

Draft Minutes

SUNYLA Executive Board & Council

March 19, 2004

Teleconference—Albany, Buffalo, Optometry, & Syracuse locations

Present:

Bill Drew (Morrisville), Andy Perry (Binghamton), Karen Shockey (Oswego), Ron Foster (SUNYIT), Caryl Ward (Binghamton), Angel Weiler (Morrisville), Ellen McCabe (Cortland), Marianne Hebert (Potsdam), Kathy Gundrum (Nylink), Joyce Miller (Adirondack CC), Mark Lasek (New Paltz), Carol Anne Germain (Albany), Kadri Niider (Optometry), Gerald Burke (Albany), Carrie Laier (Schenectady CCC), Kathleen Quinlivan (Buffalo), Marianne Eimer (Fredonia), Hilary Sternberg (Buffalo State), Nancy Frazier (Buffalo State), Nicki Lerczak (GCC), Ted Ciambor (Monroe), Lori Annesi (Monroe), Kerrie Fergen Wilkes (Fredonia), Eileen O'Hara (Brockport), Elizabeth Gulacsy (Alfred Ceramics), Kim Davies (Geneseo), Karen Ferington (Niagara CCC), Sheryl Knab (3Rs)

1. Approval of minutes

Two typos were found in draft minutes of November. Karen Ferington moved to approve the amended minutes; Bill Drew seconded. Ammended minutes approved unanimously.

2. Announcements, correspondence, appointments

- Binghamton—announces a new head of the Science Library, Alesia McManus
- Oswego—announces new associate director, Barbara Uchtorff
- Optometry—load 2 for Aleph came in; staff extremely busy!
- Fredonia-- Ayodele Ojumu is back to full-time following her maternity leave. Marsha Fleck is back to working part-time.

3. Officers' Reports

3.1 President—Hilary Sternberg

2005 Conference

Location set for New Paltz!

UUP Contract

We need to devise multiple strategies for improving librarian's salaries. While "UUP did bring the issue of inequities involved in SUNY librarians' faculty status to the bargaining table. New York State declined to discuss the issue. There is a commitment from UUP to bring the issue to the table again in the future." We can't wait until 2007 to address this issue again.

SCLD Conference

Once again the library directors have invited the SUNY President and Vice-President/President Elect to their annual conference on April 21-23. I am request funding for the conference.

Meeting highlights:

Tentative date for SUNYLA Conference 2005 is June 8-10th.

- . Hilary thanked Susan Kraat for working toward bringing the conference to New Paltz, the first campus to respond to the request. Five other campuses considered hosting the 2005 conference, and it is hoped they'll consider hosting future conferences.
- . UUP Contract: Hilary asked for a volunteer to chair a committee charged with considering strategies and investing issues. Ron Foster, Ellen McCabe, and Hilary Sternberg have agreed to work on the committee, and the request for a chairperson will go out on the listserv.
- . SCLD Conference: Hilary requested \$636.00 to cover costs of her attendance, as well as that of Ellen McCabe. (\$318.00 each)
- . COA Liaison: Natalie Sturr is stepping down as COA liaison. Hilary thanked Natalie for her hard work and welcomed Wendi Ackerman as new COA liaison.
- . New delegate at Jefferson Community College is Celia Livingstone
- . Sad news—John (Tim) Reilly, UUP President from 1987-1993, passed away in February. Tim was married to Janet Potter, director of Oneonta Library. Please see John Schumacher's UUP report for Janet's address.

3.2 First Vice President—Ellen McCabe (no written report)

Meeting highlights: slate of officers coming soon! Bill Drew has agreed to run for First Vice President/President Elect. Ballots will go out in early April.

3.3 Second Vice President—Ted Ciambor

1. We have over 30 presentations scheduled for the conference, four pre-conferences and several poster sessions.
2. The Conference website will have registration forms available on Monday 3/22 at: <http://library.cortland.edu/sunyla2004> Registration deadline is 5/3.
3. Registration will cost \$50 for SUNYLA members, \$60 for non-SUNYLA and \$25 for students.
4. We have a number of large vendor donations, including Ambassador Books, ExLibris and Ebsco which will assist with food and break costs.
5. Social events include a wine tasting at a historic house near campus.
6. Everything seems on track thanks to the efforts of the local arrangements and conference committees.

