Hello SUNYLA!

My name is Carrie Fishner, and I am honored and excited to be serving as your president this year. I am the library director at SUNY Delhi, and have been involved with SUNYLA for the past six years in a variety of roles. I am delighted to be serving with 1st Vice President/President-elect Carol Anne Germain, from SUNY Albany, this year. Our goal is to continue to provide support to our library colleagues across the state.

If you didn’t have a chance to attend the annual conference at Stony Brook last year, please take a few minutes to check out the recordings of many of the sessions that are available on the SUNYLA website. We had a great time out on Long Island, and I wanted to take a moment to thank the Conference Planning Committee and their chair, Jennifer DeVito. This year’s conference included a keynote address by Dr. Lana Jackman, who is a leader in information literacy. With the theme of “The Global Library,” many of the sessions explored how libraries can work to reach our students and patrons on a variety of levels, and through a wide range of services. We had a packed schedule with something for everyone, and plentiful opportunities to network and connect with our colleagues socially as well.

If you were unable to attend this past annual conference, we hope that you will join us in 2018 at Finger Lakes Community College June 13–15 for the next annual conference. April (Steenburgh) Broughton will be this year’s 2nd Vice President/Conference Chair, and has just sent out a call for anyone interested in helping with conference planning to complete a form via the listserv. It’s going to be a beautiful location to gain some more professional development and spend time with colleagues!

This year the organization will be working with the newly formed SUNY Libraries Consortium (SLC) to continue our path to the new library services platform (LSP), Alma. SUNYLA has been asked to provide a recommendation of someone who sits on the Council to serve on the Executive Director Search Committee for the SLC, and we will continue to have a liaison role with the SLC board. I hope
that the two organizations will form a good working relationship, one that will be mutually beneficial to all. I have had a few questions come to me about what the difference is between these two organizations. I think that the best way to describe the biggest difference is that SUNYLA is concerned with the individual (in terms of professional development and support opportunities) whereas the SLC is concerned with the big picture of the SUNY Libraries as an institution. If you do have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

I am looking forward to this year, and hope that I will have the chance to meet and speak with many of you across SUNY Library-land. Please, if you have never done so, consider attending a council meeting either virtually or in person, as these are always open to all members! Our next meeting will be November 3 on the SUNY Albany Downtown campus.

ACRL 2017 Presentation: “Helping Graduate Students Successfully Navigate the Doctoral Journey Through Collaboration”

Yu-Hui Chen
University at Albany

With a SUNYLA professional development grant, I was able to attend the ACRL 2017 National Conference in Baltimore to present an outreach initiative titled “Helping Graduate Students Successfully Navigate the Doctoral Journey Through Collaboration” at one of the roundtable discussion sessions.

Pursuing a doctoral degree is a long and arduous journey. Many doctoral students struggle to reach the destination; some are overwhelmed by the challenge and never complete the journey. In Fall 2015, I initiated and offered two doctoral students discussion forums through collaboration with some seasoned and caring dissertation committee chairs from various academic departments in the fields of humanities, social sciences, and sciences. Each forum had several dissertation committee chairs serving as panelists. Our goal is to guide students to strategically move forward at every stage of their doctoral pursuit and develop themselves as scholars. With overwhelmingly positive feedback from students, the enthusiasm of panelists, and support from the Office of Graduate Education and our Graduate Students Association, I made this program an annual event and expanded it to six broad discipline-based forums in Fall 2016.

There were other initiatives focusing on outreach and collaboration presented at the conference. For example, the Mount Ida College library partnered with its college’s Center for Innovation and Teaching Effectiveness to provide support for faculty to incorporate OER materials into their courses. Another example is providing metadata training and schema creation for research and teaching by engaging faculty and students in digital humanities projects at Hamilton College. Librarians conducting in-depth library tours for newly hired admissions tour guides and participating in pre–first year experience events is another form of outreach and collaboration. The efforts demonstrated by academic libraries in reaching out to library users and providing services relevant to their needs were certainly evident through various conference programs.

I would like to thank SUNYLA and the Professional Development Committee from the bottom of my heart for their support, which allowed me to share my initiative with the library community and increase the national visibility of SUNY librarians, as well as learn best practices from other colleagues in the broad library community.
CAMPUS NEWS & NOTES

Adirondack
Joyce Miller

A great deal of new construction and renovation continues into the fall. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on September 8 for the new Adirondack Hall building. Work continues on the renovation of the Science Building and Warren Hall, and the construction of the Regional Workforce Readiness Center. See the college page online (http://www.sunyacc.edu/construction) for more details.

The library welcomed several new staff members:

Emily Barber was recently hired as a part-time reference librarian at SUNY Adirondack. Emily holds an MLIS from Syracuse University and a BA from SUNY Potsdam. Prior to this position, she worked as the Library Services Assistant at the SUNY Adirondack Library.

Samantha Berry completed masters’ degrees in library science and English, as well as a BA in English, all from the University at Albany, SUNY. Sam began her academic career at SUNY Adirondack, graduating from the Liberal Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences program.

Danielle Thomas has joined the staff as Library Specialist after working as a student assistant for several semesters. After finishing her degree this fall at SUNY Adirondack, she plans to pursue a bachelor’s degree in psychology at the Plattsburgh Branch Campus on the SUNY Adirondack campus.

During the summer, SUNY Adirondack Library conducted a large-scale inventory project. The library’s book and media items were checked, and Aleph catalog records were updated to match inventory results. Student workers also cleaned the bookshelves and shifted library materials, resulting in an overall neater appearance for the collection.

Alfred State
Joseph Petrick

Dr. Joseph Petrick has been appointed director of the Hinkle Library, where he had served as the Technical Services Coordinator since 2000. A graduate of Hobart College, Dr. Petrick earned an MLIS from Clarion University and a PhD in communication from the University at Buffalo. Dr. Petrick served as interim director to replace David Haggstrom, who retired in December 2016.

Alexandra Hoffman has been appointed Collections Librarian at the Hinkle Library. A graduate of California State University, Los Angeles, Alexandra was awarded an MSLIS from the Palmer School of Library and Information Science of Long Island University,
and was most recently an ILS Specialist at the Southern Tier Library System in Painted Post, NY.

Christina Stankewicz has been appointed User Service Librarian. A graduate of St. Bonaventure University, Christina was awarded an MSLIS at St. John’s University and most recently worked as an archivist at the East End Seaport Museum and Marine Foundation in Greenpoint, NY.

Binghamton
Aleshia Huber

Binghamton University Libraries is pleased to welcome our new Head of Preservation, Heather Parks. She holds an English/History BA from Virginia Tech and an MLIS from Florida State.

