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SUNYLA President's Message

Marc Wildman

Since I am writing this on Library Assistants' Day, I'm reminded of and thankful for all the people it takes to operate our great libraries. Having started my career as a library assistant, I am always grateful for the hard work and dedication of the people around me.

I am also grateful for all the people that have worked to help me during this past year as SUNYLA President. Many forces are at work to make our great organization run smoothly. I have had the privilege to get to know some of you at a much deeper level. We laughed, cried, fumbled, but most of all accomplished great things together. I would like to thank all the officers, committee chairs and members for all the hard work they have provided. Many of you will continue your roles, and we appreciate all you do. I will fade into the background as ex-officio, but will always be available for any of your concerns.



I don't mention specific names since I know I will leave someone out, but I wish the very best for our incoming President, **Joe Petrick**. Joe has been a long time advocate for SUNY Librarians, and we will all benefit from his expertise. Many thanks also to the members who have advocated for our "equity" cause on our campuses and serving the negotiations committee. Thanks Patty and John!

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It's always amazing when you realize a year has come and gone. It has been busy and rewarding on many levels. As I go off to the SUNY Council of Library Directors (SCLD) annual meeting, I would like to thank all of them for offering an opening at their meetings for a representative of SUNYLA. What a wonderful way of keeping the lines of communication open.

I hope to see all of you at the SUNYLA Conference at Maritime. It should prove to be an educational as well as recreational opportunity for of us to share ideas and some fun!



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From the editor:

I hope you are going to SUNYLA, and we get a chance to meet. I'd love to put a "face to your name." If you see me, please introduce yourself!

Gerry Leibowitz

CAMPUS NEWS, NOTES, & INFORMATION

ALBANY

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Barbara Via, Assistant Director, University Libraries, has been promoted to the rank of Librarian, effective July 2007.

The University at Albany Libraries' M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives is showing an exhibit "The Secret Lives of Toys and Their Friends: Selections from the Miriam Snow Mathes Historical Children's Literature Collection." Curated by **Kali M.D. Roy**, graduate student assistant, the exhibit is drawn from the Mathes Historical Children's Literature Collection (<http://library.albany.edu/speccoll/children.htm>) and features a small sampling of historical children's literature about adventures based on the lives of living toys or objects, and stories from a toy's point of view. The over fifty items in the physical exhibit are from approximately the 1850-1950 period and highlight the potential scholarly uses of the Mathes Collection. Located in the University's Department of Special Collections & Archives, the Miriam Snow Mathes Historical Children's Literature Collection includes over 10,000 children's books and periodicals published in the 19th century and up to 1960. The central purpose of the Mathes Collection is to provide the texts of works that are generally no longer available in children's library collections today—and to make them available for historical, literary and cultural study and consultation by scholars, students, teachers, librarians and the interested public. The

exhibit is available through May 2007 during normal hours for the Department of Special Collections & Archives, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

Yu-Hui Chen will be attending the 2007 *Usability in Practice* three-day workshop held by the Nielsen Norman Group (chaired by Jakob Nielsen, the world-renowned scholar on Web usability) from April 22 to April 24 in Washington D.C. She has received an IFW Presidential Award, UUP Individual Development Grant, SUNYLA Professional Development Grant, and professional development funding from the University at Albany Libraries to attend this event.

Laura Cohen was selected as one of five List Masters of The Top 1,000 Alternative Search Engines. This list (not now publicly available) was established by Charles Knight, CEO of a search engine optimization firm, from search engine lists maintained by Laura and others. Charles uses this list to compile the monthly list of Top 100 Alternative Search Engines for the Read/WriteWeb blog. Laura will be adding new discoveries to this list to help in this effort.

BINGHAMTON

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The Libraries have added a new federated search engine called Grokker, which visu-

ally categorizes search results.

The Science Library's Information Commons was completed in March.

Alesia McManus and **Abigail Bordeaux** gave a presentation at the 2007 Electronic Resources & Libraries Conference on "A Collaborative Criteria-based Process for Electronic Resource Purchases and Renewals."

Abigail Bordeaux has left Binghamton to work for Ex Libris. **Michal Figura** was hired as a Library Systems Specialist, **Zachary DuBord** is the new Reader Services Coordinator and **Georgia Vieira** is the new Director of Development.

BROOME **COMMUNITY** **COLLEGE**

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BCC's Black Student Union donated a portrait of Arthur Schomburg to the library. A dedication ceremony was held on February 27. (For more information, see <http://www.sunybroome.edu/~library/news/schomburg.php>).

