Welcome Back SUNYLA! I hope everyone’s semester has started off well, and that everything is running smoothly.

This year’s conference, SUNYLA 2014: Empire Collaborations, was a huge success, and I want to thank everyone involved for making that happen. 2nd Vice President/Conference Chair, Wendy West, and Local Arrangements Chair, Carol Anne Germain, did an amazing job. The Local Arrangements Committee and conference volunteers worked tirelessly. We had 210 people attend the conference and over 35 vendors. Also, thanks to all of the attendees and presenters; we certainly couldn’t have a successful conference without you.

Next year, SUNYLA 2015: The Art of Librarianship will be held at SUNY Purchase, June 3rd - 5th, 2015. Current 2nd Vice President/Conference Chair Carrie Marten is already hard at work with the planning. Local Arrangements Chair is Suzanne Markgren. But they need help! Anyone interested in helping, please contact Carrie at Carrie.Marten@Purchase.edu.

The first SUNYLA meeting of the year was held at SUNY Poly. [As you know, SUNY College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE) and SUNY Institute of Technology (SUNYIT) have merged into SUNY Poly!]. Thanks to Barb Grimes for hosting the meeting. We had over 35 SUNYLA members in attendance, both virtually and in-person, and it was a very productive meeting. We welcomed Eugene Harvey, Buff State, as our new Personnel Policies Chair, and he is already working on a new salary survey to be sent out to SUNYLA Directors. If you are interested in helping on the committee, contact Eugene at harveyej@buffalostate.edu. We also welcome Bill Jones, Geneseo, as our IDS Liaison and Chair of the Technology Users Group. Bill and Ken Fujiuchi worked together over the summer to get Bill up to speed – he will be handling the listserv, so any problems or questions send them to Bill at jonesw@geneseo.edu.

Rebecca Hyams, 1st VP/President Elect, has been busy getting the list of delegates updated. The current listing we had was a bit of a mess, but Rebecca has straightened it out and has been contacting schools with no delegates to encourage them to either elect a delegate or have someone serve as a SUNYLA contact.

During the meeting we discussed the future of SUNYLA and how we could interact and network with more of our members. It was decided that we would plan a SUNYLA virtual conference for this January. The topic is not firm yet, but we were discussing the theme of Open Technology and/or Open Tools. As we all know this topic covers a lot of ground, so once again, I’m looking for volunteers to help me focus and get the job done. So anyone interested in volunteering your ideas or your time, please contact me at

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SUNYLA is looking for a new person to take care of the Archives. For more information on what this job entails, contact Dan Harms at Daniel.Harms@cortland.edu.

If you want to see all the reports from the meeting, go to the SUNYLA forums page.

Our next meeting will be on Nov. 14th, 2014, at SUNY Albany. Remember, all members of SUNYLA are welcome, so if you are in the area, we would love to have you attend. Attending a meeting is a great way to join the conversation and help us make SUNYLA what you want it to be. If you can’t come in person, please join us virtually. You can also join a committee! Most of committees meet virtually, so you won’t have to travel far from home!

Our committees are as follows:

- Membership Committee
- Professional Development Committee
- Publications Committee
- Technology Users Group (TUG)
- Working Group for Information Literacy
- Personnel Policies Committee

For more information about the committees and contacts, please visit the SUNYLA Committees page.

Please check and see if your membership is current and your dues are paid up. If you’re not sure, ask your SUNYLA delegate or contact Membership Chair, Wendy West at wwest@uamail.albany.edu.
With September gone and October well on its way I hope that everyone is having a productive Fall semester. For those of you who are deeply immersed in all the amazing work that you do, you might not know that the 2015 SUNYLA Conference will be at SUNY Purchase from June 3rd to 5th. Yep. We are going to be downstate this coming year. The planning process began last April, before the 2014 conference, but there is still a lot to do. If you are interested in helping out, by all means get in touch with me: carrie.marten@purchase.edu or 914-251-6412. The entire committee welcomes anyone who wants to help make this another successful conference.

As we make our plans, I’m sure there are many of you who are interested in certain ideas/topics/concepts/initiatives and would love to attend sessions on them at the conference. Help us shape the conference program by letting us know the kinds of sessions you would like to attend or be a part of. Do you want to be part of a panel on open access? Do you want to hear someone speak on scholarly communications? Do you have something to say on the future of technical services? Would a session on management or mentoring appeal to you? Or do you know of someone who could do a great poster on a newly implemented program in their library? Please, share your ideas, and we will try to fit them into the program so that we have something for everyone. At this point we are just looking for ideas, whether you want to be a presenter or not; formal calls for pre-conference and conference sessions, as well as posters, will come out in December.

So mark your calendars for the SUNYLA 2015 Conference, The Art of Librarianship, to be held at SUNY Purchase in Purchase, NY. See you then! And do not hesitate to contact me with any questions: carrie.marten@purchase or 914-251-6428.
The SUNY Council of Library Directors (SCLD), the SUNY Librarians’ Association (SUNYLA), the SUNY Center for Professional Development (CPD), and the SUNY Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS) invite you to participate in the new Innovative Library Services Through Technology Certificate Program.

