SUNYLA EXECUTIVE BOARD/COUNCIL MEETING
September 17, 2004
11 a.m.- 3 p.m.
Fireplace Lounge, SUNY Cortland

In attendance: Lori Annes (Monroe CC), Charlotte Cooper (Finger Lakes CC), Beverly Crewell (Alfred Ceramics), April Davies (Cobleskill), Bill Drew (Morrisville), Kerrie Fergen Wilkes (Fredonia), Karen Ferington (Niagara CCC), Elizabeth Gulacsy (Ceramics), Ann Gunning (Nylink), Alice Harrington (Monroe CC), Marianne Hebert (Potsdam), Nancy Howe (CLRC), Susan Kraat (New Paltz), Dave Lewis (TC3), Robert Matthews (HVCC), Ellen McCabe (Cortland), Kate Merrill (Geneseo), Eileen O'Hara (Brockport), Andy Perry (Binghamton), Karen Pitcher (Broome), Violet Price (Downstate), John Schumacher (SUNY/OLIS), Karen Shockey (Oswego), Caryl Ward (Binghamton), Angela Weiler (OCC), Doug Welch (Canton), Marc Wildman (Cortland)

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 by President Ellen McCabe. The delegates introduced themselves.

1. **Approval of minutes**
   of the Board/Council meeting of May 25, 2004 at Cortland. K. Pitcher moved to approve the minutes. K. Fergen Wilkes seconded. Minutes were approved with two delegates abstaining.

2. **Announcements, correspondence, appointments**: Morrisville: New Instruction Librarian hired; Fredonia: 3 positions filled, searching for a technology person; OLIS: 2 new staff members; Oswego: New Serials librarian hired, 1 resignation; Binghamton: 3 new librarians; Potsdam: one person on sabbatical, a temporary has been hired and advertising has begun for a Reference/CD position; Downstate: anyone interested in an EBM Institute should contact Andrea Markinson at 718 270-7433; Cobleskill: 2 new librarians hired; Canton: No director for 2 years, position may not be filled until next September; Cortland: 3 searches ongoing; Geneseo: 1 resignation, will be searching for an Instruction Coordinator; BCC: May search for Systems librarian.

3. **Officers' reports**

   3.1 President-Ellen McCabe

State University of New York Librarians Association

President's Report

September 17, 2004

New Beginnings

In the spring of the year, trees bud and blossom and everything springs to new life. While this is nature's obvious beginning to the new year, I always felt the excitement of new beginnings in the fall, as I began a new school year. Who knew what was going to happen? Who knew what new things I would learn? What people I would meet? It is with this same anticipation and excitement that I begin a new academic year—and a new SUNYLA year.

Because this is an election year there is added drama. Our campus is actively involved in getting students registered to vote and our library is doing its part with a link to the ALA voter registration web site. I want to thank Bill Drew for calling this to our attention and our 'webmaster,' Amanda Hollister, for adding the link to our web page. Regardless our party affiliations, it is important that all Americans are encouraged to exercise their right to vote. I'd love to hear what your libraries are doing to encourage the vote.

Unfortunately, there are lots of negatives associated with the 'new beginnings' this year. While the state budget has finally passed (we think), as yet we libraries have no budget. We're in a holding pattern. Database costs have increased and we will manage to cover them, but will there be any new acquisitions? And I know the budget picture is even bleaker for community colleges.

As I said to someone lately, "I may have a swelled head, but it is still not big enough to support all the hats I have to wear." Many of us are taking on more and more tasks in the light of continuing flat or decreasing budgets. We lost a librarian during the summer and we have one on sabbatical, so things have been a little tight at Cortland. But the good news is that we have been given permission to hire for three positions in the library, two of them for librarians!

Bill Drew wrote to me with a thoughtful concern recently. He felt that SUNYLA has had a lack of a "clear theme or clear set of goals to strive to accomplish."   With our diversity of institutions it often seems that the more we have in common, the more we have differences, too. So I did some brainstorming and came up with a list of things we share in common and have to deal with.

