

Higher Education Initiative: a New Partnership

SUNY Connect is the most recent example of how partnership between libraries can increase the benefits to all libraries involved. What would happen if the sixty-five SUNY libraries, nineteen CUNY libraries, and the approximately 185 private college libraries in New York State could join to negotiate agreements with database vendors? The collective benefits would be tremendous. Students and faculty on our campuses would have increased access to the expanding world of scholarly information. A new collaborative effort to accomplish this goal is underway – the Higher Education Initiative. This endeavor will foster collaboration between public and private institutions to license electronic resources and address new methods of scholarly communication. This initiative will not replace partnerships already in existence, but rather augment them.

The plan has the full support of Provost Salins, the SUNY Council of Library Directors, the CUNY Council of Chief Librarians and over sixty independent academic libraries. An interim governing board is being established co-chaired by Loretta Ebert from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Carey Hatch from SUNY. The board will be composed of three SUNY representatives, two CUNY representatives and seven private representatives from various sized institutions. Membership for all SUNY schools has been paid by OLIS. Private schools will pay membership fees based on their size. The State Library is working to obtain a ten million dollar academic library amendment to the New Century Libraries program to aid this endeavor.

The Higher Education Initiative is good news in times of tightening budgets and associated concerns about cutting access. As our conference highlights partnerships already helping our libraries, we can look forward to this future partnership with excitement.

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Reference Librarian **Walter Hagen** serves on the President's Council, which sets the agenda for the monthly Faculty Assembly meetings and serves a liaison between faculty and administration. He is also chair of the faculty union's Grievance Committee. ACC faculty members belong to NEA. Walt is also a member of the campus-wide Professional Recognition Committee.

Library division chair **Teresa Ronning** will be Chair of the SUNY Council of Library Directors annual meeting at the Sagamore, April 10-12. SCLD will welcome Eric Van De Velde, Director of Library and Information Technology, California Institute of Technology, presenting on "Content and Link Management." Dr. Fred Heath, Dean of Libraries at Texas A&M University, will present on assessment using LibQual+. SUNY Provost Peter Salins, State Education Commissioner Richard Mills, and NYS Librarian Janet

Welch will also be among the many guests. For the first time, three representatives from the several 3R's Councils across the state will also be attending.

For National Poetry Month in April, Reference and Technology Librarian **Jennifer Chillrud** is coordinating a "poetry slam" reading on April 22 at the Library. Reference librarian **Suzanne Delman** will organize a display of poetry books from the collection.

On March 25, Reference and Instruction Librarian **Joyce Miller** presented the program "Love is in the Air: The Breeding Birds on ACC's Campus," about her participation in the New York State Breeding Bird Atlas Project. The talk was part of the Faculty Lecture Series sponsored by the Professional Development Committee. Joyce has co-chaired this campus-wide committee for the last two years.

Media and Reference Librarian **Dave Ofiara** will give a presentation to ACC's Technology Division on "Collection Development in the Technologies: Locating Books and Book Reviews" on April 12.

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Staff News:

Mary Jane Brustman, Bibliographer for Social Welfare and Criminal Justice, is on sabbatical leave from February 15 until August 15.

Publications:

Laura Cohen published "10 Tips for Teaching How to Search the Web" in *American Libraries*, (November 2001): 44-46.

Professional Activities:

A team of faculty members has been selected to participate in the Association of College & Research Libraries' Best Practices in Information Literacy Invitational Conference, to be held in Atlanta this June. The ten institutions selected, nationwide, were thought to have "well developed programs that can help sharpen the Characteristics of Best Practice." The conference will result in the development of a series of composite models for information literacy programs. The successful Albany application was submitted by **Carol Anne Germain**, Networked Resources Education Librarian, **Trudi Jacobson**, Coordinator of User Education Programs, **Lijuan Xu**, User Education/Reference Librarian, and **Stephen DeLong**, Director of Project Renaissance.

Binghamton

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Eleanor Heishman, Director of Libraries for 14 years, will retire at the end of this fiscal year. Eleanor's tenure included the challenging transition into the digital age, the renovation of Bartle Library, and increases to the libraries' collections despite several budget downturns. She has been active in the SUNYConnect project, chairing its Advisory Council during the planning phase for a SUNY-wide online system. One of her

retirement goals is to establish a bookstore near her home town in West Virginia.

Tal-ee Roberts was hired as Library Systems Web Specialist on January 14, 2002. Mr. Roberts recently graduated from Colgate University.

