SUNYLA is about relationships. This probably comes as no surprise since much of librarianship is as well. Classroom faculty are much more likely to work with you on integrating information literacy into their courses or building the collection once they get to know you. That old ‘public services vs. tech services’ issue becomes less issue-y when staff in different areas communicate regularly and respect each other. SUNYLA fosters relationships—between individuals, campuses, and organizations. Relationships are essential for living our mission to “[promote] the professional development and collaboration of library personnel across SUNY in order to advance library service(s) to our campuses and the people of New York State.”

One of the most noticeable ways SUNYLA builds relationships is through the Annual Conference. Let me give you an example: you tell someone how much you enjoyed their presentation and you have a nice little conversation; a year later you run into each other and get to talking again; later on, you go off and do some cool stuff; then they ask you about it and go off and do the same cool stuff; a year after that you end up co-presenting with them and some other people they know about the cool stuff you all did; that experience works out so well that, a few months later, you’re able to write an enthusiastic letter of recommendation for one of the other people when they apply for, and get, tenure. That convoluted and grammatically-flawed sentence is a true story. I know, I’m one of the people in it. Whether they’re quick “what a great idea, do you mind if I steal it” interactions or something more along the lines of “I like what you did there, let’s work on something together,” these are the connections we all make and the relationships we create.

In a quieter way, SUNYLA’s work with other organizations also helps to foster relationships. Sometimes it’s an official liaison arrangement, sometimes it’s a one-time project, sometimes it’s just a casual sharing of information. Regardless, SUNYLA’s work with the SUNY Center for Professional Development, SUNY Council of Library Directors, New York State Higher Education Initiative, Library Association of CUNY, New York Library Association, New York State Regents Advisory Council on Libraries to the New York State Board of Regents, and others builds relationships on a broad scale and gives our members, and the SUNY library community in general, opportunities to learn, share, and build relationships of their own.

A couple of years ago, I wrote that “SUNYLA is not just the actions of officers, committees, etc.—the members are the thing. When you get down to it, it’s the stuff that we all do out there in our libraries every day that makes SUNY libraries and SUNYLA so remarkable.” This still holds true, and the relationships we all have to one another are what make it work.
Promoting Scholarly Communication through Open Access Journals

Registration is now open at: http://www.cvent.com/d/v4q04h for the March 28th, 2014 “Promoting Scholarly Communication through Open Access Journals” conference held at The College at Brockport, and sponsored by SUNY’s Conversations in the Disciplines. Submissions are being accepted for Posters on any aspect of Open Access. Probably the most affordable conference you’ll find at a $30 registration fee; you can also use your CPD points to register. For more information, visit our conference website at: http://digitalcommons.brockport.edu/oajp/. Hope to see you in Brockport in March!

Empire Collaborations – SUNYLA 2014 – Save the Dates

To foster stronger academic library collaborations in New York State, SUNYLA will be co-hosting the 2014 annual conference with the NY 3Rs Association and the Academic and Special Libraries Section of the New York Library Association; as well as the New York State Higher Education Initiative. This weeklong extravaganza is scheduled for June 9th through June 13th, 2014 at the University at Albany. Plans are underway and include some exciting guest speakers (including hint, hint Wicked - others are still in the works), a Thursday evening cruise along the scenic and historic Hudson River, and plenty of time to socialize and share ideas with your favorite colleagues.

Want to participate in the planning stages? Contact Wendy West (2nd Vice President - wwest@albany.edu – 518-442-3633) or Carol Anne Germain (Local Arrangements Chair – cgermain@albany.edu – 518-442-3590).

Libraries Highlighted in SUNY’s 2013 Year in Review

To coincide with the recent State of the University address, SUNY has released a document called “Good News from SUNY 2013” that highlights our role in the open textbook project. The relevant portion reads, “SUNY faculty began authoring open online textbooks and working with campus libraries to publish them as part of Open SUNY.”
Ninety-eight Freshman Foundation students from the School of Art and Design at Alfred University started out the spring semester with tours of the Scholes Library at the NYS College of Ceramics at Alfred University, all part of a four-day workshop where they each created a 50-page book. Eva Sclippa and John Hosford gave small groups of students 30-minute tours of the library with the assistance of Bev Crowell, Verna Mullen, and Sherman Clark. The tours included the College Archives, the Circulation Desk and Special Collections, where they were able to explore the library’s collection of artists’ books. The students spent the next three days creating their own books, some of which are pictured here. The books will be on display in Special Collections throughout the month of March.

“In Final review of book making workshop, College of Art and Design, Alfred University, Spring 2014.”

In other news, the Scholes Library has embarked on a comprehensive data collection initiative in the areas of information service and instructional delivery. In the area of “reference” or information sharing, the library will use Springshare’s LibAnalytics system to collect, discover, report and analyze any and all informational transactions. The initiative is designed to capture and clarify the fullest extent of library service within and beyond our walls. A second set of detailed metrics will be gathered to analyze all aspects of library instruction and presentation activities. Data collection will focus on particulars such as audience demographics, content presented, tools used, faculty participation, session evaluation, etc. The data analysis will provide a composite picture of strengths, weaknesses and value while guiding continuous improvement and strategic planning.

