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Leaf Jumpers

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SUNYLA President's Message

I recently wrote a book review of a book called *Leaf Jumpers* by Carole Gerber. It is a children's book that talks about the variety of colorful leaves in the autumn and ends with two children and a dog jumping in a big pile of leaves. It has been years since I jumped in a pile of leaves with my children, but it strikes me now as a wonderful thing to do. As stressed as we may get in these busy days of the fall semester, there are wonderful things happening to the world outside, and we should pay attention to them.

Trees are starting to turn here in central New York, but I know that other parts of the state are in various stages of turning. Parts of the Adirondacks may be peaking now while New York City may be in that last 'fading' stage of summer. I am familiar with most areas of New York, having grown up in "the City" and attended college and lived in many of the upstate areas. It is still a beautiful world in New York State; such a world has provided inspiration for poets and scientists.

We should use nature for our inspiration, too. Instead of bemoaning the coming of winter and budgets that cause us to tighten our belts, let's look at the positives. For many of us, the staffing situation has loosened up a bit. I was pleased to hear at our last council meeting of all the new people who had been hired throughout SUNY libraries. Here at Cortland, we have two librarian searches going on, too. We're really looking forward to welcoming new colleagues to our ranks.



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CAMPUS NEWS, NOTES, AND INFORMATION

ALBANY

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Staff News:

Jennifer Casabonne has been hired as a part-time reference librarian for the coming year. Jen comes to us from the Development Office at the University at Albany, and has also worked as a reference librarian at the East Greenbush Public Library.

Kirsten Kite has been hired to teach one section of UNL 205 during each quarter of the 2004-2005 academic year. Kirsten had been working at the libraries at the Sage Colleges.

Promotions:

Mary Van Ullen's continuing appointment becomes effective on October 16. Her promotion to Associate Librarian will also become effective on the same day.

Publications/Significant Research by Library Staff:

Trudi Jacobson's new book, *Motivating Students in Information Literacy Classes* (co-authored by **Lijuan Xu**), was published this summer by Neal-Schuman. She also had a chapter, "Meeting Information Literacy Needs in a Research Setting" in the recently published *Integrating Information Literacy into the Higher Education Curriculum*, edited by Ilene F. Rockman and published by Jossey-Bass.

Laura Cohen published "Issues in URL Management for Digital Collections" in *Information Technology and Libraries*, v.23 no.2, June 2004, p 42-49. She also published "The URL Clearinghouse Offers Vendor URLs" in *Against the Grain*, v.16 no. 3, June 2004, p. 91.

Professional Activities:

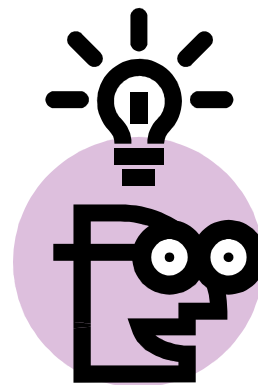
Trudi Jacobsen is the new editor of *Public Services Quarterly*, starting with the Spring 2006 issue. If you are interested in submitting an article to the journal, more information is available at <http://www.haworthpress.com/web/PSQ/>

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Mike Knee is on sabbatical at the moment: 7/1/04 - 12/31/04.

Carol Anderson was approved for sabbatical: 7/1/05-12/31/05.

Suzanne Turner is also on sabbatical (6/1/04 - 11/30/04) but periodically stops in to take care of work.



Presentations, Appointments to Committees:

Laura Cohen gave a presentation with two colleagues at the ALA Annual Convention in Orlando on "ScratchPad: A Quality Management System for Library Web Sites." This was part of a program

that she organized, "Content Management Systems for Library Web Sites," that included a team from Indiana University, Bloomington. During the convention, Laura was elected Co-Chair/Chair-Elect of the Internet Resources Interest Group of LITA. LITA has appointed her to its Web Coordinating Committee and also the editorial board of Information Technology and Libraries.

Gerald Burke was appointed as Library School Chapter Liaison for Albany for the Upstate Chapter of the Special Libraries Association.

Bill Young's article "Reference Team Self-Management at the University at Albany" appears in *Library Administration & Management* 18, no.4 (Fall 2004): 185-191.

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Ellen Ehrig, Associate Director for Information Services, has retired after 34 years of dedicated service. A recipient of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarian-

ship in 1988-89, Ellen served as Interim Director of the Hinkle Library in 1991-92, and was most recently Project Manager for the migration to the Aleph ILS. Her knowledge, expertise, and good humor will be missed on a daily basis, but we are looking forward to seeing her in the library and around town.

Jane Vavala has been hired as a Reference/ILL Librarian. Formerly the Librarian/Director at the St. Marys (Pa.) Public Library, Jane received her MLS from Clarion University, and her BA in Chemistry from the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford.