Other:

Harp to UNIV Courses:

The Faculty Senate Undergraduate Curriculum Committee has accepted the Libraries' series of HARP 205: Information Strategies courses as new University-wide courses. Courses offered under the new UNIV designation are open to all Binghamton University undergraduates regardless of school. For the Fall 2002 semester, the Libraries will offer UNIV 205A: Information Strategies: Humanities, History, and Fine Arts taught by Information Literacy/Reference Librarian, **Sarah Maximiek** and UNIV 205C: Information Strategies: Social Sciences taught by **Janet Hogan**, Information Literacy Coordinator.

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Natalie Sommerville will be leaving in June to assume a new position as Cataloger at Duke University. She will be sorely missed, not only by our staff, but also by those who have worked with her in SUNYLA. We wish her all the best.

Interlibrary Loan is now up and running on Ariel.

Publications:

Christopher Brennan and **Eileen O'Hara**, "Murphy was a Librarian: A Case Study in how Not to Handle a Systems Crash." in Computers in Libraries, (March 2002), 10-12,72.

Mary Jo Gigliotti and **Jennifer Quigley** contributed to the new monograph, Around Brockport by William Andrews, one of the *Images of America* series.

Jennifer Quigley has received a SUNYLA grant to support her attendance at the Information Literacy Immersion Program in Colorado this summer.

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Professional Activities:

Andrea B. Markinson, MLS, DPM, **Violet Evans**, MLS, **Bharathi Subramanian**, MLIS, will present a poster entitled, "Taking the Mystery out of Teaching Evidence-Based Medicine" during the Medical Library Association's Annual Meeting to be held in Dallas, Texas May 17-23, 2002. This poster will illustrate the step-by-step process of teaching evidence-based medicine (EBM).

Andrea B. Markinson, MLS, DPM will also present a paper during the Medical Library Association's Annual Meeting, "Evidence-based medicine: reaching out to twenty-first century decision makers." This paper will explain how libraries can take an active role to implement an existing evidence-based medicine (EBM) training

program to additional departments and programs in an academic medical center.

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Grants:

Health Sciences Library History of Medicine Collection received \$1200 from the Friends of the Health Sciences Library to complete indexing the historic Buffalo Medical Journal.

Publications:

Gray, Sharon A. and **Teresa Abaid**. "Building a Multicultural Media Collection," MC Journal: The Journal of Academic Media Librarianship Winter 2002,8(2).

<http://wings.buffalo.edu/publications/mcjrnl/v8n2>

"Medical Aspects of Biological Warfare,"

<http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/units/hsl/resources/guides/bt.html>.

Reviewed in *Medicine on the Net* (Feb 2002): 23.

Gray, Sharon. "Medical Aspects of Biological Warfare," Public Services Section Newsletter (Medical Library Association) Winter 2001 16(2):6.

Buffalo State

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Staff News:

Al Riess, Librarian, E. H. Butler Library, moderated the panel discussion "Folk Radio: Starting

Your Own Show...And Keeping it Fresh!" at the 14th Annual International Conference of the North American Folk Music and Dance Alliance in Jacksonville, FL, on February 21, 2002. In Summer 2001, he also served on two committees that selected performers in the blues/bluegrass/old-time music and Celtic music categories for the Formal Showcase performances at the conference. Al is the host and producer of "Rooting About: The Folk and Roots Music Show" and the "Saturday Morning C-JAM: The Classics of Jazz and More," weekly radio programs on Buffalo State's WBNY, 91.3 FM.

Professional Activities:

Marianne Foley was invited to present her paper "Instant Messaging Reference in An Academic Library: A Case Study" at the 3rd Annual Virtual Reference Desk Conference in Orlando, FL in November 2001.

Marianne Foley received a Professional Development Grant from the Western New York Library Resources Council to partially cover the cost of attending the NYLINK Annual Meeting in April.

Maryruth Glogowski has been appointed to the SUNY Learning Network Advisory Board.

Publications:

Foley, Marianne. "Instant Messaging Reference In An Academic Library: A Case Study."



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Staff News :

Gretchen Douglas has received continuing appointment effective January 9, 2002. She will be on sabbatical from January to June, 2003.

Ed Adams is teaching a Computer Applications course, CAP 233 Information Retrieval, in addition to his regular duties this semester.

Ed Adams and Karen Coombs will be presenting "The WebCT as a Teaching Methodology: Pros and Cons" at the CIT Conference.