The inaugural class of the new School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences has started its studies at Binghamton University. The libraries have been preparing for several months to create a collection to support this new school.

Head of Acquisitions Librarian Caryl Ward has been awarded the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Librarianship.

The Libraries’ Exhibits Committee created an exhibit titled “Summer of Love” that celebrates the 50th anniversary of the summer of 1967 and showcases items from our Center for the Study of the 1960s collection. Additionally, the Science Library has an exhibit titled “Hidden Messages” that features materials on steganography, cryptology, and digital watermarking, and the University Downtown Center Library’s latest exhibit is “Government Documents: Use the Past to Plan the Future.”

The Libraries and Harpur College co-hosted a digital humanities workshop, “Digital Humanities Project Design: Focus on Visualization,” and lecture, “Digital Humanities Status Report: Where Are We Now?” Both were given by guest speaker Johanna Drucker, professor of bibliographical studies in the Department of Information Studies at UCLA. Upcoming workshops include “Be a Google Scholar Power User,” “Refworks Advanced,” and “Digital Scholarship in the Classroom: Annotate like a Genius.”

Brockport
Ken Wierzbowski

Brockport is in the process of looking for a new provost and vice president for Academic Affairs. See more on the Brockport website (https://brockport.edu/about/president/provost_search/).

Charlie Cowling has been awarded the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Librarianship, and Kim Myers has been awarded the Chancellor’s Award for

Kim Myers received her MS in Information and Library Science from the University at Buffalo, and was promoted to Scholarly Communications Coordinator.

Buffalo
Fred Stoss

Dr. John Bewley, Associate Librarian/Archivist, is part of the Research, Education, and Outreach (REO) Unit, managing the archival collections of the Music Library, consisting of documents, music scores, sound recordings, photographs, programs, and other formats. He acts as a liaison to the Music Department and supports the teaching and research needs of our community.

Chris Hollister attended the European Conference on Information Literacy in late September. The conference was in St. Malo, France, and the paper he co-presented (CIL co-editor Robert Schroeder, Portland State University, and JIL editor Emma Coonan, University of East Anglia, UK), “A Tale of Two Journals: Information Literacy Discourse as Seen Through a Decade of Communications in Information Literacy and the Journal of Information Literacy.” Chris co-presented with two of his CIL co-editors, Stewart Brower at Oklahoma State University–Tulsa, and Robert Schroeder, at the WILU (Workshop for Instruction in Library Use) Conference in Edmonton, “Ten Years of Expanding the Information Literacy Landscape,” in celebration of the ten-year anniversary of the official launch, which took place at WILU 2007 in Toronto. Chris was also accepted into the ARL Digital Scholarship Institute in Boston, which takes place in June.

As the UB SIM Singapore Program prepares to launch the new UB curriculum, Senior Assistant Librarian Molly Maloney was on hand for a week in June to train librarians on the CL1’s lab on digital and information fluency. Together they worked to adapt the iLab to SIM’s campus and student needs. She will also be training staff and faculty in Digication, UB’s e-portfolio platform. All of this is in an effort to ensure that students have the same UB experience in Buffalo and abroad. Molly was selected to serve on WNYLRC’s High School to College Committee, which focuses on information literacy for students transitioning from high school to higher education. Her three-year term began in July.

Dr. James Maynard, Librarian, was interviewed on the blog, “Boston Area Small Press and Poetry Scence” (http://dougholder.blogspot.com/2017/05/james-maynard-new-curator-university-of.html?spref=fb).

Nancy Schiller, Librarian, is Co-Principal Investigator, along with Professor Liesl Folks, Dean of the School of Engineering, as Principal Investigator, and UB faculty serving with the UB Project for the National Science Foundation (NSF) grant awards in the Innovations in Graduate Education (IGE) program. This NSF initiative is dedicated to piloting, testing, and evaluating novel, innovative, and potentially transformative approaches to graduate education. UB’s winning project is NAVIGATE Project: A Case-Study Approach to Overcoming Barriers to Advancement for Women in STEM. The NAVIGATE Project is an innovative training program that relies on case study teaching methods to increase the skills of STEM women to navigate effectively past instances of bias, inequity, or discrimination in the workforce. You can read more about the project at https://www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/showAward?AWD_ID=1735143. Nancy was a speaker at the 3rd Annual Women in STEM Summit, held at UB on April 5, where she presented on “Teaching STEM Using Case Studies.” Additionally, an article she co-authored, “Guidelines for Producing Videos to Accompany Flipped Cases,” was published in Journal of College Science Teaching. The article describes best practices for developing videos to accompany case studies used to teach a first-year biology course in a “flipped classroom” context.

Fred Stoss, Librarian, wrote and presented a resolution on climate change at the Annual ALA Virtual Membership
Meeting, which was approved and allowed him to speak on behalf of the resolution below on the ALA Council Floor. After two amendments were approved, the resolution easily passed and became an official ALA policy on July 18 (see the Notification from the Office of ALA Governance at http://www.ala.org/news/member-news/2017/07/ala-council-resolution-global-climate-change and the resolution at connect.ala.org/files/VMM17%20Resolution.pdf). This was a labor of love for Fred that was initiated a few years ago and rekindled by current events. As part of Buffalo’s Earth Week Activities, Fred presented a WNYLRC Workshop on April 17 titled “Eco-Literacy Conquers Illiteracy: A Librarian-Environmental Educator Collaboration.” He was asked by Al Gore’s nonprofit organization, the Climate Reality Project, to serve as a mentor (this is Fred’s fourth call to mentor) at the October 17–19 Climate Reality Leadership Corps International Training Workshop in Pittsburgh, PA. He also gave a presentation, “Preparedness Matters: Library Roles in Planning for Disaster,” at the Libraries and Archives in the Anthropocene: A Colloquium, held at New York University on May 13–14. LAAC17 addressed what libraries and archives are facing—the realities of cataclysmic environmental change—with a dawned awareness of its unique implications for their missions and activities. Fred and his daughter, Kaeti (an environmental educator in the non-formal environmental education sector) presented “Climate Change Inconveniences in OUR Backyards and Resources for Convenient Solutions,” at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the New York State Outdoor Education Association in Carmel, NY, October 27–29. He was asked to give a repeat performance of “Preparedness Matters” at the October 30 meeting of the Metropolitan New York Library Council (METRO) program on Libraries, the Environment, and Sustainability, held at Columbia University. Additionally, Fred presented, with panelists Heather Hayashi, Gayatri Singh, Cristela Garcia-Spitz, and Julia Gelfield, “Navigating to a Sustainable Future: Academic Libraries and the Triple Bottom Line,” at the 2017 National Meeting of ALA’s Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), held in Baltimore, MD, on March 22. He is a 2017 recipient of a Carnegie-Whitney Grant provided from ALA’s Publishing Division, and will co-author a book, Environmental ICE: Information, Communication, Education—Resources for Sustainable Communities, one of the projects of his six-month sabbatical leave (5/1–10/31). The Atmospheric Science Librarians International (an affiliate of the American Meteorological Society) named Fred as the chair of the 2018 Conference Planning Committee (Austin, TX), which is the responsibility of the Chair-Elect position.