This program is intended for librarians, library clerks, other library employees, technology support specialists, instructional technologists, and instructional designers. Course offerings will develop participants’ expertise so that they can lead projects that establish innovative library services and lead outreach programs for departmental faculty and student support centers that promote integrated library services.

Prerequisite Knowledge

- Ability to create, find, save, and send word processing, spreadsheet, pdf, and email files

- Ability to search library databases for relevant scholarly articles

- Ability to explore and learn emerging technologies

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Courses and Learning Objectives

Four core courses

- Collaborative Technologies for Libraries
- New Service Models in Libraries
- Emerging Technologies in Libraries
- Project Management for Libraries

Electives

- Creatively Customizing Your Existing Web Presence
- Leading Organizational Change
- Basic Multimedia Editing
- Librarians as Instructional Designer Ambassadors
- Teaching 21st Century Learners: Through Collaborative Learning
- Teaching 21st Century Learners: Through Problem-Based Learning
- Design Using Open Source Software

For more information:

http://www.cvent.com/d/0cqbmq
Mark Seabury joined the SUNY Adirondack Library staff this semester as a part-time reference librarian. He recently graduated from the University at Albany's MSIS program where he concentrated on public policy and information literacy. He received his BA from Saint Michael's College in 2010 while also taking classes at SUNY Adirondack.

SUNY Adirondack librarians worked on several large projects this summer: setting up EDS, converting to LibGuides version 2, and weeding books in the reference and circulating collections. A new worksheet for Freshman Seminar classes was created that works well with the EDS search boxes. The weeding project created more in-demand study spaces.

SUNY Adirondack is participating in a Common Read program, with the book Spook by Mary Roach. Digital Services Librarian Emily Goodspeed created a LibGuide for students and faculty: http://library.sunyacc.edu/spook. It links to the English Division's blog and books and videos about topics related to the book.
ALFRED UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF CERAMICS
Eva Sclippa

This fall term the Scholes Library has been part of a new Personal Librarians Program developed across the Alfred University campus libraries. Each first-year student has been assigned his or her own Personal Librarian to be their go-to person for all their research needs. Librarians have been assigned according to each student’s School/College/Major. All first-year students have received packets explaining the program, along with “trading cards” of their librarian and information about that librarian’s “persona.”

As part of the program, each participating librarian worked to create one of these fantasy personas, which were then illustrated and featured on trading cards. Three librarians at Scholes are participating in the program, and their persona trading cards can be seen here:

The program has thus far been a definite success, with students actively collecting the cards, coming to meet their librarians at the personal librarians’ dessert reception, and beginning to contact their librarians with questions. For more information, see the Alfred University Library News blog post on the topic: http://aulibrarynews.wordpress.com/2014/08/11/whos-your-librarian/.
BROCKPORT

Logan Rath

Kristen Wallis joined the staff as a Clerk 1 in June 2014 and works with the interlibrary loan and circulation departments. A new academic building, connected to the library, opened on campus http://www.brockport.edu/nab/.

Kim Myers, Digital Repository Specialist, was named a 2014 IR All-Star by Digital Commons’ vendor, bepress. Digital Commons IR All-Stars awards spotlight four individuals from the Digital Commons community who have demonstrated a unique, high-impact, and replicable approach to IR success, and have made a meaningful contribution to the scholarly communications community as a whole, http://blog.digitalcommons.bepress.com/2014/08/12/2014-ir-all-star-kim-myers-the-college-at-brockport/.

Interlibrary Loan is being reorganized under technical services with Susan Perry and serials leading, effective November 1st. Logan Rath will continue as an instruction and reference librarian.

BUFFALO

Kathleen Quinlivan

The University Libraries and UB Information Technology are co-sponsoring a new Digital Challenges Series. The programs in this series are intended to bring faculty, staff and students together to discuss current challenges of the digital age. The first event, “Your Digital Footprint,” is set for Wednesday, October 1st, 2014, and will explore issues of personal privacy online. Speakers from the FBI, online security companies and academia will be participating in these provocative discussions. Learn more at: http://digitalchallenges.buffalo.edu/

H. Austin Booth. Vice Provost for University Libraries, traveled to India in September to meet with representatives from the libraries and the health sciences at Amrita University, one of UB’s partner institutions. She discussed issues related to information literacy, electronic resources, teaching evidence-based health sciences, and interprofessional education. As part of her visit, Austin also met with several large Indian publishers to discuss the move from print to electronic materials, including open access journals and e-textbooks.

Susan Davis, Acquisitions Librarian for Continuing Resources, is one of the inaugural recipients of the ALCTS Honors Award given by the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services of the American Library Association. The award recognizes “outstanding contributions at all levels within ALCTS, stellar

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dedication to service, uncompromising commitment to excellence, willingness to accept challenges, and a sustained and exemplary record of moving ALCTS forward.” Congratulations Susan for this well-deserved honor!

Brian Detweiler joined the staff of the Law Library as Student Services Librarian in June. Brian has a JD from Notre Dame Law School and an MLS from UB’s Library School. Most recently, he was the Faculty Services Librarian at St. Mary's Law School in San Antonio, TX. Brian will develop programs and services to enrich the law school experience and transition into overseeing the Law Library’s Passport Office.