ALFRED (COLLEGE OF CERAMICS)

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Mark A. Smith, Associate Librarian/Information Sys-

tems Librarian at Scholes Library, earned a SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship. Smith has been at Scholes Library since 1991 when he was appointed part-time reference assistant. Since his appointment as Alfred University's first-ever information systems librarian in 1994, Smith has undertaken a number of projects that have significantly improved the library.

BROCKPORT

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Personnel:

Welcome to **Karen Mogle** and **Robin Glazier**, new library assistants in Acquisitions and the Administration Offices, respectively.

Jenny Baker Arbelo gave birth to a son, Benjamin, in August and is on maternity leave until January.

We will miss **Barbara White**, Director's Secretary who retired in August and **Carolyn McBride**, Serials Librarian who will retire in October.

Shikha Sharma, Information Literacy Librarian,

accepted a position at UConn in August.

News:

Four librarians received Technology Support Initiative Grants: **Betty Chan, Charlie Cowling, Linda Hacker** and **Lori Lampert** for the purchase of a color printer, PDAs, NetOp and Citation software products, respectively.

The Library is very involved in the American Democracy Project on campus, adding special collections, programs and more. See <http://www.brockport.edu/adp/>

Charlie Cowling presented at the SUNYLA Annual Conference in June, "A Discussion of the Reference Desk".

BROOME **COMMUNITY** **COLLEGE**

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Deborah Spanfelner, Reference and Instruction Librarian presented a paper entitled, "Mourning and Resurrection in *Or, Les Lettres de Mon Père*"

at the 54th Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Conference held at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville that took place October 14 - 16, 2004. The paper proposes an intertextual connection between Judith Butler's theories for "decentering the masculine subject of western discourse" with those of Hélène Cixous. In addition to Deborah's position as Librarian at Broome Community College, she is a doctoral candidate in the Comparative Literature Department at Binghamton University.

BUFFALO **STATE**

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Butler Library is pleased to announce the Spring 2004 opening of a state-of-the-art late night study facility. Located on the first floor near the library entrance, StudyQuad provides a safe, well-lighted place for Buffalo State students, faculty, and staff to work late at night. It is wheelchair accessible and has study tables and comfortable seating. StudyQuad includes two group study rooms that can be booked in advance, and is equipped with 50

new computers, both PC and Macintosh, a scanner, black-and-white printer, color printer, and photocopier. StudyQuad features wireless Internet access and public plug-in ports for laptops. How did StudyQuad evolve? Learn more at: <http://www.buffalostate.edu/library/studyquad/>

In addition, Butler Library has adopted an Information Commons service model. Details may be found at: <http://www.buffalostate.edu/library/information.html>

Hilary Sternberg recently received the President's Award for Excellence in the Advancement of Equity and Diversity. It was presented at College's fall academic convocation.

Maryruth Glogowski's (Director of E. H. Butler Library & Director of Information Technology) new title is Assistant Director of Library and Information Technology.

Lisa Forrest has been appointed Professional



Staff Librarian.

David Sawicki has resigned from his position at E. H. Butler Library.

Promotions (effective September 1, 2004): **Gail Marinaccio** to librarian; **Marianne Foley** to associate librarian; **Musa Abdul Hakim** to associate librarian and continuing appointment.

Maureen Linstrom is now Assistant Director for the Information Commons.

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Staff News:

The Library is pleased to welcome three new staff members this fall.

Peter Barvoets has come aboard as Serials and Automation Librarian. Peter worked as a librarian for Schenectady County Community College and The College of St. Rose prior to coming to Cobleskill.

Alissa Jones is our new Adjunct Reference Librarian. Alissa has strong public library experience and is looking forward to being in an

academic setting.

Rounding out the trio is **Gregg Kiehl** in the role of Circulation and Interlibrary Loan Librarian. Under the auspices of the SUNY Research Foundation, Gregg has been managing the library at IBM's Poughkeepsie facility for the last several years.

Professional Activities/Honors:

In addition to receiving the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship in May, **Francine Apollo** has accepted an invitation to serve on the editorial board of *Public Services Quarterly* (published by Haworth Press). The initial appointment is for a three-year term starting with this fall semester. Congratulations, Fran!

Publications:

April Davies, along with **Dayton Maxwell** from the Ag Business department, recently completed the latest edition of the *Information Literacy Handbook*. Faculty in the Agriculture and Natural Resources division will now have a strong, customized resource to help them bring information literacy skills into their curriculum.

CORNING COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Amy Dibble has been appointed Systems & Reference Librarian at the Arthur A. Houghton, Jr. Library at Corning Community College effective August 1. She has an undergraduate degree in computer science from Alfred University and was recently granted her M.L.S. from Southern Connecticut State University. Amy has experience as a programmer and was most recently employed at Alfred University to help with their implementation of the Aleph system.