7. One additional meeting or conference call will be held prior to the conference sometime in late April.

3.4 Secretary—Nancy Frazier (no report)

3.5 Treasurer—Elizabeth Gulacsy

TREASURER'S REPORT

7/1/03 - 3/15/04

Opening Balance, 1 July 03	3,160.68
Carry Over 2002-2003	95
Conference 2003	7,949.75

INCOME

Associate New	40
Associate Renewing	50
New	260
Renewing	7,125.00
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	7,475.00

EXPENSES

Conference 2004	-2,000.00
Subscription: Web Domain & Fonts	-135.08
Membership Development Committee	-21.95
Executive Committee Meeting	-49.5
Profesional Organization Dues (NYLA)	-75
Professional Grants	-500
<i>ENCUMBERED</i>	
Friend of SUNYLA	-300
S. Chu Scholarship 2004	-500

TOTAL EXPENSES -3,581.53

BALANCE: 15 March 2004 15,098.90

4.0 Committee Reports

4.1 Automation and Information Technology—Bill Drew

Committee Charge:

"The Automation and Information Technology Committee shall serve as a focus for the exchange of information about automation and information technology; increase understanding of its impact upon library personnel and service to users; seek to increase the cooperation among SUNY libraries, computer centers, and other information-based units in the development/acquisition of university information systems; and establish liaison on automation and information technology with other SUNY professional organizations as appropriate."

The committee has been asked by several librarians to look at staffing issues and support for library related Information Technology (IT) needs. A draft survey should be out to the council by the end of April.

Meeting highlights: Bill also discussed SUNYAUG news. 8 people have been approved for initial conference registration, and general registration opens on 3/23.

4.2 Library Instruction—Angela Weiler

E-mail discussions continue on a monthly basis among the members of the Instruction Committee.

December's discussion topic related to the teaching of credit courses for information literacy:

- .How do you feel about staff / instructors, other than librarians, teaching credit courses in information literacy?
- .Do you feel that the topics / issues discussed in such courses (search techniques, types of information, databases, evaluation, etc.) would be adequately addressed in the detail needed by people who have not been professionally trained in these areas?

Four people responded, most expressing reservations toward the idea of a non-library faculty teaching information literacy, unless that faculty member was very involved in research methods in an ongoing way, and kept him/herself up-to-date on developments in information management and research. It was also expressed that most faculty would probably not be keeping fully up-to-date in a professional area outside their own area of expertise.

Also discussed were the positive and negative aspects of offering a credit information literacy or research skills course. Some campuses such as

Cobleskill found that such courses were not very popular with students and abandoned the idea in favor of team-teaching with a librarian to infuse skills into existing courses. Morrisville's experiences have been different; each class brings favorable responses from students, including comments such as "I should have taken this my first semester". These comments, however, are made only at the culmination of the class. In addition, one department has decided to require the class as a part of its new Bachelor of Technology program.

January's topic was Project SAILS

(Project for Standardized Assessment of Information Literacy Skills), the purpose of which is "to develop an instrument for programmatic level assessment of information literacy skills that is valid and thus credible to university administrators and other academic personnel." Forty colleges and universities around the U.S and Canada are currently participating in this program.

TC3 followed up extensively on this program, but found that the requirements to participate were just too stringent. However, it is hoped that the assessment instrument resulting from the program will be very useful to instruction librarians seeking to assess their programs' effectiveness.

February's topic was laptops purchased by libraries:

- .How many of you have a computer lab within the library to use for training? If you do, how many computers do you have?

- .How many of you are using, or plan to use, laptops? How do you store/charge/run them? Are they wireless?

- .How do you keep this equipment current? Is there perhaps some "rolling purchase" equipment plan to keep equipment updated?

Responses varied: Some campuses have labs equipped with desktops which they lock and reserve only for library instruction. Others have laptops available for loan, and some have no computers at all other than the OPAC / database machines. Most of those with computers have rolling replacement plans.

