



## Information Literacy on Track!

Exciting news came our way this summer. The SUNY FACT Committee and the Conference on Instructional Technologies (CIT) planning committee have approved and endorsed a CIT Conference Track dedicated to issues on Information Literacy. In addition, they have asked if SUNYLA would guide the planning and session selection for this track. The Executive Board at its July meeting approved the formation of an Ad Hoc committee, chaired by Katie Loomis of Fredonia, to guide this process.

What does this mean for SUNYLA? CIT is the largest technology conference in SUNY. It's a chance for librarians and faculty to showcase how they are working together to integrate information literacy skills into their curriculum. It's a chance for librarians to spread the word to faculty who haven't incorporated information literacy into their curriculum that this is an important and relatively painless process. Administrators and faculty are aware that information literacy initiatives and new standards and assessments required by national curriculum and institutional accrediting bodies, including the Middle States Association, make it imperative to address information literacy. We have an interested audience and librarians have a chance to shine as the experts.

What can you do to help this endeavor? Think about presenting. Have you worked with a faculty member to incorporate information literacy into their class? Ask them to present with you. Do you know someone on your campus or at another SUNY institution that has been successful? Encourage them to present. Papers, demonstrations, and panels may wish to examine a wide range of issues and applications including, but not limited to:

- Integration of information literacy skill sets into curricula
- Classroom faculty/information specialist partnerships in curriculum development
- Examinations of new information literacy accreditation and mission related standards and assessments
- Basic information literacy skill sets - what are they?
- Information literacy issues in distance and remote learning environments
- Innovative uses of specific discipline-related electronic resources
- Information literacy and accreditation guidelines
- Information literacy and institutional standards
- Opportunities and challenges for the new classroom and library environments
- Legal issues in the electronic learning environment, i.e. plagiarism, copyright, etc.

CIT 2002 will be held at SUNY Oneonta on May 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>. Plan on presenting. Plan on attending.

*Gretchen Douglas*  
SUNYLA President, 2001-2002

## SUNYLA Responds to Events of September 11th

All of us will remember the beginning of this academic year for many years to come. The SUNYLA Executive Board/Council met in Oswego on Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> a few days after the tragic events in New York City and Washington DC. Many of the SUNY and CUNY campuses in Manhattan had lost their Internet connectivity. Libraries are so dependent on the Internet that downtimes, especially ones that could last weeks, are critical interruptions of service. Marianne Eimer from Fredonia suggested SUNYLA try to help those campuses without Internet connections serve their faculty and students. The Council approved the following resolution:

“We the members of the State University of New York Librarians Association pledge our support to provide whatever services needed to help those SUNY and CUNY campuses affected by the recent terrorist attacks, in order to facilitate their efforts in serving their constituents.”

A message was posted to the SCLD (SUNY Council of Library Directors) listserv asking the directors for help with this initiative. Many campuses responded with support. A list of those campuses, along with their reference desk telephone numbers, was sent to SUNY and CUNY campuses in the greater Manhattan area. An accompanying letter told campuses to call for help with database and Internet searches.

SUNYLA also donated \$300 to the American Red Cross in memory of state employees lost in the attack on the World Trade Center.

## Campus News

### Adirondack

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#### Staff News:

In April at the SUNY Council of Library Directors annual meeting, **Teresa Ronning** assumed the role of Chair of the SUNY Council of Library Directors for a one year term. Terry was the Program Chair for the 2001 annual meeting hosting Provost Peter Salins as keynote speaker. Other guests included Debra Gilchrist from Pierce College presenting a workshop on assessment, Shelly Warwick from Queens College speaking on intellectual property, as well as many other representatives from related library organizations.

#### Publications:

Reference and Instruction Librarian



**Joyce Miller** expanded last year's Information Literacy Handbook. The new edition includes tiered learning outcomes for first and second year students, based on models from Florida International University and the Shapiro Undergraduate Library at the University of Michigan. The new edition also includes assignment ideas with the information literacy competencies they introduce, and the assignments' learning outcomes. The SUNYLA Library Instruction Committee's Web site was a very useful resource for the handbook.