CCC received a Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) grant for conducting a needs assessment to integrate our new electronic record keeping system with SARA retention requirements.



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Gretchen Herrmann, has recently had "Haggling Spoken Here: Gender, Class and Style in US Garage Sale Bargaining" published in *The Journal of Popular Culture*, August 2004. The article treats gender differences, personal styles and class considerations in garage sale bargaining.

Gail Wood, Library Director, has recently had "Academic Original Sin: Plagiarism, the Internet, and Librarians," published in the *Journal of Academic Librarianship*," Vol. 30 (3):237-242. She also published a 2,000 word review essay of the book *Wiccan Roots: Gerald Gardner and the Modern Witchcraft Revival* in *The Pomegranate: International Journal of Pagan Studies* No. 61 (May 2004); and moderated the Community Roundtable, "21st Century Libraries," a panel of three public library directors from Cortland County.

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SUNY Delhi's Louis & Mildred Resnick Library just finished building a reading room for the Nursing and Healthcare collection. All of the nursing books and media will be housed in this room along with video viewing equipment, wireless laptops and new furniture. The project was funded with a grant from the A. Lindsay and Olive B. O'Connor Foundation.

Librarian **Amy Schleigh** recently implemented the frameless Aleph OPAC on the library web at <http://www.delhi.edu/library>. Amy is also teaching Freshman Seminar, a one-credit requirement for all Liberal Arts and Individual Studies students, and recently finished a successful pilot of Delhi's one-credit Information Management class for 53 EOP students in their new summer academy program.

Librarian **Steve Dixon** is



teaching a Freshman Composition class (as an adjunct) and continues his successful Information Literacy component required of all Veterinary Science freshmen in Introduction to Animal Care.

ESF **Environmental Science & Forestry**

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Jo Anne Ellis was granted tenure and was promoted to Associate Librarian this summer.

Jane Verostek, Senior Assistant Librarian, was as granted tenure this summer.

Jennifer Nace, a recent graduate from the Syracuse University's MSLIS program, is our new part time temporary visiting assistant librarian. Jennifer provides reference service in the evening as well as assists with our instruction program and other areas in the library including interlibrary loan and cataloging.

Kari Zhe-Heimerman, a current graduate student at Syracuse University's School of Information Studies, is completing an

internship with Moon Library this fall. She is involved in reference, instruction and cataloging.

Other:

This summer Moon Library combined our reference desk with our circulation/reserve desk to create THE Desk. This improvement in service is being well received by our customers. The first person one is likely to meet as they enter the library now is a librarian seated at a counter eager to help! Moon Library is hosting the annual meeting of the Upstate New York Science Librarians on Friday October 15, 2004.

FINGER LAKES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Michelle Eichelberger, Automated Systems/Reference Librarian, received the SUNY Chancellor's Award For Excellence in Librarianship in May 2004.

In August, **Sarah Moon**, Library Media Specialist,

resigned to accept the position of Elementary School Librarian in Lyons, NY.

Nannie Nehring Bliss has been hired as her replacement.

GENESEE-COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Library staff just completed a 5-year Title III Strengthening Institutions Program grant. This project focused on instruction and improving services to distance learners, and resulted in many exciting technology-related improvements: our own 24 seat computer lab with classroom management system; web-based forms and services (registration, ILL, etc.); enhancements to Ariel ILL services; electronic reserves; chat reference software and service; online tutorials; expanded assessment via participation in the Lib-Qual+ survey and CACI, and creation of online info lit quizzes and tests; and the ever-popular MLA and APA formatted sample papers in three formats. Additional new equipment is

just now being unboxed! **Nicki Lerczak**, Head of Reference & Instruction, attended the ALA Information Literacy Immersion program which was held in Seattle during August 2004.

Cindy Francis has begun her new position as Collection Development Librarian/LMS Administrator.

Cindy Hagelberger has begun her new role as part-time Cataloging Librarian, while continuing as a part-time Reference Librarian.

Nina Warren, Systems & Electronic Resources Librarian, will chair the Academic Senate's Academic Standards standing committee for 2004-2005.



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Sue Ann Brainard, Reference & Instruction Librarian received the Chancellor's Award for Excel-

lence in Librarianship and was honored by the college community at Geneseo's Fall 2004 college convocation.

Sonja Landes, Head of Access Services & Reference Librarian, received a promotion to Librarian as of September 1, 2004.

Rich Dreifuss, Business Reference & Instruction Librarian, is our newest librarian on staff. He comes to Milne Library from Corning Glass, where he worked in their corporate library for many years.

