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Welcome everyone to 2017! The New Year came upon us quickly and we're already in the midst of the Spring 2017 semester. This New Year brought upon many changes at my home institution and I would imagine that similar exciting changes happened at your own campuses.

SUNYLA has been busy over the past few months. The 2017 Conference Planning Committee is hard at work reviewing proposals, setting the schedule, handling local arrangements, and doing all tasks needed to ensure a great conference in Stony Brook in June. The theme of this year's conference will be "The Global Library: Diversity Through Collections." Thank you to **Jennifer DeVito** and the SUNYLA Planning Committee for their hard work in pulling together so many important details to ensure another excellent conference. This year's SUNYLA Conference will be especially interesting because the newly formed SUNY Libraries Consortium (known as the SLC) will be overlapping with our conference, offering an opportunity for extended collaboration across administrators, faculty, and support staff alike.

Beyond preparations for our Annual Conference, the Midwinter Virtual Conference Planning Team was also active over the past few months in assembling another great assortment of virtual conference sessions. This year's theme was "Library Hacks: Reuse, Repurpose, and Remix." Members of this team included **Michelle Eichelberger** (Genesee), **Rosanne Humes** (Nassau), **Rebecca Hyams** (Maritime), **Bill Jones** (Genesee), and **Jill Locascio** (Optometry). Recordings of presentations will be available at <http://sunyla.org/sunyla-midwinter-2017>.

As you may have heard, **Mark McBride** (former Director at Monroe Community College) has accepted the Library Senior Strategist position for the Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS) and started this position on Thursday, January 19, 2017. I am confident that Mark will help lead SUNY libraries to new levels of excellence. Mark was (and still is) a strategic facilitator in the transition from SCLD to the newly formed SLC (mentioned above). For your reference, members of the new SLC and the transition team will include the following individuals:

SLC Board**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- #Getaclueatau event at Alfred Ceramics
- Brockport's "little free library" box
- National Squirrel Appreciation Day at ESF
- 3D printing projects at Suffolk

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Patrick Callahan (Chair):	SCLD Vice Chair/Chair Elect
Curtis Kendrick:	Doctoral Colleges & University Centers
Christine Rudecoff:	Colleges of Technology
Evangelia Oates:	Secretary
Holly Heller-Ross:	University Colleges
Timothy Arnold:	Community Colleges

Transition Team

Curtis Kendrick (Chair):	Binghamton
Katie Bram:	Maritime
Randy Gadikian:	Fredonia
Karen Gelles:	Farmingdale
Brenda Hazard:	Hudson Valley
Connie Holberg:	Jefferson
Rosanne Humes:	Nassau
Eunkyung Lee:	Oneonta
Susan Lieberthal:	Suffolk
Charles Lyons:	Buffalo
Heath Martin:	Stony Brook
Mark McBride:	OLIS Rep
Sarah Morehouse:	Empire
Rebecca Mugridge:	Albany
Joe Petrick:	Alfred
Cristina Pope:	Upstate Medical
Werner Sbaschnik:	Old Westbury
Mark Smith:	NYSCC @ Alfred

In the near future, SUNYLA will need to make a decision on how we want to affiliate our organization with SLC and I encourage our membership to pay close attention to the growth and solidification of SLC. It is of utmost importance that our decision is mutually beneficial to both organizations.

As we move closer to our spring elections, I do urge anyone out there who may be interested in running for a SUNYLA office to consider doing so. While serving as the 1st Vice President and as the SUNYLA president, I have had the privilege to learn more about the inner workings of SUNY and SUNYLA, develop relationships with SUNY directors, and extend my skills in leadership by coordinating SUNYLA events and representing SUNYLA in various arenas. This year we will be holding elections for 1st Vice President/President-Elect, 2nd Vice President/Conference Chair, and Treasurer. Current 1st Vice President, **Carrie Fishner**, will be overseeing the election this year. If you are considering a run for office please contact her at fishnecj@delhi.edu. More information on the responsibilities of these positions can be found on the SUNYLA website.

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SUNYLA 2017: THE GLOBAL LIBRARY: DIVERSITY THROUGH COLLECTIONS, SPACES, & SERVICES

Jennifer DeVito, 2ndVP/Conference Chair, Stony Brook

Stony Brook University Libraries is excited to be hosting the 2017 SUNYLA Conference June 14–16, 2017. The Programming and Local Arrangements committees are working hard to create an engaging conference.

The conference theme—“The Global Library: Diversity Through Collections, Spaces, & Services”—is a timely one, as many of us are examining how our libraries can be more inclusive and responsive to all patrons. Whether we are renovating physical spaces for today’s students, building collections that are accessible anywhere, or developing programs and policies to meet the changing needs of constituents, librarians, and library staff, this theme plays an important part in creating libraries that are equitable to all.

This year’s conference differs slightly from previous ones in that the newly formed SUNY Libraries Consortium (SLC) is holding its meeting on Monday and Tuesday, June 12 and 13. There will be an opportunity for SUNYLA members to meet with representatives of the SLC on Wednesday, after the pre-conference sessions, to hear more about how the Consortium will operate.

Stony Brook University Libraries is particularly excited to be hosting the conference, in part, to highlight our recently renovated Central and North Reading Rooms. Both spaces were redesigned to make the library a welcoming and engaging space that also allows students to work together in groups or study individually. The spaces feature increased seating, flexible learning spaces, and improved access to technology and outlets (!). We are also quite proud of our single-service points in each reading room, with representatives from Access Services, IT, and/or Reference. More information and pictures can be found at <http://library.stonybrook.edu/redesigned-spaces>.