First of all, anything to do with ALEPH, from sharing knowledge of how to implement some of its features to the idea of a shared union catalog, one of the major arguments for choosing this system. Sharing resources of any kind, which includes Interlibrary Loan. Some of the four year colleges are running a trial using ILLIAD and our new Land delivery service. At Cortland this increased our ILL loans and borrows to over 10,000 a year! Our experiences will be invaluable for those of you who embark on a similar course.

There are also mountains of personnel issues: librarians leaving; loss of positions; mentoring; finding time for research and/or presentations; increased workloads. How about our status on campus? At Cortland, we're called 'library faculty' but not always treated on an equal basis with the teaching faculty. Speaking of teaching, many of us became librarians before there were large teaching expectations. How do we morph into good teachers with little training available and very limited teaching experiences?

And finally, as much as I love SUNYLA, I think it is invaluable for all of us to interact with librarians from other types of schools and experience other aspects of librarianship. How do we accomplish this with more and more limited funds available for trips to other conferences?

I would love to hear your concerns too. As we embark on this new beginning with SUNYLA let's look at the things we can do—discuss, share, help, innovate, advocate. Who knows what will happen?   What things will we learn? What wonderful people we will meet?

A discussion followed concerning ILIAD, SFX, First Search, teaching and training, and funding for travel to other conferences.

3.2 First Vice President-Bill Drew
Anyone interested in being a candidate for SUNYLA officer next year should contact Bill. The elections will be in April. No location has been set for the 2006 conference.

3.3 Second Vice -President - Violet Price
Violet has taken over as second VP in place of Mark Lasek.
The 2005 conference will take place June 8-10 at New Paltz. V. Price and S. Kraat are collecting suggestions for the 2005 conference theme. They are working on dorm space, classroom space, food, and further arrangements. A call for presenters will go out in November. The vendors who participated in 2004 will be invited to participate again in 2005.
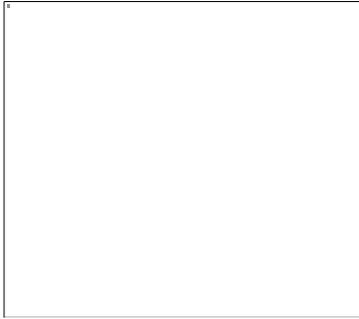J. Schumacher requested that gift certificates come from independent book stores, not big chains.
A vote to approve allocation of $2000 in seed money for the conference was passed unanimously.

3.4   Secretary-Caryl Ward
The Secretary will email delegates if there are questions that need to be clarified for the minutes.

3.5   Treasurer-Elizabeth Gulacsy

Elizabeth reports that there are fewer members now than at this time last year.

4**. Committee Reports**

4.1 Automation and Information Technology-Bill Drew

SUNYAUG ballots have gone out to delegates and are due October 1. NAAUG will be at the University of Maryland, College Park on June 6-10. SUNYAUG is October 11. Bill will not be chairing SUNYAUG beginning October 2005; anyone interested in taking over should contact him. There are two candidates for VP/Meeting Planner: Marianne Hebert and Karen Coombs.

4.2 Library Instruction-Angela Weiler
Summer is a quiet time for this committee, so there is no report.

4.3   Membership Development-Kim Davies

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Membership Development Committee

Report: September 17, 2004

Membership:

As of September 16, membership totals are at

168, with 8 new members and 4 associate members included. The MDC is expecting this number to rapidly rise due to forms being handed in at the September Council meeting and a greater push to campus delegates and potential members. The first batch of membership cards have been sent out to corresponding campuses and the second batch will soon be printed and distributed.

The Membership Development Committee would like to congratulate the delegates included in a separate attached list for their accomplishments in motivating SUNY library staff to join SUNYLA. The efforts of all campus delegates are very much appreciated and we encourage them to continue the great work that they've been doing these past few years.

Committee Members:

This year, the Membership Development Committee has six members including the chair, Kate Merrill and Nancy Greco from Geneseo State, Kadri Niider from the SUNY School of Optometry, Sharon Malecki from Finger Lakes Community College, and Emily Hart from Fredonia State.