March's topic:

A presentation entitled "The Case Against Information Literacy: An Academic Library Perspective" will be presented at Rush Rhees Library at the University of Rochester on April 23. It is being advertised as "A Conversation with Stanley Wilder", who is the Associate Dean for River Campus Libraries at the University of Rochester. The committee was queried as to who was attending, and seven of eight respondents are either going themselves, or have someone at their library attending. (The presentation is already filled and there is a waiting list.) Hopefully committee members who attend will give us a summary of what was addressed by the speaker, as we are all very curious to see what he has to say.

4.3 Membership Development—Kim Davies

Membership:

As of March 18, there are **322** SUNYLA members, **31** of which are first-timers. We also have **7** Associate members so far. The numbers at this time are lower than they have been in past years, so the Membership Development Committee will need to brainstorm on how to better connect with the

SUNYLA community, and beyond, to increase membership. It is very possible that we will start to see more renewals and first-time memberships as the annual conference gets closer. Since the last SUNYLA council meeting, I have contacted all delegates who had not yet turned in any memberships for the year. I think that a greater focus needs to be placed on library school students, especially before the annual conference in May, so that they may discover the benefits of a SUNYLA membership and hopefully attend our meeting in Cortland.

Membership cards:

The most recent members to SUNYLA (the last 19 to pay their dues) will be receiving their membership cards in the mail shortly.

4.4 Professional Development—Carol Anne Germain

- . Friend of SUNYLA Award - Jerry Burke, chair of the Friend of SUNYLA Award Subcommittee received two applications this year. This year's winner(s) will be announced at the March 19th meeting.
- . Sylvia Chu Scholarships - the deadline for the Sylvia Chu Scholarships is April 15, 2004. Jane Verostek has been posting "ads" on the SUNYLA listserv. This is a great opportunity for new members of SUNYLA. It helps defray conference costs. As we all know the conference is a wonderful way to introduce people to SUNYLA! We have one application so far. With the cost of conference registration/food it will only be possible for us to award 3-4 scholarships.
- . Professional Development Grant Subcommittee - One award was approved for Dan Kissane's application for funding to attend the American Library Association's Midwinter Conference in San Diego California, January 9-13 2004. The grant, for \$500.00, covered, in part, incurred lodging and food expenses. A summary of the meetings (three committees) that Dan needed to attend during the conference was requested.
- . Pre-conference Workshop - the abstract for the conference workshop :
- . Mentorship programs in libraries foster collegiality and professional development, both for the mentee and mentor. Many studies have shown that mentoring can improve career satisfaction and success. In this workshop, attendees and facilitators will work together to develop strategies for creating and implementing effective mentorship programs. Mentees, mentors, and ALL other interested individuals are encouraged to participate in this best practices workshop.

Meeting highlights:

- . Friends of SUNYLA Awards going to Bill Drew and to OLIS. Congratulations!
- . Reminder to delegates to let librarians know about the Sylvia Chu Scholarship, applications due 4/15.

4.5 Personnel Policies—Ron Foster

1. Director Evaluations

I received a request from a SUNY librarian for the committee's information on

director evaluations; I had no information to give. I asked Jackie Coughlan about this, and she said she did not remember SUNYLA being involved in anything like this. Should the committee do something about director evaluations?

2. UUP Request

Thomas Kriger of the UUP requested a copy of the Exit Survey instrument, and I provided him with the link to the committee's web site, which has the instrument.

3. Exit Survey

Five exit surveys were received in 2003; three have been received so far this year. As the Council suggested, I have begun advertising in the SUNYLA newsletter to remind people.

A summary of the 1995-2003 Exit Surveys has been prepared and is available on the committee's web site: sunyla.sunyit.edu

4. Salary Survey

When do people think the next salary survey should be done?

Meeting highlights: We will not get involved in director evaluations. We discussed the validity of the salary survey, which is an important factor in contract negotiations. Salary survey will be done again in 2006.

4.6 Publications & Communications—Jenny Baker/Jim Coan

- .Gerald Leibowitz (Nassau CC) will be taking over as editor of the SUNYLA newsletter and co-chair of the Publications Committee, effective April 1.
- .The deadline for the next issue of the newsletter is April 15. Please send items to Gerry at leibowg@ncc.edu.

Jenny is working on the directory database and will pass it on to Wendi Ackerman by early next week. Please send any recent staff changes (folks coming *and* going, or other changes) to Jenny at jbaker@brockport.edu asap.

