared Library Management System will offer uniform end-user access to collective resources across the state. And consortial database purchasing through the SUNY Office of Library and Information Services has already saved the state over \$2M in negotiated savings.

### **Let's Share: Budget**

Let's share information about SUNY library budgets. In the midst of rising expenditures for technology and equipment, rising costs of print serials, and extraordinary costs of electronic information and access, all our sharing and cooperation needs assistance from the top. SUNY libraries have boldly initiated campus-based budget support and funding for *SUNYConnect*, in conjunction with the OLIS office. In terms of funding support, however, our state is falling behind other states whose administrations are funding higher education library initiatives. California's provost gave their academic libraries a fiscal infusion in 97-98 to start the

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successful California Digital Library and the funding continues today. Illinois' Board of Higher Education is initiating the funding of e-books as part of their Illinois Digital Academic Library that benefits academic libraries throughout their state.

## Recognize and Reward Smarts

Chancellor King, Provost Salins, COO Richard Miller, the SUNY Board of Trustees and the Governor would be well served to recognize the cooperative nature and purchasing power created between the OLIS office and the SUNY campus libraries. At the state level, funds added to the *SUNYConnect* purchasing pool would combine with campus contributions to exponentially multiply returns in terms of consortial purchasing power for SUNY libraries.

## SUNYConnect = Benefits

SUNY libraries represent a symbiotic opportunity for SUNY administration— a cost benefit coupled with a cooperative spirit— a combination not often found in large institutions such as SUNY. The result of any added funding to *SUNYConnect* would be economic benefit for the state (consortial buying), increased access to electronic resources (digital *is* local and instantaneous), and the recognition that SUNY libraries are the models for cooperative and intelligent sharing of resources within SUNY.

## Reinstate Library Inflation Line Item

The State and the SUNY administration would also be well served to reinstate the line item in the SUNY budget that was used to offset library inflation. That line item helped to compensate for the double-digit inflation for information resources faced by SUNY library administrators— and now it is gone. SUNY libraries, especially research libraries that help support an influx of valuable research dollars to our faculty, suffer the greatest. With the line item gone, monies that used to be distinctly distributed to the campuses for library inflation get lost in general campus pools. Recent experience has proved it does not often get used for library inflation. It is a serious disservice to the users of SUNY libraries, and it is a worthwhile technicality to address.

## New York Minutes

Just yesterday I took time to revel in the smile of a foreign student who came back to the information desk to thank me for helping her find information for her summer paper on cancer rates and women. She is back at MCC for the fall, obviously happy to be here, and I took the liberty to take partial credit for her enthusiasm for learning. SUNY libraries and librarians assist in personal and professional development in the lives of individuals in this state in a most positive way, every day. Celebrate it!

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## ***SUNYLA 2000 Conference***

### ***Final Report***



“Looking Back, Looking Forward: Bridging the Millennia” is now history. The 32<sup>nd</sup> annual SUNYLA Conference attracted over 160 registrants, making it one of our most well attended conferences ever.

The weather was pleasant, the preconference workshops were outstanding, the conference sessions were varied and stimulating, and the food and entertainment were enjoyed by all. This year’s poster sessions got rave reviews and were a highlight of the conference. All of the poster session presenters were very professional and the facilities were ideal, with plenty of room for people to move around and chat with the presenters.

Conference-goers noted that they especially enjoyed the New Members Mixer, which was held Wednesday evening after the preconference sessions. Deborah Curry and her Membership Committee planned a fun event with a matching game that got people mingling and talking, and an instrumental trio provided pleasant background music through the evening.

The opening general session of the conference was a bit of a surprise, as the scheduled keynote speaker experienced one cancelled flight after another and was unable to get to Brockport. SUNYLA members rallied and quickly put together a panel to discuss the question, “What are they key issues in SUNY libraries today?” Dr. Timothy Flanagan, Vice President for Academic Affairs at SUNY Brockport, was there to give the official welcome speech to conference attendees. He graciously agreed to be part of the spontaneous panel presentation, and was a knowledgeable and dynamic speaker who raised some key issues. Carey Hatch addressed the question from his perspective as Assistant Provost in the Office of Library and Information Services, Judith Adams-Volpe presented the university center viewpoint, and Bill Drew talked about issues in two-year colleges. While this panel discussion was not what we had planned for the keynote address, most attendees were very pleased with the presentation and the opportunity for give-and-take with the speakers.

Since SUNYLA members have a wide variety of tastes and interests, Thursday evening offered two special entertainment events. A mystery theater presentation started at dessert time, and the troupe did a great job of incorporating library issues (and our members!) into their presentation. This was followed by an evening of big band music from the Bud DeTar Band. Unfortunately most of our group were tired after a long day of presentations and activities, but the music was wonderful and thoroughly enjoyed by those who stayed.

Overall, evaluations of the conference were very positive. People especially enjoyed the preconference sessions and poster sessions. Kim Bouchard’s “Teaching Presence for Librarians” workshop was clearly a highlight for those who attended it, and almost everyone liked the mystery theater. People would have liked a bit more time between conference sessions, to allow for getting from one place to another and time for chatting with colleagues. Several commented that although the food was excellent, the service was slow – possibly due to the fact that several different meal choices were available. The big band music on Thursday evening was very pleasant but probably unnecessary, as most were too tired to enjoy it.

As anticipated, this conference was slightly over budget. \$2632.18 from the SUNYLA general treasury was spent in support on conference expenses. The conference evaluations are available for viewing at the SUNYLA web site, [www.albany.edu/library/sunyla](http://www.albany.edu/library/sunyla).

***Report prepared by Debby Emerson, 1999/2000 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Conference Chair, SUNYLA***

## From Our Committees.....

### Membership Development

It is with great honor that I take over the position of Membership Development Committee chair from my predecessor, Deborah Curry. She has done an outstanding job in the past few years and I only hope that I can live up to her standards. With a new committee chair comes a new committee.

The following people have volunteered to serve on the committee:

**Heather Munger**, University at Buffalo, HSL  
**Wil Prout**, University at Buffalo, HSL  
**Adrienne Furness**, Genesee Community College  
**Linda Whang**, Binghamton University

We have room for one more committee member and we are hoping to recruit someone from the downstate area to gain more state-wide representation. If you are interested in joining our group, please e-mail me at [davies@genesee.edu](mailto:davies@genesee.edu).

