

SUNYLA Council Meeting

June 3, 2015

SUNY Purchase

Library

10:00am –3:00pm

Attendance: Roasanne Humes, Rebecca Hyams, Jenny Collins, Carleen Huxley, Katrina Frazier, Carrie Marten, April Davies, Jill Locasio, John S., Eva Sclipa, Sarah Quinlay, Bill Jones, Bob Olive, Mary T, Katherine B, Jennifer

Virtual Attendees: check registration list

1. Approval of Minutes from March 13, 2015 meeting.
 - 1.1. Approved with change from April Davies
2. Report Recaps
 - 2.1. Officers
 - 2.1.1. President – Rosanne Humes
 - 2.1.1.1. SCLD spring meeting with Becky, OER and the pre-meeting on assessment. Katrina is done with her term as Metro 3R's rep, Jill Locasio will be the new liaison for next 3 years.
 - 2.1.2. First Vice President – Rebecca Hyams
 - 2.1.2.1. Attended SCLD spring meeting, she started sitting in on SCLD conference calls. The election was run, Bill Jones is the new 1st Vice President, Laura Evans will be 2nd V.P. from Binghamton, and Greg Bobish has another term as Treasurer. The delegate list is looking good. Next year's conference will be at Binghamton, and they are looking forward to it!
 - 2.1.3. Second Vice President – Carrie Marten
 - 2.1.3.1. Welcome to SUNYLA 2015! Registration has people trickling in and all seems to be in order. Thanks Logan for your tireless efforts! Enjoy! Email Carrie Marten if you have any questions. Rosanne added that the 2nd floor common room is the hangout location for the conference.
 - 2.1.4. Secretary – Carrie Fishner
 - 2.1.4.1. No Report
 - 2.1.5. Treasurer – Greg Bobish
 - 2.1.5.1. Hi everyone, I've attached the treasurer's report here. Our bank balance is \$23,498.52. We also currently have 33,804.77 in PayPal, most of which is conference money that will eventually be transferred to the conference account to pay bills. I don't have any way to predict how much of that we'll get back after the conference account is closed out, but there are a fair number of membership payments in there, so we can expect to keep at least some of it. (on SUNYLA forum)
 - 2.2. Committees
 - 2.2.1. Membership Development – Wendy West
 - 2.2.1.1. Membership stats:
 - 2016 renewing = 30
 - 2016 renewing delegates = 2
 - 2016 new members = 1

2015 expiring memberships = 222
2015 expiring memberships delegates = 42
2015 new members (expiring) = 14

News:

Work in the Membership Directory:

Ongoing: address the duplicate entries in the database admin section

Ongoing: Merge entries in admin section with the current directory

The lanyards for SUNYLA have arrived! 250 went to the 2015 conference and the remaining 250 are housed at UAlbany with the current MDC chair. We have not gotten the invoice for the lanyards yet from Proforma Shrader and Sharder. Hope everyone likes them!

Reminder: Membership Development Committee meeting

Date: Wednesday, June 3

Time: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Location: -Library 0014, basement

Everyone is welcome! If you are unable to attend the meeting or would just like to chat with me about the committee please contact me at 518-442-3633 or wwest@albany.edu

2.2.2. Personnel Policies – Eugene Harvey

2.2.2.1. Salary survey has gone out, attempted it last year but it fell flat then. The last survey was from 2008. Should we send out reminders before the due date? They will extend the deadline if necessary.

2.2.3. Professional Development – Justina Elmore and Katrina Fraser

2.2.3.1. The PDC participated in the following activities:

I. A. Professional Development Grants Subcommittee (Lisa Errico, Chair)

There have been no new applications since the March SUNYLA Council meeting. During this fiscal year, the PDG Subcommittee reviewed eight applications and awarded five grants. The PDG Subcommittee anticipated greater interest and requested additional funding in the amount of \$2,500 in February. This request increased the balance to \$3,000 that is available to subsidize grant requests. Reports from grant recipients have been submitted and forwarded to Jennifer Kegler, Chair of the Newsletter Committee.