Government Information Librarian Ed Herman retired in July, capping a distinguished career of over 37 years of service to the University Libraries, university, profession and community. Ed’s career witnessed the complete transformation of government information from print to online, and his expertise helped the Libraries capitalize on those changes to improve services to our users.

Congratulations to Scott Hollander, Web Manager for the UB Libraries, and Chris Hollister, Associate Librarian, Arts & Sciences Libraries. Scott is the recipient of a 2014 SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Professional Service, and Chris received a 2014 Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Librarianship.

SUNY Canton Southworth Library Learning Commons enthusiastically welcomes the college’s brand new president, Dr. Zvi Szafran! Dr. Szafran comes to us from Southern Polytechnic State University in the University System of Georgia, where he served as Vice President for Academic Affairs and Professor of Chemistry since 2005. Dr. Szafran also served as the Vice President for Academic Affairs at New England College in New Hampshire from 1998-2005, and previously held several positions at Merrimack College in Massachusetts. He has already proven to be a very involved and accessible leader, and writes two weekly blogs, one of which is focused on our students.

The Library Learning Commons has been busy since the spring incorporating changes that students asked for during our Love Your Library Day survey, conducted in February. To fulfill the requests of our students, we’ve expanded our hours (now open 124.5 hours per week), increased individualized student study space throughout the building, and acquired many new desktop workstations, both PC and Mac.

We’ve also expanded our workshop offerings this year with a new series of workshops in our Library Learning Commons Digital Classroom, the ThinkTank. Our librarians will offer a series of different workshops each month for students and faculty/staff, with topics such as Using Interlibrary Loan, iPads and Digital Library Instruction, and Utilizing Overdrive.

Lastly, SUNY Canton is excited to welcome author and LGBTQ activist Jennifer Finney-Boylan this month as part of our Living Writers’ Lecture Series, developed by Professor Phil LaMarche. Ms. Finney-Boylan is the author of thirteen books, including She’s Not There: A Life in Two Genders, our book club selection. Our Learning Commons Book Club, comprised of members from our campus and community, is thrilled to meet Ms. Finney-Boylan and discuss her book.
C O B L E S K I L L
April Davies

Author illustrator Jan Brett will launch her 2014 book tour at SUNY Cobleskill on November 28th. The tour is for her new book, The Animals' Santa. She'll be giving a book talk and an illustration demonstration, as well as signing books.

We are excited to report that Katie DeRusso is no longer a visiting librarian at SUNY Cobleskill... she is officially our new Instructional Design Librarian! Katie has already been quite active on campus and in the SUNY library community; she presented a session on “Librarians and Instructional Design” at the CIT conference in May and in June she did a poster session at the SUNYLA Conference along with Brendan Aucoin.

Speaking of whom... Brendan Aucoin (pronounced OH-kwahn) has been working at the Library off and on the last few years in a couple of different part-time positions. He is with us full-time this year doing both Moodle support and Reference. He is also working on an MS in Information Science at UAlbany.

Last fall, Student Assistant Megan Trigg (Circulation) won a contest to design a quilt barn square which would be mounted on one of the campus barns as part of the Schoharie County Quilt Barn Trail. It is now finished and up for the world to enjoy, or at least people driving along Rt. 7 in Cobleskill. It looks even better in real life than it did on paper! Her design was chosen by Acting President Thatcher and other members of the SUNY Cobleskill administration.

The Library hosted an Apple-Cider-Donut event on October 1st as a part of series of displays focused on well-known aspects of New York State. It was both tasty and fun.
Events and Displays

On September 12th, 2014, SUNY ESF held the inauguration of our new college president – Quentin Wheeler. All the Moon Library librarians attended the inauguration in their regalia.

On August 27th, 2014, Moon Library hosted a table at the SUNY ESF Activity Fair on the SUNY ESF campus. This was an opportunity to be a part of a campus event and meet SUNY ESF faculty, staff and students.

Moon Library is hosting the fall meeting of the Upstate NY Science Librarians. This will be held on the SUNY ESF campus on Friday, October 24th, 2014. The theme is "Science Education in Higher Education."

This semester Moon Library started a workshop series open to the ESF community of faculty, staff and students. The series is called the Skill Sharpener Series. It has weekly workshops on topics such as Blackboard, Interlibrary Loan, Citation Managers, Copyright, etc.

Jane Verostek, Associate Librarian, organized several displays in Moon Library for the months of September and October. Based on a recent donation and in conjunction with our new president’s inauguration the library has a display of graduation regalia from SUNY ESF Dean Joseph Illick who was dean of SUNY ESF from 1944-1951. And Moon Library is hosting an exhibit that combines writing and art with 17 posters from the Syracuse Poster Project. The Syracuse Poster Project combines local community members’ haikus with Syracuse University art students who translate the haiku’s words into art. The Syracuse Poster Project has been very successful and is now in its 13th year. To learn more about the Syracuse Poster Project visit http://www.posterproject.org/, and to see and read more about the posters and haikus on exhibit visit http://www.posterproject.org/posters/index.php.