4.7 Web Manager—Wendi Ackerman

The problem with the webmaster@sunyla.org account been resolved by linking directly to ackermaw@upstate.edu (by passing the email re-direct).

Links were checked recently and there are many outstanding broken links to external URLs mainly from archived board meeting minutes and conference information. I will clean these up when I can. In the future we might want to consider keeping external links from archived materials to a minimum, or saving a copy of an external file and linking to it locally.

Efforts to move the member directory online as discussed in our previous meeting will begin shortly.

5.0 Liaison Reports

5.1 UUP—John Schumacher

Negotiations Update.

- UUP and New York State have reached a tentative agreement on a new contract. UUP members will be voting on the proposed agreement in April.
- Thanks to the UUP Negotiations Team for their many efforts in getting a proposed bargaining agreement.
- A Q&A document on the proposed contract can be found at <http://www.uupinfo.org/contract.pdf>
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UUP did bring the issue of inequities involved in SUNY librarians' faculty status to the bargaining table. New York State declined to discuss the issue. There is a commitment from UUP to bring the issue to the table again in the future.

Budget Update.

- The governor's proposed SUNY budget represents a %.07 increase from last year's operational budget.
- UUP's response to Executive Budget Proposal: <http://www.uupinfo.org/communications/release04/04budget.html>
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UUP is actively engaged in getting EOP and NYSTI budget cuts restored as well as combating proposals to privatize the SUNY hospitals and give state funds to private colleges for capital projects.

- UUP's budget and legislative priorities are described at <http://www.uupinfo.org/legislative/program.html>
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On February 5, 2004, Chancellor King requested that an additional \$50 million be added to the proposed SUNY operational budget. This testimony is available at

<http://www.suny.edu/SUNYNews/News.cfm?filename=2004-02-05KingsTestimonyBudgetCommittees-Intro.htm>

Political Action

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UUP chapters and members are actively involved in advocating for the SUNY budget (again). This includes working with local businesses, reminding business leaders of the economic benefits that SUNY brings to their community; advocating for SUNY with New York State legislators; contacting legislators via 877-255-9417 as well as via <http://politicalaction.nysut.org/fax/fax.asp?func=select&mode=state>

- UUP-represented librarians joined the New York Library Association during a March 16, 2004 advocacy day at the New York State Legislature.

Tim Reilly

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John (Tim) Reilly, UUP President from 1987 to 1993, died unexpectedly on February 9, 2004. He was 70. Tim was married to Oneonta Library Director Janet Potter. Messages of condolences can be sent to

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UUP has moved.

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5.2 COA—Natalie Sturr

COA is once again sponsoring Regional Forums around the State. A Forum on Help Desk issues will be April 8 at Alfred State College. A Forum on Disaster Planning and Recovery will be May 20[^] at Suffolk County Community College.

A reminder that anyone can join the COA listserv. Send an e-mail to lyris@ls.suny.edu <<mailto:lyris@ls.suny.edu>>* * and place the following in the body of the e-mail:

subscribe coa-l <your name>

The SUNY Technology Conference will be June 13-16, 2004 at the Hudson Valley Conference Center. <http://www.stc.suny.edu/>

COA web site: <http://www.coa.suny.edu> <<http://www.coa.suny.edu/>>

Meeting highlights: Hilary thanked Natalie for her dedicated service to SUNYLA as COA rep.

5.3 FACT—Michael Morin

- .The FACT sponsored CIT2004 will be held June 1-4 with the theme *Seamless Learning: Integrating Teaching, Research and Technology*. Registration cost for SUNY is \$125.00 until May 3rd and \$150 thereafter, \$200.00/\$250.00 for Non-SUNY.

New for this year:

- Non-SUNY day rate, \$90.00
- Spouse Registration, \$125.00
- . Pre-Conference Workshops will be held June 1st and 2nd.
- . Registration Deadline is May 14, 2004. No walk-in registrations will be accepted.
- . FACT scholarships are available to Full-time Faculty and professional staff involved in instructional support.
- . Keynote speaker will be Philip D. Long, Ph.D., Senior Strategist for the Academic Computing Enterprise at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
- . FACT CIT2004 Brochures have been mailed out. Full conference details can be found at : www.cit.suny.edu/cit2004
- . COCIDS funding has been approved for conferences this spring and next fall. There has been an increase in applications and interest in COCID funds. Seven proposals were considered. Official announcements will follow.