B. Conference Awards (Kim Myers, Chair)

i. Dan Kissane and Sylvia Chu Memorial Scholarships (Kim Myers)

The requirement that excluded session presenters from qualifying for the Sylvia Chu Memorial Scholarship was waived this year. The Conference Awards Subcommittee will re-evaluate criteria for both the Sylvia Chu and Dan Kissane Scholarships. These new guidelines will be implemented next

year.

The Conference Awards Subcommittee selected twelve Sylvia Chu and one Dan Kissane Scholarship awardees this year.

ii. Friend of SUNYLA (Greg Bobbish)

A nominee was selected.

II. Mentoring Program

Justina posted a message on the SUNYLA listserv in April seeking a volunteer (s) for a mentor with expertise in obtaining tenure/promotion, taking on leadership roles, circulation & access services, and library instruction to mentor new librarians.

2.2.4. Publications – Jennifer Kegler

2.2.4.1. 1) The May 2015 newsletter has been published.

2) The committee has set an earlier due date for newsletter submissions of September 5, 2015, in order to have the newsletter published for the October edition.

3) Several professional development grant recipients submitted their reports about their use of the grant money. According to the chair's records, we are up to date.

4) After ten years of service on the newsletter committee, Jennifer Kegler is finishing her term as the chair and stepping down as a member.

2.2.5. TUG – Bill Jones

2.2.5.1. There will be a Technology User Group Committee meeting today (June 3rd) at Purchase College Library, room 0012 (Lower Level) from 4pm - 5pm. Everyone is invited to join

2.2.6. Web Development – Katherine Brent

2.2.6.1.

- Paid the renewal for the sunyla.net domain.

- The forums were getting inundated by Russian and Chinese spammers and pushing our domain over the allowable limits for our hosting provider; I tweaked the forum sign-up security slightly, so if anyone has trouble setting up accounts, please let me know. I also may have blocked the entirety of the Ukraine from accessing the site.

- Updated the SUNY libraries and staff listings page.

- Other updates continue as needed; if you find outdated information, please let me know so it can be fixed.

2.2.6.2. Send Katherine your conference presentations so that they can be added to the site!

2.2.7. WGIL – Michelle Castello and Michael Daly

2.2.7.1. There will be a 3T's Conference this fall, but it may be a simpler format, like an "unconference"

2.2.8. Archives (ad hoc) – ?

2.2.8.1. Jennifer Collins (Delhi) will be relieving Dan of the Chair position

2.2.9. Continuing Ed (ad hoc) – Logan Rath

- 2.2.9.1. SUNY Center for Professional Development, thinking of redoing this. Logan would like to step down and thinks it should be part of Professional Development. Discussion is needed. We need someone willing to engage in discussion to see where it is going. Request for information from Logan on what ran, attendance, any feedback from those who participated? Is Logan willing to come in and give information to the Council in the September meeting? Timing, what does the cost of a course cover, schedule given for the year? Revamping of promotion was suggested. Polling membership for interest in tracks, not just a certificate track.
- 2.2.10. WGIL SUNY GER Information Management Task Force – Carleen Huxley
- 2.2.10.1. We're sort of in limbo. Our task force sent our draft document to the leaders of the SUNY University Faculty Senate and Faculty Council of Community Colleges.

I ended up following up with Peter Knuepfer (University Faculty Senate) on the phone who indicated that the executive board had reviewed the document but was not very supportive of the idea of revising SUNY GenEd. I don't think it was because they didn't like the revision itself. I gathered it had more to do with the fact that they felt it was too much work to go through the process and weren't optimistic that it would have much effect even if we did. Our task force has actually debated this very thing during our meetings.

Instead, they're suggesting that we attempt to "promote the change on a campus level". I tried to explain that it's hard for librarians to be "heard" on campuses regarding infolite and if he really wanted that approach to work then we needed to create conversation about it at the Faculty Senate/FCCC level. He seemed to agree with that. So, he's taking it back to the executive board. We were supposed to touch base after the last plenary but I haven't heard from him yet. I'll probably contact him after the conference to follow-up. The task force is working on creating a rubric that can be used (document is in the March forum post)

2.3. Liaisons

- 2.3.1. FACT2 – Logan Rath
 - 2.3.1.1. No report
- 2.3.2. LACUNY – Kimmy Szeto/Frans Albarillo
 - 2.3.2.1. No report
- 2.3.3. SCFC - April Davies
 - 2.3.3.1. SCFC had a conference call on March 18. The main topics of discussion were SUNYConnect core services and what all should be brought to SCLD's April conference for discussion.