Finally, the Scholes Library is searching for an Engineering/Emerging Technologies Librarian. This librarian would serve as the Engineering Subject Specialist and would also manage and implement technologies that support reference, instruction, and scholarly activities at the Scholes Library. For more information and a full job description, please visit http://scholes.alfred.edu/index.php/eng-tech-librarian.
Sharon Murphy, nursing subject specialist for the Health Sciences Library, presented “Health Sciences Good Reads: 10 Book Selections for You and Your Users” during the Lightning Round at the Upstate New York and Ontario Chapter of the Medical Library Association Annual Meeting in Fairport, NY, October 18th, 2013.

Rose Orcutt, Architecture and Planning Librarian, was elected incoming Vice President of the ARLIS/Upstate Chapter (Art Libraries Society of North America). At the ARLIS/NA mid-year meeting on September 26th, 2013, the Executive Board approved the proposal of the ARLIS/NA Western New York Chapter to change its name to ARLIS/NA Upstate New York Chapter. At the Chapter’s fall business meeting on October 3rd, members unanimously voted to officially change the name of their chapter effective January 1st, 2014. By changing its name, the chapter hopes to increase its membership since it now encompasses the entire upstate region. All art librarians north of the New York metropolitan area are welcome to join the ARLIS/Upstate New York Chapter. For more information, visit: arlisupstateny.org or on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ARLISUpstateNY. To subscribe to ARLIS-UPSTATENY-LIST, send an email message to: rmorcutt@buffalo.edu

Margaret Wells, Director, Public Services and Arts & Sciences Libraries, was recently re-elected Secretary of the Western New York Library Resources Council (WNYLRC) Board of Trustees.

The WNYLRC Ask Us 24/7 consortium recognized the UB Libraries for contributions to the global chat service, noting that the Libraries ranked third for the most questions answered in the year 2013. Lisa Pano, Glendora Johnson-Cooper, and Cindy Ehlers made the list of the top 25 librarians answering the most questions for 2013.


Fred Stoss, Associate Librarian, presented “Role of STEM Data and Information in an Environmental Decision-making Scenario: The Case of Climate Change,” for the Science-Based Policy Development in the Environment, Food, Health, and Transport Sectors Symposium at the American Chemical Society’s National Meeting in Indianapolis on September 9, 2013. He later presented “The Nature Journal: Gateway for Stimulating and Sustaining Children’s (and Their Educators) Interests in Nature and the Outdoors,” at the Annual Meeting of the New York State Outdoor Education Association on October 25th in Albany, NY. Fred was selected to continue his role as a Mentor for the Climate Reality Project’s (CRP’s) Climate Reality Leadership Corps; he will assist in training more than 1400 people from 50 U.S. states and territories, and 43 countries to give the climate change slide presentations provided by CRP’s Chairman, former Vice President Al Gore.
Scholarship
Last October, Assessment Librarian Eugene Harvey presented with Melaine Kenyon, Director of Instructional Technology at Buffalo State, and Mark McBride, Director of Library Services at Monroe Community College, at the 2013 Educause Conference in Anaheim, CA. Their presentation, “The Transformational Journey to a Modern Learning Environment: A Triangulation of Perspectives,” highlighted the redesign of the library’s primary teaching space into an active learning classroom and discussed the impact of learning environments on student learning, pedagogy, and faculty training.

Library Faculty Investigate Salary Compression & Inequality
Last summer, the Library Faculty Committee created an ad hoc subcommittee (Eugene Harvey, Al Riess, Marianne Foley, and Dan DiLandro) to investigate possible salary inequity compared to other Masters-level faculty on campus. When adjusting for twelve-month work contracts, results of internal comparisons suggest faculty librarian salaries at Buffalo State are significantly lower than other faculty on campus, dependent on academic rank and average year of hire. Senior assistant and associate librarians earned 41% and 38% less, respectively, than assistant and associate professors. Furthermore, full librarians had to work six years longer than full professors to earn 19% less than them. Subcommittee members also examined comparable NYS Civil Service (public) librarian titles, ranks, job descriptions, and salary grades and discovered noteworthy differences. For example, the hiring rate of a Senior Librarian (SG-19) in PEF or CSEA is roughly $54,000, and after seven years of employment, the job rate is approximately $68,000. Plus, after examining job descriptions of NYS public librarians, it seems Buffalo State librarians have additional work requirements and expectations, particularly in relation to academic tenure. With approximately 16 library faculty at Butler Library, the estimated annual salary shortfall is between $150,000 and $200,000 total. Talks with campus leaders are ongoing.

SUNY libraries interested in this issue or this project can contact Eugene Harvey, Assessment Librarian at Buffalo State: harveyej@buffalostate.edu.