Tom Ottaviano, Reference Librarian, has re-joined our reference staff as a full-time librarian, after completing his M.L.S. at the University at Buffalo this summer.

Kimberly Davies, Coordinator of Reference & Instruction Librarian, has been appointed Chair of the Student Affairs Committee of the College Senate.

Mark Sullivan, Systems Administrator, is a proud new father! He & his wife recently celebrated the birth of their daughter, Emily, on September 4th, 2004.

HUDSON VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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The October lectures for the Voices: A Library Lecture Series are entitled, "The History of the Selective Service and It's Relevance in Today's World" and "The Hudson River: A PCB Cleanup Update." A complete listing of presentations can be found at www.hvcc.edu/voices.

Brenda Twiggs and **Bob Matthews** attended the seven session workshop on Continuous Assessment-Continuous Improvement sponsored by the NY3Rs Association. HVCC hosted three of these sessions.

This past summer the Marvin Library was re-carpeted and its furniture was reupholstered.



JEFFERSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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News:

After serving 1 year as interim director, **Inger Curth** has been named Director of Melvil Dewey Library of Jefferson Community College.

John Thomas has been hired as Assistant Librarian/Director of bibliographic instruction. He comes to Jefferson from SUNY Oswego.

MARITIME

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Heath Martin has joined the library faculty at SUNY Maritime College as Acquisitions/Collection Development Librarian. Heath received an M.A. in English from Illinois State University in 2000, an M.L.S. from Queens College-CUNY in 2004, and is currently working toward his Ph.D. in English at the CUNY Graduate Center. He previously served

SUNY Maritime College as both a reference librarian and an adjunct instructor in the Humanities Department.

Reference Librarian, **John Lee**, retired from the Stephen B. Luce Library this summer after 34 years of serving students, faculty, worldwide researchers, and the local community.

Shafeek Fazal started as the Head of the Readers' Services Department on October 15. Shafeek comes to the Luce Library from CUNY's Bronx Community College, where he worked as a systems/reference librarian. He received an M.E. in Electrical Engineering from City College in 2000 and an M.L.S. from Queens College in 1998. Prior to his current position, Shafeek worked closely with the Science, Medical and Engineering faculty and students at City College, providing efficient library services in a paraprofessional capacity.

MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Mary Timmons and **Charlene Rezabek** toured the libraries of Schenectady, Hudson Valley, Dutchess, and Westchester Community Colleges in July. They met with librarians and staff alike, sharing ideas and best practices, and connecting with colleagues on a personal level. This site visit was a great success and they invite others to visit the Monroe Community College Libraries.

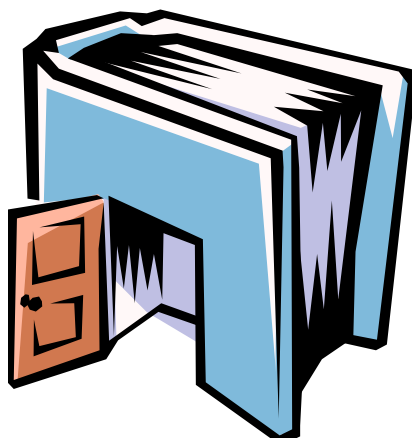
Lindsay Stratton, Senior Library Clerk/Serials, began library school this past summer. Lindsay is attending Syracuse University and is pursuing her MSLIS and Certificate in Advanced Studies: Digital Libraries. She expects to graduate in 2006.

William Johnson, librarian at the Damon City Campus Library, gave a presentation at the annual Genesee Valley Regional Archives Week celebration held at the George Eastman House. This year's conference theme was Just Plain Folk: The Ordinary Makes Extraordinary History. Mr. Johnson's topic was "Just Plain Photos", a look at photographs taken by amateur photographers of everyday life. Bill is a renowned photo historian and noted author in this field.

NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Marsha Spiegelman and **Nancy Williamson** gave a presentation entitled, "Information Literacy Assessment at Nassau Community College: Meeting Middle States Goals" at the July 21st Metropolitan New York Library council's Middle States Seminar.





**below from left to right:
daughter, husband, Corinne and son.
Holding banner are granddaughters Jenna and Megan.**

NEW PALTZ

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News:

In May 2004 at the University at Albany, **Corinne Nyquist** became the last in her family to receive a doctorate, having been preceded by her husband, her son, and her daughter, the last having both a Ph.D. and an M.D.

Since 1968 Corinne has been a librarian at SUNY New Paltz, serving as a cataloger, director of the World Study Center, a reference librarian, and currently as head of interlibrary loan. Her dissertation research in Information Science and Policy focused on access, privacy, and management issues in three New York state and local government

databases containing citizen information.