The year 2000/2001 will be a busy one as we try to catch up to where Deborah and her committee left off. The most pressing issues that we face this year include recruiting members for our new associate category of membership from the library schools, staff from non-SUNY libraries, and retired SUNY librarians; reformatting the SUNYLA membership cards to match the changes that have been recently made (new membership dates, associate members); recruiting delegates from each SUNY institution so that we have 100% participation; and preparing some kind of membership activity for the annual conference in Corning. As always, raising the number of SUNYLA members and retaining past members remain the highest priorities for this committee.

For further information or questions about this committee, please contact me at:

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### Automation

The official charge of the Automation and Information Technologies Committee:

*"The Automation and Information Technology Committee shall serve as a focus for the exchange of information about automation and information technology; increase understanding of its impact upon library personnel and service to users; seek to increase the cooperation among SUNY libraries, computer centers, and other information-based units in the development/acquisition of university information systems; and establish liaison on automation and information technology with other SUNY professional organizations as appropriate."*

The committee is currently investigating accessibility in light of the new state regulations. A survey will have been sent to all library web masters by the time you read this. We are currently setting goals and objectives for the next year. While we do meet at the annual conference, most of the discussion and work will be via e-mail.

We have a website at  
<http://www.morrisville.edu/library/sunyla/> .

We are looking for people willing to take an active role in discussions via the committee listserv, people willing to share ideas and opinions, and people willing to take a part in building new approaches to librarianship. The only requirement is that you be a current (or about to renew) member of SUNYLA. Please e-mail me at [drewwe@morrisville.edu](mailto:drewwe@morrisville.edu) if you are interested. There is no limit to the size of the committee. Participation can be at whatever level you feel you can manage.

**Bill Drew , Chair**  
**Automation & Information Technologies Committee**

### Library Instruction

The Committee currently has 26 members representing 19 SUNY institutions. We met at the SUNYLA annual conference at SUNY Brockport in June and had a very interesting and informative discussion on the topic: "Library instruction: what works, what doesn't". We also decided at this meeting to reorganize the committee from a team-based organization to a project-based organization. The URL for the Library Instruction Committee web site is: <http://library.lib.binghamton.edu/sunyla/>

If you would like to join this committee, get further information, or coordinate a project, please contact:

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## Campus News

### Adirondack

#### Joyce Miller

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#### Staff News:

**Melitta White** joined our library staff as a part-time cataloger. Melitta is near completion of her degree requirements at SUNY Albany. Her special interest is archives and she attended the Ontario Archivists Conference at SUNY Albany this summer.

Library Division chair **Teresa Ronning** and Reference and Instruction Librarian **Joyce Miller** presented the workshop "Intellectual Property: What You Need to Know" among the several sessions at the campus-wide Professional Development Day on Aug. 31. Among topics that were raised by faculty and administrators at the workshop were the rights of individuals to refuse to have their images shown in college videos or publications, re-publishing books in public domain, copying of software in computer labs, the rights of faculty to own their campus or course Web pages and forwarding e-mail messages.

The new ACC Information Literacy Packet was also distributed at the Professional Development Day. The main part of the packet is the new "Information Literacy Handbook for Adirondack Community College Faculty and Administrators." The handbook discusses information literacy standards based on ACRL and the SUNY Council of Library Directors competencies, as well as how to create successful research assignments. The packet, written by **Joyce Miller**, also included several library handouts on research strategies, finding materials in the library and on the Web, the campus computer use policy and a library workshop schedule.

Reference and Technology Librarian **Jennifer Chillrud** and **Joyce Miller** co-wrote the chapter "Evaluating Web Information on Controversial Topics" in the newly published book *Critical Thinking and the Web: Teaching Users to Evaluate Internet Resources*, from Library Instruction Publications in Pittsburgh. **Trudi E.**

**Jacobson** of the University at Albany was the contributing editor.

### Albany

#### Timothy Gatti

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#### Staff News:

**Mary Jane Brustman** was awarded tenure and promoted to associate librarian effective July 1.

**Laura Cohen** was promoted to Associate Librarian with Continuing Appointment.

#### Publications:

**Laura Cohen** published her fourth annual bibliographic essay for the Special Supplement of Choice: "Searching the Web: The Human Element Emerges." *Choice* 37 Supplement (2000): 17-31. She also published an article with **Trudi Jacobson**, "Teaching about the Internet: An Opportunity for Faculty Outreach" in *College & Research Libraries News* (April 2000): 302-4.

**Trudi Jacobson** has edited two books that have just been published: *Teaching the New Library to Today's Users*, co-edited with Helene C. Williams, was published by Neal-Schuman (NY, 2000). *Critical Thinking and the Web: Teaching Users to Evaluate Internet Resources* was published by Library Instruction Publications (Pittsburgh, 2000).

**Tammie Alzona and Yolanda Hollingsworth**. "An Introduction to Web Security in Academic Libraries." Published by the National Online Meeting (NOM2k) for publication in Proceedings of the Twenty-First Annual National Online Meeting. May 16-18, 2000. Sponsored by Information Today, Inc. Edited by Martha E. Williams. pp.7-14.

#### Professional Activities:

**Laura Cohen** spoke at the Computers in Libraries 2000 Conference in Washington, D.C. on March 15 on "Teaching How to Search on a Mutating Web." Laura was invited to speak at the inaugural meeting of The Upper

Hudson Library System Web Interest Group on March 23 on "Notes from the Trenches: Tips for Designing Effective Web Sites."

**Trudi Jacobson** was the keynote speaker at the ACRL/New England Bibliographic Instruction Committee's Annual Program 2000: Information Literacy into the Curriculum: Methods and Models for Librarians, held at Simmons College on June 9.

**Alzona, Tammie and Yolanda Hollingsworth**. "An Introduction to Web Security in Academic Libraries." Speaker presentation of paper accepted for publication in 2000 Proceedings on May 18, 2000 at the National Online Meeting (NOM2k) Conference at the New York Hilton in New York City.

#### Other:

This fall, the University Libraries will begin to offer a new one credit Information Literacy course, UNL 205. This course meets the University at Albany's new general education Information Literacy requirement. Sixteen sections of the course will be offered this fall, 20 sections will be offered in the spring. More details can be found at: <http://www.albany.edu/library/divs/usered/unl205/index.html>

### Alfred

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#### Staff News:

**Mark Smith**, Information Systems Librarian, and **Elizabeth Gulacsy**, Art Librarian & Archivist, were granted tenure and promotion to Associate Librarian.