#### Other:

The ACC Library staff and faculty were honored to learn that in the Spring 2000 administration of the SUNY Student Opinion Survey, ACC's Library Services and Facilities ranked number one in the community college system in terms of full-time student satisfaction.

### Albany

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#### Staff News:

One of **Laura Cohen's** Internet Tutorials was cited in the July 30TH edition of The LangaList, [www.langa.com/newsletters/2001/2001-07-30.htm](http://www.langa.com/newsletters/2001/2001-07-30.htm). Laura was interviewed for an article that appeared in *The Philadelphia Inquirer* on May 17, "Searches change, so Web users must." Finally, Laura was inducted into the Internet Librarian Hall of Fame, [www.rlc.dcccd.edu/lrc/hofprevious.htm](http://www.rlc.dcccd.edu/lrc/hofprevious.htm).

**Publications:**

**Laura Cohen.** "Finding it All on the Web: Search Tools and Strategies." *Choice* 38 Supplement (2001): 13-27.

**Trudi E. Jacobson,** "Partnerships between Library Instruction Units and Campus Teaching Centers, *Journal of Academic Librarianship* 27 (July, 2000): 311-316.

**Trudi E. Jacobson and Timothy H. Gatti,** eds. Teaching Information Literacy Concepts: Activities and Frameworks from the Field. Pittsburgh: Library Instruction Publications, 2001.

**Michael Knee.** "Computer Science: A guide to Selected Resources on the Internet". *College & Research Libraries News* 62(6) June 2001: 609-615.  
[www.ala.org/acrl/resjune01.html](http://www.ala.org/acrl/resjune01.html).

**Professional Activities:**

**Laura Cohen** was invited to Plattsburgh State College on September 14 to give a repeat of her SUNYLA conference presentation, "Foolproof Techniques for Teaching How to Search the Web."

**Binghamton**

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**Staff News:**

Newly hired:  
**Roman Koshykar**--Science Reference Librarian for Engineering.

**Sarah Maximiek**--Information Literacy/Reference Librarian.

**Brockport**

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**Staff News:**

**Jenny Baker** was hired as Access Services Librarian in July. Welcome, Jenny! **Carolyn Everett** returned to Drake Library as a library assistant in the Serials Dept. We are very glad to have her back with us.

**Eileen O'Hara** gave two presentations on campus on the HBO series "Band of Brothers". As a family member of the veterans represented in the film, Eileen traveled to Normandy to the world premiere as a guest of HBO in June. Her presentation focused on the real WWII unit, the mini-series, and her experiences in France.

**Other news:**

We are now circulating laptops with access to the wireless network in the library.

A new library instruction room has been completed to teach Information Literacy – with 30 computers for hands-on instruction.

The student computer lab had updated with new computers with flat screen monitors.

**Brooklyn-HSC**

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**Staff News:**

**Violet O. Evans** has been elected as the new campus delegate for SUNYLA organization. Thanks to the former delegate **Ross Ljungquist** for all of his work with the association.

Welcome to **Bharathi Subramanian** who joins us as the new Reference Librarian. She previously worked as a Reference Librarian at Brooklyn Public Business Library. We wish her well in her new position.

New members to join SUNYLA are **Tom Angelo** (Reference Librarian) and **Juanetta LeGree** (Head Access Services).

**Other News:**

Evidence-Based Medicine teachings are going on in Brooklyn. Some of the librarians will be co-teaching residents of the Emergency, Internal and Pediatric Departments about the techniques of utilizing Evidence-Based Medicine for the purpose of practice. For further information regarding EBM teachings at Brooklyn please feel free to contact Andrea Markinson, Head of Educational Services (718) 270-

7433. Other course teachings include Medical Informatics for the 1<sup>st</sup> year medical students; Research classes for Nurses, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Physician Assistant students, in addition to the monthly Library Informatics classes on selected software, databases.