The library participated in a campus-wide Open House on Saturday, April 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The open house was well attended by prospective students and alumni.

BCC has received a Perkins grant to install Kurzweil 3000 software on 10 computers in the library building. This software will aid individuals with learning difficulties, such as dyslexia, attention deficit disorder, as well as English language learners. All of the stations will have screen readers. One

of the stations will have full adaptive technology (scanning) capability. Mike Curtis has been involved in the committee that applied for the grant, and is currently helping install the software.

BROCKPORT

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The search for a permanent Library Director will be reopened this summer. All you upwardly mobile types, keep an eye out for the announcement.

The SUNY FACT Advisory Council has awarded **Jennifer Little**, our Coordinator of Instruction, funds to organize a COCID on "Integrating Library Services into a Learning Management System" to be held next Spring.

Drake Technology Dept. furnished and opened a Screening Room for instruction-related media viewing and webinars in the building last month.

Librarians **Eileen O'Hara**, **Jennifer Little**, **Jennifer Smathers**, **Susan Perry** and Library Assistant **Kim Myers** constitute the committee that is administering Drake's **LibQual** user survey. Response rate has been very good, with many complimentary as well as challenging comments. Analysis of response data is next step.

Charlie Cowling, Head of Instruction & Reference, and **Lori Lampert**, Reference, made a presentation on "Diversity Research Materials" at Brockport's Seventh Annual Cultural Diversity Conference on March 1st. Charlie also offered a presentation on research tools as part of the campus's annual Scholars' Day events, April 11, and **Bob Cushman**, Coordinator of Integrated Public Services, did one on our

project to digitize the campus **Writers Forum** lecture and interview videos. **Eileen O'Hara**, Technology Librarian, made two presentations on World War II to a local BOCES "Gifted and Talented" program, March 23rd and 26th.

Finally, at the instigation of **Debby Ames**, Collection Management, 20 of Drake's 32 staff are taking part in a campus "Eat Well, Live Well" challenge, competing with other campus units in walking and eating fruits and vegetables.

BUFFALO

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Nancy Nuzzo, Director, Music and Special Collections, received the Music Library Association's Special Achievement Award at the organization's 2007 annual meeting. The award is given to individuals who provide extraordinary service to the profession of music librarianship over a relatively short period of time, and it was given to Nancy in recognition of her significant contributions in transforming the financial organization of the MLA.

Congratulations to **Austin Booth**, Director of Collections and Research Services, on the publication of *re: skin*, a book described by its publisher as "an investigation of the intersection of body, skin, and technology" (MIT Press, 2007). In this collection, Austin and co-editor Mary Flanagan have assembled works by scholars, essayists and short story writers who offer their perspectives on skin – as boundary and surface, as metaphor and physical reality.

Austin Booth and **Laura Taddeo**, Senior Assistant Librarian, Arts & Sciences Libraries, have co-authored "The Changing Nature of the Book: Literary Research, Cul-

tural Studies, and the Digital Age," forthcoming in *Teaching Literary Research* (ACRL Publications in Librarianship).

Joe Gerken, Law Library, authored *What Good Is Legislative History: Justice Scalia in the Federal Courts of Appeals* (W. S. Hein, 2006). The book addresses Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia's criticism of legislative histories as a source for statutory interpretation.

Christopher Hollister, Information Literacy Librarian, Arts & Sciences Libraries, and **Stewart Brower**, Coordinator of Information Management Education Services, Health Sciences Library, have launched *Communications in Information Literacy* (CIL), a peer-reviewed open access journal with a focus on advancing knowledge, theory, and research related to information literacy. Manuscripts may be theoretical, research-based, or practical in nature. Queries from prospective authors should be sent to: editors@cominfolit.org

Charles Lyons, Business and Management Librarian, Arts & Sciences Libraries, authored "The Library: A Distinct Local Voice?" His article examines the role of the library as a local information provider, and was published in *First Monday*, a peer-moderated online publication devoted to net culture and structure (vol. 12, no. 3, March, 2007) (http://www.firstmonday.org/issues/issue12_3/lyons/index.html).

Sharon Murphy, Health Sciences Library, received a week-long fellowship for the BioMedical Informatics program sponsored by the National Library of Medicine. It will be held at the Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, MA in September, 2007. The program provides an intensive introduction to medical informatics for health professionals, health sciences librarians, and computer scientists.