Laura Taddeo, Associate Librarian, gave a Webinar to UB Alumni on March 15, “Research in the Humanities.” She demonstrated how alumni can access information via UB Libraries and also how to access free and open-access resources post-graduation.

Nicole Thomas, Senior Assistant Librarian, has been appointed to a position on the ACRL Roundtable Discussions Committee, which is exciting for her as she gets to contribute to selecting the roundtables for ACRL 2019.

The UB Libraries Undergraduate Education Services Team is now at full strength. It is led by Cindi Tysick, Associate Librarian, and joined by two other associate librarians,
Tiffany Walsh and Cindy Ehlers, and new Senior Assistant Librarians Keith Nichols, Nicole Thomas, Bryan Sajecki, and Molly Moloney.

Cindi Tysick, Associate Librarian, accepted a Fulbright Specialist award to the University of Bahrain for the month of November. She will teach undergraduate and graduate students research literacy, collaborate with their librarians on developing an online IL program using badging, and give lectures in their library science program. Cindi was thanked for her work with the NYASA Conference (from the formal letter): “The Executive Board of the New York African Studies Association would like to acknowledge both your expertise and your herculean effort in organizing and managing the 42nd Annual NYASA Conference at The University at Buffalo (31 March–April 1 2017) on ‘Emerging Africas: Versions and Visions’.” Cindi was informed that her proposal, “Postsecondary Information Literacy Readiness Assessment Using ILAAP,” has been selected for funding!

Nell Aronoff, Associate Librarian, serves on the MLA Grants and Scholarships Committee. This group coordinates and administers work related to the many MLA awards. They make recommendations to the MLA Board on policies and procedures associated with award practices.


Amy Lyons, Associate Librarian, completed her term as program director and is now serving as past program director for the MLA Rising Star program. The MLA Rising Stars program was created to provide members the opportunity to develop skills, knowledge, and understanding of what is needed to become a leader in MLA. Amy has been instrumental in developing the curriculum and facilitating the year-long leadership program.

Pamela M. Rose, Professional Staff: Instructional Support Technician and Coordinator, Web Services and Library Promotion, Health Sciences Library, was highlighted for starting her 51st (yes, fifty-first) year at the University at Buffalo Libraries. See her story at http://www.buffalo.edu/pss/news-home/gen_news.host.html/content/shared/www/pss/articles/staff_profiles/pamela_rose_2017.detail.html.

Liz Stellrecht, Associate Librarian, participated on the panel “Clinical Rounding: Tips From the Field.” Liz shared her experiences about creating and developing her position as a clinical librarian for the UB School of Dental Medicine. She talked about her role and the competencies required, the barriers she faced, and the successes experienced. As chair of the MLA Dental Section, Liz participated in preparing a poster describing the activities and relevance for MLA members to join the Dental Section, especially those librarians whose schools have dental programs. She presented a poster with several collaborators at the ADEA (American Dental Education Association) March 18–21 in Long Beach, CA. Her poster was titled “A Comprehensive Summary of Services and Resources Provided by Librarians in Support of Dental Schools in the U.S. and Canada.”

Opheli Morey, Associate Librarian, was awarded an NNLM MAR Health Information Award for $5,000 for a training project that she just wrapped up.

Associate Librarians Sharon Murphy and Michelle Zafron attended “Systematic Review Workshop: The Nuts and Bolts for Librarians,” hosted and taught by librarians from the Falk Library of the Health Sciences, University of Pittsburgh, April 2–5. The workshop, offered by the University of Pittsburgh, is among the most valued training sessions, providing an in-depth examination of systematic review research.
Michelle Zafron, Associate Librarian, headed the coordination of the resume clinic at the MLA Annual Meeting, where members of MLA arrange to have their cover letter, resume, or CV read by a reviewer who will offer suggestions for improvement.

Michael Kicey, Senior Assistant Librarian, is UB's humanities librarian.

Keith Nichols, Senior Assistant Librarian, is now a member of the UB Undergraduate Education Team.

Cayuga
Judy Campanella

Holly Kuhl and Sara Davenport coauthored “Evolution to Hybrid: Redesigning a Community College Library’s Research Skills Course.” This paper has been accepted for publishing and presentation at the International Conference on Embedded Education and Instruction of New Models of Library Service in Beijing, China, in November 2017. “The conference will be held in Capital Normal University, Beijing, China, to commemorate the 15th anniversary of establishing the University Network Library of Beijing. This will be the fourth conference in the series of the International Conference on Library Cooperation and Resource Sharing. Strengthening scholarly exchange and cooperation among library colleagues worldwide and exploring new development and new models of embedded education and teaching will be the focus. The University Network Library of Beijing and Capital Normal University Library in cooperation with DRCnet (Development Research Center of the State Council of P. R. China) are organizing the conference."

Sara Davenport has been hired as the library director at Cayuga Community College. Mrs. Davenport’s professional experience includes working as a serials and technical services librarian at SUNY Oswego for 15 years, and at Cayuga Community College Library as the Technical Services and Systems Librarian for 15 years. A graduate of Cayuga Community College, Mrs. Davenport is excited to have the opportunity to serve the students, faculty, and community at Cayuga, where she started her career as a work-study student in the library.

In preparation for a Learning Commons on the Auburn Campus, the library weeded over 18,000 books from the collection between March and September of 2017. This project drew on the expertise and talents of all of the Cayuga librarians as well as overwhelming hard work from all members of the library staff. Fourteen rows of shelving were removed to open up new space for students. Some of the new space will become the site of a new, wireless information literacy instruction classroom as a part of the Learning Commons project. Cayuga is hoping that construction will begin in the summer of 2018.