Follow up to questions asked at the last SUNYLA meeting:

- . SCAP funding. Judy Basinski, coordinator of SCAP funds, graciously responded to a request from the SUNYLA/FACT Liaison to clarify how SCAP funded computers could be recycled for library use. The SCAP guidelines have been mis-interpreted by some CIT offices to require disposal of older machines. Language referring to “dumb terminal” use of proprietary library database computers no longer applies now that technical and public PCs are the same. The letter of clarification is on file should anyone need it.
- . Last meeting someone asked we ask why access for librarians to receive training has not always filtered down to librarians. The explanation given by FACT stated that the training points are accrued by offices that pay the membership fees and access is based on who pays.

5.4 SAC—Andy Perry

Much of the progress of the SUNYConnect project was reported in John Schumacher's OLIS report to the Council and I don't want to repeat this in the SAC report. I would like to mention several issues that are really SAC agenda items. The Union Catalog in particular after considerable delay is now progressing well.

1. Initiative for a SUNYConnect student fee: Rick Winant, the SAC member from Downstate Medical has proposed that SUNYConnect impose a fee on all SUNY students to help fund SUNYConnect. A relatively small fee such as \$50 per year would raise over \$5 million, (not including community college students). Funding of this magnitude would greatly aid SUNYConnect. It would be possible to expand e-journal subscriptions, including Elsevier. As I mentioned to the Council earlier, the Ex Libris aspect of SUNYConnect is largely self supporting. The collections program is being subsidized at a rate that cannot continue. The SUNY-wide Elsevier contract could potentially become the first casualty. The Provost has expressed his interest and support in viewing SUNY's library collections centrally rather than as independent campuses.

However, a student fee is going to be unpopular with students and potentially with campus administrators also. It may even cause campuses to consider cutting library funding locally under the assumption that the fee covers all services. The Finance Planning Committee will discuss this issue in an upcoming meeting on March 30. It would be useful for me to get a sense of how the Council feels. How do we maintain quality collections and services in the face of continued stagnant or declining funding? One SAC member reports that her library is getting the same funding in unadjusted dollars that the library received in 1985.

2. There are several campuses that are having problems with staffing in support of Aleph. SAC has also heard from one community college campus that says they must decline to participate due to both lack of staff as well as lack of money. Other campuses have been vulnerable to staff turnover and lack the internal resource to support Aleph. In the case of the University at Buffalo, the campus has delayed indefinitely its implementation of Aleph and has developed a new OPAC. Since all these campuses have agreed to implement Aleph as part of the

SUNYConnect agreement, what should SAC do in these cases? Do we drop campuses from the consortium if they won't pay the fee or won't implement Aleph? Do we grant abatements and extensions? Does OLIS provide more services that allow campuses to leverage staff support for Aleph for campuses that lack staff resources?

3. Given the staffing situation at many smaller campuses with regard to Aleph technical support and other library functions, should SAC recommend that OLIS develop a program to provide these services at a cost to SUNY libraries that need them? There is the precedent of the SICAS Center for campuses running the Banner student system. Campuses pooled resources to fund the Center to assist with Banner support. The SAC Finance Planning Committee will also be discussing this issue on March 30. The business model for such services is a major issue. The Binghamton/Fredonia project has already shown how difficult it is for campuses to do business with each other. Invoicing, journal transfer, and IFR are all problematic. For example, Fredonia is paying Binghamton for cataloging services by check which goes into a Binghamton IFR. Fredonia has to add a 10% surcharge due to the Binghamton Research Foundation "tax" of 10% on IFR accounts. Should SUNYConnect become more like Nylink and provide additional services on a fee basis to libraries needing the services? Or is it really an issue of libraries not getting adequate funding and therefore a problem that should be addressed politically? If "system librarian" or "serials librarian" services were provided, is this further enabling inadequate support from campuses? Or is it a legitimate acceptance that a small staff cannot spare the time for system support and wants a more "turnkey" solution.