Jean Dickson, Arts & Sciences Libraries, will present "Mexican Music at the Pan-

American Exposition, 1901" at the 2007 US/Canada joint conference of the International Association for the Study of Popular Music. Jean's article on the Mexican musicians at the Pan-Am will be published in the Spring 2007 issue of *Western New York Heritage*.

Cynthia Tysick, Senior Assistant Librarian, Arts & Sciences Libraries, created an interactive online tutorial designed to give students the basic skills necessary to find books by author, title, and keyword in BISON, the UB Libraries catalog. The tutorial also provides instructions outlining how to recall and renew books online. It can be viewed at: <http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/help/findingbooks.html>.

Nancy Schiller, Associate Librarian, Arts & Sciences Libraries, is on sabbatical from March 1-August 31, 2007. While on sabbatical, Nancy will create a digital library of case studies for the Case Studies in Science website and develop an engineering version of the *Library Skills Workbook on UBLearns*.

Fred Stoss, Associate Librarian, Arts & Sciences Libraries, gave a technical presentation at the 2007 National Spring Meeting of the American Chemical Society. "Meeting the Challenge of 'The New Biology' for College Libraries and Librarians in the Post-Genomic Era" addressed the issue of introducing new science disciplines from the perspectives of collections, reference, librarian training, and faculty-librarian collaborations.

In January, 2007, **Fred Stoss** participated in a workshop led by Al Gore and The Climate Project in Nashville, Tennessee. At the workshop, the former Vice-President and his team of scientists, educators, and communications specialists provided attendees with the information and skills needed to present customized versions of Gore's global warming slide show which forms the basis of the documentary film and book, *An Inconvenient Truth*.

Tiffany Walsh, Senior Assistant Librarian, Arts & Sciences Libraries, developed the Assignment Calculator for the UB Libraries Research Tips Web site. The Calculator (<http://libweb.lib.buffalo.edu/ac/index.php>) helps students plan a successful paper by creating a customized timeline that describes each step in the research process.

Tatiana de la Tierra, former Information Literacy Librarian in the Arts & Sciences Libraries, has accepted a position as Director of Hispanic Services at the Inglewood Public Library in Los Angeles, California. Her last day at the UB Libraries was February 9, 2007.

Meebo is the new interface for the UB Libraries online reference chat service. With Meebo, there is no software to download. The free, web-based client works with a variety of platforms and browsers, and requires no special user ID or login.

BUFFALO STATE

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Butler Library is excited to announce their participation in a research grant to explore the educational uses of the online virtual environment software, *Second Life*.

Heather Glogowski, **Ken Fujiuchi**, and **Dennis Reed** have created avatars, the virtual personas that one uses to explore the *Second Life* world. Our avatar-librarians have built a virtual Butler Library that includes a reference desk, exhibit space, and a floating roof garden for our *Rooftop Poetry Club*.

Marianne Foley recently joined the Buffalo State ANGEL Team as the ANGEL Administrator. We congratulate Marianne Foley and thank her for taking on this Information Services and Systems chal-

lence.

Butler Library is proud to announce the unveiling of their new library blog! This blog presents convenient access to timely information about the library and its collections, services, resources, and more. Thanks to **Ken Fujiuchi**, **Donna Daviddoff**, and **Dennis Reed** for all of their hard work in its development.

In celebration of National Poetry Month, the *Rooftop Poetry Club* introduces their newest poetry project, *SLIDE*. Under the guidance of librarian **Lisa Forrest**, and with technical help from Assistant Web Editor **Dennis Reed**, obsolete 35 mm slides are transformed into a unique community art project. The project can be viewed on *YouTube*: <http://www.youtube.com/rooftoppoetryclub>.

COBLESKILL

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The Van Wagenen Library hosted another successful author visit on April 20th, this time by the team of **Mark Graber** (writer) and his brother **Jack Graber** (illustrator). Together, they created *The Legend of Moon County*, a beautiful children's book about young animals getting to know a part of New York State that many of us know well (if we told you which part it might spoil the story). The event was organized by Fran Apollo in cooperation with faculty in the Early Childhood program.

The Library's new Popular Reading Collection has so far been just that... popular! This is a one-year pilot subscription to the McNaughton lease plan. If circulation continues to be high, the subscription will most likely be continued.

April Davies just finished coordinating our latest LibQUAL+ survey run and we're very happy with the response rate (that 30GB iPod proved to be a good incentive prize)!