There was another meeting at the SCLD conference but I didn't find out about it until after it was over. There hasn't been any communication from SCFC since then that I know of. I found out through non-SCFC channels that a revision to SCLD's bylaws with regard to the SCFC was passed at their business meeting. SUNYLA will still be represented on the committee, here

are the pertinent bits:

VII) Committees.

2. SUNYConnect Coordinating & Finance Committee (SCFC)

b. Membership:

v. SUNY Librarians Association (SUNYLA) shall have one non-voting member.

c. Terms

i. July to June

ii. Two year

iii. Maximum two consecutive terms, except OLIS

(excerpted from the proposal document, SCLD's website hasn't been updated yet)

Other SCFC-related issues such as SUNYConnect core services were also on the agenda but, since there hasn't been any communication, I don't know what was said or decided or anything. From the same non-SCFC channels, I've heard that there was "extensive discussion" regarding core services at the sector meetings. That, unfortunately, is all I know at this time.

***ACTION ITEM: My 2 consecutive terms as SCFC liaison are done at the end of June. A new liaison needs to be appointed by the President and approved by the Council.

2.3.3.2. Should this be a part of the President or VP's duties? Becky will take on now as liaison

2.3.4. IDS – Bill Jones

2.3.4.1. The IDS Project's 11th Annual Summer Conference is Thursday, July 30th, and Friday, July 31st at the Hilton Garden Inn in Watertown, NY. This year's conference theme is "Navigating the Rivers of Data Driven Productivity." Approximately 250 attendees are expected.

On Wednesday, July 29th, we will be hosting two Pre-Conference Sessions concurrently with the All-Region User Group Meeting. The first session on ILLiad Webpages will include modifying and enhancing your ILLiad webpages to work best for your library. Having IT experience will help though it isn't required. The second session on ILLiad Addons will be a programming session that will go over the basics of the programming language Lua, the ILLiad Client, and how to create your own Client Addons. If you have some programming knowledge, then the session will be easier to understand, but it is not a requirement. Attendees are expected to bring their own laptop with a connection to a live instance of ILLiad.

This year's conference is packed with information and training regarding exciting new technologies and strategies for access, resource sharing and acquisitions/collection development. You can choose to follow an entire track or choose individual sessions from across each track. (See report forum for more information)

2.3.5. OLIS – John Schumacher

2.3.5.1. SUNYConnect LMS and Related Activities

- OLIS and SCLD executive board will be reviewing vendor responses to SUNY's Request for Information soliciting information from next generation library management system vendors;
- Public versions of vendors' RFI responses will be made available to the SUNY library community;
- OLIS will provide updates on the shared catalog/single bib project at the SUNYLA Conference.

EBSCO Discovery Service

- All campuses have at least initial configuration of the EBSCO tool Curriculum Builder (reading list interoperability between CMS (Bb, etc.) and EDS); the vendor hosted and supported version of the tool is available to all interested SUNY EDS campuses at no additional charge (through June 2017);
- EBSCO and Northern NY Library Network are looking into the feasibility of including the New York Historic Newspaper content in EDS;
- Some of the SUNY EDS sites can be found [here](#).

Full-Text Finder (EBSCO)

- See EBSCO's schedule of training sessions; including ones on Full Text Finder.

Electronic Resources

- Renewal costs of shared nursing ebook program have been received from the vendor (STAT!Ref); contact OLIS Liaison if you are interested in participating;
- Scopus is available to all SUNY ScienceDirect campuses; "Scopus is the largest abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature" [vendor website];
- ArtStor "Shared Shelf" amendment to SUNY-ArtStor contract being finalized; vendor has agreed to an additional discount;
- Kanopy demand driven acquisition program offer (initiated by Western NY 3R) is available to all SUNY libraries;
- Update to SUNY ScienceDirect knowledgebase (May 2015) has been sent to ProQuest and EBSCO;
- Cold calls (and related) – please contact the OLIS Liaison if you are interested in one or more of the following: American Academy of Pediatrics, NEJM Journal Watch, Statista (initial contact with vendor has been made).