In addition to the traditional SUNYLA conference program, the Local Arrangements Committee is planning a number of events that will highlight the local flavor of Stony Brook University, Stony Brook Village, and Long Island. Attendees may also want to take advantage of our close proximity to New York City and a Long Island Railroad line that serves the campus to plan some time in the city (after the conference, of course!).

If you choose to stay on campus, there is still plenty to do. In addition to a bike/jogging path on campus, there are two art galleries, the Paul W. Zuccaire Art Gallery and Simons Art Gallery; the Seawolves Marketplace; and University Bookstore and a new Starbucks. If you venture off campus to nearby Stony Brook Village, you will find a number of restaurants, a spa, and clothing and specialty shops (<http://www.stonybrookvillage.com>).

Port Jefferson is a 10-minute drive from campus and boasts Harborfront Park and the Village Center, with waterfront bars and restaurants. Spend the evening walking by the water, enjoying seafood, and watching the boats coming into and out of the harbor (<http://portjeff.com/visitor>).

Conference attendees who choose to stay in the dorms will be housed at Nobel Halls, the first Gold LEED-certified residence hall on campus. The Nobels were built in 2010 and feature three-bedroom suites with one bathroom and a common area as well as a recreational/TV lounge and coin-operated laundry facilities.

Above all, come to SUNYLA 2017 to learn from and share with your library colleagues. We look forward to seeing you at Stony Brook University on June 14–16, 2017!



SUNYLA 2017
Stony Brook University
June 14 - 16



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS!

Lisa Errico, PDGS Chair, Nassau, & April Davies, Publications Chair, Cobleskill

Did you know that SUNYLA members in good standing are eligible for professional development grants of up to \$500? It's just one of the things your dues support!

SUNYLA's grants program is used to reimburse members for expenses associated with professional growth activities when other funding sources (e.g., campus tuition reimbursement or UUP Individual Development grants) are only partially or not available. The program aims to support the professional growth of individual members, while giving special consideration to those applicants who demonstrate how their own exposure to an activity will have a broad impact on enhancing the development of other colleagues as well.



Learn more about the SUNYLA Professional Development Grants Program and download the application at <http://sunyla.org/professional-development-grants-program>.

In the past, Professional Development Grants have helped fellow SUNY librarians reach the national and global stage by attending, networking, and presenting at a wide variety of conferences/programs such as:

- ACRL
- ACRL Immersion Program on Assessment
- Charleston Conference
- Learning and the Brain
- LOEX
- Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Libraries
- Transforming Libraries for Graduate Students

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CAMPUS NEWS & NOTES

ADIRONDACK

Joyce Miller

SUNY Adirondack Library is in the beginning stages of contributing digitized items from their Wing/Roberts Collection to the New York Heritage website. SUNY Adirondack Library's Hill Collection received the contents of the Wing/Roberts Collection in August 2015 from Kit Cornell, a descendant of Abraham Wing, founder of Glens Falls, NY. The collection contains documents, letters, transcripts, photographs, and glass plate negatives related to the Wing/Roberts Family of Glens Falls.

**ALBANY**

Rebecca Nous

Upcoming Events:

Campus Conversations in Standish, Spring 2017

12:35–1:30 pm, Standish Room, Science Library, University at Albany

All are free and open to the public. More information about the Campus Conversations in Standish speaker series can be found at: http://scholarsarchive.library.albany.edu/campus_conversations.

Wednesday, February 8: Dr. Victor Asal, “Criminalizing the LGBT Community and the Long Arm of the Religious State”

Wednesday, February 22: Dr. David Hochfelder, “98 Acres in Albany: Telling the Social History of Urban Renewal”

Wednesday, March 29: Dr. Lawrence Schell, “Minority Health Disparities: The Case of Native Americans”

Faculty Recognition:

Elaine Lasda Bergman, Subject Librarian for Social Welfare and Reference at the Dewey Graduate Library, was presented with the 2016 UNYSLA (Upstate New York Special Libraries Association) Chapter Member Merit Award at its fall meeting in Syracuse on October 21, 2016. The UNYSLA Chapter Member Merit Award is conferred annually and was created to recognize individuals for outstanding achievement and service to the Special Libraries Association (SLA) and to the Upstate New York chapter.

The Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) named **Yu-Hui Chen**, PhD, “Member of the Week” for the week of October 24, 2016. Yu-Hui is Subject Librarian for Education and East Asian Studies. The article on Yu-Hui can be found at: <http://www.acrl.ala.org/acrlinsider/archives/12647>.

Carol Anderson, Reference Librarian, retired in October.

New Services:

Proactive Reference Chat

Reference and Research Services launched “proactive chat,” an online reference service that does what many commercial online services do—take the initiative in asking online patrons if they need research assistance. After patrons have been online for 45 seconds using a library resource in which the proactive chat feature has been embedded—the libraries’ online catalog, for instance—a little dialog

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box pops up on patrons' computer screens asking if they want help from a reference librarian. If patrons decline, they will not be asked again during that browser session.

Streamlined Borrowing Policies

Circulation Services also launched something new for students this semester: three fixed due dates. Now, when students borrow circulating books, the books will be due on one of three fixed dates—December 1, May 1, or September 1.