Studies show that over half of all students in Ph.D. programs do not complete them. A major reason is lack of preparation for research. Since the M.A. thesis, unlike the term paper, provides this preparation, Corinne plans to apply her experience by working closely with Master's students on her campus.

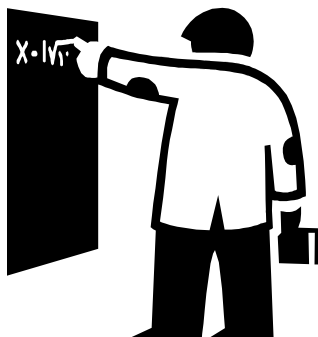
NIAGARA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Staff News:

Jeanne Tuohey, Reference Librarian, was recently promoted from Associate Professor to Professor. Congratulations Jeanne!

A new Student Open Access Computer Lab has been added in the Library Learning Center at NCCC. The lab has 60 computer work stations located on the north side of the Main Floor. Renovations for the project began in May and the lab opened at the beginning of the Fall 2004 semester.



OLD WESTBURY

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Staff News:

The SUNY College at Old Westbury Library is pleased to announce that **Stephen Kirkpatrick**, former Head of Reference, was appointed Director of the Library.

Congratulations to **Wagih Shenouda**, Reference Librarian and Coordinator of Interlibrary Loan, for being named Head of Reference.

Joanne Spadaro was recently hired as the Education/Reference Librarian. Joanne had worked as a part-time Reference Librarian for the Old Westbury Library during the last academic year.

pants how to grade essays in person with the student present. Topics included the set-up of the process, the scoring rubric, the grading system, and innovative techniques for individualized writing instruction.

Dan Kissane published "Characteristics of Winning Football Programs" in the August, 2004 issue of *Coach and Athletic Director*. This is available online via Expanded Academic.

Dan Kissane published two poems in the poetry section of the September, 2004 issue of *The English Journal*, published by the National Council of Teachers of English.

Jim Coan had a review of the novel *Snowleg* by Nicolas Shakespeare in *Library Journal*, August 2004.

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Dan Kissane presented "Real-Time Essay Grading Process and Practice" at the GIFT (Great Ideas For Teaching) Conference on September 4th, 2004 at SUNY Oneonta. The demonstration showed partici-

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Frank Doble returned from his sabbatical (Fall 2003) after doing extensive research into literacy and the spirit of inquiry. His in-

depth critique of Information Literacy, "100 Great Quotes... On Libraries, Language, Literacy, and Learning", is available to anyone wishing to have a copy. Also, On October 20th, Frank will give this year's OCC faculty colloquium: "Pursuing Melville; Research as Poetic Inquiry".

Gretchen Roberts retired in May of 2004 after twenty-one exemplary years at Coulter Library, her last three as chair of the library. During her years at Coulter, Gretchen was awarded the 2002 ABCD ("Above and Beyond the Call of Duty") Award, the 2003 Ann Felton Multicultural Award, and a Chancellor's Award (2004).

Jeff Harr assumed the responsibilities of Coulter Library Chair on May 20, 2004, and will continue in that capacity for the next three years. Jeff presented "Using the Web for Academic Research," a faculty colloquium sponsored by the College's Teaching Center, on September 15, 2004. Jeff also presented "1984, Brave New World and the Prophetic Nature of Science Fiction," a lecture on *1984, Brave New World* and dystopian literature in general, on October 5, 2004.

On August 16 **Angela Weiler** joined Coulter Library as Public Services

Librarian. Angela was Instruction Coordinator and Circulation Librarian at Morrisville State College Library for seven years before coming to OCC. She will coordinate the circulation department and interlibrary loan, and will carry out additional responsibilities in the areas of instruction and reference.

Pauline Lynch-Shostack and husband Rob welcomed the birth of their first child, Zachary John, on September 15, 2004. Zachary weighed in at 7 pounds 8 ounces, and all went well. Welcome, Zachary – and congratulations to Mom and Dad!

John Spencer coordinated the local arrangements for the second annual *SUNY Aleph Users Group Conference* held at OCC, ably assisted by **Rob O'Boyle**. One hundred seven Aleph users (including four volunteers) from throughout the SUNY system attended the October 11th conference.



OSWEGO

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Mary Loe reports that SUNY Oswego's Special Collections has reached a kind of milestone with its new project digitizing historic photographs. **Nancy Johnson**, together with volunteer **Bill Baldwin**, now has 1001 photographs scanned in Past Perfect and over 1400 photograph records established. The goal is to make key parts of visual college and local history far more accessible than they have been, with images at researchers' fingertips.

Staff News:

Penfield Library welcomes **Brian McDonald** as its new Serials Librarian, in charge of both print and electronic collections. Brian will also provide reference service, and act as the liaison to the Sociology Department. Brian comes to us from the University of Michigan, where he also received his Masters in Information Science.