Ed Adams and Karen Coombs will be presenting "Library Instruction Using WebCT Better, Worse, or What?" at the SUNYLA Conference.

Karen Coombs will be teaching "Cascading Style Sheets," a workshop at the CIT Conference.

Karen Coombs will be attending the Institute for Information Literacy from August 2-6, 2002.

Gretchen Herrmann will be presenting "Funny Money: A Preliminary View of Ithaca Hours as Social Currency" at SUNY Cortland's Scholar's Day, April 17, 2002.

Ellen McCabe will be presenting "Immersed: Water Images in Virginia Woolf's Mrs. Dalloway" at SUNY Cortland's Scholar's Day, April 17, 2002.

The local celebrities who have read to nursery school children lately affirm the popularity of the Children's Reading Area at

Memorial Library. The President of the college, Judson Taylor read to the children recently. The Provost, Elizabeth Davis-Russell, and the Vice President for Information Resources, Paula Warnken, have performed other readings.

Professional Activities:

Gretchen Herrmann Presented a paper entitled "Negotiating Culture: Contrasting Cultural Styles in U.S. Garage sale Bargaining" at the 100th annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association held on December 2, 2001 in Washington, D.C. The paper focuses on inter-and intra-cultural variance in garage sale bargaining styles. A *Washington Post* article, "Rare Species Conducts Annual Ritual: Anthropologists' Gathering Offers Glimpse of 100-Year Old Society," written December 1, 2001 about the conference specifically mentioned Herrmann's paper in its coverage.

Grants:

Mark Connell wrote a grant for SCAP funds to obtain a server for Computer Applications classes which are taught in a computer lab in the Library. The server will be used for specific software used only by the CAP classes.

Other:

The PC Computer lab in the Library was upgraded over the semester break thanks to the efforts of Mark Connell of the Library Faculty and personnel in Academic Computing. CAP faculty designed the upgrades which include 28 Dell 1400 MHZ computers with 256 MB of memory, 30GB hard drives, and the latest software. The upgrade includes new tables, chairs, and an instructor's station.

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Francis U. And Mary F. Ritz Library Yes, we finally have a name! Fran Ritz has been on the college's Board for Directors for 30 years and served as Chair from 1989 to 2001 when he retired from the Board. He and his wife Mary have been very generous over the years to the campus with their contributions of time and money and now have extended their philanthropy to the library with a substantial donation. The official naming and library opening ceremony will be on May 11. We are all very honored to be working in the Francis U. And Mary F. Ritz Library.

Personnel:

Alice McGovern's 6th and Evelyn Rosenthal's 7th Three Year Term appointments have been renewed.

Tom Trinchera received his first Three Year Term appointment.



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Staff news:

Don Leiser joined ESF in October 2001 as a part-time librarian. Don assists patrons at the reference desk during the library's weeknight evening hours.

Ann Marshall is interning with Moon Library for the Spring 2002 semester as part of her M.L.S. with Syracuse University.

Jo Anne Ellis, Senior Assistant Librarian attended the 2001 NYLA Conference as a Dewey Fellow, selected by the board of the Section on Management of Information Resources and Technology (SMART).

Professional Activities:

Norma Taylor, will be attending the Virginia Library Association's Paraprofessional Forum at the University of Richmond on May 19, 2002-May 21, 2002.

From Norma Taylor - Library Support Staff of Central New York hosted a celebration for Library Assistant's Day, April 18, 2002, from 5-7 pm at the Noreen Reale Falcone Library at Lemoyne College, Syracuse, NY. Any support staff in the central New York area interested in LISSCNY, please contact Norma Taylor at : nlTaylor@esf.edu

From Norma Taylor - A reminder to all support staff statewide: New York Library Assistants Association will hold their annual 24th conference at SUNY Oneonta on June 12-14, 2002.

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Staff News:

Jessie MacDonald, our Media Rental Clerk, has moved into our Serials and Periodicals Clerk position.

We have hired **Sarah Moon** as our new Media Rental Clerk.

Charlotte Cooper and **Michelle Eichelberger** have been awarded professional achievement awards.

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Staff news:

Inger Curth, coordinator of bibliographic instruction, has been promoted to Grade 7.

Jacquelyn Young, coordinator of the Media Center and reference librarian, is this year's campus recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship.

Celia Livingston, interlibrary loan assistant, attended the Computers in Libraries conference.

Kenyon Wells, technical services assistant, has been named to the Presidential search committee.