ALFRED CERAMICS

Eva Sclippa

John Hosford, the Digital Projects Librarian here at the Scholes Library, has recently completed digitizing the last two years of MFA student theses and loading them to ARTstor. He is in the process of contacting MFA graduates from the last 10 years to request rights to add their theses to the AURA repository as well.

Mechele Romanchock, who we announced was joining our team as User Services Librarian in our last newsletter update, has completed a much-needed renovation project on our 24-hour study room. The new space includes computers, printers, a snack machine, and a coded security entrance to ensure the safety of the students using it.

On the topic of new spaces, the new collaborative space on the Engineering floor of Scholes has netted **Trevor Riley** a Library Design Award from the South Central Regional Libraries Council for his work on the redesign. Congratulations to Trevor!

Speaking of new additions, we're also pleased to announce that **Patty Barber** has joined our team as Interlibrary Loan Assistant. Though we were sad to see Sandra's retirement, Patty has already made herself an indispensable member of the Scholes workforce.

The Scholes Library also hosted two notable programming events this past fall. One, the Open Access Publication Seminar Series—organized by Engineering Librarian **Trevor Riley**—provided participants across campus with a way to view SUNY's Open Access seminars. Interested patrons (and librarians and library staff) gathered in the library each day throughout the week to learn more about OA.

The other event, organized by **Mechele Romanchock** and **Eva Sclippa**, was a student-oriented activity called "#Getaclueatau." This project, intended to raise awareness of our social media presence as well as encourage students to familiarize themselves with the library's catalog and shelving system, featured a Clue board game theme. A group of librarians and staff dressed as characters from the game for a promotional photo shoot, and students participated in a scavenger hunt by sharing photos of themselves with the located items on our Facebook and Instagram pages.



Opening the new 24-hour study room, with Lil Alf



One of the many social media graphics used for #getaclueatau



ALFRED STATE

David Haggstrom

David Haggstrom has retired as director of the Hinkle Memorial Library, a position he had held since 1995. David received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English at Hobart College and then served in the U.S. Army as a military policeman. After earning a Master's in Library Science at the University at Buffalo, he worked for a time as a librarian in Buffalo before being hired at SUNY Alfred in 1979. Originally from Angelica, NY, he has served as Angelica Village Mayor & Trustee and was the former editor of *Angelica Booster News*. He also has been a member of the Angelica Free Library Board and Angelica Booster Citizens, and was a volunteer fireman in the Angelica Hose Company. He has retired to Angelica with his wife Leslie, who recently retired from the county attorney's office in Belmont. We wish the Haggstroms all the best in their retirement!

BINGHAMTON

Laura Evans

Binghamton has welcomed our new Subject Librarian for Pharmacy and Nursing, **Neyda Gilman**. We are also proud to congratulate **Marian Stern**, who was recognized by SCRLC as their Library Worker of the Year.

A new graduate study space opened in Bartle Library in December and is already much appreciated by our graduate students. The libraries' Special Collections has acquired a "new" 14th-century manuscript, which holds the distinction of being the oldest parchment document on campus.

BROCKPORT

Ken Wierzbowski

The Drake Memorial Library Makerspace welcomes its latest addition! The H-Series Desktop CO₂ Laser Cutter from Full Spectrum Laser is capable of cutting 1/4" acrylic and 1/4" wood as well as marking anodized aluminum, glass, marble/granite, and Thermo-treated metals. The acquisition of the laser cutter was made possible by a Faculty/Staff Technology Grant through the College at Brockport. More information can be found at the Drake Memorial Library Makerspace website (<http://library.brockport.edu/make>), or you can contact Systems Librarian **Ken Wierzbowski** directly at kwierzbo@brockport.edu.

On July 29, Brockport hosted 40 IR administrators from 13 states for the Digital Commons User Group. On September 30, Brockport hosted the ACRL Scholarly Communication Roadshow. **Kim Myers** received a \$7,400 grant to digitize and caption videos from the Writers Forum, a 50-year celebration of writing held at SUNY Brockport.

The Friends of Drake Memorial Library has an interesting project that started this fall.

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Desktop CO₂ Laser Cutter



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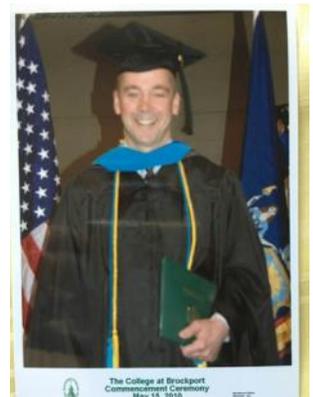
They are sponsoring the building of a “little free library” box that will be placed on campus. This has become quite a popular library movement; many are found in neighborhoods, campuses, etc. In this case, after consulting with archivist **Charlie Cowling**, the builder **Gordon Fox '66** is going to build a scale model of the old Normal School building that once graced our campus.



Librarian **Debra Ames** retired from the Drake Memorial Library on June 15, 2016. We want to thank Debby for over four decades of commitment and service to the Drake Library. We wish Debby a long, healthy, and happy retirement!

Acquisitions Assistant **Shirley West** retired in September 2016 after decades of service to the Drake Memorial Library. We thank Shirley for all of her hard work and wish her continued success and happiness in her retirement!

