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SUNYLA Happenings

By Marianne Eimer, President

Let me start by welcoming all of you to a new semester, and a new year for the SUNYLA organization. I would like to introduce myself, to those of you I have not had the privilege of meeting in person. I am from SUNY Fredonia, where I am the Head of Reference and Bibliographic Instruction. Along with teaching and performing reference desk duties, I oversee the Reference department and the Bibliographic Instruction program with 4 librarians assigned to this area, and 5 additional librarians who also participate on a limited basis.

This past summer we received good news from the SUNY FACT Advisory Council and the Planning Committee for the Conference on Instructional Technologies (CIT) 2003 annual conference. Due to its overwhelming success from last year's conference, SUNYLA has once again been invited to direct the planning of the Information Literacy Track this coming year in Potsdam. This track is dedicated to issues on information literacy, with past SUNYLA President Gretchen Douglas in charge this year of guiding the planning and session selection for this track. This provides an excellent opportunity for librarians currently working jointly with their faculty colleagues to educate those faculty who have not yet undertaken any such efforts in introducing information literacy competencies into their coursework. Keep in mind that CIT is the largest technology conference in SUNY. This conference affords SUNY librarians a venue for presenting existing efforts of librarian/faculty cooperation which demonstrate the fulfillment of standards required for information literacy competency. Look for more information on this upcoming event in future issues.

As previously reported in this newsletter, SUNY institutions are participating in a statewide collaborative effort that brings together the 65 SUNY libraries, 19 CUNY libraries, and approximately 185 private college libraries, which has been titled the ***Higher Education Initiative***. The purpose of this collaboration is to foster a joint negotiation of database licensing, and also explore and promote new methods of scholarly communication. On a positive note, the organizational structure is moving forward, with the financial plan in place, and a draft of the bylaws ready for consideration. In these times of shrinking budgets and greater information

needs, these efforts will be most beneficial in furthering our goals as SUNY librarians, directly influencing the access our libraries offer to quality resources.

We have a new organization to welcome to SUNY libraries. Recently, with the help of the SUNYLA organization, the *State University of New York Aleph Users Group* came into existence. Otherwise known as the SUNYAUG, this group intends to provide a forum for the support of all New York state institutions which are participating in the implementation of the ALEPH library management system produced by ExLibris. The discussion of enhancement issues, training and workshops for members, and establishing a network of communication with the Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS), the North American Aleph Users' Group (NAAUG), and ExLibris are some of its goals. With the *SUNYConnect* efforts towards uniting all SUNY libraries by utilizing a common library management system well under way, it is now time for those campuses which have the ALEPH system functioning to step forward and help pave the way for the remaining campuses. This organization provides a more formal setting for collegial networking which will be devoted to ALEPH issues. I would encourage all SUNYLA members to participate as fully as possible in the activities sponsored by SUNYAUG, which after all, are focusing on improving campus OPAC environments. In fact, the eleven campuses that are part of Group 3 have begun their ALEPH implementation.

Also noteworthy is that the SFX software for linking online resources is now in production at the three pilot sites, Binghamton, Cobleskill, and Fredonia. SFX is considered to offer a viable solution for linking online resources in a consortial setting, and is being introduced into SUNY through *SUNYConnect* initiatives.

Current Officers

The officers who will be working with me this year are:

Hilary Sternberg (Buffalo State College)	1 st Vice-President/President Elect
Elizabeth Gulaczy (Alfred Ceramics)	Treasurer
Nancy Frasier (Buffalo State College)	Secretary

Recent Appointments within SUNYLA:

Gretchen Douglas (Cortland) has been appointed to be the SUNYLA representative for the Information Literacy Track at this year's CIT 2003 conference, to be held at Potsdam.

Jenny Baker (Brockport) has taken on the position of co-chair of the Publications Committee, and will be working with Jim Coan (Oneonta).

Eileen O'Hara is now the delegate for Brockport.

Michael Morin (University at Buffalo) has been appointed to be the FACT Advisory Council Liaison from SUNYLA.

Our next SUNYLA Executive Council meeting is set for November 15, 2002 in the Albany area. Attendance by officers, organizational liaisons, and campus delegates is strongly encouraged, but all members are welcome.



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Staff News:

Daniel McShane, previously at the University of Virginia, has joined the library faculty as the Electronic Resources Librarian.

Vivien E. Zazzau, previously at SUNY Plattsburgh, has joined the library faculty as a User Education/Reference Librarian.

Grants:

Laura Cohen received a UUP Individual Development Award to write a scholarly article on Web site usage statistics.

Publications:

Bernnard, Deborah F. and Jacobson, Trudi E. "The committee that worked: developing an information literacy course by group process" *Research Strategies* 18(2)

Trudi E. Jacobson and Lijuan Xu, "Motivating Students in Credit-based Information Literacy Courses: Theories and Practice." *Portal* 2 (3): 423-41.