Presentations

Jane Verostek, Associate Librarian, presented at the SUNYLA Annual Conference in June 2014. Her presentation was called “The ‘Secret Life’ of Online Students: See What Goes on in an Online Information Literacy Class and See – via Blackboard Surveys – What Students Have to Say About Taking Online Library Courses.”

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Steve Weiter, Director of College Libraries, was a co-presenter at the SUNYLA Annual Conference in June 2014 for the presentation called “Open Educational Resources and Open Textbooks” and a presenter for the session called “Starting a Bike Library.”

Ruth Owens, Assistant Librarian, presented at the Biennial Conference on Chemical Education in August 2014. Her presentation was called “Integrating Information Literacy and Research Strategies into Sophomore and Senior Level Chemistry Courses.”

Ruth Owens, Assistant Librarian, and Heidi Webb, Instructional Support Technician, presented at the IDS Project Conference in August 2014. Their presentation was called “Campus Delivery: The Nuts and Bolts of a ‘We’ll Get It for You’ Model.”

Ruth Owens, Assistant Librarian, and Steve Weiter, Director of College Libraries, presented at the IDS Project Conference in August 2014. Their presentation was called “The Department of ‘Getting It!’”
Fredonia welcomed our new STEM librarian, Marilia Antunez, in August. She comes to us from Boise State University where she was a Reference/Instruction Librarian. Prior to Boise State, she worked as the Science and Allied Health Librarian at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC. She also has a M.A. in Gerontology.

Several of our librarians teamed up with faculty from campus for a digital humanities project. The project came about as a result of a series of meetings with Fredonia’s Digital Humanities Renga, formed in September 2013. Here is the project and more information: [http://annacliftsmith.omeka.net/](http://annacliftsmith.omeka.net/)


Library Renovation:

Greenley Library is making a change in an effort to better serve our students. Our long-awaited library renovation kicked off in May 2014; therefore, we have been busy during the summer. Some of the departments had to relocate. The reference collection has been moved from the first floor and is currently stored in technical services area. The periodicals department on the second floor is closed. The staff has been temporarily moved to the basement of the library. The renovation will be a total makeover for the first and second floor of our building. We look forward to the completion of this project and the new look of the library.

New Staff:

Dr. Maya Bentz has recently joined the staff of Farmingdale State College as the Senior Instructional Designer for Distance Learning. Dr. Maya Bentz has primary responsibility for the training and support of faculty who teach online and hybrid courses. We would like welcome Maya to Farmingdale State College.
Through an application to the NY State Council on the Arts, the library received 50 books and journals by contemporary poets and writers at no cost as a recipient of The Al Poulin, Jr. Independent Publishers Development Project. The “Poulin Project” supports independent publishers by introducing their books to new audiences and new potential markets. This project allows us to enrich our literature collection and provide materials for the Literary Club and the library’s annual Student Poetry Contest.

After a successful pilot in the spring, the library is now officially hosting a writing tutor on three nights a week and on Sundays. Student response has been positive, especially since these times/days fall outside of regular campus tutoring office hours.

GCC librarians reached out to colleagues at our six campus centers this summer to update them on various library happenings. From the new Find It! box on the homepage to the virtual bookshelf library, services are available to the entire GCC community, not just the folks in Batavia.

The College’s Copyright Committee (Chair Nina Warren, Anne Feary, Judie Littlejohn, Carla Guiste, Lauren Paisley, Cindy Francis and Michelle Eichelberger) has created a new resource to help users learn more about copyright. The committee presented this resource on August 25th, at their session "Copyright and Cupcakes, Plagiarism and Pie," at GCC’s annual Fall Professional Activity Days. Thanks to SUNY Purchase for letting us use their copyright model as a template/model.

Instructional Services Librarian Nicki Lerczak, working with a faculty committee, has created a plagiarism module which consists of a series of five instructional videos and four quizzes. Students who are caught committing acts of plagiarism will be mandatorily enrolled in a specially created Blackboard course that contains the module and they must successfully pass all of the quizzes. The module is also available for faculty to place inside their course-space as a learning tool.

Part-time Reference Librarian Justin Cronise has been accepted into the 2014 Library Instruction Leadership Academy (LILAC). LILAC is now in its third iteration and has gone statewide and virtual.

Library director Nina Warren received the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Professional Service. During Nina’s 22 years at GCC she has consistently and successfully taken on additional responsibilities that have earned her accolades, including a Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Librarianship in 1996 as well as the GCC President’s Distinguished Service Award. In 2007, she was selected for the newly revised position of Director of Library Services.

Michelle Eichelberger presented the poster “EDS Widgets: Identifying and Meeting Patron Information Needs” at the annual SUNY Librarians Association meeting in Albany. She also co-presented the poster “Digital Natives Tech Skills: Correlating Student Confidence and Outcomes” at the American Library Association annual meeting in Las Vegas.
The (relative) quiet of summer is long gone here at Maritime, though we never slowed down even when the students were at sea for the summer.

This summer we said farewell to Joe Williams, who took a job as the Deputy Director of the Greenwich Public Library in Greenwich, CT. Also departing Maritime was part-time Reference Librarian Michael Messina, who took a full-time position at a branch of the New York Public Library. Both were important parts of our team and we were sad to see them go.