It is with our deepest sorrow that we report the passing of **Jeffrey S. Smith**. For 19 months, Jeff served as the Interim Associate Provost and CIO and was appointed full Associate Provost and CIO in February 2015. In this role, Jeff oversaw the units in LITS (Library, Information, and Technology Services), which include the Library, Technology Support Services, IT Systems & Networking, Learning Systems, Web, and Information Security. Prior to this role, Jeff served the college as Director of Technology Support Services from 2008 until 2013, and held a number of other positions within Information Technology Support Services between 2005 and 2008. Jeff held an AAS in Electrical Engineering Technology from Monroe Community College, a BS in Information Technology from the Rochester Institute of Technology, and an MPA from The College at Brockport.



Jeffrey S. Smith

**BUFFALO****Fred Stoss**

Susan Davis, Associate Librarian, gave a lightning talk on “Tactics for Tackling Title Transfers” at the ALCTS Collection Management and Electronic Resources Interest Group (CMERIG) session at ALA Midwinter on January 22, 2017.

Fred Stoss, Librarian, was selected to the Advisory Council of the Association for the Advancement for Sustainability in Higher Education for a term ending in December 2018. He became the Program Chair and Chair-elect for the Atmospheric Science Librarians International at their January 2017 annual meeting.

Promotion to Associate Librarian with continuing appointment:

Deborah Chiarella, Coordinator, Education Services, Health Sciences, Research, Education & Outreach

Theodora Belniak, Head, Collection Management, Law Library

Rebecca Belford, Music Cataloger/Reference Librarian, Research, Education & Outreach

Continuing appointment:

Amy Vilz, Associate Librarian/University Archivist, Research, Education & Outreach

Promotion to Librarian:

Christopher Hollister, Education Librarian, Research, Education & Outreach

James Maynard, Ph.D., Associate Curator, Poetry Collection, Research, Education & Outreach

Frederick W. Stoss, Liaison for Biological Sciences, Geology, and Mathematics; Research, Education & Outreach

Staff Promotions:

Carol Rees, Library Clerk 3, Discovery and Delivery

Naciah Bell, Senior Staff Assistant/ Night Operations Supervisor, Administration

Jennifer Frys, Instructional Support Specialist/Head of Cataloging and Metadata Services, Discovery and Delivery

Appointments:

Karlen Chase, Assistant for Institutional Research/Digital Scholarship Specialist, Research, Education & Outreach

Nicholas Dolce, Lead Programmer Analyst/Information Technology Specialist, Technology

William Reed Jones, Instructional Support Associate/Libraries Annex Assistant, Discovery and Delivery

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Molly Maloney, Senior Assistant Librarian/Undergraduate Education Librarian, Research, Education & Outreach

Nicole Thomas, Senior Assistant Librarian/Undergraduate Education Librarian, Research, Education & Outreach

Bryan Sajecki, Senior Assistant Librarian/Undergraduate Education Librarian, Research, Education & Outreach

Omar Brown, Instructional Support Associate/Silverman Library Evening Supervisor, Discovery and Delivery

Sui Mei Grierson, Instructional Support Associate/Lockwood Library Evening Supervisor, Discovery and Delivery

Retirements:

Charlie D'Aniello, Associate Librarian, Research, Education & Outreach, History, Philosophy, Political Science, and Asian Studies

Cynthia Kloss, Library Clerk 3, Research, Education, and Outreach

Mark Ludwig, Director of Research Systems Development and Scholarly Communications Officer

Ruth Oberg, Staff Assistant, Discovery and Delivery

Margaret Wells, Associate Librarian, Administration

COBLESKILL

April Davies

Peter Barvoets gave a lightning presentation at the Scholarly Communications Unconference at NYLA, Wednesday, November 2, 2016, about how we got students to publish their presentations in the SUNY Cobleskill Digital Repository. The publications for the SUNY Undergraduate Research Conference (SURC), Annual Conference Proceedings 2016 can be seen at <https://dspace.sunyconnect.suny.edu/handle/1951/67205>.

In November 2016, **Don LaPlant's** case study, "No-Shot Instruction: Alternatives to Library Day for First-Year Composition Students," was published by ABC-CLIO in the anthology *User-Centered Design for First-Year Library Instruction Programs*. He also recently developed a series of three information literacy tutorials using LibWizard and Guide on the Side for our FFCS (Foundations for College Success) classes. Implemented in Fall 2016, the tutorials reach all first-year students.

Library Dean **Beth Orgeron** will travel to Baltimore, MD, in March for the ACRL conference.

Van Wagenen Library hosted its third Trivia Night on January 20—this one for faculty and staff only as alcohol was being served. There were 30-odd participants and a good time was had by all.

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**DELHI**

Jennifer Collins

Things have been exciting at Delhi and it looks like that trend will continue as we move into the spring semester.

This fall we were thrilled to welcome **Carrie Fishner** as our new director. Carrie's experience as a former resident hall director, involvement in SUNYLA, enthusiasm, and work as a librarian on Delhi's campus has proven invaluable as she moves the Resnick Library forward. In addition to a new library director the campus has a new president, **Dr. Michael Laliberte**, and a new provost, **Dr. Kelli Legeikis**.

Carrie Fishner, Library Director, brought unique and well-received programs to the library throughout the fall semester. Highlights included dogs and cats from the veterinary sciences program that visited the library weekly and served as therapy animals for stressed and homesick students. Many of these dogs and cats were repeat visitors and some of them were adopted as a result of being seen in the stress-free programming. Additionally, the Resnick Library celebrated Banned Books Week with a score of Harry Potter-themed lectures from campus faculty. Each lecture corresponded to one of the courses taught at Hogwarts; lectures such as "Defense Against the Dark Arts: Banned Books and Censorship" proved especially popular.