#### Publications:

**Elizabeth Gulacsy** compiled a subject index to The Journal of the American Art Pottery Association, 1984-1999, which was published and distributed to the members of the Association.

## Alfred Tech

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#### **Staff News:**

The Hinkle Library is pleased to announce the arrival of a new librarian, **Joe Petrick**, who started working in July as our new acquisitions and cataloging librarian.

## Binghamton

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#### **Staff News:**

**Prue Stelling** spent the spring 2000 semester on sabbatical leave working at the library at Murdoch University in Perth, WA, Australia. She compared library services by working reference, interviewing librarians responsible for library instruction and by discussing webpages with Women's Studies and Education librarians. Murdoch University web address is <http://www.murdoch.edu.au/>

**Rachelle Moore** spent her sabbatical leave researching the concept of information literacy. She focused on two hypotheses: the first, that information literacy is not just a set of skills but an interdisciplinary subject that includes the skills and strategies traditionally associated with it; the second, that information literacy subsumes both visual literacy and media literacy.

## Brockport

### **Jennifer Quigley**

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#### **Staff News:**

**Greg Toth** has been promoted to Associate Librarian.

**Eileen O'Hara** has completed her MLS at the University of Buffalo, and continues in her position as Head of Circulation.

#### **Natalie Sommerville**

(formerly Natalie Rosillo) was married this summer. Congratulations, Natalie! She has

now assumed a full-time cataloging position.

**Lori Lampert**, has transferred from the Special Collections Department to Information Services.

**Susanna Heins**, library assistant in Serials, is now pursuing her MLS degree at the University of Buffalo.

The staff welcomed two new members **Diane Rickert** and **Anna Rupert** to Bibliographic Control Services.

#### **Professional Activities:**

**Jennifer Quigley** and **Natalie Sommerville** redesigned the Library homepages. You can view them at: [www.brockport.edu/~library5/dml.htm](http://www.brockport.edu/~library5/dml.htm)

**Carolyn McBride**, **Sally Petty** and **Jennifer Quigley** presented a workshop at the SUNYLA Conference entitled, "Impact of Use Studies on Serials and Reference."

**Eileen O'Hara** presented a workshop at the annual NYSLAA Conference, entitled "Technology Competencies."

## Brooklyn HSL

### **Ross Ljungquist**

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#### **Staff News:**

**Jack Termine**, Archivist, is the author of a new book SUNY Downstate Medical Center. This volume celebrates Downstate's history with photographs and countless memories from the last 140 years. Founded in 1860, this was the nation's first college-hospital and was originally called Long Island College Hospital, Collegiate Division. Drawing on sources predominantly from the university's archives, Termine has traced the evolution of Downstate from a small learning college to one of the country's leading academic medical centers. The book can be ordered from local bookstores or Arcadia Publishing at 1-888-313-2665.

**Tom Angelo** is a new Reference Librarian.

**Juannetta LeGree** is the new Head of Access Services.

## Broome Community College

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#### **Staff News:**

**Debbie Spanfelner**, Coordinator for Library Instruction at Broome Community College was awarded a State University of New York Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship. Debbie is being granted a sabbatical leave for the spring 2001 semester. She will be taking courses and doing research at the Centre d'Etudes Feminines in Paris which will be applied toward her Ph.D. program of study in Comparative Literature at Binghamton University.



## Buffalo University

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#### **Staff News:**

Retirements: **Maiken Naylor**, Chemistry-Math-Physics Librarian, SEL; **Beverly Vander Kooy**, Coordinator of Circulation Services; **Peggy Cannizzaro**, UGL Circulation Desk Supervisor; **Lorraine Convey**, BISON Billing - Reserve Supervisor.

Departures: **Marilyn Moody**, Director, SEL is now Associate University Librarian for Information and Research Services at the University of California, Santa Barbara; **Deborah Koshinsky**, Head

of the Architecture & Planning Library has been named the Head of the Architecture, Environment and Design Library at Arizona State University; **Bachtuyet (Becky) Britt**, Reference/Instruction Librarian at the UGL; **Linda Rath**, Cybraries Teaching Center Librarian accepted a position at Columbia University.

Appointments: **Rose Orcutt** has been temporarily appointed to provide reference and collection development services at the Architecture and Planning Library. Rose has been the project assistant for the Rudy Bruner Award for Urban Excellence Digital Archive since March, 2000; **Tatiana de la Tierra**, appointed Reference Instruction Librarian in the Library Residency Internship Program at the Undergraduate Library.

#### Publications:

**Calmer Chattoo**. "Reference Services: Meeting the Needs of International Adult Learners" *The Reference Librarian*, nos. 69/70, 2000, pp. 349-362.

#### Professional Activities:

**Susan Davis Bartl**, Head, Periodicals, Central Technical Services and **Deborah Husted Koshinsky** received Chancellor's Awards for Excellence in Librarianship in June.

**John M. Bewley**, UB Music Library archivist received the Walter Gerboth Award from the Music Library Association.

**Susan Davis** spoke on the management of electronic journals at the Ninth North Carolina Serials Conference. Susan was also elected vice-chair/chair-elect of the serials Section of ALCTS, a division of ALA.

**Portia Diaz-Martin**, Reference Instruction Librarian at the Undergraduate Library was selected to attend the 2000 Training Institute for Early Career Librarians at the University of Minnesota.

**Ruth Oberg**, SEL library assistant and president of NYSLAA accepted the "Friend of SUNYLA" award at the SUNYLA Conference 2000 in Brockport on behalf of NYSLAA.

**Calmer Chattoo**, Cataloger, Law Library received the SUNYLA Sylvia Chu Memorial Scholarship and the

AALL Meeting Grant. She also presented a paper at the Western NY and Ontario chapter of ACRL Spring Conference entitled "Reference Services: Meeting the needs of Adult International Students."

## Cobleskill

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**Francine Apollo** has been appointed to Coordinator of Reference and Instruction. Fran was also renewed for a 3-year appointment.

**Lorie Cuthbert** was appointed to a 1-year temporary appointment as Serials/Acquisitions Librarian. Lorie comes to Cobleskill as the former Serials/Reference Librarian at SUNY Morrisville.