**Buffalo HSL**

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**Staff News:**

**Sharon Gray** serves on the Health Information Advisory Board of *Medicine on the Net*.

**Publications:**

**Gray, Sharon A. and Janice S. Linton.** "Traditional Medicine and Concepts of Wellness on the Web: Native People of North America." *Health Care on the Internet* 2001, 5(2):71-81.

**Gray, Sharon A.** "The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership," book review, *Leading Edge (Medical Library Association Library Management Section newsletter)*, 13(3):8 August 2001.

**Munger, Heather.** "The Last Stand of Salvador Allende," *MC Journal: The Journal of Academic Media Librarianship*.

**Widzinski, Lori.** "The Evolution of Media Librarianship: A Tangled History of Change and Constancy." *Simile*. [www.utpjournals.com/simile/](http://www.utpjournals.com/simile/)

**Professional Activities:**

**Sharon Gray** attended meetings of the Knowledge Dissemination and Utilization Projects of the National Institute of Disability and Rehabilitation Research in Washington DC. in August.

**Heather Munger and Pamela White** (SUNY Upstate Medical University) presented "It Looks Pretty . . . But is it Useful? Testing the Usability of a Library Home Page" at the 92nd Annual Conference of the Special Libraries Association in June 2001. The paper was published in the *Proceedings of the Contributed Papers Session of the Biomedical*

and Life Sciences Division, Special Libraries Association.

**Heather Munger and Pamela White** (SUNY Upstate Medical University) presented "Enhancing Reference Services through Web Design and Usability Testing" at the Medical Library Association Annual Meeting in May 2001.

#### Other:

"From Birth to Death at the Pan-American Exposition" As part of the observance of the centennial of the Pan-American Exposition that was held in Buffalo in 1901, the University at Buffalo Libraries mounted a number of exhibits to commemorate the events that took place at that time. The Health Sciences Library's portion of the "Illuminations" exhibits provides a fascinating glimpse into the general state of health care and medical technology available at the turn of the century. You can visit this and the other University Libraries exhibits online at:  
[ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/exhibits/pa](http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/exhibits/pa)  
[nam/](http://nam/)

The Health Sciences Library is pleased to announce the opening on Wednesday, October 17th of the 2nd exhibit of the Art in the Library Task Force, entitled: "Anatomical Art by Andreas Vesalius" at the Health Sciences Library, University at Buffalo. Vesalius' famous images were digitally reproduced from resources held in the Robert L. Brown History of Medicine collection. The exhibit was made possible through the generosity of the Friends of the Health Sciences Library and the Medical Historical Society of Western New York. For more information, contact Linda Lohr, Manager, Robert L. Brown History of Medicine collection, at 716-829-3900 x136, [lalohr@acsu.buffalo.edu](mailto:lalohr@acsu.buffalo.edu).

## Buffalo State

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#### Staff News :

E.H. Butler Library is pleased to announce two new hires: **Marianne Muha**, Automation Cataloger, and **Marianne Foley**, Systems Librarian.

**Donna Davidoff**, Associate Librarian, received the Buffalo State College President's Award for Excellence in Librarianship on September 13, 2001.

**Wanda Slawinska**, Senior Assistant Librarian, gave a slide-illustrated lecture, "Centuries of Polish-Italian Cultural Relations Captured in the Art and History of Rome," at Canisius College in June, 2001.

## Cayuga Community College

**Doug Michael**

#### Staff News:

**Judith Campanella** has joined the staff as the first full-time Librarian at the College's Fulton (Oswego County) Extension Center.

#### Grants :

The College received a grant from the John Ben Snow Foundation to partially equip the Learning Commons at the Fulton Extension Center.

#### Other:

The College opened its new Fulton (Oswego County) Extension Center facility this Fall complete with a state-of-the-art Learning Commons. The Commons is the focal point of the new facility located in the former Pyramid Mall in Fulton. It contains the library, academic support services, and an open computer lab. The Learning Commons has 30 computer workstations, a shelving capacity of 28,000, and seating for 130. The Center has seamless electronic connectivity with the main campus in Auburn. Over 700 students are taking classes at the Fulton Center this Fall.