Amanda Calabrese, Online Instruction Librarian and Liaison to the School of Nursing, continues to expand the number of online asynchronous library instruction offered to students in the popular online nursing programs. Amanda participated in the accreditation assessment for the school's Masters of Nursing program in which the library and other academic support services were said to be "resplendent" by reviewers.

Jennifer Collins, Reference and Instruction Librarian and Liaison to the Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, worked with faculty from the liberal arts and honors program to create a large-scale service learning project for public history students. This program provided students with an opportunity to learn and practice archival preservation skills through working with the college's archives. She has a chapter in the upcoming book, *Monsters and Monstrosity in 21st-Century Film and Television*, from Universitas Press.

Steve Dixon, Reference and Instruction Librarian and Liaison to the Veterinary Science, taught a number of freshman composition courses and works closely with the veterinary sciences students on their primary research assignments.

This semester we are exploring ways to optimize student space and services to ensure that we create a productive and comfortable space for student achievement.

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ERIE

Matthew Best

The close of 2016 brought extensive staff changes to the ECC libraries. Our most senior librarian retired and seven new librarians started work at ECC to fill existing vacancies.

In December, Professor **Jane Ashwill** of ECC's North Campus library retired after 24 years of service to the college. While at ECC, Jane's roles included managing the library catalog, serving as Systems Librarian, and acting as the Department Chair at the North Campus library. Additionally, she performed regular duties in reference service, collection development, and instruction. In her retirement, Jane plans to travel, paint, and explore volunteer opportunities. We offer our deepest thanks to Jane and wish her success in this exciting new chapter of her life.

In November, six new part-time librarians joined the ECC libraries. **Linda Deeks** and **Sharon Moore** joined the North Campus library, **Jodi Benatovich** and **Caitlin Kenney** joined the City Campus library, and **Carrie Owens** and **Jeremy Lyman** joined the South Campus library. These librarians bring a wealth of talent to ECC and offer a rich blend of experience from college, school, public, and special libraries.

In October, **Keri Thomas-Whiteside** began as a full-time librarian at the City Campus. Keri's new role includes overseeing acquisitions and serials at the City Campus library. Her previous experience as a Trocaire College librarian will serve her well as she assists her colleagues with reference services and library instruction.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE AND FORESTRY

Jane Verostek

Ruth Owens, Senior Assistant Librarian, published a book chapter in October: Owens, R. M., Stipanovic, A. J., & Teece, M. A. (2016). Integrating information literacy and research strategies into a sophomore chemistry course: A new collaboration. In C. Lovitt, K. Schuyler, & Y. Li (Eds.), *Integrating Information Literacy Into the Chemistry Curriculum* (pp. 143–155). Washington, DC: American Chemical Society.

Moon Library has been working through a large-scale inventory and weeding project. **Ruth Owens**, Senior Assistant Librarian, gave a presentation on this project titled "Inventory and Weeding and Zombies" at the Upstate New York Science Librarians Conference in October.

Jane Verostek, Associate Librarian, recently shared information about our Fletcher Steele archives at the Researching NY Conference in Albany, NY, in November. The presentation, "Fletcher Steele—One Landscape Architect's 60-Year Influence on New York," can be viewed online at <http://www.esf.edu/faculty/verostek>. This PowerPoint contains images of Steele from our archives and images of his gardens past and

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present. Some of Steele's gardens that ESF has archives of have been preserved and are open to the public, including Naumkeag in Stockbridge, MA, which sits on over 40 acres (<http://www.thetrustees.org/places-to-visit/berkshires/naumkeag.html>).

Jane Verostek, Associate Librarian, published her regular column, "Gems of the Archives & Special Collections," in the SUNY ESF Alumni E-News in December 2016, which highlights the collections of our archives and special collections (<http://www.esf.edu/moonlib/archives>).

Library staff on the F. Franklin Moon Library Education and Outreach Team decided to once again celebrate National Squirrel Appreciation Day in the library as a way of engaging with our students! Walnuts with QR codes hidden throughout the library were found by students and could be redeemed for candy. Displays of books from our collection that related to squirrels were put on display. A bulletin board-sized coloring page of a squirrel allowed students to collaborate on coloring the poster. And the SUNY ESF mascot—an acorn named Oakie—visited the library for a day and brought a smile to a number of our students. The staff on the Moon Library Education and Outreach Team continues to think outside the box on ways to engage with our students and our ESF campus community. Team members include **Maddie Bartley**, **Ellen Edgerton**, **Jane Verostek**, and **Casey Koons**.

Jessica Clemons has accepted a position as the Associate University Librarian for Research, Education & Outreach for the University at Buffalo. In that role she will be providing leadership and strategic direction for the areas of science and engineering information; arts, humanities, and social sciences information; health sciences information; communication and outreach; special collections; government information services; educational services; and scholarly communications. We wish Jessica the best of luck in her new position!

Casey Koons has joined the Moon Library staff as Visiting Assistant Librarian. Casey has been involved in makerspaces and STEM programming in libraries since the beginning of his career. As an intern, he helped to develop policies and programs for the Fab Lab of the Fayetteville Free Library, and developed extensive STEM programming for teens while serving as the director of the Tully Free Library. As the Emerging Technologies Librarian at the Onondaga Public Libraries' Central Library in Syracuse, he developed a makerspace that opened during the summer of 2016 where he ran STEM programs for adults and teens.