Projects:

- Maintain the membership database
- Distribute membership cards and other membership materials in a timely fashion
- Print and distribute SUNYLA brochures to all new members
- Promote SUNYLA to library school students around the state to encourage membership and committee participation
- Continue to keep past members in the organization and add new members
- Organize a membership welcoming party during the annual conference at New Paltz State

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Davies
Chair, Membership Development Committee

Kim was not able to attend the meeting, but E. Gulacsy reported that there are currently 168 SUNYLA members, 8 of whom are new.

4.4   Professional Development-Alice Harrington
SUNYLA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 17, 2004

New Chair: I am the new Chair of the SUNYLA Professional Development Committee. Please contact me if you have any comments, questions or ideas:

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Sylvia Chu Scholarship Subcommittee:
· Carol Anne Germaine (SUNY Albany), former Chair of the Professional Development Committee, is chairing this group.
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An online application form is in the works. This will, of course, change the traditional procedure of applicants submitting written documents to this subcommittee for their review.

Friend(s) of SUNYLA Subcommittee:
· Jerry Burke (SUNY Albany) is Chair.
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It's never too early to nominate a person or group for the Friend of SUNYLA Award. If you are aware of someone who you feel deserves special recognition, please feel free to send in your nomination.

Professional Development Grants:
· Marianne Muha (Buffalo State) replaces Deborah Bernard (SUNY Albany) as Chair.
· Marianne Eimer (SUNY Fredonia) received a grant over the summer which partially funded her attendance at a conference in Scotland.

Budget:
As follows is a budget request for Professional Development initiatives for 2004/05. Since the SUNY budget is relatively healthy (over $12,000), I have requested a $200 increase in funding for the Sylvia Chu Scholarships.

Friend of SUNYLA	$500.
Professional Development Grants	$800.
Sylvia Chu Scholarships	$700.

TOTAL	$2000

Respectfully submitted by Alice Harrington
September 17, 2004

There was a discussion about increasing the budget for Professional Development. A vote followed and the motion was approved.

4.5 Personnel Policies-Ron Foster (no report)

4.6 Publications & Communications-Jerry Liebowitz (no report)

4.7 Web Manager-Wendi Ackerman (no report)

5. **Liaison Reports**

    5.1   **UUP-John Schumacher**

UUP Liaison Report

John Schumacher   (Central@uupmail.org)
SUNYLA Executive Board/Council
September 17, 2004

Election.
·   UUP's national affiliate, American Federation of Teachers has endorsed John Kerry for president.
     http://www.aft.org/presscenter/speeches-columns/speeches/mcelroy072604.htm
     The deadline in New York State for registering to vote is October 8th; Election Day is
     November 2nd.

New Contract.
·   UUP members overwhelmingly approved the new UUP-New York State 2003-2007 Agreement.
·   Thanks to the UUP Negotiations Team for their many efforts in the negotiations process. Here's a listing of the Team members -
     http://www.uupinfo.org/voice/sep/sept02c.html
·   A Q&A document on the contract is available at http://www.uupinfo.org/contract.pdf
     Some contract highlights can be found at http://www.uupinfo.org/highlights.html
     UUP press release - http://www.uupinfo.org/communications/release04/ratification.html
     All UUP members received a preliminary copy of the Agreement as part of the voting process.
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     Campuses' "local committees" have recently received information about upcoming professional development and other grants available through the new
     contract. See http://www.uup.lmc.state.ny.us/ for more information (this web site is suppose to be updated soon).

Budget Update.
·   As of this date, the New York State (and SUNY) budget has not been finalized.
·   Additional funding for SUNY was among the areas vetoed by the governor. UUP's reaction to the vetoes can be found at
     http://www.uupinfo.org/communications/release04/sunyveto04.html
·   It is not known, at this time, whether or not there will be attempts to override the governor's vetoes.

Upcoming Delegate Assembly.
·   The UUP Fall DA will be October 1,2 in Buffalo, New York.

New Benefits Manager.
·   Ms. Doreen Bango is the new Manager of Member Benefits for UUP. Thanks to Gail Maloy (who is retiring at the end of November) for all her efforts.

UUP has moved.
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518-640-6600
518-640-6698 (fax)

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Web:
http://www.uupinfo.org

John corrected one item in his report: the budget has been finalized. Some items were very involved. Chancellor King has acknowledged that SUNY needs more public funding, especially as enrollment is increasing throughout the system. He asked for $50 million. This has been granted, spread out over three years.