Timothy Yager joins the Penfield staff in a shared position between the library and Campus Technology Services. Tim provides assistance with PC's, applications & peripherals – including desktops, laptops, scanners, printers, and software needs.

Tom Larson, Coordinator of Reference & Database Services, is on sabbatical from July 1 – December 31, 2004. Tom is working on OpenURL generation, involving products such as [SFX](#) and [MetaLib](#).

Elizabeth Young has received Continuing Appointment effective September 1, 2004

James Nichols and **Karen Shockey** were promoted to the rank of Associate Librarian, effective September, 2004.

PLATTSBURGH

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As of September 1st **Carla Hendrix** has been promoted to Librarian.

Elin O'Hara has joined Feinberg Library as a one-year temporary librarian in the Information Outreach Unit.

Dennis Kimmage has announced his retirement, set for the end of this semester. We wish him well and thank him for his many years of service and leadership at Feinberg.

Carla List-Handley led a workshop on "Teaching as Performance" at the University of Louisville on August 4. Approximately 65 departmental and library faculty participated.

POTSDAM

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Potsdam has implemented the frameless version of the Aleph WebOPAC (BearCat). The new url is: <http://westaleph.sunyconnect.suny.edu:4490/F>

Nancy Alzo is on sabbatical from July 1 through December 31 to explore and develop a new model for reference service at SUNY Potsdam.

Carol Franck has received continuing appointment and promotion to Associate Librarian. She continues as Information Literacy Coordinator.

Frank Moulton has been hired as a visiting librarian for the 2004/2005 academic year.

Jenica Rogers gave a presentation titled *Linking Periodical Subscriptions and Learning Outcomes: A Practical Response to the Crisis in Scholarly Communication* at the SUNYLA An-

nual Conference in Cortland on May 27, 2004.

Jane Subramanian received a Grant Writing Initiative Award in May 2004 from SUNY Potsdam's Research and Sponsored Programs. She also gave a short presentation titled *Helen Hosmer's Contribution to Our Womanist Tradition* at the SUNY Potsdam Women's Studies Brunch on May 8th, and repeated a presentation given previously elsewhere titled *Milestones in the History of the Crane School of Music: Julia Crane, Helen Hosmer, and Beyond* for SUNY Potsdam's Alumni Weekend in July.

Rebecca Thompson was recipient of SUNY Potsdam's President's Award for Excellence in Professional Service in May 2004 in recognition of her commitment to high standards of service, her contemplative insights and her generosity of spirit.



SULLIVAN- COUNTY COMMUNITY- COLLEGE

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Carol McBride is our new library clerk/typist who came on board this past Spring. She works in the Circulation area, where she has many duties from book labeling, to periodicals check-in and stacks maintenance. New to the library world, she is learning fast, and in the short time she has been here she has become a key player on our staff. Her interests are, coincidentally, reading books about new developments in science and cosmology in particular. Ask Carol about the latest books on the universe!

The Hermann Memorial Library is inaugurating a



brand new teaching room for information literacy classes. Equipped with the latest wireless technology, this new classroom (the renovated "Periodicals Room") will seat twenty students with laptop computers. Our information literacy program on our campus reaches all first time, full time students taking the Freshman Seminar, a mandatory 1 credit course introducing the student to college and academic life, as well as students in many other courses who need advanced instruction in library research methods.

ULSTER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Macdonald DeWitt Library director, **Larry Berk**, appears, as himself, in chapter 8 of Edgar Award-winning author Larry Beinhart's latest book. *The Librarian* (New York : Nation Books, 2004) is a darkly comic thriller that follows university librarian David Goldberg on the run from Homeland Security after getting in way over

his head with a very rich man, an irresistible woman and a warm-up stallion. Beinhart is a local author who previously wrote *American Hero*, the novel on which the film *Wag the Dog* was based.

(Editor's Note: This book was reviewed in the New York Times Book Review on Oct. 17th. You may want to look for it. Thank you Jim Coan for bringing this to my attention.)

UNIVERSITY OF BUFFALO

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Staff News:

Associate Librarian **Judith Hopkins**, Technical Services Research and Analysis Officer in the Central Technical Services Department, retired from the University Libraries on October 1, 2004 after a distinguished 27 year career with SUNY.

Michele Shular was appointed Senior Assistant Librarian in the Arts & Sciences Libraries in July, 2004 specializing in Geology, Geography and Geographic Information Systems. Michele previously

served as a Libraries Fellow at the North Carolina State University Libraries, where she held joint appointments in the Natural Resources Library and the Research and Information Services Department - GIS/Data Services, of D.H. Hill Library.

Jean Dickson, Associate Librarian and Curator of the Polish Collection, is on sabbatical through August 1, 2005. Jean will be conducting research on the history of mandolin clubs in Buffalo, NY.