Other:

The Library has implemented Serials Solutions to manage its more than 10,500 electronic full-text periodicals.

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Professional Activities:

Susan Kraat, Valerie Mittenberg, Athena Nazario, Tamm Sissac, and Greg Wirszyla, participated in a workshop sponsored by the Southeastern New York Library Resources Council: *Access Management: Linking Patrons to Electronic Resources*, at Marist College's James A. Cannavino Library. Terry Plum, of the Simmons Graduate School of Library and Information Science, was the instructor for the session, which covered trends and issues related to developing solutions for managing access to electronic resources.

The Area Reference Librarians' Interest Group held their spring meeting at Bard College. **Susan Kraat** participated in a panel discussion, *Instruction for Credit*, along with Katie Silberger, Marist College, and Robin Walsh, Ulster County Community College. A second panel led a discussion regarding *Instruction on Demand*. **Valerie Mittenberg**, Coordinator of Reference Services, also attended.

Other:

Barbara Petruzzelli, Assistant Library Director, organized plans for a variety of activities to celebrate National Library Week. Posters of SUNY New Paltz personalities reading their favorite book, were exhibited alongside those of more nationally recognized figures. Author-illustrator Iza Trapani was the featured guest at the opening reception. A scavenger hunt, customized research assistance with an "Ultimate Search Engine"

(Reference Librarian), a design-a-book-cover contest, and graduate school information for careers in librarianship, were all part of the festivities. There were also scheduled performances of poetry readings, live music, and a scene from the Theatre Department's production of *A Streetcar Named Desire*. Librarians and staff worked together to create a high profile week for students and other patrons.

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Staff News:

Marguerite (Maggie) Horn was a trainer for the Serials Cataloging Cooperative Training Program (SCCTP) "Basic Serials Training Workshop" sponsored by NYLINK on April 24-25, 2002

Oneonta

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Staff News:

Director Janet Potter is the chair-elect of the SUNYConnect Advisory Council. Her term as chair begins in June.

Sally Goodwin attended the Computers in Libraries Conference held in Washington D.C. on March 15-18.

Jim Coan had a review of John McGahern's novel *By the Lake* in the April 1 edition of *Library Journal*.

Grants:

Mary Lynn Bensen has received a Special Project Grant funded by the NYS/UUP Professional Development Committee to prepare her recently completed dissertation for publication.

Sally Goodwin also received a Special Project Grant to research full text journal articles in electronic databases and compare them to the print version.

Other:

Oneonta will host the Conference on Instructional Technologies on May 28-30. Also being held in Oneonta is the New York State Library Assistants Association Conference from June 12-14.

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Publications:

Elizabeth Young: "Bridging the Cultural Gap: a Webliography of Juvenile Literature." *Internet References Services Quarterly*, vol. 6 (1) 2001.

Grants Received:

Karen Shockey and **Barbara Shaffer** have each received a grant of \$500 from Northern New York Library Network to fund attendance at the May 2002 LOEX conference, *Integrating Literacy into the College Experience*.

Other:

Penfield Library has received major donations to pursue two exciting projects.

A grant of \$25,000 from Barbara Shineman, professor emeritus of elementary education, will fund

improvements in our Curriculum Materials Center. These funds will be used for purchase of new library resources, computers, and furniture.

For renovations to create a library cafe we have received \$150,000 in donations, half from Alumni Association board member Lester Gosier, and half from an anonymous donor. Work is expected to begin on the cafe by Summer 2003.

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Professional Activities:

Nancy Alzo of the Libraries and **Scott Shewell** (Potsdam Public Relations office) made a presentation on classroom copyright issues at the Associated Colleges of the St. Lawrence Valley conference -- Intellectual Property in the Age of

Technology, March 8, 2002 at Clarkson University.