Oakie, the SUNY ESF mascot, visits the library on National Squirrel Appreciation Day

**GENESEE****Michelle Eichelberger**

As part of the college's Celebration of Native American Heritage, the library hosted an exhibit of several items courtesy of the Rochester Science & Museum Center. Items included an intricately beaded girl's costume (1940) made for Bernadine "Bunnie" Spring on the Tonawanda Reservation and a cradle board (1935) carved from basswood and hickory. A collection of watercolor paintings depicting Native American life and culture (1936–1940) by Ernest Smith from the Tonawanda Reservation and cornhusk dolls created by Kathy Melissa Smith from the Historical Club of the Tonawanda Reservation were also on display. The library also hosted a cornhusk doll workshop on Tuesday, November 22.

The library also prepared an election exhibit, designed a display for Domestic Awareness Month, featured information about the college's new Genesee Community College plaid, and hosted a two-dimensional design exhibit that featured work created by students in Assistant Professor **Joe Ziolkowski's** ART105 course.

The library's sixth Annual Student Digital Photo Contest was a success. Twenty-four students submitted a total of 65 photos, and the judges selected photos for six awards. Student participants were a diverse group: one ACE (high school) student, several international students, at least one Campus Center student, and students from a variety of majors, including veterinary technology, entrepreneurship, and theater.

Themed Roving: The film "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" hit the theatres in November, and to mark the occasion, librarians were out and about on campus with a Harry Potter-themed roving cart. Students were encouraged to enter the daily trivia contest for a chance to win prizes such as Bertie Bott's beans or jelly slugs. The library also tied a week of roving to the Pokémon craze and celebrated Health Literacy Week with a similar themed cart and weeks of trivia questions.

Trivia Night at Student Housing: Library staff **Cindy Hagelberger**, **Sarah Karas**, and **Laura Peck** visited the Root at College Village in early November to host a trivia competition and to mingle with students. The evening went well, and there were over 25 participants. One of the highlights of the event was the team that named themselves "Table of Contents."

The Student Library Council gained some new members this fall and engaged in lively discussion about the library during several meetings. One of the new initiatives to come out of the meetings was the purchase of stadium-style seat cushions for students to use on our wooden study chairs during long-term study sessions.



Stadium-style seat cushions for students to use on wooden study chairs

**GENESEO**

Daniel Ross

The past few months have been a period of transition at Milne Library, and we are proud to announce the hiring of three new full-time staff members.

First and foremost, we are happy to introduce **Ben Rawlins** as our new Library Director. Ben most recently served as Library Director at Kentucky's Georgetown College and joined the Milne family in mid-January. Milne would like to thank both **Corey Ha** and **Kate Pitcher** (now the library director at St. Mary's College of Maryland) for serving as interim library directors over the course of the last two years; we could not have made it this long without the hard work of both of you!

Milne is also pleased to introduce our new Business Librarian, **Alan Witt**, who comes to us from Rivier University, NH. Alan has BAs in archeology and medieval studies from Wesleyan University in Connecticut, an MA in history (medieval studies), and an MLIS from the University of Rhode Island.

Last but certainly not least, we are pleased to introduce **Anne Salluzzo** as our new Evening Service Desk Supervisor. Anne has both an MLS and an MA in museum studies from Syracuse University, and most recently served as the Business and Program Manager at Hartwick College's Yager Museum.

In addition to all of the hiring, members of Milne's staff made scholarly contributions as well. **Angela Galvan** completed work with the Digital Library Federation Forum Liberal Arts College Pre-Conference Planning Committee. During DLF-LAC, she facilitated workshops on professional development in digital humanities, bioinformatics, and OER. Angela also presented "Architecture of Authority" at ACRL/ NY's Symposium Money & Power. She welcomes your support this spring in Baltimore for the ACRL biennial meeting, and at NYU for Libraries and Archives in the Anthropocene for her panel discussions on grit, resilience, and the academic library with **Jacob Berg** (Foreign Service Institute) and **Eamon Tewell** (Long Island University-Brooklyn).

To put a bow on our hectic few months, the staff of Milne Library—including all of our new staff members—participated in a team-building event at the [NY Wine and Culinary Center](#) in Canandaigua, NY. Together we all learned some basic knife skills, shared in meal preparation, and enjoyed eating an enormous feast that included spicy crab bisque, Thai glazed salmon, lemon and caper chicken, cheddar garlic biscuits, rice pilaf, vegetarian Asian stir-fry, and an onion/vegetable tart.



**MARITIME**

Rebecca Hyams

On November 14, 2016, the campus held an official ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Academic Success Center space housed within the library. Funding for the space came in part from a SUNY Excels grant. Work took place over the summer to add an active learning classroom, study lounge, and three small group work rooms. The rooms have been used for many purposes so far, including classes, tutoring, and events. The renovations also included new furniture for a student lounge at the far end of the library that houses our new popular fiction and graphic novel collections. Reception to the new spaces has been overwhelmingly positive.



*(Ribbon cutting for the Academic Success Center. From L to R: Director of Facilities **William Rueger**, Library Director **Kristin Hart**, Interim Dean of Students **William Imbriale**, College President **Michael Alfultis**, Interim Provost **Joseph Hoffman**, architect Glen Landow)*

Work recently finished on the most recent phase of the Sailor's Snug Harbor digitization project, which was funded by a METRO grant. A new (and vastly improved) portal was launched to showcase the records and tell the stories of the men who lived there. Special congratulations go out to **Jannette D'Esposito** (who served as the Project Archivist) and **Annie Tummino** (who built the portal site). Their work can be viewed at <https://snugharborarchivesblog.wordpress.com>.