On the other hand, we welcomed a new member to our family here. Laurel Angrist served this summer as the Ship’s Librarian for the second half of Summer Sea Term and has now joined us as our newest part-time Reference Librarian. She shares her time between us and the Gottesman Library at Columbia Teachers College.

Rebecca Hyams gave presentations on website usability at this June’s SUNYLA conference and LDAP settings in ILLiad at the IDS Project conference in July. She was also elected to serve as 1st VP/President Elect of SUNYLA and has just completed the IDS Project Mentor Training Institute as a Technology Mentor.

This summer Katie Bram received a Sylvia Chu Scholarship to attend this year’s SUNYLA conference up in Albany.

In October Greg Murphy will be traveling up to Maine Maritime Academy to give a paper on student research habits at the Maritime Education Summit.

This year marks the 140th Anniversary of Maritime College, so we have events and exhibits scheduled in the library this year showcasing our history from our founding as the New York Nautical School to the present. Our current exhibit includes archival video footage going back to the early 20th century, photos, and documents.

Elsewhere on campus we welcomed Dr. Michael Alfultis as the 13th President of SUNY Maritime. Construction was also completed on our New Academic Building, which is now home to our Global Business and Trade (GBAT) department.
The MCC Libraries have been quite busy this summer upgrading the facilities. The Learning Commons, located in the Damon City Campus, won a competitive internal grant to redesign two study rooms with the latest in presentation equipment and furniture. Last year, we submitted a multipart grant outlining the need for enhanced collaborative study spaces to replace our wooden table and chairs. We were awarded the entire grant, including new Steelcase Node chairs, movable tables and LED dual wall monitors to allow our students to connect, move and work collaboratively. We are very thankful to the MCC Foundation for the generous award.

At the Brighton Campus, the LeRoy V. Good Library dedicated a Veterans’ Resource Center (VRC) on September 8th. There are currently 794 military veterans taking classes at MCC, and each one has a special place in our hearts; now they also have a special place of their own. The VRC features new, ergonomically-designed furniture, a special collection of books, laptop computers with links to veteran-friendly resources and sites, and a bulletin board featuring up-to-date information of interest to veterans. The VRC is an ongoing campus project to continue adding resources, technology, and support to our student veterans. We welcome all veterans to use the space and to make it their own.

Our librarians have also been busy. Deb Mohr, Assessment Coordinator Librarian, has been accepted into the ACRL “Assessment: Demonstrating the Educational Value of the Academic Library” immersion program track, to take place this November in Nashville. This program will study how to approach assessment from a learning-centered perspective as a tool to guide evidence-based classroom, curriculum, and program development. Deb has taken on the huge role of assessment coordinator, working with departments and programs across the college to infuse assessment competencies.

Micquel Little, Assistant Director of Library Services, was the pilot librarian to record a new series sponsored by Atlas Systems for their web library titled “Colleague to Colleague”. The title of her talk is “The Future of Academic Libraries and the Role of Resource Sharing.” “Colleague to Colleague” is intended to be a platform where experts share their expertise in their field and their vision for the future of their profession.

Micquel was one of ten librarians across the nation invited to take part because she is highly regarded in the field of librarianship as a forward-thinking educator who works tirelessly to support our library users. Her interview focused on the future of academic libraries and the role of resource sharing. Her talk connects libraries’ transformations into global centers where the students we graduate are smart, contributing community members able to transition into lifelong learners with the foundation to

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connect any idea, big or small, anywhere in the world at any time.

We also recently hired a part-time librarian, Andrea Kingston. Andrea was previously an intern in the DCC Learning Commons, where she concentrated on a massive weeding project. She has an extensive background in publishing, editing U.S. and international publications. Andrea will be leading MCC Libraries in the continued renovation and reorganization of our web presence, utilizing her interests, education,

**MORRISVILLE**

Adam Saunders

Morrisville Library is pleased to announce that Laura Ryan has joined us as the most recent addition to our team of full-time librarians. She previously worked at SUNY Cortland, Erie Community College, and Medaille College in reference and instruction. As the library’s Instruction Librarian she is taking on the busy instruction schedule this semester. Laura was recently accepted into the Library Leadership Instruction Academy where she will have the opportunity to advance her information and digital literacy instruction expertise with instruction librarians from all types of libraries.

The library has a new web presence thanks to a project that started last fall. Former MSC web designer Jenn Pierce came up with the overall design, librarians worked on updating the content, and Raul Chacon, web developer and designer, brought the site to life with some help from the Tech Services staff. The more streamlined look and use of drop down options for the home page tabs, we hope, will make site navigation smoother and get our users the information they need with fewer clicks. The new website has also coincided with the implementation of the EBSCO Discovery Service (EDS) at our campus. This change in how Morrisville students and faculty search our materials has been well received.

We have made some big changes to our iPad lending program. Last academic year, for the launch of the program, iPads could be checked out for use only in the library. Starting this semester students, faculty, and staff may check out an iPad overnight. Each iPad now also comes with a carrying case and charging cable. Borrowers can make use of the over one hundred installed apps in the comfort of their home, dorm, or office.