TechQUAL+® Results May Guide Strategic Planning Initiatives
At Buffalo State, Butler Library operates within Information Services and Systems (ISAS), a service structure comprised of both Library and Instructional Technology and Computing and Technology Services. To aid in assessment efforts for ISAS, the library helped market the TechQUAL+® survey to the campus. Similar in nature to the format of LibQUAL+®, this survey assesses common IT service outcomes in the core areas of Connectivity and Access, Technology and Collaboration Services, and Support and Training. Results from the survey are expected to serve as a baseline measure to guide strategic planning and service development within ISAS.

The Dust Settles for Archives and Special Collections
Last fall, E. H. Butler Library’s Archives & Special Collections Department completed its monumental move to a more visible, accessible location in the Information Commons. The move to the newly renovated location entailed two particular phases. Archived resources in Caudell Hall were moved to storage in the library, and then all archived items stored in the Butler Library basement were moved to the new location.

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**Summon 2.0 and LibApps on the Horizon**
Celebrating its one-millionth search last fall, Butler Library is preparing for the transition to Summon 2.0 by accessing and testing its preview site. Also, LibApps is gaining steam through its newly conceptualized platform, which includes Springy Sign-On (one set of login info gets you into all of your Springy accounts), seamless transitions between products, integration of common product elements (like the Image Manager), and a centralized dashboard. Migration to LibApps is estimated to be late spring or early summer.

**New Database Acquired: e-Libro**
¿Quieres leer un libro electrónico? Powered by ebrary, the library’s newest database, e-Libro, provides access to more than 60,000 Spanish-language academic e-books, covering subjects from education to history to science.

**Tea Time!: Argo Tea Steeps In**
Have you always dreamt of having a tea party? Then stop by Butler Library’s newest addition to its “communiTea” – Argo Tea. A Chicago-based company founded in 2003, Argo Tea offers signature loose teas and blends from around the world, teaware, and other specialty foods and beverages. Butler Library transformed the accompanying space, including elements such as an appealing color scheme, stylish, comfortable seating, and tables with electrical outlets and USB charging ports.

**Students De-Stressed for Finals Week**
Buddy, a licensed therapy golden retriever, buddied up to students last semester in Butler Library during finals week. With owner Daphne Finnegan of My Buddy and Me, this talented, not-so-tiny tyke performed tricks and accepted pets and head-rubs in the library lobby.

Also, the Alumni Association once again held a study break in the library during exam week. Students enjoyed homemade cookies and orange juice, a much-needed boost of sugar-energy to head into the home stretch.
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SUNY Canton’s Southworth Library Learning Commons is excited to introduce our newest librarian, Rachel Santose! Rachel is our Instruction and Assessment Librarian and is responsible for teaching library and digital literacy instruction and developing an assessment plan for the Learning Commons services.

Rachel originally hails from the Cleveland, Ohio area. She graduated with her B.A. in History and Civil War Era Studies from Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania in 2011, and recently completed her Masters of Library Science and M.A. in History at Indiana University, Bloomington. Her academic interests include the American Civil War and collective memory, but her personal interests include anything outdoorsy – especially exploring historic sites and battlefields and hiking National Parks with her puppies, Quincy and Leisl. Some of Rachel’s favorite authors are Bill Bryson, Sarah Vowell, and the late Maurice Sendak.

Celebrating Our Veterans  (from Lenore VanderZee, Chief of Staff, Office of the President)

Digital Technologies and Learning Librarian Michael Magilligan became intrigued with the often untold stories of the veterans in the North Country. So, he did the only thing that makes sense, he started to listen. He sought out veterans of World War II living in our community – there are dozens! – and recorded their stories. These men stormed the beaches of Normandy and witnessed the horrors of Nazi concentration camps. They struggled against German occupation in France and beyond. They fought on the Eastern Front and witnessed the end of the war. Then, they went about their lives in Northern New York: got married, had children, worked to better their communities. They were business owners and civil servants.

As their numbers dwindle – these veterans are well into their 80s – Magilligan wanted to preserve these veterans’ incredible stories for posterity, and he knew that they were much more than just memories. They provide future generations with a more comprehensive understanding of World War II and how it impacted the home front, then and now. These stories will be housed in an on-campus database as well as in the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

In recognition of Veteran’s Day, Magilligan presented the stories he collected at a special event honoring these veterans and those who came after them. Numerous veterans, including several of the men he interviewed, were present to listen and remember – and receive our appreciation.

“These men stormed the beaches of Normandy and witnessed the horrors of Nazi concentration camps.”
COBLESKILL
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Visiting Information Literacy Librarian Katie DeRusso, along with Dave Ghidiu from Monroe CC, will present “Third Party Software: How to Bring Interactive and Collaborative Learning to a LMS“ at the 3Ts Conference in March.

Student Assistant Megan Trigg (Circulation) won the Quilt Barn contest! Her design was chosen by Acting President Thatcher and other members of the SUNY Cobleskill administration. Once painted, the giant quilt block will be mounted on one of the campus barns as part of the Schoharie County Quilt Barn Trail.