Laura Cohen published her sixth annual bibliographic essay for the *Web Supplement of Choice*, "Text to Multimedia: A Query-Based Approach to Searching the Web." *Choice* 39 Supplement, p. 5-17.

Alfred State College

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Alfred State College and Alfred University announced in May that they are exploring a consolidation of the two institutions. A consolidation has the potential for creating a comprehensive public/private university with more than 5,000 students. The State University of New York has hired the Education Alliance, a Boston-based consulting company, to assist the two institutions through negotiations.

Alfred State College began in 1908 as the New York State School of Agriculture at Alfred University. Like the State University of New York College of Ceramics at Alfred University, it was a state-funded division of Alfred University. In 1948 it became part of the State University of New York.

One of the intentions of consolidation talks announced by Alfred State College President William Rezak in May was that a consolidation would reduce administrative costs. Another purpose would be to resolve the name-identity conflict resulting from two institutions with similar names across the street from each other.

In August it was announced that Alfred State College might become a statutory unit of Alfred University in a way similar to, but not the same as, the Ceramics College at Alfred, or the four SUNY units administered by Cornell University. Other models have been under consideration.

A decision on whether or not to consolidate will be made by late 2002. If the two institutions agree to consolidate, the State University of New York would have to approve the plan, before it would go to the New York State Legislature.

Librarians at the three academic libraries in Alfred (the Hinkle Library at Alfred State College, Herrick Library at Alfred University, and Scholes Library at SUNY Ceramics) will soon be meeting to discuss additional means of cooperation.

Grants:

The Hinkle Memorial Library at Alfred State College has received grants totaling \$20,000 from the Western New York Foundation, the Allegany County Area Foundation, and other institutions to expand and renovate its recently renamed Jean B. Lang Western New York Historical Collection.

Publications:

Joseph Petrick, Technical Services Coordinator, has published "Electronic Resources and Acquisitions Budgets: SUNY Statistics, 1994-2000" in *Collection Building*, Vol. 21, No. 3, 2002.

Professional Activities:

Joseph Petrick will give a presentation entitled "Library Services for Adult Learners" at the 21st Annual Adult Learners on Campus National Conference

at the Venango Campus of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, to be held October 18-20, 2002.

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Staff News:

In July, **Frank Mols** was appointed Interim Director of Libraries.

In August, **Xiuying Zou** was hired as East Asian Studies Librarian/Bibliographer-Cataloger.

Other:

Two new services, SFX and ILLiad, have been successfully implemented this Fall .

Brockport

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Staff News:

Dr. Frank Wojcik came on board as our Library Director in August. Previously, he had been the Director of Information Services since 1998 at Kenyon College in Ohio. He has also served as the Library Systems Manager for the Five Colleges of Ohio and in several capacities at Innovative Interfaces, Inc. in California. Dr. Wojcik earned an AA from Niagara County Community College, the BA and MA in History from Binghamton, the MLS from Queens College of CUNY, and the PhD in Modern European History from Binghamton.

Kim Vossler joined us in September 2002 as our new Cataloger/Bibliographic Control Services Librarian. Kim received a BS from the University of Arizona and her MLS at the University at Buffalo. Welcome, Kim!

Jennifer Quigley left Brockport in July to assume a new position as Instruction Coordinator at George Washington University. She will be sorely missed, not only by our staff, but also by those who have worked with her in SUNYLA. We wish her all the best.

Other:

Brockport will be hosting SFX training for SUNY campuses in western NY on October 28 and 29, 2002. Training will be held in the Keifer Instruction Lab in Drake Library.

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Staff News:

Alice McNeely came on board last year as our Interim Director. Previously, she served BCC for 10 years as the Coordinator of the Teaching Resource Center.

Robin Petrus joined us as a Reference Librarian in the spring. Following training on Aleph, she will be joining Larry Jenkins in maintaining our library management system. She received her B.S. from Purdue University and her M.L.S. from Ball State University. She was previously employed at L3 Communications and IBM Watson Research Center.

Other:

Broome Community College migrated to Aleph on May 16, 2002. Our thanks go to Larry Jenkins for all his hard work on the project.

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Staff News:

Amy Lyons completed the Executive MBA program

Renee Bush received the Chancellors Award for Excellence in Librarianship.

Other:

Linda Lohr and **Thomas Pirrung** assembled an exhibit entitled "Hospitals, Retreats & Clinics: Health Care Institutions in Buffalo's Age of Expansion" for display at the Health Sciences Library from June through December 2002. The research effort was condensed into text narratives, pictures and ephemera from the Robert L. Brown History of Medicine Collection that highlight the diverse history of Western New York Health Care facilities from the period 1850 to 1950.

The Robert L. Brown History of Medicine Collection acquired the McGuire Instrument Collection.