Lastly, SUNY Morrisville has completed the carpeting project started three years ago. The second floor of the library was closed off for the majority of the summer and we had to say goodbye to our library labyrinth that was created by Angela Rhodes.
N I A G A R A  C O M M U N I T Y  C O L L E G E
Karen Ferington

The NCCC Library implemented the Ebsco Discovery System (EDS) over the summer. We are all getting familiar with searching EDS as well as experimenting with how to teach our library instruction classes to use and understand this new way of searching.

The Faculty Resource Center has been relocated from the library space to a classroom in the Humanities Building as of July 2014. The move occurred as a result of space needed for the new animation program beginning in Fall 2014.

Several of the librarians are involved with the Middle States accreditation process which will continue for much of this academic year. Mary Beth Morse is serving on the Middle States Steering Committee and Nancy Kennedy, Jeanne Tuohey, and Karen Ferington are all serving on various working groups for this study.

The plans for a new Learning Commons are moving ahead and funding for this large project is being secured. Currently the plans from five years ago are being revisited for changes required to meet the needs of our students, faculty, and staff in the library today.

N E W  P A L T Z
Anne Deutsch

SUNY New Paltz is excited to welcome Jo McInnis as a reference and instruction librarian at the Sojourner Truth Library. Jo comes to the Hudson Valley from Boston by way of Southern Virginia, where she was the coordinator of the library instruction program at Old Dominion University in Norfolk. Prior to that she worked at Simmons College in a similar capacity, and at Washington University in St. Louis, where she was the bibliographer and reference librarian for Germanic Languages and Literatures, European Studies, and Comparative Literature. She holds a BA in German Literature from UMass/Boston, an MS (LIS) from Simmons College, and an MFA in Creative Writing (Poetry) from UMass/Boston. In her spare time she swims on a masters team, hikes in the hills with her husband, and clearly enjoys alliteration. When she gets around to it, she might write a poem or two about bees—one of her favorite subjects—and can occasionally be spotted performing Butoh-inspired movement in random spots about town.
OLD WESTBURY
Jason Kaloudis

Over two years ago, the SUNY Old Westbury College Library began the long process of undergoing a major renovation. While the project continues to this very day, we are very happy to announce that several critical areas of the library have recently been completed and are now officially open for use as of the beginning of the fall semester.

First and foremost, the spacious and well-furnished Tech Commons area, featuring over 90 computer terminals, lounge areas and other accoutrements, is now open to both students and staff, and is serviced by a welcoming, brand new reference/information desk. In addition, the neighboring Writing Center, Power Track Math Lab, librarian offices, and print reference area have also been completed and are now fully operational. Compact shelving units have been installed in the lower level of the library and currently house roughly half the library’s circulating collection. Students and staff members alike are quite pleased with the results of the renovation thus far. We look forward to the eventual completion of this project.
Librarian Dr. Mary Lynn Bensen has published the article "Impressionism and 'Various Persons' in Far From the Madding Crowd" in the peer-reviewed journal *The Hardy Review*, 2014 XVI(i): 46-61. The article demonstrates how impressions tellingly reveal, through a complex interweaving of perception, memory, and imagination, what British novelist Thomas Hardy called the "various persons" that comprise each of the novel's characters.

Heather Beach, Special Collections Librarian, was promoted to Associate Librarian. Heather's promotion took effect on September 1st, 2014.

Andrea Gerberg has assumed the position of Head of Access Services. Andrea was previously the Serials Librarian at Milne Library.

Molly Brown has joined the library faculty as a Reference and Instruction Librarian. Molly was previously at the Collection Development Coordinator/Reference Librarian at Pace Library, University of West Florida.

A new website, discovery service, and suite of instructional video tutorials are research tools now available to support the campus' research activities.

After 12 years as Coordinator of Interlibrary Loan, Michelle Parry retired in June.

Anita Calderon will begin as Resource Sharing Coordinator on Oct. 6th.

Emily Thompson, Learning Technologies Librarian, recently received the ACRL/NYC Library Innovation Award.

During renovations to Tyler Hall the Tyler Art Gallery has temporarily relocated to the second floor of Penfield. In the future, this space will be repurposed as a larger classroom for library instruction.

Distinguished Librarian and former Dean of LIS, Cerise Oberman, retired (sort of)... Yes, officially she is retired, but as the division needed an interim coordinator for the LIS Technology-Enhanced Learning unit, she is staying around part-time in that role until the search for a new hire is completed.

Joshua Beatty, Sr. Assistant Librarian, has received a NNYLN Technology Service Improvement Grant of $4,340 for his project "Building a Scholarly Publishing Infrastructure at SUNY Plattsburgh’s Feinberg Library." The grant will cover the registration, travel, food and lodging costs of Joshua’s participation in the three-day BePress Scholarly Publication Certification Course in Berkeley, California. BePress runs the Digital Commons software, and we intend to expand on the open-source publications hosted in the Digital Commons.

Debra Kimok, Special Collections Librarian, has finalized a “Three-Year Strategic Plan for Feinberg Library Special Collections and the College Archives” covering the years 2014-2017. Key goals of this plan include establishing Special Collections as an Active Learning Laboratory that will support teaching excellence and experiential learning and to increase access to unique collections by transforming them as appropriate from print to digital. A new Special Collections Advisory Committee will be formed to help move these efforts forward.