5.2 COA- Wendi Ackerman
Wendi is looking for someone to take over as COA liason. Contact Ellen McCabe.

5.3 FACT-Michael Morin

SUNYLA Report of Activities of the FACT Advisory Council

Submitted by Michael E. Morin, September 17th, 2004

- The FACT Council met in Albany for a two day planning retreat in the beginning of June. Attendance was good and Provost Peter Salins joined us for reports and discussions over a working lunch. This annual brainstorming and reporting session are instrumental to reviewing progress reaching FACT goals and objectives and the planning of each CIT, where themes, tracks and locations are decided along with envisioning future programs and initiatives. A complete list of FACT Council members and meeting agendas can be found at: http://www.fact.suny.edu/

- Conference on Instructional Technologies The 13th CIT conference; Seamless Learning: Integrating Teaching, Research & Technology (CIT2004) was June 1st -4th with workshops running from June 1st and 2nd. Eight tracks, including Information Literacy and Research, with 135 presentations and poster sessions were offered, much taking place in the exotic WANG Center. The first day of workshops only was praised for the 2nd year as a direct response to earlier CIT feedback. Speaker included SUNY Chancellor Robert L. King and Philip D. Long, Senior Strategist for Academic Computing at M.I.T. Dr. Long's presentation is available at http://cit.suny.edu/cit2004/index.html. CIT 2005 will be May 31st - June 3rd. The FACT Council and Committee (individual campus reps) met at CIT2004 and received briefings, reports and a newsletter outlining FACT work this past year.

- Conference on Computing in the Disciplines(COCIDS) FACT funded COCIDS are scheduled for SUNY FIT Oct 8-9, SUNY Institute of Technology, Utica/Rome Oct. 21-22, Genesee Community College, Oct. 22 and SUNY New Paltz Oct. 22-23. FACT has agreed to support additional theme or activity based COCIDS that

will be funded separately to support special new initiatives or programs. These will be added to the COCID schedule as requested by the SUNY Provost; Dr. Peter Salins.

- Student Computing Access Program (SCAP)
  The FACT advisory continues to have a positive impact on the future of SCAP. A special briefing document and presentation was prepared and delivered by FACT Chair; Steve McIntosh which was given to all the attending FACT Committee members attending the FATC Annual Meeting tat CIT 2004 in Stony Brook. This briefing outlined the history and impact of SCAP, last summer's budget 20% cuts, reducing SCAP from of $ 3.6 million to $ 2.9 million. An appeal when out to "Make a case for SCAP" by collecting SCAP scenarios to support refunding. More information can be obtained by contacting the SCAP Committee Chair; Judy Basinski at 716.878.4206 or basinsj@buffalostate.edu   Although the remaining 80% of the funds have finally been released to the campuses, FACT calculates the SCAP will need to be increased by 25% to restore SCAP to full funding.

- Academic Software Initiative(ASI FACT Council liaison Michael E. Morin at memorin@buffalo.edu. Some contractual agreements, such as with Adobe and discounted below regular academic pricing.

- ALISe-Journal The need for an electronic journal/repository for SUNY has been a subject of continuous discussion since submitting our official proposal to Provost Salins. Informal discussions between FACT Council members and Carey Hatch (OLIS) have been positive. The topic of scholarly communications is central to any vision for a SUNY enterprise in this area and several models have emerged. The Provost has not expressed a detail response to any of our ideas; however the costs of the current system of academic publishing are forefront in everyone's mind. Discussions continue.