We are pleased to announce that **Cody VanDeusen**, student employee in the Circulation Department, was a recipient of the 2007 Capital District Library Council Award for Outstanding Student Employees in CDLC Libraries. The purpose of this award is to "reward excellence among young library workers, both to exemplify the high standards sought in library staff and to encourage investigation of librarianship as a career goal." Cody started with the Library as a work study student his freshman year and will be heading off to library school in Albany this fall.

Fran Apollo has joined CDLC's new Information Literacy Interest Group and, as part of that, has coordinated two upcoming programs. Fran has also been keeping herself busy working on the upcoming EN-YACRL conference which will be held at SUNYIT on May 20th. The theme for this year... "Who's driving the technology bus?"

Pete Barvoets will be co-presenting a pre-conference session entitled "Tinkering in the Engine Room: Aleph Reports Topics" at the SUNYLA Annual Conference in June. Pete also plans to attend the Conference on Instructional Technologies (CIT) to be held at SUNY Plattsburgh.

Gregg Kiehl was part of a panel discussion for the SUNY Borrowing Task Force at the meeting of the SUNY Council of Library Directors (SCLD) on April 19th. Gregg also organized a workshop at CDLC on April 30th for the CDLC/ILLiad Point-2-Point project. Further information about this project is available from the CDLC website (<http://www.cdlic.org>).

CORTLAND

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Gretchen Douglas has been promoted to the rank of Librarian effective July 1, 2007.

Gretchen Herrmann has had an article, "Special Money: Ithaca HOURS and Garage Sales," published in the Spring 2006 issue of the peer-reviewed journal, *Ethnology*. The article treats use of Ithaca HOURS and money in the U. S. garage sale, characterized by such features as elasticity, creating value and creating community.

DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Evelyn Rosenthal announced that she will retire this summer. Evelyn has worked at the Ritz Library for 29 years in varying capacities, mostly in cataloging and reference services. A lifelong animal lover, Ev currently mothers a family of six cats, one dog and one husband, David. Evelyn's daily trademark consisted of wearing at least one article of clothing or piece of jewelry featuring the image of a cat, at times supplemented with the image of a dog. Evelyn is also a fan of librarian action-figure model Nancy Pearl, possessing a copy of the aforementioned action-figure, which stands proudly on her desk, and the first two volumes of Book Lust. She plans to begin diligently reading Pearl's recommendations upon retiring. Evelyn has always brought enthusiasm to

her work and is well-liked by students, faculty and staff alike.

Congratulations, Ev, you will be missed!

A committee will be meeting this summer to find a successor for Evelyn. We know it will be an exhaustive search!

Our part-time staffing has also seen a few changes: **Hayley Denning** has accepted a position with her previous employer, Marist College. **Kathy Nigro** will become the Ritz' new part time staff member on April 17th, and joins us from Vassar College where she works as a Financial Aid Specialist/Student Loan Coordinator.

ERIE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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NORTH CAMPUS LIBRARY

Celeste Neyerlin, ECC's delegate to SUNYLA, passed away on Friday, April 6, 2007 after a long battle with cancer.

She was a cataloger at the ECC North Campus and was employed at ECC since October 1995. She is survived by her children, Nicole and James Neyerlin, and by a sister and brother.

Celeste was a graduate of the E.J. Meyer School of Nursing in Buffalo and was active in its alumnae association. Prior to joining ECC, she worked at the University at Buffalo Health Sciences Library and also at Erie I BOCES. She used her nursing background as the bibliographer for allied health programs. Celeste enjoyed

being our SUNYLA delegate and attending meetings when she could. She was enthusiastic about SUNYLA membership.

Celeste also served as a member-at-large of the Regional Automation Committee of the Western New York Library Resources Council

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, Western NY Region – Amherst, 101 John James Audubon Pkwy, Amherst, NY 14228.



ESF

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The Friends of Moon Library held their 21st annual celebration on April 17th, during National Library Week. Former ESF President **Ross Whaley** and Professor **William Porter** spoke about their upcoming book on the Adirondacks. Donated books were raffled to raise funds for the library. Food, fun and camaraderie were enjoyed by all.

During National Library Week staff wore our new, green "Team Moon" t-shirts with a call number for college and university library staff. We also have a team photo, along with renderings/drawings of our soon-to-be renovated library, on display in the Moon.

Moon Library will undergo an "extreme makeover" this summer. We will replace all the furniture and floor covering on the main level. Our circulation/reserve/reference desk will move to a new location in the center of the library. We will also increase the number of computers available in the library. A few sections of the card catalog will be reworked into occasional tables in our transformed space. We hope to have this all completed before the fall semester begins.