The Van Wagenen Library is currently searching for an Instructional Design Librarian. The ad is available online via the SUNY Cobleskill Human Resources page; applications received by February 14th, 2014, will be given first consideration.
The new year at SUNY ESF began with a new president – Dr. Quentin Wheeler comes to ESF from Arizona State University. “Wheeler joined Arizona State University in 2006 and since that time has served as the founding director of the International Institute for Species Exploration and Virginia M. Ullman Professor of Natural History and the Environment. He served as interim dean of the Division of Natural Sciences in 2006, and in 2007 was appointed to the position of vice president and dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, a position he held until 2011. Wheeler served in distinguished academic roles for 24 years at Cornell University, where he earned the rank of tenured full professor. He was chair of entomology and director of the Liberty Hyde Bailey Hortorium while at Cornell. Wheeler also previously served as the Keeper and Head of Entomology at The Natural History Museum in London from 2004-2006, and was director of the Division of Environmental Biology at the National Science Foundation from 2001-2004. “ [http://www.esf.edu/communications/view.asp?newsID=2436]

To honor our outgoing president Neil Murphy, Moon Librarian Jane Verostek assembled a display in Moon Library that reflects on Neil Murphy’s years as president.

Moon Library Staff News

Emma Esperon, a current Masters in Library and Information Sciences student at the S.U. iSchool, is now working at Moon Library as a Library Clerk. Emma mainly works in the circulation area but helps in all areas of the library as needed.

Jane Verostek, Associate Librarian, presented at two conferences in the Fall of 2013. She did a poster at the UNYSLA Upstate NY Special Library Association fall conference; poster title: How to Use SpringShare’s LibAnalytics Software to Record Reference Statistics and More! She also did a presentation at the NYLA Annual conference; presentation title: Ready – Set – ACTION! Jumpstart Your Information Literacy Classes with Visual Blogs Using Videos, Photos and More!

Jane Verostek, Associate Librarian, was an invited speaker on a reference panel to discuss past and current reference practices and experiences. The reference panel was held at S.U.'s Bird Library on November 7th, 2013.

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New ILL Bookstraps  (by Ruth Owens, Assistant Librarian)

Starting in the Spring 2014 semester, ESF started using reusable bookstraps on interlibrary loan books. These replace the paper straps we used to put on books we borrow from other libraries for our patrons. The new straps streamline our ILL operations, and we hope that they help our library users distinguish their ILL books better. Because they are reusable, they fit well with the spirit of saving paper and reducing waste on campus. The vinyl straps have our college logo screen printed on them (please see photo), fasten around the book with Velcro, and have a pocket on the front in which we can place a small slip of paper containing information about the book (patron information, due date, etc.). ESF purchased these straps from REP Industries in Pennsylvania and straps are available in different colors and lengths.

ESF Celebrates Open Access Week  (by Ruth Owens and Jessica Clemons)

This year from October 21st-27th, ESF Moon Library celebrated International Open Access Week by highlighting some of the exemplary work our students and faculty do to promote and contribute to open access. The first event featured students from our information literacy courses. One group was invited to discuss their contributions to open access through editing Wikipedia pages that were in need of additional information and verification. Students shared how they added valuable content and references to Wikipedia pages on subjects such as firefighting tools, naval technology, and wildlife refuges. Another group of students discussed some useful open access resources such as the Directory of Open Access Journals. The demonstration included search features, sample searches, and different subject areas covered in the DOAJ. Students were excited to share with others what they had learned in class about Open Access.

The second event hosted at Moon Library was about faculty contributions to open access. A faculty member of the Forest and Natural Resources Management program, Diane Kiernan, wrote an open access textbook for her class. She talked about her personal reasons for wanting to help students afford college and make her work easily accessible. This book is specifically tailored to a biometrics class. Students learn by using mathematical models they will encounter in the field and gain valuable insight in their field of study. An open access textbook is also good news for them. The textbook, Natural Resources Biometrics, will be available through SUNY Open Textbooks in late November. From the Department of Environmental and Forest Biology, Dr. Sadie Ryan talked about the importance of publishing journal articles in open access journals such as PLoS (Public Library of Science). She mentioned that she can’t always find a place for her work since it is so multidisciplinary and the applied nature of her work is meant to reach managers and is not necessarily exclusive to the academic community. Not only does she publish in open access journals, she is also a reviewer for them. Dr. Ryan believes that there is significant value in open access resources and they are earning a place in the scholarly discourse. She is a reviewer and an academic editor for open access work, so she is “really invested.”
Our new circulation supervisor, Gail Whalen, started January 13th. Our previous circulation supervisor, Rachel Schauf, is taking over ILL processing and periodicals. We are also in the process of hiring a part-time circulation clerk and a part-time technical assistant.