Westchester Community College

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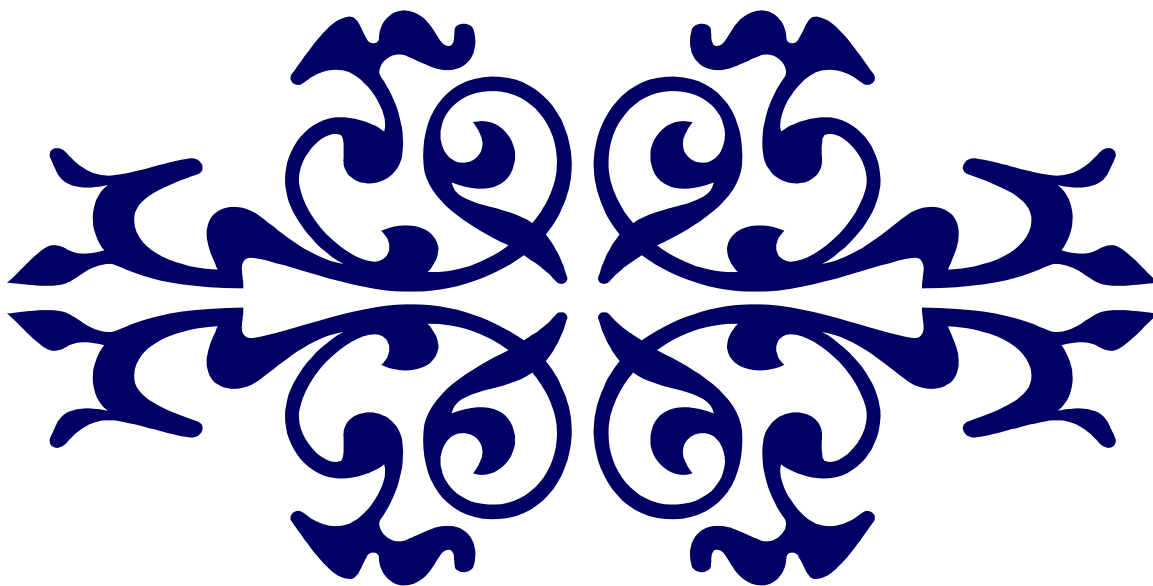
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The Harold L. Drimmer Library and Learning Resource Center reopened its doors on March 4, 2002 following a 2 ½ year renovation project. The 108,000 square foot building is double its former size and has a capacity for 150,000 volumes and hundreds of computers. In addition, the facility includes a media theater, legal studies room, group study rooms, library instruction rooms, Honors Program room, Distance Learning Offices, Center for Faculty, Academic Support Center, Testing, Writing Center and the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities. If you are in the neighborhood, we encourage you to visit our

stunning state-of-the-art information and research library.

We welcome **Phyllis Niles**, Assistant Professor/ Periodicals Librarian. Phyllis came to us from New York Medical College Library where she was the periodicals librarian for 10 years and a cataloger for four years. In addition to assuming responsibility for all aspects of the periodicals collection, Phyllis will participate in our reference and library instruction programs.

We also welcome **Karen Vanterpool**, Assistant Professor/ Database Librarian, who bravely joined us on our first day in the new library building. A newly created position, Karen will be responsible for all facets of our expanding database collection. Furthermore, she will assist students at the reference desk and participate in our bibliographic instruction program. Karen was formerly a librarian at Manhattan College Library.



The logo for Ex Libris, featuring the words "Ex Libris" in a serif font. The "Ex" is in a larger, bold font, and "Libris" is in a smaller font. The text is white and set against a dark blue background.

ALEPH 500 - The IQ Solution

Aleph Migration at Cortland

by Dave Ritchie

We've just received our third test database from Ex Libris, and our Migration Team members (staff members Donna Pflanz-May and Ingrid Griswold, librarians Marc Wildman, Lorraine Melita, Karen Coombs, and Dave Ritchie, director Gail Wood) are busily evaluating about 40 bibliographic records each. From there, we move on to looking at how our patron records converted in this third try. As with our Multilis conversion, we're getting grand support from Office of Library & Information Services staff, plus Oswegoan Natalie Sturr (who's "on loan" to OLIS for part of each week, and she spent some evenings perusing our data as well, and giving us good hints on Aleph configuration). Many questions are still to be resolved, like: * how circulation histories from our eight years in Multilis will be mapped to their respective titles in Aleph, for continued evaluation and development of our collections by subject, and individual title discard or replacement. [Rationale: Fewer collection-building dollars in the future mean EVEN MORE emphasis on buying what's needed and weeding what's not.] * how to resolve through conversion strategies the problem for multi-part titles caused by the lack of parsed call numbers in item records exported from Multilis. [On this one, Maggie Horn of OLIS has some promising possibilities.] * how to manage the logging of in-library uses in Aleph until the capability appears (indicated as version 15.2), so that that data can be included when the library makes the change to the Aleph version with that capability. We'll arrive at the go-live date too soon for the perfectionists on our staff, but the system will work for us.

The SUNYLA Newsletter

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