FINGER LAKES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Frank Queener, Library Director, is serving on the search committee to select the college's 4th President, who will succeed Dr. Daniel T. Hayes when he retires in August.

Charlotte Cooper chaired this year's Professional Association Professional Achievement Award (aka Promotion) Committee.

GENESEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Judy Sikora, Alfred C. O'Connell Library Director, will be retiring this June after 36 years of dedicated service. Judy started in

1971 as Genesee's first full-time Reference and Instruction Librarian. At that time, the Genesee library was a very different place with only a card catalog, print and microfilm resources. Under her direction Genesee was one of the first SUNY community colleges to implement an automated LMS in 1985. Judy was also Genesee's first Systems Librarian. Since 1991, Judy has served as Library Director. Judy actively participated in the SUNY community as Secretary for the Community College section of SCLD 1995-98 and as Community College Representative on SUNYConnect Advisory Council 2000-2006. Regionally Judy served as President of the Board of Trustees, Western New York Library Resources Council 1991 and as Vice President and Secretary between 1987-1991. In 2000, Judy coordinated a major renovation of the Alfred C. O'Connell Library which was featured on the cover of *Choice* in 2002. Among Judy's awards are the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship 1990 and the NISOD Teaching Excellence Award 1992. Throughout her tenure, Judy has consistently promoted professional development activities with the Genesee library staff. In 2006, nearly the entire staff completed the Continuous Assessment / Continuous Improvement workshop series. Judy has been very involved on campus, and one of her favorite activities is working with Genesee's 130 international students through her participation with the International Student Organization. The library will be honoring her with a retirement celebration on June 29th, 2007.



Judy's innovative spirit, expertise, and good humor will be greatly missed by all. Her retirement goals include traveling along the Northwest coast from Vancouver to Portland over the summer and reconnecting with her neglected garden. We wish her all the best!

Welcome to **Theresa Gibson**, our new Technical Assistant for Reference, Instruction & Off-Campus Services.

Librarians **Cindy Hagelberger** and **Cindy Francis** have been assisting NY State History students in Archives in preparations for Genesee's 40th Anniversary Convocation Ceremony, May 3rd. A slide presentation utilizing student research and media collaboration will be shown at the ceremony.

The Genesee Library is currently hosting "All Fired Up!" an art exhibit of wheel-thrown ceramic works created by the students of Craft Fundamentals II. A reception, hosted by Reference Librarian **Anita Whitehead**, was held April 12th to open the show and give the campus community a chance to meet and talk with the artists.

This April, the library sponsored its 6th annual student poetry contest. Over 80 poems were submitted by 39 student poets. Judges awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes plus special awards for best limerick and best nature/environmental poem. Prizes were local restaurant gift certificates, day passes to Genesee Country Village and Museum, and gift cards to the campus bookstore. Reference Librarian **Anita Whitehead** coordinated the contest.

The Alfred C. O'Connell Library collaborated with Richmond Memorial Library in Batavia and Woodward Memorial Library in Le Roy to purchase a subscription to a new online database that allows access to the full text of Batavia's *The Daily News*.

HERKIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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After finals this spring, the HCCC Library construction project will begin phase 2. All Library operations will move to the 3rd floor of the Library building while renovation and construction moves into the 2nd floor. The book collection will remain in off-site storage, but our courier continues to make 2 runs per day to retrieve books requested by students and staff.

Susan Bissonette, Librarian for Information Literacy/Distance Learning, will present *Art, Images, Censorship and the Government in the United States of America* for the combined Arts Section and ACRL's virtual poster session called *Eye to I: Visual Literacy Meets Information Literacy* during the ALA Conference in June.

HUDSON VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Local Rensselaer County resident **William Kennedy** was the featured author for the 2007 **HVCC READS** Program. Mr. Kennedy visited with individual classes; shared lunch with a small group of students; faculty, and staff, and gave a keynote address on his Pulitzer Prize winning book, *Ironweed*.

Peter Nye, Unit Leader of the Endangered

Species Program of the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, gave an enlightening presentation on their Bald Eagle Program as part of the Voices: A Library Lecture Series.

MONROE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Stephanie Hranjec, part-time DCC librarian, had an article included in the recently published book "The Bezigrad Library of Ljubljana, Slovenia." The article contains excerpts from Stephanie's correspondence with her friend from Slovenia and helps to document her professional growth and personal persistence in becoming a librarian.