Cayuga Community College began a new Politics and Pizza Series in 2016–17, and is excited about more events for the new academic year. The discussions in 2016–17 focused on the topic of immigration. Guest speakers included Associate Professor Sheila Meyers, Associate Professor Teri Misiaszek, and Andrew Simkin, who has worked for the State Department adjudicating non-immigrant and immigrant visas, and has performed services for American citizens in a number of foreign locations. In 2017–18 the series will address issue related to “fake news.” SUNY Distinguished Service Professor and Division Chair of the School of Media and the Arts, Steve Keeler, will speak and lead a discussion session on media literacy in October. Later in the semester, Gustav Niebuhr, Associate Professor of Newspaper and Online Journalism at Syracuse University and founding director of the Carnegie Religion and Media Program, will present. He worked as a reporter at the New York Times, the Washington Post, and The Wall Street Journal and was the 2010 winner of the William A. Reed Lifetime Achievement Award for religion reporting. He is the author of Beyond Tolerance: Searching for Interfaith Understanding in America and Lincoln’s Bishop: A President, a Priest, and the Fate of 300 Dakota Sioux Warriors.
Cobleskill
April Davies

Van Wagenen Library hosted a luncheon on September 14 for Mark McBride (OLIS) to come to Cobleskill and talk to faculty and administrators about OERs. Thanks to some cash from SUNY, the library will be offering two fellowships for faculty to create OERs in the coming year.

The new entrance on the lower level of the library is finally open and ready for use! The addition of this second entrance provides more direct access to CASE (tutoring, etc.) and EOP, as well as our lovely Archives and Special Collections Room.

The library’s Annual Chili Cook-Off was held on October 4. Tasters voted for their favorites in three categories: Hottest, Best Tasting, and Most Unique.

The library’s big Fall Book Sale runs from October 13–November 21. Stop by and shop if you’re in the neighborhood.

Dawn Foland, part-time Circulation Supervisor and Coby grad, started Rutgers University’s online Master of Information program over the summer.

Congratulations to Don LaPlant on his recent promotion to Associate Librarian! This summer Don attended two major library conferences: the ALA annual conference and the LOEX Conference, which focuses on library instruction and information literacy pedagogy.

Corning
Erin Wilburn

At Corning, we’ve said goodbye to our ILL aide, Joey Richardson. He has obtained a full-time job, and we wish him all the best.

This fall, author Rebecca Skloot (The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks) is visiting campus in connection with the grand opening of our new Health Education Center. The Arthur A. Houghton, Jr., Library is promoting this event with a display of books discussing race, gender, health care, economics, ethics, and related topics.

The library is also excited to be a part
of CCC’s “One Book, One College” program, and we are currently partnering with the Southeast Steuben Public Library to show movies that are connected to the selected title (Ernest Cline’s Ready Player One). Librarian Erin Wilburn is working with the English Department, Student Life, and other interested groups both on- and off-campus to organize a “Ready Player One Week” in March, before the movie adaptation of the book premieres in theaters!

Downstate

Violet Price

On September 8, the Medical Research Library of Brooklyn held a BYO (Bring Your Own...) Lunch and Learn workshop. This event allowed participants to optimize their learning, teaching, research, and clinical practice skills using McGraw-Hill medical resources featuring Access Medicine, Access Medicine Case Files Collection, Access Pediatrics, Access Physiotherapy, and JAMAevidence.

On September 15, the presidential inauguration ceremony was held in Alumni Auditorium. The Honorable H. Carl McCall, the chairman of the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York, cordially invited the entire Downstate campus to the Presidential Inauguration Ceremony for Wayne J. Riley, MD, MPH, MBA, MACP.

Michael Marks, Instructional Support Assistant, has joined the Access Services staff of the library effective June 2017. We extend to him a warm welcome and wish him all the best for his endeavors here on campus.

Environmental Science & Forestry

Jane Verostek

Matthew Smith has been named SUNY ESF's Director of College Libraries. Matthew brings to ESF a wealth of academic and SUNY library experiences, having held previous positions at Colgate University Libraries, SUNY Sullivan’s Hermann Memorial Library, and Manor College’s library. Matthew is also an alumni of SUNY, having received a bachelor's degree from SUNY Oswego and an MLS from SUNY Albany. We welcome Matthew back to SUNY!

Associate Librarian Jane Verostek had the following article published in the Summer 2017 issue of the SUNY Alumni News: “Proud Pillars of the SUNY ESF Chemistry Department: Hugh P. Baker Laboratory Turns 60—Edwin C. Jahn Laboratory Turns 20 in 2017.”

SUNY ESF has gone completely digital for our graduate student theses and dissertations. This fall Moon Library received our last batch of printed theses and dissertations. All SUNY ESF graduate theses and dissertations will in the future be available only electronically via our Digital Commons @ ESF site (http://digitalcommons.esf.edu/).

Since January 2017 Moon Library has made great strides in digitizing extremely fragile items from the SUNY ESF archives and special collections and adding them to the New York Heritage site (https://www.nyheritage.org/). Jane Verostek has collaborated with the SUNY ESF Department of Landscape Architecture and several Syracuse University iSchool interns to digitize and create metadata for large-scale garden plans created by Fletcher Steele (1885–1971), who designed over 700 gardens in the U.S. (http://libguides.esf.edu/steele). A considerable amount of work was done on this project over the summer of 2017 and to date 600 plans with corresponding metadata have been digitized.
This fall, Moon Library had a presence at SUNY ESF’s annual Activities Fair where students learn about all of the ESF student organizations and offices on campus that offer services to students. Students who visited the table were able to meet a variety of Moon Library staff and students were asked two questions: What can be found at Moon Library? and What would you like to find at Moon Library? We learned a lot about our students’ needs and thanks to funding from the Friends of Moon Library, we answered some of those wishes—Moon Library now has a variety of beanbag chair.

**Erie**

Justin Cronise

The Fall 2017 semester brings change and opportunity with a new college president, Dr. Dan Hocoy. Previously, Hocoy was Associate Vice Chancellor of Advancement for the nationwide five-campus Antioch University System and President of Antioch University in Seattle, and has a record of leadership, innovation, and demonstrated commitment to global perspectives, diversity, and inclusiveness. Hocoy himself is an immigrant and non-native English speaker, coming from a family of mixed Asian and Caribbean heritage. Being the first in his family to go beyond high school, Hocoy’s background also includes a PhD in clinical psychology and is a graduate of Harvard University’s Management and Leadership in Education executive program. Hocoy has a vision for a “new ECC” and is rebranding the college as SUNY Erie and refocusing with a “students first” approach. Former president Jack Quinn retired over the summer. Also retiring is Dr. Ed Holmes, Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs, to whom the libraries reported and a great library proponent within the college administration.