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Staff News:

Albert Riess, Librarian, received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship on September 19, 2002.

Buffalo

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Staff News:

Jill Hackenberg received promotion and tenure, Sciences Librarian, Arts & Sciences Libraries (ASL)

Don Hartman, Social Sciences Librarian, ASL, was awarded sabbatical leave from June – November 2002.

Nancy Babb appointed Assistant Librarian, Cataloging, Law Library
Anne Marie Bouvier appointed ASL Interlibrary Loan Borrowing Supervisor

Joe Gergen appointed Senior Assistant Librarian, Reference, Law Library

Kim Morrison appointed Visiting Senior Assistant Librarian, Reference, Undergraduate Library

Eileen Sirianni appointed BISON Billing and Borrowing Supervisor, ASL Access Services

Tatiana de la Tierra appointed Information Literacy Librarian, ASL

Eric Acree, ASL Literacy Librarian resigned June, 2002 to accept appointment as director of the Africana Library at Cornell University

Publications:

Austin Booth. Co-editor and contributor. *Reload : Rethinking Women + Cyberculture*. MIT Press ISBN 0262062275 (2002)

Kathleen DeLaney. "Disaster at Niagara Falls - Love Canal: Neighborhood Crisis, Worldwide Legacy" *The Mid-Atlantic Archivist*. 31: 6-8. (Summer 2002)

Ellen McGrath. Reviewed *Subject Analysis in Online Catalogs*, 2nd ed. in *Reference and Users Quarterly*. 41(3): 296-297. (Spring 2002)

Ellen McGrath. "A Conference Report" in "Research & Publications" column. *Technical Services Law Librarian*. 27(4):14-17. (June 2002)

Ellen McGrath. "Steering by Standards : Videoconference Series Report." *ALLUNY Newsletter*. 27(2):6-7; 16-18. (Summer 2002)

Nancy Schiller (with C. F. Herreid). "Of Mammoths and Men : A Case Study in Extinction." *Journal of College Science Teaching*. XXXI (1): 52-56. (September 2001)

Fred Stoss. "T-shirts! If Clothes Make the Man, Then Let's Make a Statement" *Counterpoise*. 5: 40-42. (July/October 2001)

Tatiana de la Tierra. "Activist Latina Lesbian Publishing: esto no tiene nombre and conmoción" *Aztlan*. 27:138-178. (Spring 2002)

Professional Activities:

Karen Senglaup, head of ASL Access Services, received the Chancellors Award for Excellence In Librarianship.

David Nuzzo, head of Acquisitions, CTS, received the Chancellors Award for Excellence in Professional Service.

Ruth Oberg, ASL, received the NYSLAA **Craig Koste** award for outstanding professional service to NYSLAA and its members.

Lonya Humphrey, ASL, and **Daisy Waters**, CTS, were selected to participate in the Training Institute for Early Career Librarians

Susan Davis, CTS, **Ellen McGrath**, Law, and **David Nuzzo**, CTS, spoke to the UB Special Libraries Association Student Chapter at a session entitled "Technical Services : Where Public Services *Really* Begins."

Fred Stoss, ASL, was elected to a 2nd 3-year term on the Action Council of the ALA Social Responsibility Round Table

Cobleskill

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Staff News :

We are pleased to welcome two new additions to the SUNY Cobleskill family: **Kelly MacWatters** as Automation & Circulation Librarian, and **Steve Dixon** as Adjunct Reference Librarian

Instruction Librarian **Fran Apollo** recently returned from Immersion '02 (Track 1) at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. Immersion is an intensive 4.5 day teaching institute for instruction librarians sponsored by the Association of College & Research Libraries.

This highly competitive, invitational institute covers many topics including the psychology of learning, presentation techniques, assessment, and moving from bibliographic instruction to information literacy. Since SUNY Cobleskill is about to begin our 4th academic year of embedding information literacy into the

curriculum this was one of the most valuable issues for our campus.

General Education requirements, accreditation boards and sound instruction methods were recurring themes among the librarians who are helping their institutions move in the direction that we took in August 1999. The faculty at Immersion, nationally known librarians and teachers, confirm that SUNY Cobleskill is on the right track!

The Early Childhood division is the first to benefit from the material and enthusiasm that Fran has brought "home." Fran and Nancy Van Deusen have created a handbook to assist the teaching faculty in incorporating Information Literacy; complete with several assignments. They are also asking ECHD faculty to indicate specific skills required in each class so that they can suggest, or create, assignments to help reinforce the importance of such skills across the entire program.

Every division will have an opportunity to tap into these reinvigorated efforts during the next few months. For those of you who don't want to wait, take a look at the Information Literacy tutorial we've added to our website (www.cobleskill.edu/library/infolit/home.htm).

Instruction Librarian **Fran Apollo** is well known for helping classroom faculty design effective research assignments. We've taken a number of her assignment templates and added them to the faculty area of our website (www.cobleskill.edu/library).