Lori Annesi and the other members of the MCC Libraries' Public Programming Committee successfully applied for a *Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature – Identity and Imagination* grant from ALA. The libraries will be hosting a series of five book discussions examining the diverse literature of the Jewish experience over the fall 2007 semester. Several organizations have agreed to partner with us, helping to promote the series throughout the community, including the Monroe County Public Library System.

Lori Annesi also applied for a grant from the Monroe Community College Foundation and was awarded funds to further develop the Libraries' *Illuminations* Lecture Series.

Eric Johannisson, Records Analyst for Monroe Community College, has been nominated by the Phi Theta Kappa Honor

Society to the National Dean's List. In addition to his full-time position as Records Analyst in the Education Technology Services Division, Eric is an honor student at MCC, working on a Liberal Arts Degree with a concentration in Public Administration.

Deborah Mohr was promoted from Assistant to Associate Professor effective September 1, 2007. Deb earned her M.S.L.I.S. from Simmons College and B.A. from Middlebury College. Deb began at MCC in 1995 and is a Database Control Librarian. Deborah provides direct reference service, works with students on their information literacy skills and co-coordinates the LVG Library orientation program. Deborah serves as Library liaison to the English as a Second Language/Foreign Language and the Engineering Technology Departments. Deborah is involved in SUNY Library Association activities and conference work. In 2006, Deb was recognized with the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship.

Michael McCullough earned two age-group bronze medals in snowshoe racing at the 2007 Empire State Games. Mike finished 3rd in the 1500 meter race held on Saturday, February 23 and at the 5k cross-country race on Sunday. The Empire State Games are held each February in the Lake Placid area.

The libraries recently installed Synchroneyes software on all of the public pc's and all of the computers in the instruction labs. The software allows the librarians to monitor computer use in the public areas and includes special interactive features which are useful for library instruction.



NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Marsha Spiegelman, Library Department, and **Ricky Glass**, Math Department, are presenting "Modern Applications of Boolean Logic in a Web 2.0 Environment" at the New York State Mathematics Association of Two-Year Colleges, in April. Previously, they presented, "The History of Mathematics: Making It Work With Web 2.0" at the SUNY Conversations in the Disciplines, *Mathematics: History and Connections* held at Suffolk Community College in March.

Congratulations to **Rosanne Humes** who was granted tenure and promoted to Assistant Professor. Congratulations are also in order for **Richard Erben** who was promoted to Technical Assistant III. They both worked hard for their promotions and they deserve them.

Recent elections were held in April and **Nancy Williamson** was elected for a third term as Chair of the Library Department. In addition, **Katrina Frazier** and **David Crugnola** have been elected voting members of the P&B and **Richard Delbango** was elected as an alternate. Congratulations go out to the winners of these elections.

The NCC Library will finally be getting a new reference desk and the full-time library faculty/staff will begin getting new office desks. Improvements are underway!

On April 24th **Linda Gorman**, Reference Librarian/Associate Professor, was one of three featured soloists at the Nassau Community College Orchestra Concert. She performed the Brandenburg Concerto No.4 in G Major on flute with fellow flutist **Roy**

Berberich and **Lisa Uckardes** on violin. The performance was a big success and very well received. The Music Department recorded the performance.

Gerry Leibowitz was elected to the college-wide Promotion and Tenure Committee.

Richard Delbango was presented with a Faculty Recognition Award by the Liaison Committee for Students with Disabilities at a luncheon on April 26th hosted by the Access Club.

NEW PALTZ

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Sojourner Truth Library celebrated its sixth annual observance of National Library Week at New Paltz, with READ posters, an exhibit of items from the library's Special Collections, and a series of arts events. New Paltz students and organizations were subjects of this year's READ posters, photographed by NLW Chair **Morgan Gwenwald**. A library career table, "Librarians Rock," organized by **Valerie Mittenberg**, presented photos of librarians looking very cool indeed.

Film screenings (*An Inconvenient Truth* and *Prospects for an Endangered Planet*), lectures by visiting professors (**Trudy Lieberman** on healthcare), and exhibits by emeritus professors (**William Rhoads**) emphasized environmental concerns.

A Story Hour for the Children's Center of New Paltz featured librarian reader/storytellers **Susan Kraat** and **Stephen Macaluso**. Noontime entertainment included Musical Theatre students singing selections from Contemporary Broadway and scenes from the Department of Thea-

tre Arts' upcoming production of King Lear.