Open SUNY and Related Activities

- Open SUNY Executive Director, Kim Scalzo is scheduled to start later this month;
- Introduction to Open Educational Resources (OERs) course was facilitated by Karen Gardner-Athey and included librarian, instructional designer and teaching faculty participants;

- Open SUNY Affordable Learning Solutions on “adopting OERs;
- OER community/content is now included in the SUNY Digital Repository; see this link for more information on participating;
- Provide your feedback, comments, questions regarding Open SUNY

SUNYConnect Information / Resources

- For additional information about SUNYConnect
<http://www.SUNYConnect.suny.edu/>
- OLIS’ Footprints Service Request System
<http://service.sunyconnect.suny.edu/footprints/help.html>
- OLIS Support Portal
<http://wiki.sunyconnect.suny.edu/display/OLIS/Support+Portal>
- SUNYConnect union catalog
<http://search.sunyconnect.suny.edu/>

Links (in this document)

- <https://sunyla2015.wordpress.com/>
- <http://www.ebscohost.com/discovery/customization/curriculum-builder>
- <http://wiki.sunyconnect.suny.edu/pages/viewpage.action?pageId=21925277>
- <https://ebcotraining.webex.com/mw0401lsp12/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=ebcotraining>
- <http://www.ebscohost.com/discovery/technology/full-text-finder>
- <http://www.statref.com/>
- <http://www.elsevier.com/online-tools/scopus>
- <http://www.artstor.org/sharedshelf>
- <https://www.kanopystreaming.com/>
- <http://wiki.sunyconnect.suny.edu/download/attachments/5112822/Kanopy+offer+2015.docx>
- <https://www.aap.org/en-us/professional-resources/publications-and-journals/pages/publications-and-journals.aspx>
- <http://www.jwatch.org/about/journal-watch>
- <http://www.statista.com/>
- <http://www.cvent.com/d/drq011>
- <http://opensunyals.org/adoptingoers.html>
- <https://dspace.sunyconnect.suny.edu/handle/1951/65009>
- http://opensunyals.org/oer_sdr.html
- <http://commons.suny.edu/opensuny/feedback/>
- <http://commons.suny.edu/opensuny>

2.3.6. UUP – Dan Harms

- 2.3.6.1. Activity of A48 committee, main negotiations for new contract are starting up – moving in support of negotiator with information provided. Encourages everyone to go to negotiation committee on campuses and discuss any issues there. Feels good that A48 will continue in the next contract. NYSUT also has advocacy emails going out

2.3.7. METRO 3R’s-Katrina Frazier

2.3.7.1. I represented SUNYLA at two programs that were organized by ALLN (Archives and Library Leadership Network). The Student Mixer took place at Queens College on March 17, 2015. I also attended "From the Classroom to the Community: Social Justice in Library and Information Science." This program was held at St John's University on Saturday, May 18, 2015. It was a full-day conference that featured Marybeth Zeman, author of *Tales of a Jailhouse Librarian: Challenging the Juvenile Justice System One Book at a Time* and the keynote address entitled "Dark Matter" by Michael Edson, Web and New Media Strategist, Smithsonian Institution. Library students from the Division of Library and Information Science also discussed their research throughout the program. During both events, I participated in the "Meet the Professional Organizations of New York" segments. I highlighted the benefits of SUNYLA student membership and scholarships and I networked with library students.

SUNYLA President Rosanne Humes and new METRO 3Rs Liaison Jill Locascio attended the "Welcome to the Open House" that was held on May 20, 2015 at METRO in Manhattan. It was sponsored by ALLN (Archives and Library Leadership Network of New York City) and METRO. The purpose of this event was to welcome new librarians to the profession and provide them an opportunity to network with library organizations. Each participating library organization was asked to have a representative attend the event and submit a raffle item. On behalf of SUNYLA, Rosanne donated a certificate for a free one-year student membership and an Amazon Gift Card.

2.3.8. NYLA – Wendy West

2.3.8.1. Here's an update from the chair of Academic and Special Libraries Section, Karen Gardner-Athey

Elections are coming up and our ASLS slate is complete, although not yet public.