The various assignments address: citation formats; evaluating information from websites; defining paper topics; the difference between magazines and journals; how to search online databases; and so much more. Please, take a few minutes and check out this valuable resource.

Other:

The passage of the USA PATRIOT Act in Oct. 2001 made for a lot of questions regarding the privacy of our records. The Library has completed a review of our policies regarding retention and disclosure of information and we are prepared to deal with any questions that may arise in this area. A packet has been put together which includes our current policies and some background material. It will be available at the Circulation Desk if anyone would like to see it.

Corning Community College

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Staff News:

Alexis Manheim, Senior Assistant Librarian, resigned effect August 31. She has moved to Palo Alto, CA and has just accepted a position as law librarian for a major San Francisco law firm. **Melissa Santacrose**, a recent M.L.S., began as Assistant Librarian on September 16. Her responsibilities include managing the ExLibris implementation at CCC. Melissa received her education at two SUNY institutions. She has a B.S. in human development from Binghamton and an M.L.S. from Buffalo.

Corning Community College received the Cheryl Steinbach Award for Excellence in Local Government Records Management that is granted annually by the Board of Regents and State Archives for having an outstanding records management program. An award certificate will be presented to the College at a luncheon on October 3 in Albany. The program was initiated by CCC President Eduardo Marti, Library Director **Barbara Hornick-Lockard**, and Librarian **Cindy Maier** in 1997. The College's records management program is currently supervised by Cindy Maier with the help of a half-time assistant. The award recognizes how much has been accomplished with a "needs assessment a state-of-the-art records center, and development of databases[and the President's Cabinet's] continued commitment to funding ...its ...program ..."

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Staff News :

Amanda Johnson has moved from a temporary position to that of Physical Education/Recreation Bibliographer/Reference Librarian and Coordinator of Instruction.

Ron Conklin has moved from a professional position into a new faculty position as a Computer Applications Instructor.

Gretchen Douglas will be on sabbatical from January to June, 2003.

Ellen Paterson is teaching a one-credit course, CAP 233, Computerized Information Retrieval, in addition to her regular duties as Interlibrary Loan Librarian and Science and Health Bibliographer.

Professional Activities:

There is a statewide library project called LIBqual+ to measure aspects of library services. **Gail Wood**, Library Director, is on the advisory group that is working on a grant proposal requesting funding to make this available statewide.

Lorraine Melita made a joint presentation on the new Children's Reading Area at a Sandwich Seminar on September 12, 2002.

CORRECTION: The CIT Presentation , "The WebCT as a Teaching Methodology: Pros and Cons" was presented by Karen Coombs and Amanda Johnson.

Other :

Cortland Switched to Production on the new ALEPH system on July 3, 2002.

New !! Reference Desk

Have you been to Memorial Library's Reference Area lately? You'll be in for a big surprise if you haven't. The old office desk and credenza have been replaced with a newly designed and implemented Reference Desk.

At the end of 2001, the Library Faculty, through their Reference Public Services Committee under the leadership of **Lorraine Melita**, decided to look at ways to improve the Reference facilities. A Reference Area Working Group chaired by **Ellen McCabe** and including **Gretchen Herrmann** and **Marc Wildman**, was established to make recommendations and suggestions regarding the Reference area in general and the Reference desk in particular.

It was felt that an arrangement that would provide greater initial eye contact with patrons entering the Reference area would be most beneficial, and provision was made for two levels of contact, and the availability of three workstations at the Reference desk. This would allow ample room for a Library Reference Assistant and a Librarian to work side by side. When a design was mutually agreed upon by the librarians, several vendors were contacted for quotes and modified designs for the Reference desk.

The desk was sketched out, ordered from and assembled by Upstate Office Furniture of Binghamton. They had provided numerous samples and descriptions, modified designs, prompt

responses and a willingness to answer questions.

The desk is designed in lovely oak finish to blend in with existing furniture. New chairs coordinate with the blue carpeting. The addition of flat screen monitors provides less obstruction and more eye contact between the patron and the librarian.

Our Reference area is located on the second floor of Memorial Library. It's a new look! We'll be seeing you at Reference.

Dutchess Community College

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Staff News:

Part-time reference librarian **Theresa Brettschneider** resigned in August. We wish her the best in her new endeavors.

Part-time clerks Jacquelyn Francis and Tara Lewandowski left us to continue their education. We give a heartily welcome to our new part-time clerks **Katherine Merry** and **Jeanine Ravenelle**.

Professional Activities:

Evelyn Rosenthal participated in the panel discussion "Partnering with Campus Curriculum and Faculty Senate Committees for Information Literacy", as part of this year's SUNYLA conference at Buffalo State. Her talk was titled "Autopsy of a Proposal".

On September 12th, **Ron Crovisier** presented a teleconference on medical and consumer health resources for members of the Ramapo Catskill Library System.