## Cortland

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**Edward Adams Jr.** is the new Reference Bibliographer for Physical

Education, Recreation and Leisure Studies.

**Jon Clippinger and Mark Connell** are our new Computer Literacy Instructors.

**Karen Coombs** is teaching a number of sessions of WebCT for student users.

**Lorraine Melita** in her position as Access Services Librarian created a display of "Faculty Favorites" - books which faculty members across campus have enjoyed reading. In her position as Teaching Materials Center bibliographer, Lorraine has held a "Weed and Feed" party for Education faculty and librarians to identify items that need to be weeded from the collection.

A team of library faculty including **Edward Adams, Karen Coombs, Ron Conklin, Lorraine Melita** and the Director, **Gail Wood**, will be working with two interns from Syracuse University to create an instruction plan for dealing with computer information and library information. They will develop two modules within the plan as examples and once the overall plan is developed, the librarians or the Education department can "plug" appropriate information into the example modules.

## Farmingdale

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#### Staff News:

Two librarians were promoted this year. **Azadeh Mirazdeh** was promoted to the rank of Librarian and **Karen Gelles** to the rank of Senior Assistant Librarian.

The library staff at the Greenley Library welcomes our new adjunct Librarian, **Linda Caniano**. Ms Caniano has an MLS and a BA from Queens College, CUNY. She has extensive experience as a library media specialist.

#### Other:

A new technologically enhanced classroom/computer lab for the Greenley Library is now being

constructed. Special thanks go to **George LoPresti** and **Karen Gelles** for their hard work on this project. Our "Smart Classroom should be operational soon.

## Finger Lakes Community College

**Michelle Eichelberger**

### Staff News:

**Tammy Phillips**, our media rental clerk, retired in May. **Jessie MacDonald** has been hired to take her place. **Maureen Lahue**, our serials and periodicals clerk, will be retiring in October.

**Sharon Malecki**, reference librarian, received a Professional Achievement Award in May at the annual Employee Recognition Ceremony.

## Geneseo

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### Staff News:

In the past month, there have been several new additions to the staff at Milne Library: **Bill Baker**, Interlibrary Loan Clerk; **Traci Becker**, Library Administration Secretary; **Heidi Marie Cummings**, Gov Docs/Acquisitions Clerk; **Coleen Hopkins**, Curriculum/Serials Clerk; and **Mary Beth Poupert**, Part-Time Reference Librarian.

### Publications:

**Landes, Sonja**. "Electronic Reserves at Milne Library." *The Journal of Interlibrary Loan, Document Delivery & Information Supply*, Vol. 12, No. 1, 2001.

### Other News:

**Judy Bushnell** is chairing the College Senate Undergraduate Curriculum Committee for 2000/01.

This Fall, the staff at Milne Library welcomes ESL students and the Director of ESL, Irene Belyakov. An ESL Center will be housed at Milne Library in conjunction with Geneseo's Writing Learning Center.

Both centers will share a common space at different times of the day.

## Hudson Valley Community College

After 31 years at the Hudson Valley Community Marvin Library, **Susan Blandy** has retired.

The library has hired two new librarians; **Anne Labelle** formerly of the Shenendahowa Public Library and **Candace Lind** former director of the Castleton Public Library.

## Jefferson Community College

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### Staff news:

**Constance Holberg** is the new coordinator of reference services. Connie's other duties include teaching information literacy classes, serving as Library liaison to the Business Division and the Social Sciences Dept., and supervising the Local History Collection.

### Professional activities:

**Kenyon Wells** participated in the SUNYLA annual conference and the Nylink serials cataloging workshop. Inger Curth attended the ACRL conference. Several members of the staff went to the NYLA Institute on Ethics in the Electronic Age.

### Grants:

Processing of the Fort Drum Steering Council papers, made possible by a grant from the JCC Foundation, has been completed. The College has received two major grants - a Title III grant to create a developmental instruction program and to support the development of online courses and a TRIO grant to assist low-income, disabled, and "first generation" students.