**Christopher Tuthill** has been appointed to a 1-year temporary appointment as Circulation Interlibrary Loan Librarian. Chris brings with him experience from SUNY Binghamton and SUNY Albany.

**Nancy Niles** has resigned to accept a teaching position at Worcester Central Schools.

**Pat Hulst** is on leave for the 2000-2001 academic year.

**Virginie LaJuene** has joined the staff as an adjunct reference librarian.

#### Professional Activities:

**Nancy Van Deusen**, Director, has been appointed to the SUNYLA Automation Committee.

**Fran Apollo** chairs the campus Fiscal Affairs Committee.

**Colleen Smith** is a member of the Campus Technology Committee.

## Cortland

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#### Staff News:

**Lauren Stiles**, Public Services Librarian, will be retiring as of

December 20, 2000. He will be sorely missed.

**Bob Weiner** has resigned as Technical Services Librarian to take a post as Senior Law Librarian at the Utica Supreme Court Law Library.

**Terry McGovern** is on a temporary leave of absence from Memorial Library. He has been appointed Coordinator of a Title III Grant of \$1,750,000 to increase Arts and Sciences enrollment and endowment resources.

**Gretchen Douglas** is the Acting Coordinator of the Computer Applications Program, which is based in the library.

**Brian Rosmaita** has joined the library faculty as a new Computer Applications instructor.

**Ellen McCabe** received a Masters degree in English from SUNY Cortland on May 19, 2000.

**Jeff Harr** has resigned his position as Computer Applications Instructor to take a position at Onondaga Community College.

#### Other:

Memorial Library at SUNY Cortland will be expanding its Late Night Services. Currently the Late Night Reading Room is open to 1 a.m. prior to midterms and until 3 a.m. from midterms to finals. The expansion will open the whole library building Sunday through Thursday. The limited services available will include access to periodicals, microtext, computer labs, adaptive technology and in the future, a multimedia studio. This expansion of service is paid for by the student technology fee.

**Dave Ritchie** represented SUNY libraries and SUNY's consorsial interests as one of two SUNY representatives elected by the SUNYLA Automation Committee to the North American Aleph User's Group organizational meeting in South Bend, Indiana, June 1-2. His request to have a SUNY representative on the NAAUG Enhancements Groups for Serials and Cataloging/Authorities was approved and led to the appointment of **Jim Coan (Oneonta)** and **Cynthia Powers (Nassau)** to those two enhancement groups.

## Delhi

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#### **Staff News:**

**Fang Xiaorong**, Associate Professor and Librarian from China's Northwest Institute of Light Industry, is continuing her work at the Resnick Library and teaching conversational Chinese at Delhi College for the Fall semester.

**Kate Majewski** was promoted to Senior Assistant Librarian.

#### **Grants Received:**

We received a third round of funding, \$10,280, from NYS Documentary Heritage Program for our Watershed Archives Project. The money will pay for two consultants to continue surveying historically significant collections related to the Catskill Watershed region.

#### **Other:**

We have been working with our English faculty to develop an integrated Information Literacy program. Beginning this semester, all students in Freshman Composition classes will be required to write a research paper. Along with assisting other faculty in developing assignments and instruction for information literacy, the library faculty are offering three regular workshops each week on basic research skills. We are entering our third semester of refining the information literacy component of the veterinary science program. We have developed an online tutorial to assist students with this assignment at <http://wc.delhi.edu/library/tutorial/>

The Library is hosting a Monte Carlo Night fundraiser on October 21 to benefit the Library capital campaign. The campaign is to renovate the library and academic services center.

Library staff members **Anna Reed**, **Verna Loker**, **Barb Geywits** and **Kate Majewski** are all working diligently on Delhi's reaccreditation self-study, which will culminate in a site visit from the Middle States Commission in the Fall of 2001.

## Dutchess Community College

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#### **Staff News:**

Our Circulation Clerk **Bridget Bittle** left in early August for the job of office manager for a firm in NYC. We will sorely miss her buoyant personality and her unique sense of humor. **Joyce Elliott** joined us in late August and is already proving herself to be a valuable addition to our staff.

Part time evening clerk **Cori Kuklinski** received her LPN this June and quickly got a job in one of our local hospitals. We wish her the best of luck. Her position will be filled soon.

#### **Other:**

The renovations of parts of Hudson Hall to become a home for the library have started. So far the work is on schedule and we will move into our new facility in December.

#### **Grants:**

The library has received an improvement of instruction grant to help faculty integrate information literacy into their courses. We are developing a web guide to research, a questionnaire for students to assess their knowledge of our library and information literacy, and are working with 3 faculty members to help them integrate information literacy into their classes.

#### **Awards:**

Our director, **Barbara Liesenbein**, has been awarded the 1990-2000 SUNY Chancellor's Award For Excellence In Professional Service. In just 5 years she has lead the library through a complete automation of all services, increased the staff's visibility on campus, established a library liaison program with faculty, and has provided off campus access to the library's databases. Congratulations Barbara.



## Finger Lakes Community College

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#### **Professional Activities:**

In preparation for our ten-year accreditation in 2002, **Sharon Malecki** is a member of the Middle States Self-Study Team and Chair of the Library and Learning Resources Subcommittee.

**Frank Queener** is serving on the Institutional Integrity, Mission, Goals and Objectives Subcommittee.

**Michele Eichelberger** is a member of the Catalogs, Publications and Other Promotional Materials Subcommittee.

**Sharon Malecki** completed a distance education course, Virtual Collection Development, offered by the School of Library and Information Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

#### **Other:**

JSTOR has been added to our list of full text databases. With a recent equipment update, 60+ new Pentium IIIs with 17-inch monitors were installed for public service, the teaching lab, and employee offices. All college phones now have 4-digit extension numbers, a "7" preceding the old 3-digit number.

## Fredonia

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#### **Staff News:**

**Franciska Safran** has retired after 27 years of service. Her duties as contact person for the special collections of the Holland Land Company and the Stefan Zweig collection have been reassigned to our Archivist, **Jack Ericson**, to be assisted by Bibliographic Services Librarian **Jo Ann Kaufman**. Jack can be reached at 716-673-3183 and Jo Ann is available at 716-672-3192.

#### **Publications:**

**Marianne Eimer** (Interlibrary Loan/Reference) and **Kathleen**

**Loomis** (Systems/Electronic Resources) have coauthored an article titled "The Future of Sharing: The Effect of Statewide Consortia on Select I.L.L. Departments" recently published in The Journal of Interlibrary Loan, Document Delivery, and Information Supply.