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Staff News:

Lyndsey Robinson has been hired as a visiting assistant librarian in a part time temporary position to cover night reference and to assist with other projects.

The Friends of Moon Library with the Arts and Crafts Society of Central New

York is presenting Dard Hunter Revisited, Handmade Paper & Craft Design, A Symposium Oct 11 and 12. The Library has an important collection of materials by and about Dard Hunter, who was a key figure in early twentieth-century design and the renaissance in the arts of hand papermaking and printing.

The Moon Library has received an extensive collection of ecology books from the family of the late Robert L. Burgess who was the chair of the Faculty of Environmental and Forest Biology at SUNY-ESF from 1981-1998. Most of the books will be used to establish a library at the Cranberry Lake Biological Station which the college operates in the Adirondacks.

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Staff News :

Karen Gelles was recently accepted in the Ph.D. program in Information Studies at L.I.U.

Judi Bird received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship.

Professional Activities :

Judi Bird in on the Farmingdale Executive Committee and is secretary of the Sabbatical Leave and Reduced Load Committee.

Finger Lakes Community College

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Staff News :

Sharon Malecki, Reference Librarian, was awarded the Chancellor's Award for Librarianship at our graduation ceremony on Sunday, May 19th.



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A photo of Genesee Community College's Alfred C. O'Connell Library made the cover of the Choice magazine Sept. issue. The photo was taken by Reference Librarian Ken Swiatek, and submitted by Reference Librarian Cindy Hagelberger.

Geneseo

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Staff News:

Luanne Brando has started as our new part-time reference librarian. Her first day of work was 8/23/02.

Effective November 15, **Katy Farrell** will be leaving SUNY Geneseo to further her career as Instruction and Outreach Coordinator in the Social Sciences & Humanities Library at the University of California at San Diego. She will be missed and we wish her well in her new position.

Committee Work:

Judith Bushnell has been appointed chair of Geneseo's College Senate Committee on Undergraduate Curricula for a second year.

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Staff News:

Library director **Peter Genovese** has been awarded a Leave for Professional Advancement from September 1, 2002 through March 1, 2003 to research and analyze trends, challenges, innovations, and best practices of libraries across the United States.

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Publications:

Bill Drew recently had a cover story, "The Wireless Student & the Library", in *LJ NetConnect*, Summer 2002. The article is available at <http://libraryjournal.reviewsnews.com/index.asp?layout=article&articleid=CA232340>

Bill Drew wrote a chapter in a forthcoming book from *Libraries Unlimited*. The book is about virtual or digital reference services and the future of reference. It will be out late in the fall.

Professional Activities:

Bill Drew has been appointed to the North American Aleph Users Group (NAAUG) Systems Administration/Reporting Working Group for 2002-2003.

Bill Drew presented two workshops this summer on WLANs in Libraries at the Rochester Regional Library Council and at Nassau Public Library System.

Other:

Angela Weiler reports that requests for research instruction are almost twice what they were at this time last year. Most of the additional requests are coming from technical areas such as Equine Farm Management, Environmental Law, and Water Quality.

Angela Weiler reports that Aleph continues to function well with the exception of the Reserves Module, which seems to be the exception for all the campuses in Group 2 of the migration project. Circulation personnel report that they enjoy working with the system and find it easier to use overall.

Nassau Community College**Katrina Frazier**

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Staff News:

NCC welcomes Rosanne Humes who joined NCC in September 2002 as the new Serials Librarian.

Cynthia Powers, Cataloging/Automations Librarian and **Gerald Leibowitz**, Media Librarian, were awarded the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship in March 2002.

There have been four promotions this year:

Richard Delbango was promoted to Technologist III.

Sonel Emin was promoted to Technologist I.

Richard Erben was promoted to Technical Assistant II.

John Day was promoted to Associate Professor.

Richard Delbango "vacationed" as the Ship's Librarian for SUNY Maritime for over two months this summer. He visited New Orleans, Dublin Ireland, Norway and Freeport Bahamas.

Gerald Leibowitz was awarded two prizes in the Nassau County Performance Appraisal Poster Competition. His posters won in the Quality of Work and Communication Skills categories and his third poster tied in the Teamwork category of the Competition. Way to go Gerry!

Professional Activities:

Marilyn Rosenthal and **Marsha Spiegelman** presented "Curriculum-Based Information Literacy: A Community College Perspective" at the 2002 CIT Conference at SUNY Oneonta.

Marilyn Rosenthal was appointed by the Middle States Commission On Higher Education to the Advisory Panel On Information Literacy.

New Paltz**Susan B. Kraat**

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Publications:

Corinne Nyquist has published, along with four Information Science colleagues, an article, "Learning Organizations: a Primer for Group Facilitators," which appeared in the spring issue of *Group Facilitation: a Research & Applications Journal*.