Within the library, we are happy to welcome two full-time librarians, Bridget Doloresco (formerly Niagara University) at Erie North and Emily Carlin (formerly SUNY Purchase) at Erie City, as well as two part-time librarians, Rebecca Cobb (SUNY Buffalo, Archives) and Jackie Coffey-Scott (formerly D’Youville College), both at Erie North.

Dr. Jamie Smith, formerly librarian at Erie North, is now Erie’s Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Smith completed a doctorate of education in executive leadership from Saint John Fisher College earlier this year with her dissertation titled “An Examination of Information Literacy: A Survey of Community College Faculty.”

Taheera Shaheed-Sonubi, Library Department Chair at Erie South, collaborated with two academic departments for a unique applied learning opportunity to re-design and construct a new circulation desk for the South Campus library. Last semester, architecture students met with library staff as clients, then produced and presented professional drawings and 3D renderings of their designs, and even created scale models. Next (hopefully this year!), students in the building trades program will take the
design that library staff selected and construct the new circulation desk. **Justin Cronise**, Librarian at Erie South, partnered with the Student Government Association and the Western New York Book Arts Center to host a “Press Your Own T-Shirt” event at each campus using a mobile screen print press with a design created by art and architecture students. The event was part of Erie’s annual Spring Arts Fest week, for which the library also hosted several speakers, the Veterans Book Project (http://www.veteransbookproject.com/), and digital displays of student artwork.

**Farmingdale**

**Megan Margino**

The Greenley Library experienced a number of staff changes this year.

Three long-time Farmingdale librarians retired in the spring of 2017:

**Michael Knauth** retired after 37 years at FSC, serving as Head Librarian for the majority of this time. Michael also took on the roles of Director of Distance Learning and the Director of the Center for Teaching, Learning, and Technology in later years.

**George LoPresti** retired after 38 years at FSC as Deputy Head Librarian, Head of Circulation, and Systems Librarian. During his long service he oversaw the complete automation of library services at Greenley Library.

**Azadeh Mirzadeh** retired after 27 years at Farmingdale, during most of which she was Head of Periodicals. In addition to her work in Greenley Library, Azi was very active on a number of campus committees.

We are excited to announce the hiring of Library Director **Karen Gelles** and new librarians **Kathryn Machin**, **Jessica McGivney**, and **Fatoma Rad**.

**Karen Gelles** became Library Director in March 2017. She started at FSC in 1999 as a reference and instruction librarian, and later became an acquisitions librarian and Head of Technical Services. Karen is a graduate of SUNY Geneseo (BA, Music and Psychology) and Simmons College (MLS).

**Kathryn Machin** is our new Periodical/Electronic Resources Librarian at Greenley Library. Kathryn will manage the print and electronic journal collections as well as assist with the implementation of Alma in the near future. Kathryn has worked as the Electronic Resource Management Technician at Stony Brook Health Sciences Library and the Stony Brook University Libraries for 11 years. She acquired her MLS from Queens College in 2009. Kathryn believes that Farmingdale State College is an exciting place to be right now and she is thrilled about becoming a part of the Farmingdale State College mission to “help the next generation of exemplary citizens, scholars, and professionals in an increasingly diverse and independent world.”

**Jessica McGivney** is our new Access Services Librarian, overseeing circulation,
reserve, and interlibrary loan services as well as helping to provide reference and instruction. Previously, she worked in resource sharing at NYU and at the CUNY Graduate Center, and she is looking forward to continuing to work with her colleagues in ILL and at the IDS Project while increasing her knowledge of access and systems. Jessica received her MLS from Queens College, CUNY, and an MA in liberal studies from the CUNY Graduate Center.

Fatoma Rad received her MLS from Pratt Institute and began her career at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center’s Medical Library as a special projects librarian. Fatoma worked there for 4-½ years while being an adjunct at Thomas D. Greenley Library. She is now the Acquisitions Librarian at the Thomas D. Greenley Library and is excited to be working in an academic setting!

The Greenley Library continued to expand hours this semester. We are now open 86+ hours weekly.

The college’s first poster printer open to the campus community was recently installed in the library’s new printing lab.

April Lynne Earle presented at the New York Archives Conference (NYAC) in June with Daniel M. Di Landro from SUNY Buffalo State. The presentation was titled “Truthiness, Alternate Facts, Sketchy Provenance: Teaching With Primary Documents.” In 2016 April had published in Fwd: Museums Journal a related article detailing her experience re-establishing the provenance of a scrapbook discovered in the Greenley Library Archives. The article is titled “My First Digital Exhibit: Mr. Boller’s Scrapbook.”
FSC was selected to host the SUNY Undergraduate Research Conference (SURC) East in 2019. We look forward to supporting student scholarship through our new poster printing services. We congratulate **Theresa Zahor** on her promotion to the rank of Librarian. Theresa has worked in the Greenley Library for 10 years and serves as the Head of Reference and Information Literacy.

**Megan Margino** was awarded a Students First Campus Grant to host a Student Research Day in February 2018. She was selected to present a poster discussing this event at the ACRL/NY 2017 Symposium, titled “Implementing a Student Research Day: A Librarian-Faculty Collaboration.”

**Karen Gelles** facilitated a pre-conference workshop at the SUNYLA Conference in June: “Renovations in SUNY Libraries—A Panel Presentation From Eight SUNY Campuses.”

**Genesee**

**Cindy Hagelberger**

Librarian **Michelle Eichelberger** and co-author **Bonnie Imler**’s book, *Optimizing Discovery Systems to Improve User Experience: The Innovative Librarian’s Guide*, was published by ABC-Clio in May.

**Jessica R. Olin** joined Genesee Community College as the new Director of Library Services in July 2017. Jessica previously served as the director of the Robert H. Parker Library at Wesley College, Dover, DE. She has also served as Information Literacy Librarian at Hiram College, Hiram, OH, as well as Adjunct Librarian, Grants Specialist, and Research Services Librarian at Landmark College, Putney, VT. Jessica holds an M.A.Ed., Touro University International, Cypress, CA; MLIS, Simmons College, Boston, MA; and a BA, Hood College, Frederick, MD. Her professional and research interests include building community at academic libraries, the role of gender in academia, and bridging the gap between library science graduate programs and professional practice. In her spare time, she likes to cross-stitch, watch nerdy television shows like *Doctor Who*, and spend a lot of time in thrift stores.

GCC celebrated its 50th anniversary this year, and the celebration culminated with a convocation ceremony on September 12. Events of the day included tours of the new Student Success Center and Call Arena buildings. The “GCC Timeline: 50 Years” display, prepared by librarian **Cindy Hagelberger** with items from the archives collection, along with the banner “Honoring OUR TRUE-BLUE PAST—Celebrating YOUR GOLDEN FUTURE” was also featured. Cindy Hagelberger served on the 50th Anniversary Committee and Cindy Francis on the Convocation Planning Committee.