### Other:

The staff has customized the SUNYConnect information literacy tutorial for use by our students and faculty, and a series of pathfinders is

being developed that students may access through BlackBoard.

## Monroe Community College

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### Staff News:

Monroe Community College has two new librarians joining the staff at the LeRoy V. Good Library. **Pam Czaja** is the new Reference - Distance Learning Librarian and **Lori Annesi** is the new Reference - Special Collections Librarian. Pam Czaja joins MCC from Canisius College in Buffalo where she served as reference librarian and evening-weekend library supervisor. Lori Annesi was formerly at the West Group where she was a manuscript editor, responsible for the editing of legal and financial articles and newsletters.

In addition, **Alice Harrington**, former Reference - AIDS Resource Librarian is now the Reference - Instruction Librarian.

Academic year 2001 -2002 will see the return of **Peter Genovese** as Director of MCC Libraries. Peter has been Acting Associate Vice President for Curriculum and Program Development during a period of extensive leadership change at MCC. With this transition complete he has requested to return to his position as Director. **Ted Ciambor** who has served as Acting Director of MCC Libraries during this period, having done an excellent job leading the library during this period, will return to his position as Assistant Director for Public Services and Operations.

## Nassau Community College

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### Staff News:

**Linda Breitfeller**, Serials and Reference Librarian and **Kenneth Bellafiore**, Media Librarian have

been promoted to Assistant Professor.

#### Projects:

The first floor of the A. Holly Patterson Library was carpeted.

The entire staff of the Library inventoried the entire circulating and reference collections.

## New Paltz

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#### Staff News:

**Athena Nazario** is a new reference librarian on the Information Access Team. She received her MLS from Rutgers University and previously worked at the Alexander Library on the New Brunswick campus.

**Greg Wirszyła** is also a new reference librarian on the IAT. He received his degree from Long Island University and comes to New Paltz, from the North Merrick Public Library.

**Susan Kraat** was promoted to Sr. Assistant Librarian as Coordinator of Library Instruction.

**Valerie Mittenberg** was promoted to Sr. Assistant Librarian as Coordinator of Reference Services.

#### Other:

**Valerie Mittenberg**, participated in the ACRL Immersion Institute, held at SUNY Plattsburgh in August.

**Russ Springer**, a University at Albany MLS candidate, is serving as an intern for the fall semester. He is assisting with the library instruction program.

Serials Solution has been added to the STL web page, to assist patrons in finding full text of journal articles via our online databases.

## Niagara Community College

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#### Staff News:

**Beth Hodgson**, Media and Systems Librarian, has been promoted to the rank of Professor effective September 2001.

#### Professional Activities:

**Franny Angeletti**, Principal Library Clerk, is working with other Library Assistants in Western New York to re-activate the Western New York Library Assistants Group. For more information visit the website at: <http://WNYLA.ORG>

#### Grants:

The NCCC Library received an RBDB grant from the Western New York Library Resources Council to purchase ARIEL software and a scanner.

#### Other:

The NCCC Library has set up a wireless network with PC Cards available to be checked out from the Reserve Desk for students to use with their own laptop computers on the upper floors of the Library.

## Office of Library & Information Services

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#### Staff News:

**Ms. Clare Merrill** joined the OLIS staff on October 11, 2001 as a System Training Specialist. Clare has seven+ years of academic library experience and was a trainer for The Faxon Company for eight years.

## Old Westbury

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#### Staff News:

Old Westbury welcomes **Dianne Stalker** as the new Interim Director of the Library and Instructional Technology.

**Charles Keyes** has been hired as Instructional Technology Librarian, which is a newly created position.

**Mari Miller-Lamb** has been hired as the new Education Librarian.

**Matthew Sheehy** is the new Head of Technical Services.

## Oneonta

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#### Staff News:

**Mary Lynn Bensen** was promoted to the rank of Librarian this summer.

Library Director **Janet Potter** was elected to serve a one-year term as Vice Chair/Chair-Elect of the SUNY Connect Advisory Council, the governance body for SUNYConnect.