The final article in **Christopher Raab's** three part series on the history of the college, "From College of Education to State University" has been published in the fall 2002 edition of the *Observer* magazine. Raab is Electronic Resources and Special Collections librarian at the Sojourner Truth Library.

Susan Kraat wrote two articles which were also published in the fall 2002 *Observer*: "Parker Dining Hall and New

Paltz Summer Repertory Theatre," and "Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art: a Museum of Our Own." She is Coordinator of Library Instruction.

Other News:

Banned Books Week will be celebrated at Sojourner Truth Library from September 23 – 27. Events for the week include performance art installation by Raphael Montanez Ortiz, screening of *Fahrenheit 451*, readings of passages from frequently challenged books, a lecture on censorship of beat poets, a research workshop on intellectual freedom, and a circulating display of challenged books from the library's collection.

STL's Current Periodicals collection has been opened for independent browsing and reading. This collection, which contains from one to two years' worth of issues of the library's current subscriptions, was previously closed to students and materials could be obtained only by a clerk. Faculty and students have long asked for open access to this area, and the change was implemented in time for the start of classes. A grant from the Klock-Kingston Foundation funded the purchased of comfortable leather club chairs and ottomans for the new periodicals reading area.

Niagara Community College**Karen Ferington**

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Staff News:

Karen Ferington, Catalog/Archives Librarian, was promoted to the rank of Professor beginning in the Fall of 2002.

Franny Angeletti, Principal Library Clerk in Technical Services, retired on September 27, 2002 after 20 years of dedicated service in the Library Learning Center.

Other:

A new Library Instructional Technology Room has been built on the third floor using a wireless network to connect to online library resources and the Internet. The classroom is equipped with 25 computer workstations for students plus one instructor's podium.

Onondaga Community College

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Staff News:

Pauline Lynch-Shostack joined the Coulter Library staff this August as Media and Electronic Resources Librarian. She formerly was Head of AskERIC Reference Services and Web Development at the ERIC Clearinghouse on Information & Technology at Syracuse University.

Pauline will be responsible for purchasing all traditional media, as well as organizing and developing Coulter Library's web presence and purchasing new electronic formats for the library.

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Staff News:

Christine Bulson had an article published in the May 15 issue of Booklist entitled "Where and What: Current World Atlas and Dictionary Roundup."

Jim Coan had a review of the novel *Skirt and the Fiddle* by Tristan Egolf in the August 2002 issue of *Library Journal*.

Optometry

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Tina Perez, Document Delivery and Serials Specialist, received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service in person from Chancellor Robert L. King at Optometry's 2002 Commencement in June.

Elaine Wells, Library Director, is chair of the SUNY Council of Library Directors for 2002-2003. Additionally, **Elaine** is chair-elect of the Association of Vision Science Librarians for 2002-2004. At Optometry, **Elaine Wells** teaches a required course in Literature Evaluation and chairs the Learning Resources Committee.

Elaine Wells, Library Director, received a UUP grant for attendance at "Thinking the Unthinkable" bioterrorism resources for medical librarians. **Kadri Niider**,

Assistant Librarian, received a UUP grant for the 2002 SUNYLA Annual Conference.

The **Kohn Vision Science Library** of State College of Optometry is pleased to announce additional facilities for students: an updated audio-visual room with latest scanning, computer and printing equipment (thanks to support from SCAP), and two quiet study rooms on a separate floor from the main Library.

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Staff News:

Michelle Parry has joined Penfield's Reference/Interlibrary Loan faculty in a temporary position for the 2002-2003 year. She worked previously as manager of Fair Haven Public Library.

Grants:

Currently Penfield Library is working on two grant funded renovation projects. One is a grant of \$150,000 to create a Library Cafe, projected to open in fall 2003. The second is a \$36,000 grant for improvements to our Teaching Resources Center, including furnishings and updated materials, which are scheduled for completion some time this fall.

Plattsburgh

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Staff News:

Sara Kelly Johns has been awarded a SUNY Chancellor's Award for excellence in teaching for part time faculty. Sara has been teaching as an adjunct instructor for the LIB101 course for over ten years. She is a library media specialist with Lake Placid High School.

Natalie Peck has joined Feinberg Library as an adjunct librarian for the 2002-2003 school year. She is serving on the reference desk and teaching sections of the LIB101 course.

Professional Activities:

Carla List-Handley was a featured speaker at the NELIG (New England Library Instruction Group) Spring

Conference at Boston College in June. Her talk was entitled "And the Award for Best Classroom Performance Goes to ... : Teaching as Performance." List-Handley was the workshop leader for the METRO Library Council in August. The workshop, "Let's Get Objective: Choosing Teaching Objectives and Actions," covered the use of written objectives for course-related instruction sessions and included performance tips. List-Handley's textbook is now available in its newest version: *Information Research*, 2d. ed., is available from Kendall/Hunt Publishing Co.