Kate Cunningham-Hendrix was appointed part-time, temporary librarian for the duration of Jean Dickson's sabbatical.

Fino Porcari, Head of the Catalog Production Section, Central Technical Services Cataloging Department, has been appointed to the BIBCO Operations Committee. One of ten member library representatives, Fino will participate in the development of BIBCO Program policies and practices.

Associate Librarian **Nancy Schiller** served as co-editor of the *Journal of College Science Teaching*, vol. 34, no. 2, October 2004, a special issue devoted to using case study teaching in the science classroom. Nancy, who serves as Co-Director of the National Center for Case Study Teaching in Science at the

University at Buffalo, contributed a guest editorial "An Inside Peek at a Case Study Workshop," to this issue.

Fred Stoss, Arts & Sciences Libraries, contributed "A National Environmental Data Network Revealed Through the Study of Acid Rain," (*Science & Technology Libraries*, vol. 23, no. 4, 2003, pp. 37-57). His article was co-published in *Online Ecological and Environmental Data*, Virginia Baldwin, Ed. (Haworth Press, 2004). Fred also published a guest editorial, "Environmental Quality: A Great Disappearing Act," in the *Electronic Green Journal*, no. 19, Dec. 2003 <http://egj.lib.uidaho.edu/egj19/stoss1.html>

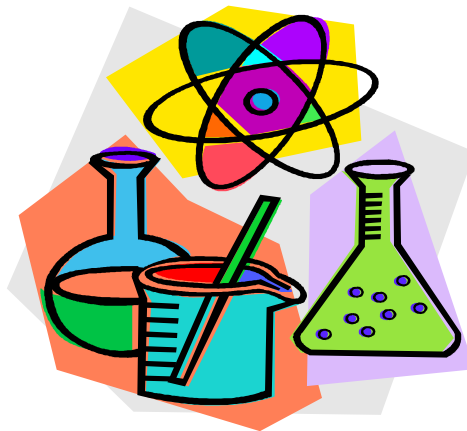
Fred Stoss, Arts & Sciences Libraries, attended the NCBI Advanced Workshop for Biotechnology Information Support (NAWBIS) from August 2-6 in Bethesda, Maryland at the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI). Fred is now a

member of the NCBI Bioinformatics Support Network, a national network for communication and education in the areas of biotechnology and genomics resources. Contact Fred at fstoss@buffalo.edu for more information about NCBI.

Special Projects:

The Educational Technology Center (.etc.) has opened a new facility on the UB South Campus in collaboration with the Health Sciences Libraries' Digital Media Resources Center. Services include consultation, workshops, and one-on-one assistance for faculty and staff in the application of educational technologies for teaching, learning, and scholarship.

A pilot project is currently underway with the *Library Skills Workbook*, a General Education requirement for all UB undergraduates. For the first time, the Workbook is available to a select group of students via the Blackboard Course Management System. The contact person for this project is tatiana de la tierra (td6@buffalo.edu).



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Una Shih, Professor/Librarian, has been appointed Acting Chair of the Library Department for one year. Una has worked at the Library for over 30 years. We look forward to working with her and learning from her years of experience at WCC and in the profession. Una can be reached at (914) 785-6573 or una.shih@sunywcc.edu.

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Nathan Fixler and **Ben Follis** have joined OLIS as Library Application Developers.



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We have also been fortunate to have our new café opening here at Cortland. I know that a number of you have such facilities, too; ours promises to be a cultural meeting place for the campus. It is a wonder to me that such projects, while excruciatingly slow, do come to fruition. I hope that all of you are having other such promising facilities enhancing your libraries.

It is a year of excitement with a presidential election and presidential debates to view and evaluate for ourselves. I applaud all of you who were involved in trying to get students registered to vote on your campus; it looks like SUNY has had some great successes there.

And while our soldiers fight in Iraq and Afghanistan, we librarians fight here at home for the preservation of our individual rights to privacy. We do this through establishing procedures to cleanse patron records, thereby safeguarding their freedom to read what they wish. I am grateful for Angela Weiler's efforts in putting together a policy statement on this matter. Regardless of what you think of the war, it would be a sad world indeed if our soldiers returned to find that many of their individual freedoms had been lost.

We had some wonderful discussion during the September council meeting, covering everything from ILLiad, SFX and First Search to teaching, training, and funding for travel to other conferences. One of the important matters that came up included the fact that SUNY considers the progress toward universal borrowing inadequate under the terms of the contract with Ex Libris. There are database decisions to make and other library organizations, like the 3Rs Council who are hurting from the governor's vetoes, which will ultimately affect us. There are always many, many items to deal with as librarians, all of them clamoring for our attention.