Feinberg Library implemented the EBSCO Discovery Service for the start of the fall semester. Since we were making changes to the web page anyway, over the summer we also redesigned the library home page (http://www.plattsburgh.edu/library/). The new webpage makes use of responsive design that will better enable people using various tablets and smart phones to view and use the page more effectively.

With Cerise’s retirement the library is conducting a search this fall for a new full-time, tenure-track librarian to serve in our Instruction and Reference Services unit.
In case you do not know, SUNY Purchase will be hosting the 2015 SUNYLA Conference on June 3rd-5th in Purchase, NY. If you are interested in participating in the planning, contact, Carrie Marten directly at carrie.marten@purchase.edu. We have plenty to do and welcome the help!

The Library and the Teaching, Learning, and Technology Center have licensed Atomic Learning services to make on-demand training available to our students, faculty, and staff. These online tutorials, workshops, and assessments cover the use of a wide variety of technical tools, such as Adobe Creative Suite, Moodle, Final Cut Pro, Microsoft Office applications, etc., but also cover non-technical applications such as avoiding plagiarism and how to properly cite sources using MLA style. We are also able to upload our own custom training content into Atomic Learning, allowing all of our on-demand tutorials to be searchable from a common interface.

We’ve integrated Atomic Learning services into our Moodle learning management system, so that faculty can easily create playlists of tutorials to assign to students through their Moodle courses. This will keep faculty from having to take valuable class time to devote to basic technology training. Atomic Learning will also provide a new tool for our reference librarians, who will be able to send out smart playlists of tutorials to patrons, in response to questions about technology use and training. http://www.atomiclearning.com/highed/home

Susanne Markgren, Digital Services Librarian, presented “Taking Control of Your Future: Eleven Steps to Develop Your Career” as an invited keynote speaker at the ACRL/NEC Annual Conference, “We’re All in This Together: Strengthening Librarians Through Professional Development,” on May 9th at the College of Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass.

Kim Detterbeck, Art Librarian, Darcy Gervasio, Reference and Instruction Librarian, Rebecca Oling, Instruction Coordinator and Literature Librarian, and Marie Sciangula, Assistant Director of the Teaching, Learning, and Technology Center, presented a talk, “Partnering Panthers: Library & TLTC Collaboration at Purchase to Re-envision Processes, Engage Educators, and Enhance Learning,” on May 30th at the SUNY Conference on Instruction and Technology (CIT) at Cornell University. Sciangula also present a hands-on demonstration based on her guide “Zotero: Citation Management for the Masses” on May 29th at the conference.
Susanne Markgren, Digital Services Librarian, presented "Creating a Professional Development Plan" sponsored by the LACUNY Professional Development Committee, on June 18th at the CUNY Graduate School of Journalism Research Center, New York, NY; and "The Interview: Getting Ready for the Show" on June 29th at the ALA Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV.

Carrie Marten, Resource Sharing Librarian, had the privilege of attending the 2014 ACRL Immersion Program-Teacher Track at Champlain College in Burlington, VT from July 20th-25th along with an amazing cohort of librarians from across the country and around the world, including some of your fellow SUNY colleagues.

Campus News:

The Library is partnering with the School of Art+Design at Purchase College, SUNY on the exhibition Antonio Frasconi: Stand Up and Be Counted, which celebrates the work and life of internationally acclaimed artist, printmaker, and professor emeritus Antonio Frasconi, on view September 29th-November 19th, 2014. Antonio Frasconi (1919-2013) was committed to social and political issues in his artistic practice, as well as experimentation with the printed page. The exhibition features selections of his prints, landscapes, portraits, and graphic posters, simultaneously illustrating his mastery of the woodcut and his experiments in printmaking methods and traditions. He illustrated over 100 books, and the Library portion of the exhibition features examples of those books. Follow the link http://news.purchase.edu/antonio-frasconi-stand-up-and-be-counted/ to see the full announcement.

Looking to find out what SUNY Purchase faculty are up to? Visit our Recent Faculty Books http://www.purchase.edu/departments/AcademicPrograms/Faculty/RecentBooks.aspx or Recent Faculty Exhibitions http://www.purchase.edu/departments/AcademicPrograms/Faculty/RecentExhibitions.aspx sites to find out. Once there you will also find information about recordings, films and colloquia that involved our faculty.
Constantia Constantinou, Dean of Stony Brook University Libraries, was invited to make a keynote speech titled “Research Libraries: Challenge, Collaboration and Opportunity” at the 2nd International Conference on Leadership and Innovative Management in Academic Libraries in the Age of New Technology, co-organized by Tongji University and the American Library Association’s International Relations Office, June 3rd-6th, 2014, Shanghai, China.

Michael B. Huang, Health Sciences Librarian, has been appointed to the position of the Coordinator of the Office of Global Library Initiatives. In support of the Stony Brook University’s Global mission, the University Libraries designed a suite of services and expertise to facilitate and strengthen the work of SBU faculty and students abroad. The Office of Global Library Initiatives provides leadership, creativity, and vision in enhancing and developing the Library’s critical role in the success of SBU faculty and students.