#### Other:

We are pleased to announce that the Learning Center has joined Reed Library, now located on the 4th floor of the Library Addition. In August the entire campus e-mail migrated to a new system so it is now necessary to insert our first names along with the last to complete the address.

As of mid-September the ILL Office is exclusively offering service through use of online web forms for those who make interlibrary loan requests. Online forms are available on the library's homepage at: [www.fredonia.edu/library](http://www.fredonia.edu/library) along with information concerning the direct e-mail account for the office which is [library.loan@fredonia.edu](mailto:library.loan@fredonia.edu).

## Geneseo

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#### Staff News:

The library staff at Geneseo welcomes two new staff members this fall. **Katy Farrell** started her position as Reference/Instruction Librarian on August 24. Katy has recently graduated with her MLS from CUNY Queen's College in New York City.

**Yvonne Thompson** will begin working as Keyboard Specialist in the Director's office starting September 14. Yvonne is coming to Milne Library after working at the Groveland Correctional Facility (Academic Education Division).

**Melissa Jados** will present a poster session titled, "What Does Full-Text Mean, Anyway?" at the fall meeting of ENY-ACRL. This poster session will describe a recent project that compared SUNY Geneseo's print serial subscriptions with electronically available serials considered current and included full-text and/or full content (text and graphics).

**Mina Orman** has had her poem, "A Relationship," certified as a

semifinalist in the North American Open Poetry Competition. The poem was automatically entered into the final competition held in July 2000. It will be published in Nature's Echoes (Library of Congress ISBN-1-58235-564-9). Also, it can be found on the Web via <http://www.poetry.com>.

#### Other:

After a successful pilot last spring, Milne Library has now fully implemented electronic reserves. We are using Docutek's Eres program and virtually all articles (and some music in MP3 format) are now accessible to students 24/7 from any computer on or off campus with access to the Internet and Adobe Acrobat Reader software.

ILL Electronic Document Delivery was also a successful pilot project last spring and is now being offered to the entire campus community. Using Prospero (a free program which can be downloaded from the Internet), we provide the option of electronic delivery to all Geneseo students, faculty, and staff. The articles are password-protected for copyright compliance and confidentiality and can be retrieved from any Internet-accessible computer with Adobe Acrobat reader software. Prospero automatically sends patrons an e-mail message when their article has arrived.

## Jefferson Community College

### **Shirley Ellsworth**

#### Staff News:

**Ellen Childs** has retired after twenty-five years at the Melvil Dewey Library. Ellen has been the mainstay of our reference service since it was begun in 1976 and also created the Library's local history archive.

**Inger Curth**, Information Literacy Coordinator, and Shirley Ellsworth, Library Director, received performance awards for the 1999/2000 academic year.

**Teresa Blacklaw** is our new coordinator of reference services. Teresa's previous experience includes 5 years as a librarian at Olivet College in Michigan and 2

years working as a part-time librarian for the SUNY Colleges in the North Country, providing reference & bibliographic instruction services at JCC evenings & weekends.

## Monroe Community College

### **Alice Harrington**

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#### Staff News:

**Margaret "Tobie" Smith**, Database Maintenance Librarian, retired after twenty-two years of service.

**Betty Lawrence** has left her position as Damon City Campus Librarian to become Head of Branch Libraries at the Rochester Public Library System.

#### Grants:

**Debby Emerson**, Head of Research and Instruction Services, received an MCC Strategic Planning Initiatives grant for \$43,300 for the establishment of an electronic BI classroom.

**Alice Harrington**, Reference/AIDS Resource Librarian, received a grant from the MCC Foundation for \$ 2500 toward the purchase of add-on options to the Research and Instruction department's new Xerox photocopier. The add-on options, a book edge and a fax system, will facilitate ILL procedures.

## Morrisville

### **Bill Drew**

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#### Staff News:

HighEdWeb: **Bill Drew** has been appointed to serve on the executive committee of the Higher Education Web Professionals of New York, (HighEdWeb). This group was formed in November of 1999. Its purpose is: "Higher Education Web Professionals of NY advances professional development of our membership through programs that foster communication, technical and professional training and interaction in the form of conferences and training. Our programs build professional competency,

collaboration and the overall quality of higher education Web services throughout the State of New York. As a professional society we build a sense of community among our professionals and their institutions."

**Lorie Cuthbert** has left Morrisville for employment at SUNY Cobleskill. Her position has been posted and hopefully a new person will start January 1, 2001. The position announcement is at:  
<http://www.morrisville.edu/administration/hr/html/annpro/librarian.htm>

#### Grants:

The SUNY Morrisville College Library is a 2000-2001 recipient of a Faculty/Staff Applied Research Grant from the Morrisville Alumni Association. Marion Hildebrand, Library Director, and Sue Greenhagen, Technical Services Librarian, submitted a proposal to begin the process of creating a college Archives. Since the college was signed into existence in 1908 by Governor Charles Evans Hughes, there has been no centralized repository of the college's records or historical memorabilia. The long-term goal is to gather in a centralized location the materials relating to the college's nearly one hundred years of history. The materials will then be organized, preserved, and made accessible to researchers.

#### Professional Activities:

More than 200 people gathered in Morrisville for SUNY Morrisville's first-ever laptop and wireless conference. Titled "SUNY Morrisville Unplugged: The story on laptops and wireless," the conference addressed the overwhelming interest in the college's pioneer laptop and wireless programs. SUNY Morrisville is the first college in the SUNY system and one of the first in the nation to integrate both laptop and wireless technologies into its academic programs. Bill Drew and Angela Weiler both gave presentations on the library's support of faculty and students using laptops and computers in general.

#### Other:

SUNY Morrisville has been named America's Most Wired two-year institution. The college's pioneer laptop and wireless programs helped propel it to the top of Yahoo! Internet Life's prestigious "America's Most Wired Colleges" list. This year's third

annual list of rankings was compiled from a pool of nearly 1,300 schools from all 50 states, making it the most competitive list ever.

The library is now "wireless". This means students are able to walk around the library and use their laptops anywhere. This is part of an ongoing effort to support the "mobile learner" on our campus. We are investigating possible new services for mobile users. The library has already instituted "live" reference assistance via the internet using AOL Instant Messenger. Laptop students appear to be using the wireless system in the library with no problems whatsoever. They have been using laptops on the network in the periodicals lounge area, among other locations.