Michelle Toth participated in a panel session with Jerry Bornstein, Linda J. Goff, Darlene Nichols, and Gretta E. Siegel. The panel session "Serving the Information Literacy Needs of Our Graduate Students - Collaborative Strategies for Success." was presented at the LOEX of the West conference in Eugene, OR, in June.

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Staff News:

JANE SUBRAMANIAN was recently promoted from Associate Librarian to Librarian rank.

JANE SUBRAMANIAN was recently honored with an award presented for the first time on the SUNY Potsdam campus. The award newly created by the first graduating class of the honors program, "Friend of the Honors Program", was presented to Jane at the Honors Banquet held on April 20th in recognition of her outstanding contributions and continued support of the SUNY Potsdam Honors Program.

NANCY ALZO attended the ACRL Information Literacy Institute Immersion Program - Track I, July 26-31, 2002 in Colorado Springs, CO.

Publications:

EDWARD KOMARA has been selected co-editor of the ROUTLEDGE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE BLUES, to be published in 2004. It will be a two-volume set encompassing 700,000 words, covering blues music and musicians. Contributors are being sought and welcomed. For more information on the project, consult the website <http://www.people.vanderbilt.edu/~pete.r.redvers-lee>, or contact Ed Komara at komaraem@potsdam.edu.

Professional Activities:

JANE SUBRAMANIAN recently presented "Laura Ingalls Wilder: Teaching Resources and the Story of Her Work," at the Northern Area School Library Media Specialists meeting, Villa Fiore, Malone, NY, June 3, 2002.

JANE SUBRAMANIAN also gave a presentation in Canton, NY, on April 7, 2002 titled "Women's Issues and Laura Ingalls Wilder's Early Writings" which focused on Wilder's little known early journalist writing. The presentation was sponsored by the Women's History Roundtable of the American Association of University Women and the St. Lawrence County Historical Association.

J. REBECCA THOMPSON, Director of Libraries, was recently elected Vice-chair, Chair-elect of the SUNY Council of Library Directors.

Other:

SUNY Potsdam Information Services Division, a joint division of the College Libraries & Computing and Technology Services recently held an "Information Technology Fair" on August 21st for new and returning faculty and staff. The Fair consisted of poster sessions and classroom presentations on diverse topics such as campus e-mail, campus course management software, electronic resources, information literacy and computing & library services. Over fifty teaching faculty and staff attended the all day event.

On August 26th, Potsdam College Libraries went live with ILLiad, OCLC's new ILL management system after a two-month pilot project. System features currently being used successfully include lending, borrowing, electronic delivery and the FirstSearch interface.

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Staff News:

Dana Antonucci joined the library as an Instructional Support Associate in Collection Management Services. Dana anticipates completing her MLS at CUNY's Queens College in August 2003.

Ugen Gombo was appointed Electronic Resources Manager last fall. He has been on the library's staff for many years and

has worked in Circulation, Reference and Collection Management Services.

Grants:

Colleen Kenefick received a \$7,500 Technology Awareness Program Award grant from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Middle Atlantic Region, which is being used to sponsor an Evidence-Based Medicine Tools & Technology Symposium at the library in October 2002.

Publications:

Huang, Michael. Publications:

1. Huang, M. B., & Li, G. (2002). Reference Services in the Emerging Digital Era. In Knowledge Navigation and Library Services Editorial Group (Ed.), Knowledge Navigation and Library Services - The Proceedings of the First Shanghai International Library Forum (pp. 160-164). Shanghai, China: Shanghai Scientific and Technological Literature Publishing House.

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Shkolnikov, Tanya. (2002, May). "To link or not to link: how to avoid copyright traps on the Internet." Journal of Academic Librarianship, 28 (3), 133-140.

Professional Activities :

Galbraith J. & Shkolnikov T. (2002). Copyright Primer: Pre-conference Workshop, Annual SUNYLA Conference, June 5, Buffalo, NY.

Huang, M. B. (2002). Digital Reference Services in the United States. Workshop presented at the Pre-conference and Workshop, China Society for Library Science Annual Conference, July 22-24, 2002, Xian, China.

Jeanne Galbraith has been appointed to the campus review committee for the Excellence in Librarianship Award.

Suffolk Community College**Rebecca Perez**

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Staff News:

The staff of the Ammerman campus library is happy to welcome two new full-time librarians for the Fall 2002 semester.

Marya Shepherd, who has worked as an adjunct at the SCCC library since 1995, comes to us with experience as an academic reference librarian, a periodicals librarian and a database/automation consultant. She holds a B.A. in Psychology, an M.S. in Education and an M.L.S. in Library and Information Science.