This was a continuation of a campus-wide celebration of National Library Week begun in 2002 by **Barbara Petruzzelli**, who chaired the event until her departure. **Morgan Gwenwald** served as this year's NLW Chair. Past NLW themes have featured pop-up books, panels on librarianship, visits by children's authors and illustrators, mystery writers, small press publishers, and more.

Corinne Nyquist is the only woman faculty member from SUNY New Paltz listed in the latest edition of Marquis *Who's Who in America*, along with eight male faculty.

Heather C. Whalen organized and presented a faculty workshop on Universal Instructional Design with **Themina Kader** of the Art Education Department and Samantha Herrick of the Disabilities Resource Center on April 6th, 2007. Universal Instructional Design, applied to teaching, works to make instruction accessible to all students.

NIAGARA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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The Henrietta G. Lewis Library staff has been working on their SUEP (Support Unit Evaluation Program) since Fall of 2006. We have a hard-working committee of librarians, library staff members, and other campus faculty who have created goals, objectives, performance standards, and assessment measures for the library. Online surveys of our students, our employees, and other community colleges

(re: their Archives and Special Collections) have recently been completed. We are now reviewing and analyzing the survey results and plan to have an outside team of librarians come to campus soon to help us evaluate our library resources and services. They will review our outcomes and make suggestions on how we can make improvements for the future.

ONEONTA

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Lindsay Albright, a student intern with **Heather Heyduk** in the Archives, has written the first-ever history of Art and Scope, the student literary magazine which debuted over fifty years ago. She also designed a display of its timeline in the library lobby.

Several librarians participated in the Seventh Annual Faculty Research Show. **Jessica Moyer's** display was titled "Leisure Materials in Academic Libraries – REALLY!?!". Special Collections was represented by **Mary Lynn Bensen, Michelle Hendley, Andrea Gerberg, Heather Heyduk**, and **Lindsay Albright**. Their exhibit featured retro-technology, and included a working lantern slide projector and selections from the Lantern Slide Collection.

OSWEGO

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Staff at Penfield Library have begun the process of identifying specific renovation

projects and prioritizing them. Projects will be accomplished in a phased approach with phase one of actual reconstruction beginning in the spring/summer of 2008. An architect will be consulted in the fall to begin mapping out the details of the project. Among the projects currently under consideration are: refurbishing and expanding the number and variety of study areas, creating more classroom space, adding seminar/conference rooms, and providing improved spaces for technical and media hardware/software support and moving to an integrated "Learning Commons" approach to better support student work.

Penfield Library is becoming a mecca for art and artists this spring. There will be two major installations this semester. The first exhibit, Experimental Photography, was exhibited until the end of March. Through camera-less photography, students from an art class created images using materials such as hair gel, lace and oranges.

The second exhibit is the 3rd Annual Faculty/Staff exhibit. The work in this exhibit affords (non-Art Department) faculty and staff an opportunity to show their creative talents in a variety of media, from painting, ceramics and photography, to quilting and needlework. Several library staff members have exhibited their artwork in the past, and at least one librarian has artwork in the current exhibit.

This spring, you can expect to see two new collections from SUNY Oswego in the SUNY Digital Repository (DSpace). Penfield Library has begun work on a joint project with the Student Association to scan and archive their legislative proceeding in DSpace, going back to 1969. The second project will make individual issues of the *Campus Update*, a general circulation campus newspaper, available and searchable back to January 2004. SUNY DSpace is located on the web at <http://dspace.sunyconnect.suny.edu/>.

Mary Loe, Coordinator of Collection Development and Special Collections, has worked with the Northern New York Library Network to have the student newspaper, *The Oswegonian*, digitized and put on the NNYLN website. It is the first college paper available through the Northern New York Library Network's *Historical Newspaper Project*. Sixty-seven years (1935-2002) are currently available on the website for your browsing pleasure. Please check it out at <http://news.nnyln.net/>.

Mary Loe, our longtime Coordinator of Collection Development and Special Collections, will be retiring at the end of April. Mary has been an integral part of the library for over 30 years. She began her career at Penfield as the documents librarian in 1973. In more recent years, she coordinated collection development efforts for the library, and headed up the special collections and archives area. She was the driving force behind our "Display-to-Archives" program, where scholarly works of faculty and staff are displayed in the library before being archived, and hosting an annual reception honoring the years' contributors. Her deep knowledge of our collections and her practical business savvy will be missed. We wish Happy Hiking Trails to you, Mary Loe!