A very successful “A Tale for Three Counties” fundraising event was held on the afternoon of Saturday, January 11th in the Stuart Steiner Theatre. More than 100 people came to view a special screening of the film Northern Borders, a movie based on the novel by Howard Frank Mosher that was the featured book for Tale in 2004. Special guest award-winning producer/director Jay Craven delighted the crowd with descriptions of his screenwriting and film-making process, and with stories about the many movie stars he’s had in his films, including Bruce Dern, Rip Torn, Kris Kristofferson, Genevieve Bujold, and Michael J. Fox. See photos and read more about the event: http://www.genesee.edu/library/library-news/a-tale-for-three-counties-northern-borders-movie/

Librarians are hard at work designing a new library homepage in preparation for implementing Ebsco EDS after classes end in May. Other current projects include revamping the library’s table of contents service for faculty, designing a new plagiarism tutorial, and reviewing our copyright policies.
The College was sorry to say farewell to our Director of Library Services, Drew Urbanek, in the fall. We welcome Fred Berowski, the new Director hired recently. He received his MLIS from the University at Albany. Before becoming Director of Library Services at Herkimer College, Fred served as reference librarian at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, in charge of the A. Bartlett Giamatti Research Center, and as part-time reference librarian at Herkimer. He has served on editorial and writing staff for numerous publications, and is a credited author in the book Inside the Baseball Hall of Fame.

As always, the Stephen B. Luce Library has been quite busy over the last few months. We had quite a few staff adjustments following Shafeek Fazal’s promotion to Library Director in October. Joseph Williams, our Head of Technical Services, has also taken on the role of Assistant Library Director. Greg Murphy was promoted to Head of Reference and Instruction, and Katie Bram is our new Coordinator for Circulation and User Services. We also have a new full-time Library Assistant, Veronica Gaffney, who started with us in November.


Outside of the library, we recently hired a new Provost. Dr. Timothy Lynch joins us from California Maritime. We are also currently in the middle of the presidential search process.
**Micquel Little** joined the MCC Libraries as the new Assistant Director in January. Micquel comes from St. John Fisher College where she was Lavery Library’s Access Services Librarian for 3.5 years. Micquel earned her MLIS degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 2010. Micquel will primarily be working with the Access Services and Technical Services teams in the library but plans on extending her collaborations throughout campus. She holds a leading role in the statewide consortium IDS Project and is also an active member on nationwide ALA committees and initiatives.

We are also welcoming two new interns! **Tracy Mahoney** is in her last semester at UB. She works full-time for the Town of Ogden police department and part-time for Ogden Farmers Library. She will be concentrating on reference work at the LeRoy V. Good Library on the Brighton Campus. And we are welcoming **Andrea Kingston** to the Damon City Campus Learning Commons. Andrea is originally from the San Francisco area and is currently an editor working from home while in the midst of an online MLS program. She will be getting experience with reference and building tutorials/LibGuides.

Congratulations to **Jennifer Reisch**! Jennifer graduated in December with a MLIS degree from the University of Buffalo. She was an intern at the LeRoy V. Good Library last semester and is continuing as a volunteer working on LibGuides and as a bibliographic instructor.

**Alice Wilson**, Library Assistant Director, with **Jeremy Case**, one of MCC’s videographers, presented to the faculty at a Teaching and Creativity Center program on creating effective videos for in-person, hybrid, and online classes. **Mary Timmons**, MultiCampus Outreach Librarian, served as editor on the inaugural edition of MCC’s Scholars’ Day Review, a faculty-juried publication showcasing the exceptional presentation papers of student scholars who participated in Monroe Community College’s Scholars’ Day.

Other news from the Libraries: We spent last semester analyzing and reworking our physical spaces to make them more user friendly. New zones have been designated for Quiet, Group Work and Conversation; furniture rearranged, and computer areas revamped to make the student areas more accommodating. We are in the midst of an overhaul of our journals to focus more on our electronic resources and less on print subscriptions so our periodical area is also getting a makeover. All this on a very limited budget makes for some very creative solutions.
NEW PALTZ
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Sojourner Truth Library launched a brand new website at the beginning of the Spring 2014 semester. The new homepage incorporated the new Discovery Search (EDS) and other library catalog searching into the design. Also, check out our New Book Shelf, with a script to harvest data from Aleph catalog to display the newly arrived items.

The librarians have been working on strategies to teach from the new site for the start of the spring semester. To help students to navigate, Reference Instruction Librarian Anne Deutsch created this concise video (http://www.screencast.com/t/wX001noo5Hi).

N P A L T Z

NIAGARA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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The main floor of the Library now houses the Learning Commons. This newly renovated area opened in January 2014, and the student support services located there include: the Science Lab, Math Lab, Writing Center, Accounting Lab, and the Achievement Center. Students are gradually finding their way to the Learning Commons and the services provided there. Because the space and number of computers in the library reference area has been greatly reduced, students are encouraged to use the many computers in the Learning Commons when the assistance of a librarian is not required.

Mary Beth Morse, Circulation Librarian, is administering a Perkins Grant to purchase textbooks and DVDs in the areas of medical assisting, phlebotomy, science, hospitality, and tourism. Most of these materials are placed on Course Reserves for student use. Mary Beth also serves as Co-Chair of our campus Awards Committee. With the creation of the new SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching, this committee has become a year-round work in progress.

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Karen Ferington, Catalog/Archives Librarian, Beth Bradley, Emerging Technology Librarian, and Janet Bukowski, Senior Library Clerk for Technical Services, all attended the One Bib Regional Meeting held at Buffalo State College in early December. All three will be involved in the changes coming as we move to a shared catalog for SUNY libraries.