An Information Technology Experience Evaluation was developed by **Angela Weiler** and administered by Angela Weiler and **Bill Drew** at orientation to a portion of SUNY Morrisville freshman. Results were compiled and submitted to the School of Liberal Arts to aid in future placement of students into appropriate courses, including GNEED 104 - Library Research Methods. 44% of the group being evaluated were recommended for placement in appropriate courses. The future goal is to have all freshmen screened for information technology/literacy skills and placed appropriately.

## Nassau Community College

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#### Staff News:

**Sonel Emin** has been appointed a Technical Assistant in Automations, while both **Katrina Frazier** and **Sharon Russin** also have been appointed Instructors in the Cataloging and Acquisitions Departments, respectively.

The Library is pleased to report that **Bellinda Wise** has received tenure and promotion to Assistant Professor and **Gerry Leibowitz** promotion to Professor.

#### Professional Activities

**Cynthia Powers** has been chosen the Cataloging/Authority Control Representative to the ALEPH Users Group.

## New Paltz

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#### Staff News:

**Barbara Petruzzelli** and **Marjorie Young** were both promoted to the rank of Associate Librarian.

**Christopher Raab** was promoted to the newly created position of Electronic Resources Librarian.

**Susan Kraat** was elected Leader of the Information Access Team (aka Reference).

Two new reference librarians have just been hired: **Valerie Mittenberg** from Memphis College of Art, and **Elizabeth Strickland**, from Kingston Public Library ( a 1998 U. of Albany MLS recipient).

**Wilma Schmidt** retired on 5/31/2000, and returned, 9/11/2000, to help with Reference and Collection Development.

#### Grants:

**Christopher Raab** received the 2000 New York Library Association ASLA/Ridley's Book Bindery Student Internship Grant of \$1000 to fund a library school graduate student intern at the Sojourner Truth Library.

#### Presentations:

**Tamm Sissac**, Systems Librarian, was a first-time presenter at the annual SUNYLA conference in Brockport, with Changing of the Guard: who are these Gen-X Librarians?

**Christopher Raab**, library archivist, and **Eric Roth**, Huguenot Historical Society, presented Documenting New Paltz History: a cooperative effort, at the ENY/ACRL spring conference at Schenectady County Community College.

## Niagara Community College

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### Staff News:

**Elizabeth Fulwell**, Coordinator and Chair of the Library Learning Center, has been promoted to Professor.

**Catherine Gibbs**, Circulation Librarian, has been promoted to Associate Professor.

**Nancy Verstrete**, Technical Services Librarian, is teaching a credit-bearing "Library Research Methods" course through the college's distributed learning initiative.

## Old Westbury

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### Staff News:

**Paul A. Frisch** has been appointed Director of the Library and Instructional Technology. Prior to his appointment at Old Westbury, Paul was the Director of the U. Grant Miller Library at Washington and Jefferson College. Paul will be serving on the planning committee for the 2001 conference.



## Oneonta

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### Staff News:

**Jim Coan** was promoted to the rank of Associate Librarian.

**Colleen Lougen** has been hired as a cataloger for one year to replace Pat Keegan. Colleen received her MLS from Albany and was recently employed at the New York State Newspaper Project.

## Onondaga Community College

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### Staff News:

In August 2000, Professor **Jeffrey Harr** joined Coulter Library as Technical Services Librarian. Jeff previously was a librarian at SUNY Cortland where he supervised the Cataloging and Acquisitions Departments. He also developed and taught courses in Cortland's Computer Applications Program. Jeff replaces Professor **Daniel Rizzo** who retired from O.C.C. this August after being with the library since 1966.

## Optometry

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Our big news is the move this summer to a building of our own on 42nd Street between Fifth and Sixth Avenues -- in midtown across from Bryant Park, which is behind the main building of the New York Public Library on Fifth Avenue. Our address is: 33 West 42nd Street, New York, NY 10036. Telephone numbers remain the same.

## Oswego

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### Staff News:

**Jim Nichols** has joined our library faculty as the Assistant Head of Library Instruction and Distance Education Librarian.

**Ed Vermue** has left SUNY Oswego and accepted a position with Oberlin College in Ohio.

### Grants :

**Elizabeth Young** was the recipient of three grants this summer: SUNYLA Professional Development, PDQWL and North Country 3R's Council, enabling her to attend the ALA Annual Conference 2000 in Chicago.

### Professional Activities:

**Tom Larson** has been appointed to a two year term with NYLINK's Electronic Resources Advisory Group.

**Elizabeth Young** presented a poster session at ALA Annual Conference 2000 in Chicago: "The Coming of Age of Free Scholarly Electronic Journals?" in collaboration with former SUNY librarian Michael Fosmire. This session was very well attended and many requests were made for follow-up on this study. She also encourages SUNY's continued support of librarians at future ALA conferences.

A new telephone exchange code is now active for SUNY Oswego: 312

## Plattsburgh

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### Staff news:

**Holly Heller-Ross** received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship. Holly was also promoted to Associate Librarian.

**Patty Bentley** received the UUP Nina Mitchell Award for Distinguished Service. Patty has also received a sabbatical for Spring 2001.

### Grants:

**Michelle Toth** received a NYS/UUP Professional Development Individual Award to attend the LACUNY Information Literacy conference in New York City.

**Dennis Kimmage** received a NYS/UUP Professional Development Individual Award to develop web-based curriculum and materials for our LIB101 course.

Publications: **Holly Heller-Ross** published a book chapter in a text co-edited by Trudi Jacobson (Albany): Heller-Ross, Holly and Kiple, Julia, 2000 "Information Literacy for Interactive Distance Learners." In Teaching the New Library to Today's Users: Reaching International, Minority, Senior Citizen, Gay/Lesbian, First Generation College, At-Risk, Graduate and Returning Students,

and Distance Learners, edited by Trudi E. Jacobson and Helene C. Williams, Neal-Schuman Publishers, Inc.

**Carla List** is serving on the Editorial Board of College & Undergraduate Libraries and is chairing the ACRL, Instruction Section Task Force to rewrite the "Model Statement of Objectives for Academic Bibliographic Instruction." she was also a proposal reviewer for the SUNY Web-based Information Literacy Course, 2000.