The library’s annual visit (http://www.genesee.edu/library/library-news/campus-center-visits-2017/) to all six campus centers took place on July 24–25. Library news was shared, improvements discussed, and our new library director, Jessica Olin, was introduced. The tours are just another way we stay connected and foster student success!

Librarian **Cindy Hagelberger** received a Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Librarianship along with eight other GCC colleagues on August 17.
On September 22, Milne Library hosted a fall Story Time event for children and their caregivers. This series is sponsored by the SUNY Geneseo Young Children’s Council (https://www.facebook.com/pg/yccgeneseo/about/?ref=page_internal), which comprises students from the Ella Cline School of Education and is advised by Professor Leigh O’Brien. Stories are geared toward children from pre-school through 10 years old. Student members of the Young Children’s Council perform and read the stories. Afterwards, the students provide story-themed refreshments, games, and crafts. Education and Community Engagement Librarian Michelle Costello developed and launched the Story Time series several years ago. As the positive reception and the need for campus and community outreach grew, Michelle started working with the Young Children’s Council as a mentor. The Young Children’s Council now organizes and obtains funding for the Story Time events, which are held in Milne Library three times each semester. The Council received the SUNY Geneseo 2016–2017 President's Outstanding Achievement Awards for Campus Organizations (https://www.geneseo.edu/news/college-presents-annual-leadership-awards). Story Time is an example of a small college library with limited resources providing a hands-on educational experience for students, and a beloved service to the community.

Time to rock the red pen! First Year Experience Librarian Sherry Larson-Rhodes is an invited speaker at the Upstate New York/Ontario Medical Librarians Association conference (http://www.unyoc.mlanet.org/blog/), on October 27 in Syracuse, NY. Sherry will be presenting her “tried and true” workshop, “Polish Your Prose: Editing Your Scholarly & Creative Works.” Participants will learn the difference between editing and proofreading, what editors do, and common grammatical issues, and practice their editing skills.

“Never Neutral” is the theme at Milne Library. Exhibits & Programming Librarian Tracy Paradis and Academic Excellence Librarian Dan Ross painstakingly designed the “Never Neutral” display in the library lobby, which consists of books and materials regarding history and experiences of bigotry and persecution. The centerpiece of the exhibit is a statement from Milne Library Director Ben Rawlins:

“As information professionals, we strive and advocate to provide equal and equitable access to information to all our users while maintaining confidentiality and promoting lifelong learning. These are core functions of libraries and librarians. However, our profession, and humanity, call on us to be champions for democracy, diversity, and social responsibility. Now more than ever it is important to highlight these values of librarianship.

“The Never Neutral display is a wonderful example to the campus community of how Milne library will support the quest for knowledge while fighting bigotry and hatred,” said Mark Sullivan, Executive Director, IDS Project. The full text of Ben’s statement is available for those who might be interested (https://news.milne-library.org).

Faculty librarians Brandon West and Michelle Costello (with Kim Hoffman, University of Rochester) recently published
an edited volume with the Association of College and Research Libraries (http://www.ala.org/acrl/) titled Creative Instructional Design: Practical Applications for Librarians. The book examines ways in which librarians are using instructional design principles to inform, construct, or evaluate information literacy initiatives; online library instruction and services; and programming and outreach efforts. Brandon, Michelle, and Kim’s work on the book began two years ago, when they initially sat down to develop its concept. Along the way, they included the talents of Milne’s Digital Publishing Services Manager, Allison Brown, who designed the book cover.

The Milne Library website (https://www.geneseo.edu/library) is completely redesigned and streamlined for improved patron experience, web accessibility standards (WCAG)(https://www.w3.org/wai/intro/wcag), and browser and mobile device compatibility. Leah Root, Milne Library Web Developer, headed the Web Team consisting of Milne librarians and library staff. The team analyzed and responded to student and faculty needs, and is conducting an ongoing usability study to further improve the site content and navigation. The new site prominently features Milne Library News & Events and Library Hours, plus Research Guides and Database link lists. The site also features simplified Ask Us and Requests & Services pages, replacing a plethora of scattered links, widgets, and static pages.

Milne Library wishes the all the best to Bonnie Swoger, who is now Associate Director of the Rochester Institute of Technology Libraries; and Angela Galvan, who is now Head of Electronic Resources at Brown University. Angela’s legacy at Milne includes her excellent essay on the “Never Neutral” concept (https://news.milne-library.org/never-neutral).

Milne Library has two new positions open: Head of Access Services and Head of Collection Management.

Maritime
Rebecca Hyams

We’ve had a lot of change over the past few months so hopefully I’m not forgetting anything.

Library Director Kristin Hart left Maritime at the end of August to take a job as the Dean of Libraries at Queens College (CUNY). Educational Technologist Ian August and Instruction and Outreach Librarian Mona Ramonetti both left in June to take positions at St. John’s University and Stony Brook respectively.

In July we welcomed Martin Zmijewski as our new Content Services Librarian. Martin has been working for us in a part-time capacity since December 2015 and we’re excited to see him move up into a new role. We also recently welcomed two new members to our department. Chante Hope is our (very) new Instruction and Outreach Librarian (she started two days ago!), who previously worked as a librarian at Monroe College. Also joining us is Matthew Dineiro, who is our newest part-time librarian and works the rest of the week in the circulation department at Baruch College. Our educational technologist position has been filled and they will be joining us in two weeks, and the search for a new library director is currently open.

Annie Tummino is serving as our interim library director and Rebecca Hyams is serving as the Interim Managing Director for the college’s Center for Teaching Excellence. (Rebecca has also been serving as the campus administrator
for Blackboard since the summer while the search for a new educational technologist was conducted.)

With a lot of staffing changes, we’ve been focusing on keeping the library running while we get all of our new colleagues up to speed and settled. In late September we ran what we call “LEAD Week” where (almost) all of the LEAD 101 freshman seminar classes come in for library orientation. We did it as a scavenger hunt game, with a format borrowed from Tompkins-Cortland CC. This year we went with a Game of Thrones–theme for the teams.

The library was also recently awarded two grants related to our archives. One, from the NYSDHP, is for processing records relating to the early history of our college, and is paying for a project archivist to work on those records. Part-time Librarian Jannette D’Esposito is working on her off-days in that role. We also received a grant from the National Parks Service to digitize records relating to Sailors Snug Harbor that will span two years and see us bringing on a digitization specialist and assistant for the grant work.