  FACT has been asked to plan TLT conference. Michael reported that the film/slide projectors for high resolution slides have been discontinued. This is a problem for slide librarians. If any site needs SCAP funding, email Michael at memorin@buffalo.edu

5.4   SAC-Andy Perry

SUNYConnect Advisory Council (SAC)
Report to SUNYLA Executive Board/Council
Andy Perry (aperry@binghamton.edu)
September 17, 2004

SAC meetings were held on June 23 and September 8. I won't repeat everything in the minutes and these have been posted to the SUNYLA list. Here are the highlights:

 The June 23 meeting included a session with Provost Peter Salins. The Provost urged SAC to work with him to envision a new paradigm for library collections and funding. He challenged SAC to work toward a model where collective resources can be leveraged to provide SUNY with deeper and less redundant collections and services. The discussions on this direction lasted well after the Provost's session. SAC members were concerned about how much can be funded collectively? SAC members indicated that collective services are not a panacea that will fix all our funding inadequacies. Is it practical to envision monograph selection collectively? How does a campus participate in any collective effort without resulting in more cuts in local funding from campus administrations that feel that because there is a centralized service, local library funding is no longer needed? SAC members told the Provost that even with collectivizing some processes, new funding for SUNY library collections was urgently needed. He agreed to advocate for new funding if a significant effort was made to show greater leveraging of current resources where this would be an improvement. SAC felt that developing recommendations in response to the Provost's challenge would be an important part of the upcoming planning effort.

During the coming year SAC will need to develop:
·   a new overall five year plan for SUNYConnect,
·   a new five year Financial plan

· work with OLIS to strategize and participate in the Ex Libris contract renewal process

SAC decided as a preliminary step toward the next five year plan and as a way of working with the issues raised by the Provost that a planning retreat would be held with a consultant to facilitate. We have selected Lou Wetherbee as the consultant and scheduled the retreat for Oct. 28-29. The SCLD Executive Committee will be asked to join SAC and OLIS in the retreat. This would include the SUNYLA President.

SAC is developing a survey to get some feedback on SUNYConnect planning priorities. The survey process will expand to include a wider constituency such as SUNYLA as part of the SAC planning process. The survey will be used to frame the conversations that will be part of developing the next plan and will be "essay" format rather than "1-5 scale" specific questions. Issues we need to consider are also brought out in the OCLC Environmental Scan and a strategic planning document from the California Digital Library.

One theme of the retreat and framing of the planning discussions is whether adapting the model of the California Digital Library (CDL) to SUNY might be the best way to mange the ongoing expansion of digital collections.

As was stated in the June 23 SAC minutes, resolutions were passed advising SUNY libraries not to purchase Ex Libris products and to let Dan Trajman, the Ex Libris North American president know that SUNY considers the progress toward universal borrowing inadequate under the terms of the contract. Although a resolution passed, SUNY did not formally invoke the contract non-compliance provisions. Instead, Carey Hatch and Sr. Associate Provost Rick Steiner met with Dan Trajman on July 26 to convey these concerns. Ex Libris responded with a proposal that delivers the Direct Consortial Borrowing functionality before May, 2005. Progress toward this goal will be carefully coordinated and monitored. If sufficient progress is not made, the option remains to have this functionality developed elsewhere or take it "off the table" in terms of the contract renewal which must begin around the same time in 2005.

A new server has been ordered to replace OSWLIB. More details on the migration of campuses currently hosted on OSWLIB will be forthcoming. All the campuses cannot be moved at the same time. The process will involve instance by instance migration and will take some time to complete for all campuses. Downtime will be minimized as much as possible. There is no specific schedule yet.

A proposal has been submitted to the Provost by Carey proposing a new initiative for campuses to participate in a pilot project to develop institutional repositories using a shared DSPACE system at ITEC. Should the proposal be approved, this should be a great opportunity for SUNY libraries to get involved with this new service and technology.

This same DSPACE system is being proposed to provide access to a number of SUNY Press titles published electronically. Bibliographic records with the correct url's will be provided to SUNY campuses.

As reported in the draft minutes from 9/8, the Science Direct agreement is not yet finalized but is very close.

The next SAC meeting will be held on October 6 in Albany.

Andy reports that Ex Libris' contract renewal is coming up. OSWLIB's server problems are to be resolved soon, when a new machine is installed. This will involve migration spread out over some months. There has been a discussion about D-Space. All sorts of documents will be put in D-Space. Andy suggests that delegates check out Cornell's D-Space and think about projects for SUNY.