The renovation of the library's archives is underway. Compact shelving will be installed in the coming weeks, after which materials will be moved into the newly renovated space. Once the renovation and move are complete, all of the archives and special collections will be housed in one space that will also include a work/reading area for archival materials.

We're also in the middle of several large simultaneous collection-related projects. The largest is a focusing of our Maritime Heritage Collection that's being helmed by **Katie Bram**. The goal is to have a comprehensive and focused collection on materials pertaining to the Merchant Marine and shipping industry.

We recently had a shift in personnel to announce, as we were able to offer **Veronica Gaffney** a new role as Technical Services Assistant, which she officially started earlier this month. Veronica has been working in our library since November 2013 in the position of Keyboard Specialist I. We're really excited to have Veronica move into this new role in our library.



MORRISVILLE

Adam Saunders

The Morrisville library space continues to transform as we are now working on a collaborative project with the horticulture department and students. This project will bring a small garden setting into the library space, which we hope to have in place by the end of this semester. At this time we are testing several new lights that will go above the garden.

Circulation has purchased some new unique materials for lending. Our new 3D anatomical structures, which include a set of lungs, a heart, and kidney/liver, will be available for student checkout soon. They will be used in the library only, and we look forward to see what kind of use they will get. If popular we plan on purchasing additional anatomical structures in the future.

Morrisville students were surprised once again during finals in the fall semester when the library invited therapy dogs to campus. This event ran for a couple hours when students could come into the library classroom and unwind from their studies with some very friendly lap dogs. The therapy dogs were a huge success and we hope to continue programming like this to alleviate students' anxieties during those stressful times of the semester.

Our gallery space in the first weeks of the Spring 2017 semester was used for a Post Secret event. Post Secret offers students the opportunity to post their inner thoughts, secrets, and concerns in an anonymous setting. We offered assorted postcards, magazines, pens, and markers, so students could write, cut, and paste together their secret messages.

The first offshoot of our Video Game Book Club series as part of the STS (Science, Technology, and Society) Symposium took place on Saturday, January 21. Organized by librarians **Angela Rhodes** and **Adam Saunders**, we had students play through the first episode of Telltale Game's "The Walking Dead" as a group in a theater setting. Participants took turns playing the game and making dialogue decisions that would affect the story. Though the player had complete control over what options to choose, we encouraged the audience to shout out suggestions in the hope that it would influence the players' decisions. At times that a major plot point had to be decided, we used the free app Socrative so that audience members could vote on what direction they wanted the story to go. This event was fairly well attended and was streamed live on Twitch.

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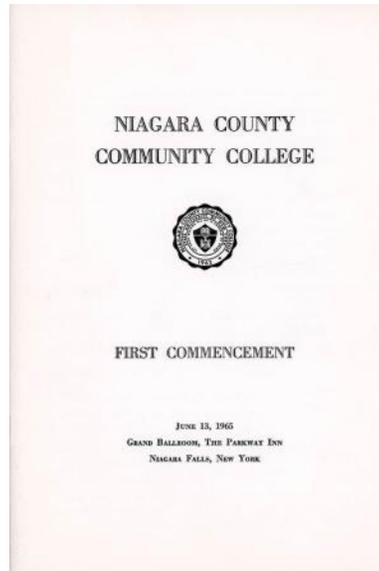


NIAGARA

Jeanne Tuohey

Jean Linn spearheaded our upgrade to LibGuidesv.2 in December and January. She also has a few digitization projects in the works for the NCCC Archives. NCCC's collection of commencement ceremony programs is currently being scanned and cataloged, and the collection will be published on New York Heritage in late winter. Many of the early programs are currently available for viewing on the Archives website. A batch of audio-visual recordings have been sent out for digitization and we expect to have oral histories and other sound recordings published online later this year.

We welcome new part-time Reference Librarian **Judy Slawinski** to our staff.



Scanned cover of the program from NCCC's first commencement

ONONDAGA

Fantasia Thorne-Ortiz

Pauline Lynch Shostack presented "Connecting Community Through Human Library Events" at NYLA on Friday, November 4, with librarians from Liverpool Public Library and Syracuse University Libraries.

During the last week of classes of the fall semester, the library hosted a week-long "De-Stress Fest." Activities included a holiday-themed "Sip and Sketch" event wherein an art department faculty member led participants in sketching an image as students sipped on hot chocolate, a holiday crafts event led by OCC librarians, and library-themed Bingo. Students also had the opportunity to enter a raffle to win a Finals Week Survival Kit, which was a basket full of snacks and school supplies. The festivities ended with "Doggy De-Stress," which provided students an opportunity to pet a few pups in the library.



Holiday crafts from the fall "De-Stress Fest"

**STONY BROOK**

Jennifer DeVito

The Stony Brook University Libraries unveiled a redesigned website that includes intuitive navigation, streamlined menus, and an easier user experience.

Vincent Clark joined the Stony Brook University Libraries as the Director of Development for University Libraries. In this role, Vincent will work with the libraries and the university's Advancement Team on development initiatives.

Jennifer A. DeVito has been promoted to Director of Access Services, overseeing all day, evening, and overnight public service points; resource sharing; and circulation services.

Daniel Kinney, Metadata & Authority Control Librarian, published "Stony Brook at the Dawn of the Roaring Twenties: A Hollywood Connection" in *The Historian* 53:2 (Summer 2016), the newsletter of the Three Village Historical Society (<http://www.tvhs.org>).