Becky Turner Perez joins us from SUNY Old Westbury where she was a reference librarian for five years. She has a B.A. in English and an M.L.S. in Library and Information Science. She's currently pursuing an M.A. in English at Long Island University. Becky is SCCC library's new SUNYLA delegate.

We are also happy to welcome **Hedi BenAicha** to the position of Campus Head Librarian and College Associate Dean of Libraries and Learning Resources. Hedi came to the Ammerman Campus as Associate Head Librarian two years ago. He also teaches as an adjunct in the SCCC History Department.

Professional Activities & Publications:

Lisa Meléndez, Associate Professor of Library Services at the SCCC Ammerman campus library, traveled to Cuba in February 2002 as part of a library tour organized by the Canada-Cuba Friendship Association. In addition to meeting with librarians at public and university libraries, the group met with Dr. Eliades Acosta, the Director of La Biblioteca Nacional José Martí, and Dr. Marta Terry, the President of the Cuba Library Association. Tour members visited El Instituto del Libro Cubano, the 11th International Book Festival in Havana, Ediciones Vigías, a publishing house for handmade books in Matanzas, and, of course, a cigar factory.

Prof. Meléndez has also made contributions to the forthcoming *Latinas in the U.S.: An Historical Encyclopedia*.

Gerald Reminick, Professor of Library Services at the SCCC Western campus library, has published his third book, *Death's Railway*, about the contributions of the Merchant Marine in World War II. *Death's Railway* tells the true story of an American POW and his comrades taken prisoner first by the Germans, then the Japanese, who forced them into slave labor on the Burma-Siam Railroad on the Kwai River. The enthusiastic reception of *Patriots and Heroes*, Professor Reminick's first book, encouraged him to write the second and third volumes of World War II merchant marine stories.



Congratulations and many thanks go to all the campus delegates (as well as all SUNYLA members, of course!) for reaching our 2001-2002 membership goal of 450. In fact, membership totals added up to 452 by the start of the annual conference at Buffalo State College. Great job everyone! The Membership Development Committee hopes to attain the same goal for 2002-2003, so keep up the good work!

Special recognition goes to the following delegates who worked especially hard last year to reach a few outstanding achievements:

Elizabeth Geoghegan, Stony Brook HSC	Largest increase in members
Violet Evans, Brooklyn HSC	2 nd largest increase in members
Heather Munger, Buffalo HSC	3 rd largest increase in members
Kathleen Barkham, Jamestown CC	Increasing membership by 5
Jill Barrile, Erie County CC	Increasing membership by 4
Nichola Lerczak, Genesee CC	Increasing membership by 4
Krista Hartman, Mohawk Valley CC	Increasing membership by 4
Katrina Frazier, Nassau CC	Increasing membership by 4
Jan Lundgren, Delhi College of Technology	Increasing membership by 3
Ron Foster, Institute of Tech, Utica/Rome	Increasing membership by 3
Timothy Gatti, University at Albany	Greatest number of first-time members
Jill Ortner, University at Buffalo	Greatest number of first-time members
Nancy Frazier, Buffalo State College	2 nd greatest number of first-time members
Sandy Schepis, Westchester CC	2 nd greatest number of first-time members

Spend a Week in June on Long Island

Picture yourself on the beach, getting an early start on your summer tan. The sky is clear and blue and the sun is shining brightly. Or perhaps, you'd rather be taking tours. There are 21 wineries on Long Island, so it may take a while to visit them all or sample some of the 3 million bottles of wine produced annually on Long Island.

Or there's a view of Long Island's rural heritage at Old Bethpage Restoration Village, the historic carriage collection at the Long Island Museum of American Art, History & Carriages in Stony Brook, Teddy Roosevelt's summer home at Sagamore Hill, or a drive along the Long Island Heritage Trail for the history buffs. See how the rich used to live at Old Westbury Gardens (the Phipps estate) or the Vanderbilt Museum and Planetarium.

Take a whale watch, camp in one of our state parks, or go deep-sea fishing. See a live stage production in Port Jefferson, Bohemia, or Farmingdale or see summer stock in Bellport. Listen to live music at Jones Beach State Park or Old Westbury Music Fair. Check what's playing at the Staller Center for the Arts at Stony Brook University, Old Westbury's Maguire Theater, or one of the many private colleges on Long Island. Visit the Planting Fields Arboretum or the Montauk Lighthouse. Or see friends, relatives, or your alma mater on Long Island.

There's a lot to do on Long Island, but be sure to schedule a stop at the 2003 SUNYLA Conference at Stony Brook University, June 4-6, 2003. Be a presenter or learn something new from your colleagues. Network with librarians statewide. It's been more than 20 years since SUNYLA visited Stony Brook and the libraries have many improvements to show you. Whether you fly into Islip Macarthur Airport, take the ferry from Bridgeport, Connecticut to nearby Port Jefferson, or drive, take the time to enjoy the conference and Long Island for a fun week in June of 2003. We'll be expecting you!

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