5.5   NYLink-Kathy Gundrum

SUNYLA Executive Board/Council Meeting
Report from Nylink
September 17, 2004-SUNY Cortland
Presented by Ann Gunning

General Announcements

Nylink conducted its Member Needs Assessment in July 2004, receiving feedback on Nylink's current and future services and programs. This web-based survey was sent to multiple individuals at Nylink member institutions. Twenty-three percent of respondents represented SUNY institutions. Thank you for taking the time to respond! Results will be shared with Nylink members.

If you are planning a trip to Monterey, California for the Internet Librarian 2004 conference November 15-17, register to attend through Nylink to receive a special discount rate of $235 for this three-day event [a savings of $144 off of registration costs]. To receive this rate, you must register through Nylink. Information is on the Nylink web site at http://nylink.suny.edu/lib04.htm.

Nylink staff are attending, presenting at, and facilitating programs, at the New York Library Association Annual Conference in Rochester, October 20-23, 2004. Programs presented by Nylink staff members over the course of the conference include "Linux in Libraries: if or when, How and What," "Managing and Implementing Change," and "Go Digital with CONTENTdm!," Additionally, Nylink staff member Jane Neale is coordinating and facilitating " Virtual Reference: The [R]evolution." If you will be in attendance, stop in to one of our programs, or stop by our booth to say hello!

The National Center for Education Statistics [NCES] Academic Library Survey has posted its fiscal year 2002 data at http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/libraries/academicpeer/.
The survey produces descriptive statistics on about 3,700 academic libraries. A Peer Comparison Analysis tool allows users to create reports comparing one library of interest to others. Nylink served as the Library Representative for New York State at the request of the American Library Association, assisting with the data-gathering process.

OCLC has announced retirement dates for its current cataloging, resource sharing and union list interfaces:
·   On May 1, 2005: OCLC will retire Passport for Cataloging and resource sharing, ILL Web, ILL ME and ILLiad 6.x.
·   In June 2005: OCLC will retire Passport union listing functionality. Those who use Passport for Union List activities must migrate to Connexion.
·   On July 1, 2005: OCLC will retire CatME, CJK and Arabic interfaces. All users of these interfaces must migrate to the Connexion browser or Connexion client.

Information is available on OCLC's web site to assist you in planning your migration:
  • Cataloging Migration: <http://www.oclc.org/connexion/>
  • Resource Sharing Migration: <http://www.oclc.org/ill/migration/default.htm>

To discuss your options or get assistance in planning your migration from the retiring interfaces, please contact Nylink, at 800 342-3353 or 518 443-5444. For cataloging and union listing migration, ask for Lauren Pinsley, Lynne Graziadei, or Mary Edgerton. For resource sharing migration, ask for Jon Penn or Joyce Rambo. Staff email addresses are [last name][first initial]@nylink.suny.edu.

Educational Services

Upcoming Nylink-sponsored programs:

MARC Processing With Perl,
an open source, hands-on workshop, on Thursday, October 28, 9 am-4 pm, Central Library, Queens Borough Public Library, Jamaica. Workshop attendees can expect to learn the basics of Perl programming, and how to use MARC/Perl to easily create, and modify existing MARC data at this hands-on workshop. The presenter, Ed Summers, started the MARC/Perl project in 1999, and continues to work with a group of developers to support and further extend the software. He is currently working as a Senior Software Engineer at Follett Corporation in Illinois. The cost for Nylink members is $95 [a special rate of $195 applies when attending both programs on October 28 and 29]. Additional information and a registration form is on the Nylink web site at http://nylink.suny.edu/openconf.htm.

Open Source Software in Libraries,
Friday, October 29, 9 am-4 pm, Flushing Branch, Queens Borough Public Library, focusing on the relevance of open source to the library community, and will include an overview of open source and how and why it is important for libraries, along with presentations on how open source is being used by libraries in New York State. This is a golden opportunity to hear about specific open source solutions to common library problems as well as the broader issues of using open source in their libraries. The cost for Nylink members is $125 [a special rate of $195 applies when attending both programs on October 28 and 29]. Additional information and a registration form is on the Nylink web site at http://nylink.suny.edu/openconf.htm.