The programs for our annual NYLA conference in Lake Placid are set. Annual conference is from October 21 -24.

3. Old Business

3.1.1. Lanyards – at the conference!

3.1.2. Revised Expenditures: April Davies – put like with like and updating the policy were the goals. Any comments or questions? Rosanne asked for the biggest change: TUG chair is eligible for travel, and the specifications of policy were clarified and the policies reorganized. Any Discussion? Motion was made to pass, seconded, and then approved unanimously

4. New Business (including action items from reports)

4.1.1. TUG Users Group: TUG chair responsibilities – changes to duties in the bylaws to include virtual component of SUNYLA Council meetings and overseeing council listserv

4.1.2. Becky - update the manual with expected duties that were not clearly defined before. Discussion? What if the chair can't be there? Add designee to attend meetings and include regular listserv list – and clarify “membership of Listserv up to date”. Motion to approve as amended in spirit – seconded – Motion passed unanimously

4.2. Committee Chairs:

4.2.1. Bill is stepping down as TUG Chair to become 1st V.P. – Jill Locasio from Optometry was approved as replacement.

4.2.2. Term for WGL Chairs Michelle & Michael is up. – Volunteered co-chairs are Logan Rath & Carleen Huxley – passed

4.2.3. SCFC liaison – April's term is up. Non-voting committee liaison, anyone interested?

4.2.4. Still looking for an archivist – Jenny Collins asked for details and volunteered – passed

4.2.5. Publications and Communications Chair looking to be replaced also – April Davies volunteered - passed

4.3 Conference evaluations (Carrie Marten) – why are we still paper? Why are they used? What are they for? Do they still go to presenters? CIT – SUNY events app? What is it, and how do we use it? Should we move to an online format? Are session surveys SUNYLA's job? It was suggested that in the future session presenters provide their own evaluations if they wish to have them. Presenter can work with moderator of session to complete them. This year we will collect and give right back to the presenter after the session.

4.4 Vote on Friend of SUNYLA Award – Cerise Oberman – moved, seconded, approved
Adjourned at 11:59am

CAMPUS UPDATES:

Maritime (Rebecca Hyams)

After several months of searching, the Stephen B. Luce Library has hired a new director. Our new director, Kristin Hart, will be joining us in July. For the past 12 years she has managed library operations at Adelphi University's Manhattan campus library. We're excited to have her join us.

As for the rest of us, we are fully in summer mode (read: very busy working on numerous projects). Our training ship is on its way across the Atlantic and we've been posting updates from the Ship's Librarian to our blog and Facebook page, which is (as always) very popular with the parents.

Cobleskill (April Davies)

The big news here is that we're going to be hiring again because *one of you* poached our practically-new Instructional Design Librarian. Given the imminent change in campus leadership (new prez starts July 1), we're not sure when the paperwork will get signed allowing us to start the search but it will be sometime this summer.

The expansion of Special Collections is moving quickly and it looks great. If no delays crop up it

should be ready to show off by fall.

The Library hosted Cobleskill's first Student Research Showcase in April. It turned out great considering we only had about 3 weeks to pull it together. Many of the posters are now available in our digital repository. Speaking of which, we finally started our digital repository (www.cobleskill.edu/library/digital-repository.asp). There's not a ton it yet but that will change over summer since we have an intern starting soon to help out with the project.

TC3 (Susanna)

Only one of us is heading off to Purchase for the conference. The rest of us are staying here to continue work on our recent inventory, helping a cohort of summer students from the Dominican Republic, and preparing for a group of faculty who will be here for an intensive English language institute. Plus tackling all those other summer project plans.

Tutoring services have been housed in different parts of the Baker Commons. This summer, the math, science, business and accounting tutoring is moving upstairs (where the library is) to be co-located with writing tutoring. So we're also rearranging our space and changing signs, web pages, etc.. It'll be really good - eventually. 😊

SUNY Adirondack (Joyce Miller)

The library staff received several acknowledgements at SUNY Adirondack's annual Faculty and Staff Recognition Program on May 8, 2015: Library Division Chair Teresa Ronning, for 20 years of service; Library Assistant Bertha Belanger for 25 years of service; and Reference and Instruction Librarian Joyce Miller, for 20 years of service. Joyce was also promoted to Distinguished Professor of Library Science, starting in the 2015-2016 academic year. For photos, see: <http://sunyacc.edu/academics/events/other>.