Morrisville

Adam Saunders

Morrisville State College Library is starting off the semester with a new circulation coordinator at the helm of our circulation services. Erin Kovalsky is coming to us from Syracuse University, where she was a library technician and is finishing up her MLIS. The library is extremely excited to have Erin as a part of our team.

The library is pleased to be welcome the watercolor paintings of Amy McKinnon being displayed on our gallery wall for the early fall semester. The 15 paintings on display are a sample of a larger body of 100 paintings that were done over the course of 100 days. The goal was to complete one work each day, adhering to one’s own constraints or obstructions that would force ingenuity out in unexpected ways and places. Morrisville Library also started off the semester by hosting its annual Library Lemonade Stand during Move-in Weekend. This event is always an excellent opportunity for the librarians and library staff to get to know incoming freshmen, and for the freshmen to get to know who they can seek out when they need help with academics.

Morrisville librarians have been busy with conferences over the past few months. Their Video Game Book Club, hosted as part of the campus STS Symposium, has generated a lot of interest and discussion among peers. Adam Saunders presented a poster titled “Video Game Book Club: A New Spin on an Old Tradition” at the 2017 SUNYLA conference hosted at Stony Brook University. Librarians Angela Rhodes, Mandy Babirad, and Adam Saunders will be at the Journey Into Literacy conference at SUNY Potsdam alongside associate professor Wyatt Galusky, and will be presenting a session titled “Exploring Literacy Through a Video Game ‘Book Club’.”

During the 2017 spring commencement ceremony Associate Librarian Angela Rhodes received the Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Librarianship. Angela received this award due to her dedicated service to the students and campus,
being involved with multiple committees, and her involvement in many campus-wide initiatives. She has contributed greatly to technological advancements and programming at the college library. In addition, she is extremely involved with the community, serving as president of the Hamilton Lions Club and assisting charity organizations.

Onondaga
Fantasia Thorne-Ortiz

Jeff Harr has retired after 18 years of librarianship at OCC. We wish Jeff the best and a world of new adventures!

Fantasia Thorne-Ortiz will serve as Interim Chair of the library beginning in January, and full chair in Fall 2018.

The library kicked off the school year with a variety of activities, including our participation in OCC’s Welcome Week events. We utilized our “bikemobile library” to reach more students during the college’s Resource Fair and Welcome Event.

The first day of the fall semester began with a bang, as students were able to view the eclipse through glasses provided by the library. Students were also able to view the eclipse’s shadow through pinhole viewers made by library staff, as well as viewers made from the college’s 3-D printer.

Oswego
Laura Harris

Due to retirements and other departures, we’ve had a few personnel shifts here at Oswego!

Chris Hebblethwaite is serving as Acting Associate Library Director. Many of you know Chris and that he has been working at Oswego for many years. We’re lucky to have his knowledge and experience in this role!

While Chris is in this role, Michelle Bishop is skillfully managing our research help desk as Acting Coordinator of Reference.

Last but not least, Emily Mitchell is our new Coordinator of Library Technology! We’re excited to have Emily’s problem-solving skills and creativity in this new position.

Plattsburgh
Michelle Toth

On September 8, Plattsburgh hosted a day-long open educational resource (OER) workshop to provide information for staff and faculty about the new statewide OER grant program and about how to incorporate free and open resources into their teaching. Over 30 staff, faculty, and administrators attended over the course of the day, and most attendees left with a renewed enthusiasm about using OERs and were primed to spread the word about them to their colleagues.
Assistant Librarian **Malina Thiede** and Dean of LITS **Holly Heller-Ross** are leading the campus’ OER efforts.

In May, **Malina Thiede** published an article in the open access journal *In the Library With the Lead Pipe*, “Preservation in Practice: A Survey of New York City Digital Humanities Researchers.”

There was an awards ceremony on May 9 for **Bailey Carlin**, who was selected as the 2017 winner of the Feinberg Library Undergraduate Research Prize for his paper “Clinton Street Lawyers Take Control of Plattsburgh in the Early 20th Century,” produced for History Professor **Mark Richard**. The prize carries with it a $500 award (applied to the awardees’ college bill), a certificate, and publication of their submission in the SUNY Plattsburgh Digital Commons. Funding for this prize is provided through the charitable support of the Plattsburgh College Foundation.

Over the summer Feinberg Library’s research help desk moved to adjoin our main service/circulation desk on the second floor. While we are maintaining separate staffing for the various services offered at these desks, we now have a more seamless appearance.

Construction continues around the outside of the library on the campus podium. The main entrance to the library on the second floor remains closed, but the library is accessible through the first-floor doors under the podium or through the college center. Eventually we will have a podium with snow-melting capabilities and sections of plantings and greenery.

**SUNY Polytechnic**

**Rebecca Hewitt**

The library looks forward to hosting a new campus café during the second half of the Fall 2017 semester that will offer New York State products.

**Allison Fiegl**, Library Services and Resources Supervisor, was admitted to the University at Buffalo’s Department of Library & Information Studies master’s degree program over the summer, and has enrolled in an online course for the Fall 2017 semester.

In addition to spearheading the SUNY LSP effort, **Shannon Pritting**, Director of Library and Learning Resources, shared his scholarship at the Great Lakes Resource Sharing Conference, with collaborators **Timothy Jackson** and **Michael C. Mulligan**, in a presentation titled “Resource Sharing Meets Big Data.”

**Research, Outreach, & Instruction Librarian** **Rebecca Hewitt** presented a poster at SUNYLA 2017 titled “Closing the Loop: Operationalizing Three Years of Information Literacy Rubric Assessment Results.”

**Purchase**

**Carrie Marten**

The Digital Collections Center (DCC) at Purchase College continues to grow! Primarily we’ve expanded the kind of collections we digitize and archive, and we’ve increased digital production with the ongoing student employment and
internship initiatives we run all year. In addition to our standard services of digitizing and cataloging art history visuals and the library’s archive of senior projects and graduate theses, we are cataloging, publishing, and preserving oral histories (for the Latin American Studies department) and videoed lectures (for the Art and Design department). By expanding the mission further, we’re serving more of the Purchase campus community and becoming a larger part of the college’s informational fabric.

Every fall and spring, the DCC offers a digital humanities internship. This fall, for the first time, we have enough data on newly digitized senior projects that we’re able to analyze trends and produce infographics to share with the campus. We hope that by analyzing our archives through the DH lens, we can provide a greater understanding of what students on campus produce, as well as how important an active archiving program is to contextualizing community scholarship.