Our campus student software program for degree evaluation is changing to Degree Works, a student degree audit system. The “go live” date is set for early March 2014. All of the librarians and other faculty on campus have been participating in training sessions in preparation for student advisement/registration for summer and fall courses which begins on March 10th.

In summary, it seems that change is what we’re all about right now. Although remaining positive about change is often not easy, we should remember these words of wisdom from Sir Winston Churchill:

“To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often.”
ONONDAGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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On the evening of Thursday, October 3rd, 2013, Coulter Library hosted a Ghost Hunters Library Orientation Event. The event consisted of haunted locations throughout campus that had some kind of question or mystery that students had to decipher with library resources or services. There were also craft activities, prize drawings, and a movie screening. We had approximately 60 attendees. The attendees included students and a few community members. Photos from the event can be found on our Flickr site: http://www.flickr.com/photos/coulterlibrary/sets/72157636165765916/.

Pauline Lynch Shostack presented at the North American Simulation and Gaming Association (NASAGA) conference on October 25 in Sarasota, FL. Her presentation title was *Human Library: Bringing Books to Life*.

Pauline and Angela Weiler gave a presentation on holding a Human Library event at the Central New York Library Resources Council on Thursday, October 31st.

The Third Annual Fall Poetry Reading was held on Wednesday, November 6th in the “Living Room” area of Coulter Library. Faculty, students, staff, alumni, and the community were invited to read their own poetry or the poetry of others. Attendees were also welcome to just come and listen. The annual event is sponsored by the Onondaga Community College English, Reading, and Communications Department and Coulter Library.

On Friday, November 8th, Jeff Harr presented volume 19 of his “Albums That Shook the World” series: Disraeli Gears, by Cream.

On December 5th Angela Weiler attended the one-day summit on OpenSUNY, sponsored by the SUNY Council of Library Directors in Albany.
An All-Library Workshop was held January 15th on the topic of personality types and communication. Professor Sean Finnerty, SUNY Oswego faculty member, gave the library staff the Myers-Briggs personality inventory.

Ms. Kristina Rowe-Jones has been hired to serve as the Access Services Evening Clerk. She came from SUNY Canton, where she served in the Registrar’s Office.

Almost 600 food items were collected during the annual “Food for Fines” program. Students had their library fines waived by donating cans of food which were then given to a local food pantry.

Penfield Library is preparing to host the 2014 ENY/ARCL conference on May 19th. Information will be forthcoming.

Joshua Beatty, Senior Assistant Librarian, recently defended his doctoral dissertation in the Department of History at the College of William and Mary (Williamsburg, Va.) The dissertation is titled “The Fatal Year: Slavery, Violence, and the Stamp Act of 1765." Dr. Beatty will officially graduate in May 2014.

Elin O’Hara-Gonya and her husband Tom welcome their new daughter Annika, born in November. Congratulations Elin and Tom! As Elin’s father is a librarian, and Elin is a librarian, there are some hopes that we have another librarian to be.

Lydia Willoughby joined Feinberg Library as a Visiting Assistant Librarian. Lydia will be covering for Karen Volkman as part of Karen's release for the UUP Chapter Presidency. Lydia holds a Master's degree in Library and Information Science from the Palmer School of Library and Information Science at C.W. Post, Long Island University (2011), a Master's in English Literature from the University of Montana (2006), and a BA in Literature and Victorian Studies from Bard College (2003). Lydia was named a Library Journal Mover and Shaker, 2013, in the Community Builder designation. She comes to us from Vermont Technical College, where she worked as a reference librarian.
Open House for Faculty

The College Libraries had a Faculty Open House and luncheon on January 16th, 2014. It was an opportunity for teaching faculty to learn about the library resources that are available to assist them with their teaching and research. The open house consisted of four workshops, a lunch discussion, and a tour of the spaces and resources of the College Libraries.

We gave the following 30-minute workshops:

1. Demo of what Information Literacy librarians can do for you and your students — Elizabeth Andrews
2. AskMax: What is it, and what information does it help you and your students find? — Abby Smith
3. How to enrich an assignment for Information Literacy Skills — Carol Franck
4. Using streaming media and other library-provided information resources in your courses — Nancy Alzo

During lunch, Carol Franck facilitated an informal discussion of information literacy issues at SUNY Potsdam. After lunch, there were tours available in the Crumb Library (with Keith Compeau), Crane Library (with Ed Komara), and the Instructional Technology Center (with Paula Willard).

Instructional Technology Center

The Instructional Technology Center (ITC) is now part of the College Libraries, but still resides in 105 Stillman Hall. Paula Willard, the Instructional Support Specialist, has officially joined our staff. The ITC provides services such as poster printing for scholarship, research, and professional presentations; optical scanning; DVD conversion; and classroom assistance for faculty teaching in classrooms with technology.