Genesee CC (Michelle Eichelberger)

None of us will be able to make it to Purchase this year but we hope to represent at Binghamton next year.

After compiling all of our stats for the spring, we were pleased to see that weekend head counts and gate counts were up 25% from Spring of 2014. Our two new additional dorm buildings may have something to do with the usage increase, but whatever the reason, we're glad to be busy.

Part-time reference librarian and cataloger Michele Asmus was recently recognized for 10 years of service at GCC.

Librarians Nicki Lerczak and Cindy Francis submitted a grant proposal to bring therapy dogs to the library for study week, and are waiting to hear if the proposal was approved.

Librarians Cindy Hagelberger, Nicki Lerczak, Sarah Karas, Rich Bartl, Michele Asmus, and technical assistant Stephanie Smith put together a presentation on customer service, complete with locally-produced videos depicting challenging patrons, for GCC's annual Mini Summit training days in May 2015.

Jefferson CC (Carleen Huxley)

We do have some exciting news coming out of JCC! We're finally building our new Collaborative Learning Center. You can read about it hear.

<http://www.sunyjefferson.edu/node/3051>

Alfred (Eva Sclipa)

Four of us here at Scholes/the College of Ceramics will be headed to Purchase this week, which is all but one to hold down the fort--looking forward to seeing everyone!

Renovations continue on the Engineering floor after our flooding issue this winter. We are on track to be complete by fall.

In other areas of the library, following SUNY ESF's hosting of the same exhibit, Scholes will be hosting a series of events surrounding the National Library of Medicine's "Harry Potter's World" exhibit. The introductory blog post is here:

<https://aulibrarynews.wordpress.com/2015/04/02/harry-potters-world-coming-to-scholes-library/>

We're planning a wide range of events, including a Horcrux scavenger hunt, opening reception, talks and lectures, live animal demonstration, student art exhibit, and closing Halloween Ball. Several local public libraries will also be participating with their own concurrent events.

Monroe CC (Mary Timmons)

Several of us from Monroe Community College will be attending the SUNYLA Conference. Personal Changes: The Library is in the midst of hiring a new assistant director. The college itself will be welcoming a new Provost in July; this represents the first major change in divisional leadership for the library for a good 18 years. Recently the college underwent a major reorganization and Library Services (and its upper administration) moved back with Academic Services.

Now that the summer is here we are working on the backlog of projects that piled up over the busy Spring semester. We are heavily involved in OER initiatives throughout the college. In March, we hosted a college wide conference to introduce the topic to the faculty and get them excited about adopting open resources for their classes. Several faculty have applied for and won internal grants to explore and implement OER.

Stony Brook (Jenn Devito)

Research Forum

On May 7, Stony Brook University Libraries hosted a Lightning Talk Research Forum. Library faculty presented briefly on their research and Selenay Aytac from Long Island University and Bruce Slutsky from New Jersey Institute of Technology led a discussion on their findings from "Published Librarian Research, 2008 through 2012: Analyses and Perspectives."

From Special Collections & University Archives

1777 American Revolution-Long Island letter acquired

Special Collections has acquired a letter from December 1777 authored by Samuel Blachley Webb (1753-1807), an aide and secretary to George Washington. Days after this writing, Webb was captured by the British in Setauket and held for over three years. Blachley served during the

Battle of Setauket (August 1777), the Battle of Long Island (August 1776), and crossed the Delaware with Washington during the Christmas day battle in 1776. He also wrote Washington's order to distribute the Declaration of Independence and held the Bible on which Washington took his first oath of office.

Written two weeks before the Continental Army's encampment at Valley Forge, Webb gives thanks in the letter dated December 5, 1777, for his own winter supplies and discusses the failure, for want of troops, to take British-held Long Island. The attack had been delayed after Connecticut's governor failed to replace troops sent to assist "General Washington" in Pennsylvania. Webb asks incredulously "are we with this handful to offer Battle to three times our numbers – & they strongly entrenched" before laying out the unused battle plan and hints of future action.