**Jan Cramatte** left her position as a clerk in the Circulation Department to accept an upgrade to work in the Registrar's Office. **Michele Myers-Platt** has transferred to Circulation.

**Elaine Downing**, Assistant Director, was awarded the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship this year. Elaine was presented with the award by Chancellor Robert King at the graduation ceremony in May.

**Barb Hall**, Library Clerk, who worked with periodicals and serials retired in May after 10 years at the library.

**Pat Keegan** returned in August from a leave of absence to her position as a cataloger in the Bibliographic Services Department.

**Colleen Lougen** ended her one-year temporary contract as a cataloger at Milne Library. She has taken a position at Mount St. Mary College in Newburgh, NY.

**Deborah Murphy** has joined the staff in the Serials and ILL Dept. as Keyboard Specialist 1.

#### Professional Activities:

**Dan Kissane** and **Nancy Cannon** both presented at CIT 2001 at SUNY Geneseo in May. Dan also gave a presentation at SUNYLA at Corning Community College in June.

**Publications:**

**Christine Bulson** had a review of the New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians, 2nd edition and the New Grove Online published in *Booklist* May 15, 2001.

**Nancy Cannon** has been reviewing science reference books for Reference Books Bulletin in *Booklist*. Recently, she reviewed the 5 volume Encyclopedia of Biodiversity.

**Jim Coan** has had several reviews of new fiction titles in *Library Journal* over the past several months.

**Oswego**

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**Staff News:**

**Cathy Reed** has been promoted to Associate Librarian, and awarded continuing appointment.

**Nedra Peterson**, Head of Access Services, has left Oswego for a position at Woodbury University (CA). Cathy Reed has been named the new Head of Access Services, which now includes ILL.

**Barbara Shaffer and James Nichols** have been promoted to the rank of Assistant Librarian.

**Diane Willman** is our new Serials Librarian. She previously worked as Coordinator of Technical Services for Alaska Resources Library and Information Service.

**Publications:**

**Mary Bennett**, as editor, published in September volume 21 of "Documents to the People of New York" a newsletter of the NYLA Government Information Roundtable.

**Plattsburgh**

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**Staff News:**

**Patricia Miranda** has been awarded a SUNY Chancellor's Award for excellence in teaching for part time faculty. Pat teaches our LIB101 course as an adjunct. She is a librarian at Clinton Community College.

**Publications:**

**Carla List** chaired the task force that authored the "Objectives for Information Literacy Instruction: A Model Statement for Academic Librarians" which was published in April's *C&RL News*.

**Professional Activities:**

**Carla List** was invited by the New Jersey Library Association to speak on "Matching Goals to Standards" in April. She was also an invited speaker at the Scholars Day for Teachers and Librarians in March sponsored by the Central New York Education Consortium.

At the annual ALA meeting this summer in San Francisco **Ravil Veli** was appointed editor of the ACRL e-publication *InPrint* -- having served as assistant editor the previous year. In addition Ravil has been appointed Chair of the ALA International Relations Round Table membership subcommittee.

**Grants:**

Feinberg Library's Special Collections has just been awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities grant for \$2,593 to replace acidic audio tape and film containers with archival quality ones. Materials to be preserved by this project include Rockwell Kent materials, Marjorie Lansing Porter tapes of indigenous (Adirondack) music, and 16 mm commercially released films dealing with New York State and the Lake Champlain Region. This competitive grant was written by Special Collections Librarian, **Wayne Miller**.

**Other:**

**Patty Bentley** has been appointed to the (National) AAUP Government Relations Committee and re-elected to a two year term on the Executive Board of UUP. She served since the Fall of 1997 as the Chair of the UUP Legislation Committee, which advocates for state and federal support for public Higher Education.

**Sullivan Community College**

**Richard Arnold**

**Staff News:**

On September 17th **Jon Grennan** assumed the position of Director of Library Services following the retirement of **Jerome Gittleman** who served in the position for 36 years. Most recently Mr. Grennan spent 2 years as Information Services Librarian and Coordinator of the Computer Training Center at the Moore Public Library in Moore, Oklahoma.