5.5 Nylink—Kathy Gundrum

General Information

Nylink Advisory Groups

will be meeting in late March. In addition to providing feedback about specific Nylink services and programs, the group will discuss the shifting roles of library staff and the shifting roles of library collections. Each of the four Nylink Advisory Groups include at least one representative from a SUNY institution: Nancy Hoshlyk, Plattsburgh State, Collections and Technical Services Advisory Group; Carla Hendrix, Plattsburgh State, and Michael Lavin, SUNY Buffalo, Electronic Resources Advisory Group; Bill Drew, Morrisville State College and Gail Pawlowski, University at Albany, Information Technology Advisory Group;

and James Williamson, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Resource Sharing Services Advisory Group.

Nylink is conducting its **Member Needs Assessment**

this spring to receive feedback from our members on Nylink's current and future services and programs. This web-based survey will be sent to multiple individuals at Nylink member institutions. Please take the time to respond and to provide feedback!

Upcoming Events

Nylink's Annual Meeting: *The Future Of Library Collections: The Realities, Challenges and Opportunities*: May 3-4, The Gideon Putnam Hotel, Saratoga Springs, with Keynote Speaker Dr. Deana Marcum, Associate Librarian of Congress and National Librarian, Library of Congress. Jay Jordan, CEO, OCLC Inc., is the featured dinner speaker. Carey Hatch will present SUNYConnect: The Future Is Now, where he will present "activities within the SUNY system involving cooperative collection management, increased system integration, institutional repositories and new partnerships for success." Registration [\$150 for Nylink members] includes meeting materials, hors d'oeuvres and sit-down dinner on Monday, May 3, and a full breakfast, coffee break, and buffet lunch on May 4. [<http://nylink.suny.edu/amtg04.htm>].

Nationally recognized library consultant Marshall Keys will lead **Challenging Changes for Libraries**, and work with participants as they learn how to monitor change, think strategically, and plan for the future. The workshop will be held on Monday, April 26 at Rochester Public Library, Rochester; Wednesday, April 28 at Hofstra University; and Thursday, April 29 at the William K. Sanford Town Library in Colonie [Albany area]. Although geared toward staff at public libraries and public library systems, this topic has broad appeal. [<http://nylink.suny.edu/keys04.htm>]

Atlas Systems, Inc. and Nylink are jointly sponsoring training classes on the **OCLC ILLiad** software system at Nylink in Albany, as follows: Report Generation in OCLC ILLiad - May 11, cost: \$250; Implementing OCLC ILLiad - May 12, cost: \$250; and ILLiad Administrator Training - May 13, cost: \$450. [<http://nylink.suny.edu/RR/atlastrn04.htm>]

The SCCTP Basic Serials Cataloging Workshop, sponsored by Nylink, will be held June 9 and 10, 2004, at Queens Borough Public Library. This course provides the basic principles of serials cataloging for original and copy cataloging for print and electronic serials. Maggie Horn, Library Systems Implementation Specialist at the SUNY Office of Library and Information Services, is one of the instructors. She has over 30 years experience as a serials cataloger and has worked as a trainer for SCCTP (Serials Cataloging Cooperative Training Program) since its inception. Geared to beginning serials catalogers and technicians and monograph catalogers working with serials, the cost is \$205 for full members/\$300 for non-members. [<http://nylink.suny.edu/conser04.htm>].

To address a critical training need of librarians, Nylink has added a new category to its Educational Services offerings: **Management and Leadership Development**. Current courses include *Strategic Marketing for Academic and Research Libraries*, and *Inventing the Future: Scenario Planning for Libraries*. *Strategic Marketing for Academic and Research Libraries* incorporates materials and concepts devised by ALA and ACRL's @ your library™ campaign and will be presented in Buffalo on April 16th and Syracuse on April 23rd. A follow-up advanced workshop, *Strategic Marketing for Academic and Research Libraries II: Developing and Implementing a Marketing Campaign for Libraries*, will be held in Rochester on May 14th. Visit Nylink's Educational Services web site [<http://www.nylink.suny.edu/training.htm>] for additional information and to register for these programs.