Rare 1897 Map of Long Island acquired

A very rare, perhaps the first, dedicated road map of Long Island from the earliest days of the automobile has been acquired by Special Collections of the University Libraries. Published by Hyde & Company in June 1897, The Standard Road Map of Long Island documents Long Island's roads at the dawn of the automobile age. Comprised of two sheets, it takes special account of the automobile, as it highlights in blue both major and well-made roads ("macadamized roads, well loamed boulevards and hard dirt roads"). The map includes secondary roads, trolley lines, railroads, and hotels. Barrier islands, including Fire Island, and marshy areas along the southern shore are also rendered with considerable precision. Stony Brook University Libraries has the largest collection of regional maps on Long Island.

Historic 1793 Document conserved

A historic letter regarding the Montauk Point Lighthouse, written in 1793 and housed in Special Collections of the University Libraries, has been conserved. In the letter, dated February 21, 1793, George Clinton, the first Governor of New York, writes to his friend Thomas Jefferson, who would later be elected as Vice President, about the transfer of land in Montauk, Long Island, New York to the United States of America. The Second United States Congress under president George Washington subsequently appropriated \$20,000 on March 2, 1793 to build a lighthouse in Montauk.

The condition of the letter was fair when it was acquired. The medium was iron gall ink, which is acidic and can deteriorate paper. To stabilize and ensure its longevity, the document was cleaned, mended, humidified, flattened, and re-housed by the Conservation Center for Art & Historic Artifacts in Philadelphia, one of the largest nonprofit conservation centers in the country.

Food and China's Silk Road: Influences to and from the West

"Food and China's Silk Road: Influences to and from the West," a sold-out event co-sponsored by the University Libraries, was held Wednesday, May 6, in the Charles B. Wang Center. An engaged and enthused audience of students, faculty/staff, and community members gathered for a spirited lecture by historian Dr. Jacqueline M. Newman and a food tasting. Guests learned about the East-West cultural exchanges that occurred on the Silk Road through the medium of food, and sampled dishes prepared from recipes selected by Dr. Newman. This year marked the tenth anniversary of the annual cultural event.

Dr. Jacqueline M. Newman is professor emerita, Queens College, and the founder and editor of the award-winning magazine *Flavor and Fortune*, the first and only English-language quarterly

about Chinese food and dietary culture. Dr. Newman has donated more than 4,000 Chinese cookbooks, culinary magazines, and related audio-visual materials to Special Collections, Stony Brook University Libraries. It is the largest collection of its type in the world. Dr. Newman has established an endowment for collection care and event programming.

Albany

Dean and Director Search:

The Library Dean and Director search is under way. The vacancy announcement can be seen here: <http://albany.interviewexchange.com/jobofferdetails.jsp?JOBID=57437>. Please feel free to share with any qualified people you know who you think may be interested. Application review will begin immediately, and applications should be submitted via the Isaacson Miller job ad: <http://www.imsearch.com/5366>.

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost:

We are pleased to welcome James R. Stellar, our new Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost. Prior to joining the University at Albany, Stellar served as provost and vice president for academic affairs and then as vice president for academic innovation and experiential education at Queens College, part of the City University of New York (CUNY). Stellar earned his doctorate in biological psychology from the University of Pennsylvania, where he also completed his post-doctoral studies. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pennsylvania.

Cortland

A lot of things happening at SUNY Cortland:

- We have had numerous retirements, including Gretchen Douglas, Librarian and Computer Applications Instructor and Dawn van Hall, Technology and Imaging Specialist and Co-Coordinator of Native American Studies. After many years of distinguished service, they are sadly leaving us. They will be missed. We have also hired many new amazing people, including Brian Story, an Instructional Services Librarian. We are also in the hiring process of a new Computer Applications Administrator and Computer Applications Program Instructor.
- Our Information Literacy Instruction Program is working on a strategic plan, as well as implementing new and interesting programming and outreach.
- We are excited to be hosting traveling exhibit from the National Library of Medicine entitled Harry Potter's World, Renaissance Science, Magic, and Medicine coming later this summer. In addition, we are hosting a new rotating student art exhibit within the library.
- Other fun stuff....We have implemented a new EDS over the past year and over the summer we are planning an upgrade of libguides.