## Potsdam

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#### **Staff News:**

**Nancy Alzo** has been appointed Interim Crane Music Librarian.

**Carol Franck** was promoted to Senior Assistant Librarian.

**Amy Witzel** resigned to accept a Reference position at Dartmouth College.

**Rebecca Thompson**, Interim Director of Libraries, received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship.

**Nancy Alzo** received the 2000 President's Award for Excellence in Academic Service

#### **Professional Activities:**

**Jane Subramanian** gave a lecture on Laura Ingalls Wilder to the Delta Kappa Gamma Northern Area Chapter Conference held at the Crossroads in Moira, New York on July 19, 2000

**Jane Subramanian** is serving as Chair of the New York/Ontario Chapter of Music Library Association Grant Awards Committee

## Schenectady County Community College

### **Nancy Heller**

#### **Staff News:**

**Nancy M. Heller** retired from her position as Director of Library Services on September 30, 2000. Before becoming director in 1986, she had served as Technical Services Librarian from 1980.

**Barbara L. Walton**, who has been at Begley Library since 1980 and had served as Head of Public Services since 1985, became Director on October 1, 2000.

**David S. Moore**, Technical Services/Systems Librarian since 1995, has been awarded a five-year career appointment effective September 1, 2000.

#### **Grants:**

For the second year Begley Library has received funding from the Smachlo Foundation to purchase print and instructional media materials to support SCCC's Early Childhood Education program. This year's allocation was \$2,000.

#### **Other:**

The first floor of Begley Library was recarpeted in August during a two-week period when the library was closed. The carpeting contractor successfully used stack-movers to move the collection. The spacing between the stacks is now ADA compliant. The reference area also

has been reconfigured. The reference desk now faces the front entrance of the library and a u-shaped area for public access computers has been created. The library received Campus Master Plan funding to purchase additional computer carrels and new furniture for the library's conference room.

## Westchester Community College

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#### **Staff News:**

**Lynne Karen** (our former director) has taken early retirement. **Carol Jensen** has agreed to be our acting director.

#### **Grants:**

**Gloria Meisel, Veronica Kenausis, and Dale Leifeste** received a Faculty Incentive Grant to develop several mini web tutorials.

#### **Professional Activities:**

**Gloria Meisel** and **Veronica Kenausis** led a web tutorial discussion group at the LACUNY's Annual Conference, at Baruch College in May, 2000.

**Kate Ray** is serving as Exhibits Chair for the Westchester Library Association Annual Conference (May 2001). **Kate Ray** and **Veronica Kenausis** are serving as Co-Chairs of the College Section of the Westchester Library Association.

**Dorothy Freeman** has joined the Advisory Council on Multicultural Development at Westchester Community College.



## Who was Sylvia Chu?

by Alice Harrington and Carol Anne Germain

Each year, the SUNYLA Professional Development Committee presents scholarships to the SUNYLA Annual conference to SUNYLA members who have never attended this exciting event. This award is the Sylvia Chu Scholarship. But who was Sylvia Chu?

Sylvia Chu was a native of Beijing, China and arrived in the United States in the early 1960s. She received a Bachelors degree in Accounting Statistics from Chung Hsin University, Taiwan and an MLS from George Peabody College for Teachers in 1964. She worked as a librarian in Florida and Illinois before arriving at SUNY Oswego in 1970 to work as a part-time media cataloger. In 1979, she began to work full-time.

Mary Loe described how Sylvia became involved in the SUNYLA Professional Development Committee. "Had Penfield Library (Oswego) not started a program that put all librarians at the Reference Desk, and made almost every librarian responsible for some library instruction, Sylvia might have continued to carry on quietly with cataloging and not mix much with public services. But she suddenly had new expectations to meet, and she proved to be a willing and persistent learner. Blanche Judd was Head of Reference then, and I credit her with thoughtful support for librarians like Sylvia. Blanche spearheaded a series of in-house reference education sessions, and these helped all of us bone up on subjects like reference in law and business sources. Sylvia made good use of those sessions. As Sylvia was asked to grow professionally, she also grew interested in the professional development engendered by SUNYLA and became active on some SUNYLA committees. She would be very pleased to know that she's remembered in connection with educational growth that broadens and deepens librarians' abilities in their profession, especially as that profession changes! Thanks for the opportunity to remember Sylvia. She was a very good colleague to us at Penfield."

Nancy Osborne, a retired librarian from SUNY Oswego wrote:

"The first time I remember Sylvia I discovered that she was a person of genuine commitment, intelligence, and good spirit. The chair of our Chemistry Department sent a visiting scholar from China to me to research Oswego in the framework of nineteenth century normal schools. I called upon Sylvia to interpret his research questions, and we subsequently set up weekly meetings to assure success with his research project. This was just the beginning of our working together on aspects of our profession of importance to both of us: cultural diversity in librarianship and women's studies.

In the fall of 1989, my partner and I had the opportunity to canoe the Canadian wilderness in Killarney Provincial Park in Ontario with Sylvia and her husband James. Sylvia approached canoeing against the wind, finding obscure firewood, and telling scary stories around the campfire with the same enthusiasm that she brought to all of her interactions with others. She worked hard for SUNYLA and would be delighted to know that a scholarship in her memory offers colleagues the opportunity to attend and be involved in conferences."

On March 2, 1990, Sylvia lost her battle with breast cancer and died. Sylvia was survived by her husband James, a Professor of Sociology, daughter Joanne, and son Gerald. Since Sylvia's death, Joanne has achieved a PhD in biology and Gerald has received PhD and MD degrees. Sylvia would be very pleased.

### **Sylvia Chu Scholarship recipients 2000**

**Karen Gelles - SUNY Farmingdale**

**Barbara Shaffer - SUNY Oswego**

**Ravil Veli - Plattsburgh State University**

**Linda Whang - Binghamton University**

**Adrienne Furness - Genesee Community College**

**Calmer Chattoo - University at Buffalo**

**Michelle Toth - Plattsburgh State University**

**Gwen Simmons - Schenectady Community College**



## **New York State Library Assistants Association (NYSLAA)**

SUNY libraries would not be the efficient, effective organizations that they are without the hard work and dedicated service of their Library Assistants. These are the people who shelve our books, supervise our student aides, pay our bills, keep track of our records, and perform a countless variety of other jobs in acquisitions, cataloging, serials, circulation, etc. – and all in an ever-changing library environment.