**Ulster Community College**

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The construction and renovation project at UCCC is nearly completed, and has had a significant impact on the library. The building received a major facelift, providing students with great spaces to lounge, read and study by big windows with a lot of sunshine. This is the main impact on the ground floor, where reference, circulation, and computer workstations are located.

**Westchester Community College**

**Sandy Schepis**

**Staff News:**

Congratulations to **Anna Pierce**, Assistant Professor/Librarian, who was promoted to Associate Professor/Librarian.

We welcome **Jodie Hopkins**, who is our Assistant Professor/Evening Librarian. Jodie will assist with reference, user education and database responsibilities.

**Sandy Schepis**, Assistant Professor/Librarian, was appointed WCC's first Distance Learning Librarian. She will collaborate on a federal grant to promote distance learning.

### ***A message from Gretchen Douglas, SUNYLA President:***

*In the early 1990s SUNYLA played a leading role in the formation of the MultiLis Users Group. As we move to the Aleph system, SUNYLA will take an active leadership role in the development of an Aleph Users Group for SUNY. The group will share information related to Aleph among SUNY sites, determine the SUNY representative to NAAUG (the North American Aleph Users Group) and help determine potential SUNY members to NAAUG committees. The first order of business is to write bylaws for the group. Linda Frank from Tompkins-Cortland Community College will be chairing this effort. Linda has experience with the MultiLis Users Group and the successful implementation of the Aleph LMS at T3C. If you are interested in being part of this group or would like more information about what is involved, please e-mail Linda at [frankl@sunytccc.edu](mailto:frankl@sunytccc.edu).*

## **The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual SUNYLA Conference at Buffalo State College**

Since coming to SUNY in 1999, I have not missed a SUNYLA Annual Conference. I've enjoyed the presentations, the social events, and meeting my colleagues from other institutions. My enjoyment of the conferences is one of the main reasons behind my desire to serve as SUNYLA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Conference Chair. I'm very pleased that I can serve in that capacity this year! Over the next nine months, the Planning and Local Arrangement Committees will work to invite presenters and speakers, secure venues for events and lodging, and make the conference an enriching and fun experience.

Thanks to enthusiastic colleagues, the Planning and Local Arrangements Committees are both in place now. Many people stepped forward during the conference in Corning as well as by indicating their interest on evaluation forms to volunteer for the Planning Committee. Others approached me as a result of their involvement in other SUNYLA activities. Thus, the Planning Committee is comprised entirely of unsolicited volunteers and I am very grateful to each and every one of them. The Planning Committee is:

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| ○ Donna Davidoff (Buffalo State)    | Local Arrangements Co-chair         |
| ○ Kim Davies (Geneseo)              | Membership Committee Event          |
| ○ Bill Drew (Morrisville)           | Pre-conference Sessions             |
| ○ Katy Farrell (Geneseo)            | Program                             |
| ○ Jeanne Galbraith (Stony Brook)    | Poster Sessions                     |
| ○ Janet Hogan (Binghamton)          | Conference Sessions                 |
| ○ Colleen Kenefick (Stony Brook)    | Poster Sessions                     |
| ○ Maureen Lindstrom (Buffalo State) | Local Arrangements Co-chair         |
| ○ Katie Loomis (Fredonia)           | Vendors and Website                 |
| ○ Candace Merbler (Albany)          | Poster Sessions and Evaluation Form |
| ○ Wil Prout (Buffalo HSC)           | Publicity                           |
| ○ Barbara Shaffer (Oswego)          | Conference Sessions                 |
| ○ Matthew Sheehy (Old Westbury)     | Management Pre-conference Session   |
| ○ Natalie Sommerville (Brockport)   | Conference Chair                    |

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Over the next nine months, SUNY librarians will be hearing calls for presenters and moderators and will be receiving information about the conference. I urge all of you to consider presenting and/or moderating, but above all save the dates June 5-7, 2002. See you in Buffalo!

### **Natalie Sommerville, SUNY Brockport, Conference Chair**

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