The Nylink Information Showcase is scheduled for Tuesday, November 9, 2004, 9:30 am-4 pm, at the Hotel Pennsylvania in New York City [7th Avenue, right across from Penn Station]. The Showcase is an opportunity for you to learn more about a variety of services from our vendor partners. This no-cost event includes half-hour demos and presentations by exhibitors and door prize drawings throughout the day. Additional information and a registration form is on the Nylink web site at http://nylink.suny.edu/showcase/default.htm.

Don't forget to visit the Educational Services section of the Nylink web site at http://nylink.suny.edu/training.htm for current information about upcoming Nylink training classes and special programs. The site includes information about the Nylink's Institute for Information Technology Fluency for Library Professionals, a series of online classes, which has grown to include "Information Technology & Society" to the curriculum.

Looking ahead: Mark your calendars for Nylink Annual Meeting: May 4-5, 2005, Saratoga Springs.
Electronic Resources

Nylink members receive a 5% discount off Project Muse pricing for any of the journal packages, including the new Basic Research and Basic Undergraduate packages. Nylink is not offering individual journal titles. See http://nylink.suny.edu/coop/pmuse_intro.htm#cc05 for additional information.

H. W. Wilson
introduces Index to Legal Periodicals Retrospective. Science Full Text Select combines the full-text content of all Wilson science databases - Applied Science & Technology Full Text, Biological & Agricultural Index Plus, and General Science Full Text - plus additional full text from Readers' Guide and Wilson OmniFile databases. Sign up for a free thirty-day trial: http://www.hwwilson.com/wwebforms/Wwebtrials/newtrialform/wweb1_2.cfm.

AMICO transitions to ARTstor:
The AMICO Library will no longer be available from Nylink after December of 2004. Nylink members should contact ARTstor directly to explore options for licensing images that made up the AMICO Library. See http://www.artstor.org for details.

Thanks to the 29 participants who signed up for Nylink's thirdnetLibrary shared collection, which is now closed. Nylink will have about 1,000 titles in this collection. Final title purchases should be made in September, with MARC records to follow shortly afterwards.

xreferplus
continues to grow its content, and now offers over 165 titles, including The 1:5,000,000 Pt. Interactive World Atlas by Harper Collins, Taber's Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary, the US Census 2000 Statistical Quickfacts with new interactive tables, charts, and exportable state & county statistics (exclusively available on xreferplus), Concise Corsini Encyclopedia of Psychologyand Behavioral Science by Wiley (Named "Reference Book of the Year" by the American Library Association), the Mosby's Dental Dictionary, the International Dictionary of Homeopathy, the Pharmaceutical Medicine Dictionary and many others.

5.6   OLIS-John Schumacher

SUNY Office of Library and Information Services

Report to SUNYLA Executive Board/Council
John Schumacher (schumaje@sysadm.suny.edu)

September 17, 2004

SUNYConnect LMS

- The SUNYConnect LMS initiative has now exceeded LAIP in the number of implemented campuses. Forty-four libraries are using the system: SUNY university centers (3); health science centers (3); university colleges (9); technology colleges (6); community colleges (20); statutory/specialized (2); private (1).

- All of the Group6 (University at Albany libraries) and Group7 campuses have made the transition from Ex Libris Implementation Support to Ex Libris Technical Support.

- Training, data analysis and data conversion has begun for many of the Group8 campuses: Adirondack, Clinton, Cobleskill, Columbia-Greene, Dutchess, Fulton-Montgomery, Hudson Valley, New Paltz, Plattsburgh and Schenectady. Group8 libraries are scheduled to "switch to production" in the January 2005 – March 2005 timeframe.
- Plans are being developed to migrate the 18 campuses housed on the OSWLIB machine to a new machine.
- The University at Buffalo has now tentatively scheduled their "STP" for summer 2006.
- Universal Borrowing – Ex Libris has proposed to have a universal borrowing component suitable for SUNYConnect's needs available by March 2005.

- Eva Krall, the Ex Libris project manager who has worked with OLIS on the Union Catalog, will be transferring from Aleph implementations to SFX/Metalib assignments after October.
- Progress is being made on the processes needed to update the SUNYConnect union catalog's bibliographic data.