New Computer Furniture and More Computers

The Crumb Library has just recently installed new computer furniture from KI called Wireworks on the first floor. The new furniture accommodates 14 computers and 5 printers and contains 52 outlets and 19 network cables. It takes four 20-amp breakers to accommodate all the outlets! On January 15th, 2014, the Levitt Computer Center in Merritt Hall was closed and all of the computer resources were moved to the College Libraries. With the closing of the computer center, the Crane Library received nine more computers and the Crumb Library received 43 along with two black and white printers. In addition to the computer resources being reallocated, the tables and chairs have also been moved to the College Libraries.

Other Notes

Marianne Hebert has been awarded the Academic Transcript of the Quarter recognition by the AskUs 24/7 Advisory Board, who noted “Marianne, you did a great job of thoroughly helping the patron, guiding them through each step and ensuring...”
they were ‘on the same page’ as you. Congrats!”

Tammy Mason has been awarded an honorary membership to the English Department’s Honor Society, Sigma Tau Delta, and for the fourth year in a row she has been named “Favorite Library Worker” by the Emerging Leaders.

New Dean of Stony Brook University Libraries

Constantia Constantinou has been named the Dean of University Libraries at Stony Brook University, effective October 1st, 2013. The SBU Libraries are comprised of a number of branches, including the Melville, Health Sciences, Marine and Atmospheric Sciences, Chemistry, Math/Physics, and Southampton Libraries.

Constantinou has served as the Library Director and Library Department Chair at the SUNY Maritime College Library since 2001. The SUNY Maritime College Library is considered a premier maritime library and a national leader in maritime collections with innovative research services and rare collections. Under her direction, the Library’s world-renowned rare collections have been enhanced with strong museum partnerships and collaborations with professional organizations. Constantinou has also served in a number of library leadership positions on advisory councils and governing boards, leading library organizations through ambitious strategic processes, partnerships in resource sharing, and innovative services.

“There has never been a time when research libraries face greater challenges and opportunities than today,” said Constantinou. “I am thrilled to work with my colleagues at the Stony Brook University Libraries, the faculty and students, and the University’s administration to provide a range of knowledge-focused services to the academic and Stony Brook communities. Through data management, policy development and metadata services, the SBU Libraries can support and enable Stony Brook’s teaching mission, research enterprise, service engagement, and partnerships with Brookhaven National Laboratory. Through leadership in the network of National Libraries of Medicine, in SUNY, and in the Association of Research Libraries, the SBU Libraries can engage in deep organizational collaborations necessary to create a robust 21st century information environment that supports research and teaching.”

Constantinou grew up in the City of Famagusta, Cyprus and holds Master’s Degrees in both Library Science and Music Theory, from Queens College, CUNY. From a young age, she entered into music conservatories where she studied classical guitar and music theory. She enjoys being out on the trails and hiking in the Finger Lakes region that she considers “home away from home.”
Ammerman Campus

Dawn Wing is the newest librarian to be hired at Suffolk County Community College and she is based on the Ammerman campus. Dawn will be focusing on information literacy and media. Dawn’s experience teaching English as a second language and having worked with a diverse student body make her an ideal fit for our community college students. She also has experience creating learning objects, providing instruction, and understanding the pedagogy of information literacy at the college level. We welcome Dawn to Suffolk and to the SUNYLA community.

After several months of collecting discarded library books from three libraries, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Reader Services Sheila D. Fox used the books to create a six-foot tall sculpture installation for the Huntington Library. In the summer of 2013, after four weeks of sorting and then building book-upon-book, like bricklaying, the project was completed. A presentation/reception was held in September 2013, in the library, for the entire college community.

Fox used over 800 books to create a form that combined the qualities of architecture and the human figure. The sculpture, entitled Stacked Multiplicity: The Sky Window, symbolized how the building of knowledge through reading, thinking, and reflecting can lead to insight and understanding. The top of the sculpture, with its head/window-like opening, which looked onto a sky-blue book cover with sun symbol designs, represented this path to enlightenment and wisdom. A down-light illumination from the ceiling into the “window” enhanced this effect. The sculpture also represented a monument or elegy to the printed book in this age of rapidly expanding digital resources, as well as an act of environmentalism through recycling.

The installation was on view for three months. After it was dismantled, all the books were boxed by the students of the international honor society, Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), who then shipped them to Better World Books to help promote literacy worldwide.

Eastern Campus

Dana Antonucci-Durgan is the new Eastern campus Head Librarian. Prior to her position at SCCC, Dana was Head of the Science & Engineering and Chemistry Libraries at Stony Brook University. She received her BS in Biochemistry and her MA in Liberal Studies from Stony Brook University and her Master of Library and Information Science from CUNY at Queens College.

Susan Wood, Media/Reader Services Librarian, joined us from the University of Memphis in Tennessee where she worked as the Interlibrary Loan Librarian while specializing in reference and instruction. Susan received a BA in Women’s Studies from the University of Oklahoma, her MA in Interdisciplinary Studies from Oregon State University, and her MS in Information Sciences from the University of Tennessee.

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Professor Wood recently published the 2012 Tennessee Bibliography in *Tennessee Libraries* (2013, v. 63, no. 4.0). Susan also serves on several committees in the ACRL Women & Gender Studies Section (WGSS), including the 2013 Program Planning Committee, whose program "Digital Humanities and Academic Libraries: Practice and Theory, Power and Privilege" was accepted for ALA 2014 in Las Vegas.