We are therefore pleased to announce that the **New York State Library Assistants Association (NYSLAA)** has received the Friend of SUNYLA Award.

To quote from the nomination letter: “The contributions NYSLAA has made to the libraries and library assistants of SUNY and all New York libraries are impressive. It has supported and encouraged the professional development of library assistants since 1976 when a grassroots movement began with an annual conference at SUNY Oswego, and became a formal organization in 1988 – the New York State Library Assistants Association. Over 110 library assistants from SUNY colleges are members of NYSLAA.”

NYSLAA’s accomplishments are impressive:

- They present an annual 3-day conference aimed at enhancing the work of library assistants. 12 of the past 22 conferences have been held at SUNY institutions.
- Since NYSLAA established the Craig Koste Award in 1991 to recognize outstanding service among library assistants, six SUNY Library Assistants have won the award.
- Since 1994, Library Assistants from Cortland, Geneseo, and the University of Buffalo have received NYSLAA scholarships to further their education.
- NYSLAA has sent library assistants to lobby in Albany on behalf of SUNY and libraries in New York State, and has provided financial support for lobbying on Library Legislation Day.
- NYSLAA has developed a Certificate of Achievement Program to provide library assistants with recognition of their accomplishments in education and work performance. Dorothy Morgan, NYSLAA ambassador, has been invited to speak about this innovative program at conferences in 8 states as well as at ALA.

“The Association’s impressive efforts help provide SUNY libraries with better trained, well-informed, motivated and inspired support staff who take pride in their work and careers.”

It is indeed a privilege to present the New York State Library Assistants Association with the Friend of SUNYLA Award.

## Maureen Zajkowski

### **Maureen Zajkowski is indeed a friend of SUNYLA!**

Her nomination letter states:

“Maureen has exhibited outstanding fortitude in the face of an overwhelming task – the formation of a state-wide RFP for a Library Management System. Her selflessness in supporting the cause of the Library Management System as a SUNY-wide based consortium, her ability to have a vision for the future, her leadership in assembling and working with a team of SUNY librarians to develop an outstanding and thorough RFP, and for devoting herself and her talents to a project that will ultimately affect all of the librarians of the State University of New York, I highly recommend that Maureen Zajkowski be considered for the honor bestowed by SUNYLA.”

And with great pleasure the SUNYLA Executive Board and Council granted this request.

Maureen holds a BA in History from SUNY Plattsburgh, an MLS from the University of Hawaii, and an MBA from Binghamton University. Prior to joining the SLAM group, Maureen worked for the Binghamton University Libraries, beginning in 1982 as a graduate student manager in Circulation. From there, she moved on to Technical Assistant, Public Services, Cataloging, Online Cataloging and Searching (where she served as Acting Head) and finally Head of Database Maintenance and Authorities.

In addition to her growing professional responsibilities, Maureen has also been an active SUNYLA member, serving as SUNYLA delegate in 1987/88, co-editor of the Directory of Librarians of the State University of New York from 1988-1990, co-editor of the SUNYLA Newsletter from 1988-1990, and President of SUNYLA in 1995-1996.

Maureen’s commitment to SUNY Libraries throughout the system, as evidenced by her leadership of the SLAM II project cannot be overstated, and Maureen continues to share her knowledge and skills with the rest of us as through her work in the OLIS office.

In presenting Maureen with this award, it is especially satisfying to be able to celebrate the recent signing of the Ex Libris contract – bringing the SUNY libraries closer together.

*Compiled by Nancy Williamson and Carol Anne Germain*



## Webliographers Unite!

Have you ever spent a week creating an online psychology guide, only to discover that the library down the road has already created a similar guide that includes almost all of the same resources, and (gasp!) that they did a better job than you? Perhaps the proposed "Project Weblio" can help solve this problem.

Of the 38 campuses included in Janet Hogan's list of "Subject-Specific Instruction Web Pages\*," over 20 had created their own business guides, 20 had history guides, and 15 had psychology guides. While there may be local nuances to these guides, the majority of resources included are almost always the same. This means that 20 of us are doing the same work, when we could easily share the burden of creating webliographies, or "weblios." (Does this sound like the early days of shared cataloging?) Under Project Weblio, only one librarian (or a small team of librarians) would be responsible for any given subject. For instance, Jane would be the SUNY webliographer for geology. She would create a weblio in accordance with a template or a set of simple design rules, and mount this page on her local server. She would then alert a coordinator that her page has been created/updated. On a regular basis, this coordinator would send an email to all participants alerting them to the updates that have recently been made. Any interested library could then download or copy Jane's work, add their own local graphics and site-specific resources, and mount the customized weblio on their own server.

The benefits of such a program are many. Jane, our geology webliographer, would quickly become an expert at geology resources. Those of us sharing Jane's work wouldn't have to worry about constantly checking for new geology URLs. Students at smaller campuses that currently have only one person doing all the weblios would benefit from the work of more specialized colleagues at larger campuses. There could also be more specialization to our weblios. For instance, we could break psychology into general, abnormal, child, social, etc. And, hopefully, we would all have more time for other "scholarly pursuits."

The hardest part of this program is in the initial planning. Who will cover which subjects? What will the template look like? How often should URLs be verified? How long should annotations be? These are the questions that still need answering. Yet, despite these potential problems, there seems to be a feeling of excitement about this project, as you can see in these comments:

"We agree that we are all reinventing the wheel of indicating Internet Resources by Subject." - Sally Goodwin, Oneonta

"I like the idea of each of us taking from a master and customizing it according to our own purpose." -Sue Ann Butwell-Brainard, Geneseo

"The SUNY Weblio Project sounds like an idea whose time has arrived!"  
-Lorraine Weberg, Fashion Institute of Technology

"This would probably take a great deal of organization at the beginning, but I think it would be well worth the effort and the benefits identified in the original message." -Margie Wells, Univ. at Buffalo

"With all the great minds in SUNYLA, it'll be a great project!"  
-Linda Whang, Binghamton

If you are interested in reading the original message sent to the SUNYLibWeb and SUNYRef listservs as well as a summary of the replies, please email me at [gelleska@farmingdale](mailto:gelleska@farmingdale). And keep an eye on the listservs for more discussion.

- (<http://library.lib.binghamton.edu/sunyla/subjects.html>)