Jessica Koos and **Gregg Stevens** have joined the Stony Brook University Libraries as Health Sciences Librarians.

SUFFOLK

Dawn K. Wing

In the latest round of the SUNY Innovative Instructional Technology Grants, Suffolk Community College was awarded a grant to expand the successful makerspace program on the East Campus to the Grant and Ammerman campuses. The grant will fund the purchase of two 3D printers and two One Button Studio video suites to establish makerspaces at the Grant and Ammerman campus libraries. Each campus will work with various departments to develop curriculum-based projects using the makerspaces. Plans are underway to use the 3D printers to create microscope clips for mobile phones to assist science students with field work. Additionally, the One Button Studio will assist Career Services and students in the Business School at Ammerman to hone their interviewing skills, and the Grant Campus Communications & the Arts Department will utilize the video equipment to enhance students' presentation skills. The SCCC Ammerman and Grant Campus Libraries will celebrate the grant award with special events to promote the use of the new SCCC Makerspaces.

The Eastern Campus Library, in collaboration with Campus Activities, offered students an applied learning opportunity to assemble 3D printed prosthetic hands for children in need. Faculty, staff, and student volunteers from across the campus participated in this successful event to assembled 10 prosthetic hands for the global group e-NABLE.

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Dawn K. Wing, Media Librarian at Ammerman Campus, is excited to present “Poetic Research: Creative Interaction With Text and Image” at the SUNYLA Midwinter 2017 Online Conference on February 10. This is Dawn’s second time presenting at the conference. She will be discussing ways to merge creativity and information literacy by using articles to make blackout poems and self-publishing student research guides. Dawn will also cover instructional materials, project design strategies, and free online creative tools used by students in her webinar.

SULLIVAN

Evangelina Oates

SUNY Sullivan welcomes **Gregory Carr**, our newly hired Public Services Librarian, to campus. A recent transplant from the University of Nevada Las Vegas University Libraries, Greg brings a wealth of experience in research instruction, assessment, and information literacy, having served as a First-Year Seminar Coordinator for the College of Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, and the College of Urban Affairs. Additionally, he served in various capacities at the University of Alabama, where he earned his Master of Science in Library and Information Science. His research interests (and publication/presentation history) are digital literacy, learning spaces and pedagogy, and design of first-year instruction programs.

TOMPKINS CORTLAND

Karla Block

As fall semester concluded, the Library and Tutoring Services once again offered “Stress-Less” activities for finals week. This semester, we collaborated with other departments to make this a campus-wide effort (see the photo showing our sponsor wall). From the Friday before finals week through the Wednesday of finals week, we offered snacks and drinks throughout the day, a popcorn machine and display of movies, coloring, making stress balls, visits from therapy and staff dogs, and armchair massages by nursing students. New this semester were a selfie station and visits from Pounce, the college’s mascot. “Stress-Less” was a huge success!

As part of his transition from Adjunct to .8 Librarian, **Eric Jenes** took advantage of a mentorship offered by the College Teaching Center. Eric and his mentor, Acquisitions and Collection Management Librarian **Susanna Van Sant**, met weekly throughout the fall semester to discuss a wide array of collection management topics. These included the library’s Collection Development Policy, tools and practices for making both purchasing and weeding decisions, budget structure and management, and usage, circulation, and ILL reports. It was a valuable experience for both participants to take time to explore these both practical and philosophical matters.



Selfie station



Provost & Vice President of the College, **John Connors**, petting Luna



Sponsor wall

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Librarians **Karla Block** and **Eric Jenes** were chosen as fellows for the SUNY Tools of Engagement Project (TOEP), an “on-demand discovery learning professional development model. The goal of TOEP is to encourage faculty and staff to explore and reflect on the use of emerging technology tools to expand tech-infused pedagogy” (<https://sites.google.com/site/sunytoepcontent/about>). Tompkins Cortland Community College is one of more than 20 participating campuses.

Librarian **Karla Block**, who is the current library representative to the campus Curriculum Committee, has been serving on a sub-committee to revise the college’s master course syllabus template.

In staffing news, we said goodbye to adjunct librarian **Stephen Salino** at the conclusion of fall semester. Librarian **Margaret Anderson** retired in August, but was welcomed back as an adjunct librarian at the start of spring semester.

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One of my main priorities as SUNYLA President is to try to increase SUNY libraries’ involvement with SUNYLA. If you’re not already on a committee, consider joining one! Our committees are involved in various activities and are a great way to get involved and work with other librarians across SUNY. From my own personal experience, I believe that participating on committees and volunteering in library networks (like SUNYLA) are the best way to make new connections, share your expertise, and market yourself. Get out there! If you’re interested in participating, here are some of our committees and their chairs:

- Membership Development: **Carol Anne Germain** (Albany)
- Professional Development: **Kim Myers** (Brockport)
- Publications: **April Davies** (Cobleskill)
- Technology Discussion Group: **Jill Locascio** (Optometry)

Another way to get involved is to attend our SUNYLA Council meetings. The meetings are open to all SUNYLA members and can be attended both in-person or virtually. The remaining SUNYLA Council meetings are scheduled as follows:

- Friday, March 10, 2017: Stony Brook
- Wednesday, June 14, 2017: Stony Brook

I hope that this New Year brings a renewed hope and prosperity to all, and I look forward to working with everyone to find ways to even better serve our membership and our library communities.

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