Ann Gleason is the new Head of Health Sciences Library. Ann comes to us from the University of Washington in Seattle.

"The William A. Higinbotham Game Studies Collection at Stony Brook University" by Kristen J. Nyitray and Raiford Guins was published in Metropolitan Archivist, v. 20, no. 2, Summer 2014. The collection contributes directly to the study of video games as popular culture and to their historical longevity. It is dedicated to: collecting and preserving the texts, ephemera, and artifacts that document the history and work of early game innovator and Brookhaven National Laboratory scientist William A. Higinbotham, who in 1958 invented the first interactive analog computer game, Tennis for Two; and documenting the material culture of electronic screen-based game media.

Special Collections has produced a new online exhibition featuring its rare set of "New York and Long Island Landscapes" (1889) by noted Long Island artist Charles Henry Miller. Comprised of 45 oversized plates, the artwork of regional landscapes was etched by August Barry. Miller (1842-1922) was referred to as "The artistic discoverer of the little continent of Long Island" by poet Bayard Taylor.

The Salvatore LaGumina Collection, a special collection, is open for research. The scope of Dr. LaGumina’s research is the Italian-American experience, in particular those who settled on Long Island, with an emphasis on Nassau County.

Special Collections received a donation from Stony Brook University alumnus Dr. Daniel Thomas Moran. It includes autographed, published works by Allen Ginsberg, Kurt Vonnegut, and Spalding Gray. Daniel and Karen Moran pledged a major gift to Stony Brook University in 2013. A residuary bequest, the Morans will leave a portion of their estate to Special Collections.

Dr. Jacqueline M. Newman recently made another significant gift of books, magazines, and audio-visual materials to Special Collections. Stony Brook University
Libraries is extremely honored to have the Jacqueline M. Newman Chinese Cookbook Collection, a historically significant, specialized research collection comprised of more than 4,000 books, and hundreds of more unique items, that document the history of Chinese food and culture. It is the largest collection of its type in the world.

**Bushra Butt**, Head, Cataloging and Metadata Management; **Karen D'Angelo**, Cataloging and Metadata Specialist, and **Daniel Kinney**, Associate Director for Resource Management, in collaboration with the Long Island Library Resources Council, presented a workshop entitled "Introduction to RDA for Catalogers" at Stony Brook University on May 19th, 2014. The workshop will be repeated in Nassau County at the Farmingdale Public Library on October 6th.

**Bushra Butt** has received the 2014 Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service.

The Macdonald DeWitt Library has undergone a “digital makeover.” **Maria Gruner** has given the sunyulster.edu/library page and the Library tab of the college portal a fresh new look. In addition, we have recently subscribed to LibGuides and are happily creating dynamic subject guides and tutorials with a lot of positive feedback from students and faculty.

We went live with EDS over the summer. A campus-wide naming contest was held and DiscoverDeWitt (after the Macdonald DeWitt Library) was chosen. Two student entrants were each awarded a $20 gift card to Target for their submissions.

**Judy Capurso**, Information Literacy Coordinator, has redesigned the online portion of the LIB111 Information Literacy Course. The update provides a new look, a gaming aspect and more student discussion, with each module building into the final annotated bibliography project. We are also participating in the LILAC library instruction training program by offering a LIB 111 face-to-face class for participants to observe. An overview of the program is available at [http://academy.libraryinstruction.org/](http://academy.libraryinstruction.org/).

The library is taking part in SENYLRRC’s initiative to expand access to, and use of National Library of Medicine health information resources by health practitioners in the region. **Judy Kuhns** and **Judy Capurso** are being trained in freely available resources in order to train the Veterinary Technology and Nursing students and faculty to better prepare students for the transition to the workplace.
The Reuner Library Writers Series at SUNY Ulster is proud to host Said Sayrafiezadeh this November. Find out more about him and his writing here: http://libguides.sunyulster.edu/writers_series.

We are in the process of increasing our social media presence. Follow us on Twitter and Instagram @SUNYUlster_lib and like the Macdonald DeWitt Library on Facebook.

We had a successful #SUNYUlsterReads campaign this fall. Students, faculty and staff posed with the title of their favorite book.

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Susanna Van Sant

Farm to Bistro
The College has launched its companion programs: Sustainable Farming and Food Systems and Culinary Arts. Adjacent to the Dryden campus is the organic farm which also functions as a CSA. And under construction in downtown Ithaca is the Coltivare Culinary Center which will house a restaurant, events and tasting space, as well as teaching labs and faculty offices.

Staff News & Notes
Lucy Yang was promoted to Associate Professor; Susanna Van Sant to Assistant Professor.

Barbara Kobritz is the Faculty Coordinator of TC3’s College Teaching Center this academic year. Karla Block is the Library’s representative on the Curriculum Committee.

Lucy is serving as Chair of the IDS Western Users Group.

Susanna volunteered at the New York State Libraries booth (organized by the NY3Rs Association) at the State Fair. Visitors were invited to vote for their favorite thing about libraries, and could play a game answering questions about library facts and figures.
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