Nylink and OCLC invite you to attend a one-day symposium, **Developing Digital Programs**, on Thursday, June 17 at the William K. Sanford Town Library in Colonie [Albany area]. This program will help you plan and implement your digital library projects and programs. The focus is on components of digital library programs, including planning, metadata issues, infrastructure options, and copyright considerations. Presenters include Tom Clareson, Manager of the Digital Collection & Preservation Services Education and Planning Unit at OCLC. The cost, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch, is \$75 for Nylink members and \$150 for others. Additional information about this program and an online registration form will be on the Nylink web site. Also see <http://nylink.suny.edu/training/trncal.htm> on our web site for a schedule of upcoming demonstrations of digital and preservation services and software.

Online courses through Nylink's Institute for **Information Technology Fluency for Library Professionals**, which works to increase the basic skill sets and comfort levels of librarians working with technology, are available. Please visit < <http://nylink.suny.edu/ITFluency/> > to learn more. This project has been funded by a grant from the Institute of Museum of and Library Services.

Electronic Resources

From March through August 2004, Nylink is offering libraries the opportunity to participate in the **third Nylink netLibrary shared collection**. This collection features new lower pricing for all library types, early commitment discounts, delayed invoicing, and the opportunity for libraries to select titles. Get pricing, a timeline, and a chart showing progress toward our goal of 2000 titles here: <http://nylink.suny.edu/coop/net3.htm>.

2004 pricing for all electronic resources from **OUP, Grove and LexisNexis**

is available. For OED, ANB, Oxford Reference Online and Oxford Scholarship Online pricing, please see the Nylink Cooperative Services web site at http://nylink.suny.edu/coop/oup_price.htm. For Grove Art and Music pricing (including new lower simultaneous user-based pricing for small public libraries), please see http://nylink.suny.edu/coop/Grove_pri2.htm. LexisNexis pricing is posted at http://nylink.suny.edu/coop/CIS_Price.htm.

Oxford University Press

is printing a new edition of the Dictionary of National Biography; Nylink members are eligible for a special print/electronic bundle offer at a special network discount. For \$9,000 (List: \$9,900), the entire 60 volumes, as well as a free online subscription to DNB Online for the first year only. After March 31, 2004, the price will be \$10,000 (List: \$11,000), and then after September 30, 2004 the price will be \$11,800 (List: \$13,000). For additional information on the print and online version, please visit DNB's website at <http://www.oup.com/oxforddnb/info/>, or Nylink's website at <http://nylink.suny.edu/coop/dnb.htm>. Electronic-only trials and subscriptions should be available in late summer/ early fall of 2004.

Nylink members have the opportunity to get discounts on their purchases of titles for the **Gale Virtual Reference Library**. The library now has more than 110 titles to choose from, including encyclopedias, almanacs, series and more. Nylink is offering discounts on the purchase of 20 or more titles to academic and public libraries. For more information about ordering this see <http://nylink.suny.edu/coop/gale.htm> on our web site.

Trials for The Nation Digital Archive

are available. This service offers 135 years of reportage, opinion and criticism, adding up to over 6800 weekly issues, or 200,000+ pages. See <http://nylink.suny.edu/coop/nation.htm> for more details regarding the Nation Digital Archive, including trial access and pricing information.

WorldCat records are now displaying in Google search results, and are accessible through Abebooks, Alibris, America Online, Antiquarian

Booksellers of America, BookPage, HCI Bibliography, Netscape and Yahoo. More than 100,000 *WorldCat* records are available via Google, and Google continues to harvest the *WorldCat* subset of nearly two million abbreviated records.

OCLC and Google continue to work on improving the ranking of the *WorldCat*

records, labeled "Find in a library", among search results. These adjustments may go on for several months, thus record rankings will fluctuate during that time.

5.5 OLIS—John Schumacher

SUNYConnect LMS

- Thirty-four libraries are currently using the *SUNYConnect*

LMS (ALEPH500). (Alfred State, Alfred University, Binghamton, Broome, Buffalo State, Canton, Cayuga, Ceramics, Corning, Cortland, Delhi, Erie, Finger Lakes, Fredonia, Genesee, Geneseo, Herkimer, Jamestown, Jefferson, Monroe, Morrisville, Oneonta, Onondaga, Orange, Oswego, Potsdam, Purchase, Rockland, Stony Brook, Stony Brook HSC, Sullivan, Tompkins Cortland, Ulster and Upstate Medical).

- University at Albany (Group6) is on schedule to “STP” (switch to production) during the summer of 2004 (July 6, 2004). They are busy testing databases, upgrading to ALEPH500 16.02, conducting ALEPH training, and setting up configuration tables.