Every summer, the DCC collaborates with faculty librarians to run an archives internship. Like the DH internship, this course is an intense four-credit fieldwork opportunity that runs the student through an archival and special collections gamut. They learn professional standards and produce finding aids, inventories, collection condition analysis, and Web content for our college website and library social media outlets.

The Digital Collections Center at Purchase College Library is actively supported by both staff and administration, which allows operations to grow and succeed. If you have any questions, want to chat about methodology, or collaborate on future projects, conference presentations, or papers, please get in touch. The curator would love that: megan.oliver@purchase.edu OR lib.digital.collections@purchase.edu.

Stony Brook
Jennifer Devito

Members of Stony Brook University Libraries took part in the university's first CommUniversity Day (http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/communiversity/) on September 23. CommUniversity Day is an event to highlight the services and spirit of Stony Brook University. Laura Costello, Jennifer DeVito, Lisa Miller, Claudia McGivney, Kristen Nyitray, and Gisele Schierhorst provided library tours and presented on topics ranging from the Culper spy ring to the Suffolk Symphonic Orchestra to library services. Jay Levenson shared his knowledge of Native American history and Kristen Nyitray created a display of posters of concerts held on the Stony Brook University campus throughout the years. Attendees enjoyed live music, yoga and tai chi, a soccer clinic, an instrument petting zoo, and demonstrations of the innovative activities taking place on campus.

The Stony Brook University Libraries participated in an art crawl that took place on September 14. The event included guided tours of the galleries on campus, including the Lawrence Alloway Memorial Gallery, Special Collections, Zuccaire Gallery, and the Zodiac Gallery.
The Stony Brook University Libraries welcomed a number of new hires over the summer:

Anastasia Chiu, Cataloging and Metadata Librarian  
Donna Darling, Overnight Manager  
Jin Xiu Guo, Director of Collections and Resource Management  
Kristin Hall, Library Assessment & Learning Outcomes Specialist  
Violeta Ilik, Head of Cataloging and Metadata Services  
Matthew Michel, Overnight Supervisor in Access & User Services  
Mona Ramonetti, Science Librarian  
Meghan Sprabary, Manager of the Music Library

Congratulations to Jamie Saragossi who was appointed Head of the Health Sciences Library.

Suffolk
Dawn K. Wing

Penny Bealle, Professor of Library Services at the Eastern Campus of Suffolk County Community College, conducted sabbatical research at the University of South Australia in Adelaide in 2015. This year she published “Community College Academic Integrity Lessons That Put Research Into Practice” in Theory Into Practice. Penny wishes to thank SCCC and UniSA for their support.

The Michael J. Grant Campus at Suffolk County Community College welcomed students, faculty, and staff to the new Learning Resource Center on the opening day of the fall semester. The new building, with its stunning architectural features, houses an information commons that offers students access to myriad services and amenities, including 80+ computers, library reference and academic computing tech help desks, a 3-D printer, a one-button video studio, and group and individual study rooms. Two smart classrooms fill the needs of the hundreds of research classes that come through the library every year. The Center for Academic Excellence, the Writing Center, a lecture hall, and other facilities are also located in the new building. State and local officials are expected to be on hand for the official ribbon-cutting ceremony in October.
Based on her book published last year, Professor of Library Services and Librarian Sue DeMasi was interviewed by BBC Radio over the summer for their upcoming series on the New Deal. It will air in November in the UK and be available via the Web in the U.S. She also had an article published in APG Quarterly this summer and was named a national associate of The Living New Deal, an organization based at the University of California, Berkeley. The group publicizes “the achievements of the New Deal and its public works across all fifty states.” She was part of the group who met at the Franklin Roosevelt Presidential Library in August to celebrate New Deal achievements. A highlight was spending time with the grandchildren of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, and Frances Perkins. Sue also has talks coming up on Long Island this fall about her book, Henry Alsberg: The Driving Force of the New Deal Federal Writers’ Project.

Dawn K. Wing, Assistant Professor of Library Services and Media Librarian, is excited to announce that her comic The Visit will be a part of a curated group exhibition called “Sick! Reclaiming Illness Through Comics” in Berlin, Germany. This is Dawn’s first time contributing to an international comics exhibition. The exhibition is a part of the academic conference “Stories of Illness/Disability in Literature and Comics: Intersections of the Medical, the Personal, and the Cultural,” sponsored by Freie Universitat Berlin. She looks forward to attending this conference October 26–29.

Dawn also recently conducted a zine-making workshop at the 2017 Annual ALA’s Zine Pavilion in Chicago. In addition to teaching librarians and educators how to create their own mini-zines, she exhibited her own zines and those created by her LIB101: Introduction to College Research students.

Tompkins Cortland
Karla Block

Tompkins Cortland librarians (Karla Block, Eric Jenes, Barbara Kobritz, Susanna Van Sant, and Ben Wrubel) conducted a workshop on fake news and media literacy for instructors in the CollegeNow concurrent enrollment program. We presented a number of lesson plans and discussion ideas for instructors to use as they teach students to identify the most authoritative sources amidst others that are questionable, biased, or downright false. Those activities included playing a game on spotting inflammatory headlines, demonstrating reverse image searching, discussing using the ACRL Framework for Information Literacy in evaluating sources, and using LibGuides to provide additional support throughout a semester. The workshop was well received. We plan to offer a similar workshop to college staff and faculty at the college’s annual Fall Day retreat.

Tompkins Cortland librarians remain connected with the South Central Regional Library Council. Eric Jenes has begun a three-year term on the Educational Services Advisory Committee. Gregg Kiehl serves on the Board of Trustees, and Susanna Van Sant finished one term on Educational Services and renewed a three-year term on the Advisory Committee on Information Technology and Services.

Susanna Van Sant was promoted to Associate Professor and awarded Continuing Appointment.

Adjunct librarian Ben Wrubel accepted a position as Senior Manuscript Processor at Cornell University Library’s Rare and Manuscript Collections. We said goodbye to him on September 8.
Tompkins Cortland introduced some new strategies to welcome incoming students this year. Several staff from the library helped provide a college faculty/staff presence for a Welcome Walk on the main day of orientation. Library staff (Karla Block, Eric Jenes, Gregg Kiehl, Barbara Kobritz, Susanna Van Sant, and Lucy Yang) also volunteered as greeters to welcome students to campus and assist with providing basic information on the first two days of classes. In addition, several library staff (including Karla Block, Barbara Kobritz, and Lucy Yang) volunteered to be Floor Friends for the residence halls this year. Individuals or groups were asked to “adopt” a floor to be more involved with students on that floor.
Submit contributions for the February 2018 issue to April Davies DaviesAC@cobleskill.edu

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