We are thrilled to have them with us and look forward to their contributions to the campus and college.

**Library Citation Station** - The Library conducted a 2012-2013 Information Literacy assessment that showed that our students needed to improve their skills in documenting sources. In response to these findings, the Eastern Campus Library developed an interactive display called the Citation Station that was made available during Finals. Using the touchscreen students could easily navigate to find information on developing citations, in-text citations, and formatting a Works Cited or References page.

**Grant Campus**

**Susan DeMasi**, Professor of Library Services, has a contract for a book to be published by McFarland. It’s a biography of Henry Alsberg, Director of the 1930s WPA program called *The Federal Writers’ Project*.

**Gerald Reminick**, Professor Emeritus of Library Services, has had his first children's book published entitled "Ollie Otter's Special Gift: A Story From Quiet Pond." Professor Reminick's other published books include eight books on the U.S. Merchant Marine and two on St. John's Pond in Cold Spring Harbor, NY. His publisher is the Glencannon Maritime Press.

As the science librarian on the SCCC Grant Campus, **MaryPat Takacs** presented a poster session at the ACRL/NY 2013 Symposium, "The Library as Knowledge Laboratory," on Dec. 6th, 2013, at Baruch College. The poster, "Growing Information Literacy in the Microbiology Laboratory," addressed the collaboration among the science librarian, a microbiology faculty member, and the editors of the open access journal SATURN to connect library research, laboratory research, and science writing. The SATURN (Science and Technology Undergraduate Research Notes) Journal was created in 2012 as an educational tool and a vehicle to share undergraduate research online ([http://www.saturnjournal.org/](http://www.saturnjournal.org/)). The journal presented an opportunity for the science librarian to collaborate with a microbiology faculty member to teach science students information literacy skills that could be directly applied to scientific research papers. The information literacy instruction focused on search strategies to find peer-reviewed journal articles. The microbiology assignment required students to apply the scientific method to explore the antimicrobial activity of herbs and spices. And finally, the SATURN Journal offered students an opportunity to share new scientific information. View the poster at: [http://acrlny2013.wordpress.com/posters/#GrowingInformation](http://acrlny2013.wordpress.com/posters/#GrowingInformation).
The TC3 Library plans to celebrate Library Lovers’ Month throughout February with a “Blind Date with a Book” program. We chose a diverse selection of books and wrapped them in plain brown paper wrappers with just a hint on the cover as to what’s inside. The books will be displayed prominently for browsing, with plenty of selections for the perfect blind date. Those choosing blind dates will be instructed to leave the book wrapped until after checkout (it’s a blind date, after all!), and encouraged to return the book and choose another if the date turned out to be a dud. If you’re interested in a list of books and the descriptions used for the wrappers, please contact Karla Block (blockk@tc3.edu).

The TC3 Writing and Research Center (WRC), housed within the Library, is expanding a partnership with adjunct writing instructors that is designed to help tutors and instructors collaborate more successfully. During the previous two semesters, the WRC partnered with adjunct English instructor Kerry Curran, who helped identify ways the WRC could better assist students enrolled in English 99 (“Basic Writing Skills”). The WRC created the “Go2Guide” (http://tc3.libguides.com/g2g) to provide online writing help, while Ms. Curran promoted the WRC to other adjunct instructors and helped those adjuncts prepare their students for successful tutoring sessions. This semester, the WRC will partner with two other adjunct instructors to further explore possible avenues for additional tutor-instructor collaboration.

Also this semester we are beginning a new marketing campaign. Our goal was to focus specifically on what librarians can do to help students. We find that students are avid users of many of our services (reserves, study rooms, copying and printing, computer access) but do not use the reference service as much as we would like. We wanted to create more awareness of what the librarian does to see if that would increase interactions at the reference desk. Last semester librarians solicited testimonials from students they had helped, along with the student’s favorite picture of him- or herself. The College’s publications designer created a poster format, which will be carried through the campaign on a series of posters. Each poster focuses on a specific task that the librarian helped the student with. The first one published is about finding and understanding a primary source for U.S. History. Each poster will end with a tagline that refers to the task the librarian helped with and ends with “Ask A Librarian,” for example “Need a primary source? Ask A Librarian.” The first posters will go up on campus bulletin boards and electronic information displays early in February. After that we will introduce a new poster about every two weeks.

Finally, after buying streaming licenses to a handful of films by the Media Education Foundation, the Library has begun a subscription to the Foundation’s entire collection.
PROMOTING SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATIONS THROUGH OPEN ACCESS JOURNALS

Friday, March 28, 2014

Registration now open!

When: Friday, March 28, 2014. 8-3:30pm
Where: The Eagle’s Lookout, SERC, The College at Brockport, State University of New York
What: A one-day conference focusing on raising awareness of issues in scholarly communication, sharing best practices in faculty and student use of open access publishing and more.

Who should attend: Students, faculty, instructional designers, librarians and anyone interested in open access publishing and scholarly communication.

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