- Group7 libraries are on schedule for STPs during the May-July 2004 timeframe. As of this date Farmingdale, Fashion Institute, Maritime, Nassau, Optometry and Westchester are evaluating test (ALEPH) databases. The other Group7 campuses are Brooklyn HSC, Old Westbury, and Suffolk.

- OLIS trainers are busy presenting an extensive array of ALEPH training sessions to Group7 librarians.

- Members of OLIS meet with University at Buffalo representatives next week to discuss their possible migration to the *SUNYConnect* LMS.

- The ALEPH500 14.2.4 sites have been upgraded to ALEPH500 version 14.2.7.

- A procedure is in place for removing linkages between ALEPH circulation transactions and personally identifiable information. *SUNYConnect* campuses have been provided information on initiating the procedure for their library system.

- With a new Ex Libris project manager in place, progress is again being made on creating the *SUNYConnect* union catalog. *SUNYConnect* contacts have been sent a data questionnaire that will be used in preparation for a full database load.

- Ex Libris' *SUNY* union catalog project manager, Eva Krall is planning to make a presentation at SUNYLA 2004.

SUNYConnect Databases

- ProQuest UMI and SUNY contacts will be meeting at the end of the month to discuss Digital Dissertation and Institutional Repository/Digital Commons program services from that vendor.

- *SUNYConnect* and Gale have reached agreement on the purchase of Gale's Literature Resource Center archive. The multi-year agreement results in cost savings for SUNY. Thanks to Nylink and the SUNY Finance Department for their efforts in this regard.

- *SUNYConnect* participants have free trial access during the first half of 2004 to the Gale Virtual Reference Library (GVRL). More information

about the GVRL is available at <http://www.gale.com/brochure/VirtualRefgml22703.pdf>

OLIS Staffing

Interviews have begun in regard to filling the “Library Systems - Project Manager” and “Library Application Developer” positions advertised by OLIS.

SUNYConnect Information / Resources

- For additional information about *SUNYConnect*
<http://www.SUNYConnect.suny.edu/>
<http://olis.sysadm.suny.edu/sunergy/>
<http://www.SUNYConnect.suny.edu/SUNYConnection/>
- Additional resources:
“SUNY ALEPH500 Portal”<http://www.SUNYConnect.suny.edu/aleph/>

“Faculty Rights in the Digital Age” presentation by Assistant Provost Carey Hatch (Library and Information Services) <http://OLIS.SYSADM.SUNY.EDU/facrights.ppt>

Mr. Dan Trajman named new Ex Libris USA president --
<http://www.exlibris-usa.com/newsdetails.htm?nid=228>

SUNYAUG

The SUNY ALEPH Users’ Group 2004 meeting is scheduled for October 11th in Syracuse (Onondaga Community College). See <http://library.morrisville.edu/sunyaug/> for information on submitting a presentation proposal. The deadline for proposals is May 31, 2004.

5.6 NY3R’s—Sheryl Knab

- The NY3Rs published the Winter 2004 issue of *NY3Rs News*.
- NY3Rs took a leading role in library advocacy on Library Day in Albany, March 16th.
- The Central Library Resources Council in Syracuse hosted the SUNYLA Conference Planning Committee for its meeting on Feb. 25th.
- Excellent progress has been made on the NY3Rs Continuous Assessment /Continuous Improvement project. Three Continuous programs have been held to date. The Albany sessions had 51 people attending from 21 institutions. This series of programs is being supported by an LSTA grant awarded to the NY3Rs. Many SUNY libraries are participating. Participants have selected a specific process in their libraries to assess and improve, and are working on new missions, visions, and values while learning many new assessment and measurement tools.
- Planning is underway with the NY3Rs and the academic libraries to assist institutions that will be doing Middle States self-studies in the next few years. This is an outgrowth of the Fall NY3Rs/ASLS Academic Library Directors conferencediscussions on the new Middle States information literacy standards.

Meeting highlights:

- NY statewide calendar hosted by 3Rs—Sheryl will post the url to the listserv.
- How do 3Rs plan to assist libraries with Middle States? Sheryl will look into it.

6.0 New Business—next meeting is at the conference at Cortland.