SUNYConnect Databases

- The SUNY Counsel's Office is reviewing the SUNY-Elsevier agreement. The five year ScienceDirect agreement includes access to nearly 400 additional journals (starting in 2005).
- Use http://service.sunyconnect.suny.edu/footprints/help.html
  to access MaRC records for the Gale Virtual Reference Library. After accessing the Footprints system, switch to the SUNYConnect Electronic Resources Project and entry #143 for access and additional information. More information about the GVRL is available at http://www.gale.com/brochure/VirtualRefgml22703.pdf

- The OLIS has begun work on establishing a "shared instance" of SFX for SUNYConnect. Set to be available as of 2005, this service would allow individual campuses to spend less time/staff resources on configuring and maintaining their SFX system.

OLIS

- Nathan Fixler and Ben Follis have joined OLIS as Library Application Developers. They will be working on programming, web-based applications and other technical tasks related to ALEPH and other SUNYConnect initiatives. Welcome Nathan and Ben!

SUNYConnect Information / Resources
- For additional information about SUNYConnect
  http://www.SUNYConnect.suny.edu/
  http://olis.sysadm.suny.edu/sunyergy/
  http://www.SUNYConnect.suny.edu/SUNYConnection/
- Additional resources:
  "SUNY ALEPH500 Portal" http://www.SUNYConnect.suny.edu/aleph/
  "SUNYConnect Service and Support Portal"

http://www.sunyconnect.suny.edu/service

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 and registration.

5.7   NY3Rs-Sheryl Knab

NY3Rs Report to SUNYLA
16 September 2004

- As of now, all state-supported programs (such as Coordinated Collection Development and RBDB) face a five percent reduction in funding. This impacts academic libraries directly, including SUNY. All are encouraged to contact their state representatives immediately to restore the 5% cut.

- Next week, 5 of the 9 3Rs councils are sponsoring "Emerging Technology" workshops with Roy Tennant. Check with your 3Rs council on how to register.

- Each 3Rs council has received LSTA NOVEL Invitational grant money. This funding will be used to support NOVEL-related projects and programs (primar training) to meet the needs in each region. Here is a sample of the programming that will begin Nov. 1, 2004 and end May 31, 2005:

  - Central 3Rs Council: NOVEL demonstrations will be offered at regional trade shows, business expos, and educational conferences. Legislative aide government officials, and other targeted special audiences will also receive NOVEL training.
  - Capital District Library Council: CDLC has partnered with 3 other library systems (MVLS, SALS, and UHLS) to provide train-the-trainer sessions designed to give library staff the tools to teach their patrons about the NOVEL databases. Scripts for training databases as well as materials that can be used in information literacy sessions will be developed. Training will take place around the region. Additionally, training will be offered to small businesses and start-up compani and community groups such as Chambers of Commerce and Rotary. Part of the grant will underwrite the cost of advertising and some equipment for participating systems.
  - Rochester 3Rs Council: A core group of school, academic, and public librarians will meet on a regular basis to promote lifelong learning through the use NOVEL databases. Focus groups will be conducted to see how libraries can cooperate through the use of the NOVEL databases to make sure that student have appropriate information seeking skills. Two 2-day workshops will be held at each participating school library system for school librarians and teacher create lesson plans that integrate NOVEL databases into curricula. Twenty-five workshops highlighting NOVEL databases will be offered by subject area groups of public, academic, and special library staff, as well as for teachers. The grant is also underwriting train-the-trainer workshops, workshops for the general public, development of a Monroe County Public Library System web page and RRLC web enhancement that will feature NOVEL databases and include tutorials for self-instruction, as well as a NOVEL publicity campaign.
  - Western NY Library Resources Council: The goal of the WNYLRC grant is to make NOVEL a household name. This grant will underwrite the cost of developing a regional portal that highlights NOVEL, training sessions on how to search NOVEL databases effectively, and public relations materials to promote its use.

6.0   New Business
Ellen asked the group about the effectiveness of teleconferences. It was agreed that the last one was not successful. A discussion followed concerning venues for meetings, and where SUNYLA could meet that would be convenient for downstate delegates. Several suggestions were made, and Ellen will consider all locations.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Caryl Ward
SUNYLA Secretary