To really put the world in perspective, however, it pays to look through another's eyes. I have been caring for my ninety-four year old mother. You think you forget things; at ninety-four she could write the book on forgetting! But during the wonderful lingering days of summer in September, my mother would sit on our porch and look up at an evergreen and see birds. Her eyesight is so bad, I doubt that they were really there, but she got endless pleasure in believing in their presence and making up their story. We can all learn from this.

Enjoy the world! Let us celebrate our successes. They will prepare us well for what is to come.



A special hooray to SUNYLA's campus delegates!

Special thanks go to all of SUNYLA's campus delegates for supporting the organization and encouraging their colleagues to sign up. SUNYLA would not be as strong of an association as it is without their efforts.

In 2003-2004, some of our delegates went above and beyond the call of duty. Congratulations go to the following delegates:



For largest increase in members, by college category, from 2002/2003 to 2003/2004:

John Schumacher (OLIS) – 1 additional member
Mary Donohue (Fulton Montgomery CC) – 2 additional members
Rebecca Perez (Suffolk CC) – 2 additional members
Steve Dixon (Delhi CoT) – 3 additional members
Joy Kestenbaum (Purchase State) – 5 additional members

For largest number of members in individual library categories:

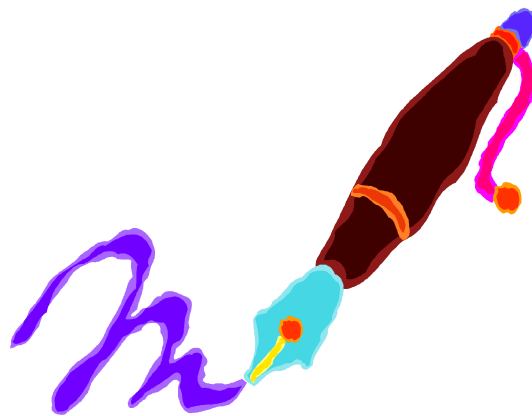
Beverly Crowell (NYS College of Ceramics) – 5 members – Special Libraries
John Schumacher – (OLIS) – 5 members – Special Libraries
Joseph Petrick (Alfred CoT) – 5 members – Colleges of Technology
Wil Prout (Buffalo Health Sciences) – 6 members – Health Sciences Libraries
Rebecca Perez (Suffolk CC) – 14 members – Community Colleges
Bellinda Wise (Nassau CC) – 14 members – Community Colleges
Katherine Merrill (Geneseo State) – 14 members – State Colleges
Karen Shockey (Oswego State) – 14 members – State Colleges
Kathleen Quinlivan (University at Buffalo) – 25 members – University Centers

For maintaining or increasing membership numbers over the past 5 years:

Catherine Figliolo (Clinton CC) – maintained membership at 2 members
Sharon Malecki (Finger Lakes CC) – maintained membership at 4 members
Beverly Crowell (NYS College of Ceramics) - increased membership from 4 to 5
John Schumacher (OLIS) - increased membership from 4 to 5
David Lewis (Tompkins Cortland CC) – increased membership from 5 to 6
Thomas Trinchera (Dutchess CC) – increased membership from 5 to 6
Joseph Petrick (Alfred CoT) – increased membership by 2 members
Kerrie Fergen Wilkes (Fredonia State) - increased membership by 2 members
Marianne Hebert (Potsdam State) - increased membership by 2 members

Eileen O'Hara (Brockport State) - increased membership by 2 members
Lori Annesi (Monroe CC) - increased membership by 3 members
Bellinda Wise (Nassau CC) - increased membership by 3 members
Celia Livingston (Jefferson CC) - increased membership by 7 members
Rebecca Perez (Suffolk CC) - increased membership by 9 members

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SUNYLA Professional Development Grant

Dan Kissane (kissandf@oneonta.edu), Reference and Instruction Librarian at Oneonta, received a SUNYLA Professional Development Grant this spring.

Dan attended the American Library Association midwinter business meeting in San Diego, CA. Two of the three committees upon which he sits met (one meeting was cancelled due to illness of the chair). Mr. Kissane has since been appointed co-chair of that committee: The Library Instruction Round Table-LIRT Research Committee. The ACRL Instruction Section Pre-Conference Planning Chicago 2005 met with Mr. Kissane recording the minutes as secretary for the day. These minutes have since been approved and sent to the IS officials for archiving. The Young Adult Library Services Association's "Outstanding Books for the College Bound Committee" (2004 edition) had its final meeting. The new list is available as a print pamphlet available from ALA or on the web at

<http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/booklistsawards/outstandingbooks/outstandingbooks.htm>.

Mr. Kissane sincerely thanks SUNYLA for the financial support of his professional development endeavors.

submitted by Carol Anne Germain