On February 14, Penfield Library sent a valentine to the Oswego campus. On the first annual "Penfield Loves Ya Day" overdue fines were waived, T-shirts and coffee coupons were given away, and special

programming was presented throughout the building. Early birds were treated to romance-themed movies: *Casanova* and *Casablanca*. In the afternoon, readings of love-themed poems took place in the Lake Effect Café. The real highlight of the day was the premiere showing of the Library's inaugural set of READ posters, featuring faculty, administration and staff. These creations were designed by adjunct art librarian, Deale Hutton and her graphic design student staffer, **Vincent Akissi**.

Elizabeth Young has assumed the responsibilities of Coordinator of Special Collections in Penfield Library.

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Congrats to **Susanne Markgren**, our Systems/Electronic Resources Librarian, who co-authored an article in the Spring 2007 issue of *Library Administration and Management*. The article is called "The Five-Year Itch: Are Libraries Losing Their Most Valuable Resources?"

PLATTSBURGH

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Calling it a "tip of the iceberg" of the history of the region over the past two decades, former Assemblyman **Chris Ortloff** has donated his Assembly term papers to Plattsburgh State. Ortloff has turned over to the Special Collections Unit of Feinberg Library more than 110 cubic feet of mate-

rials documenting the 20 years he represented Clinton, Franklin, St. Lawrence and Essex Counties in the New York State Assembly and in public life. "The life and the work of an elected official are only partly about politics," he said in a news release from the college. "Politics gets you into office and keeps you there. But your life and work are about everything in the community. If it was just about me, I don't know how much value it would have. But, the fact that I was the representative of 130,000 people and that my office collected significant pieces of their lives over 20 years, I believe, has value and merit."

Ortloff was elected to the Assembly in a special election in February 1986 following the resignation of long-term Assemblyman Andrew Ryan. Ortloff served for 20 years until former Gov. George Pataki appointed him a commissioner on the New York State Parole Board in June 2006. When he resigned from the Assembly last year to assume his current post, he was assistant minority leader. He had been a member of Ways and Means, Rules, Environmental Conservation, Transportation, Energy and Corporations, Authorities and Commissions Committees and was on the Joint Legislative Commissions on Demographics and Reapportionment. He was also — and remains — a member of the Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial Commission and the statewide Veterans Cemetery Sitting Committee.

The collection included all the legislation he sponsored in the Assembly, correspondences sent to the office from constituents, annual surveys for the past 20 years, information from when he was chair of the Clinton County Republican Committee (1995-2002) and many photographs. There are many files on the major events of the era, including the Akwesasne standoff of 1989-90; Ortloff's service on the Assembly Indian Affairs Subcommittee; sea-lamprey eradication in Lake Champlain; construction of five new prisons; the formation of the Battle of Plattsburgh Association; the growth of the

Almanzo Wilder Farm in Burke; the deactivation and restoration of Northway emergency call boxes; the 1998 Ice Storm; and the closing of Plattsburgh Air Base and formation of the Plattsburgh Intermunicipal Development Corp., precursor to the Plattsburgh Airbase Redevelopment Corp.

Debra Kimok, Special Collections Librarian at Plattsburgh State, said the acquisition of the papers would be a treasure trove for historians and others.

"Not only is it a rich resource for community researchers and interested parties but also for our students. I can think of several departments at SUNY Plattsburgh that could make good use of this information." She said it would take a while to process the papers before making them available for review by the public. "I estimate that it will take about two years to catalogue the many news releases, legislative memoranda, newsletters, correspondences, letters, reports, studies and publications, photographs, clippings and other archival resources. But, once we have completed that process, the materials will be available to the public."

For more information on Special Collections, contact Kimok at 564-5206 or e-mail her at debra.Kimok@plattsburgh.edu



SCHENECTADY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Part-time Reference Librarian **Brian Story** has joined the staff of Begley Library. Brian's previous library experiences include Suffolk County Community College, two Long Island public libraries, and more recently, both the Mechanicville and Crandall public libraries.

STONY BROOK

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Helen Volat, Head of Reference has been invited to participate in a conference to be held at the University of Montpellier Paul Valery in France. She will present a paper entitled "The USA PATRIOT ACT in Everyday Life."

Helen Volat published an article entitled "Resistance a la resistance," with Robert Harvey, in the spring in *La Soeur de l'Ange*.

Special Collections' new website is now complete. Most of the files (over 500) have been indexed by Google. The search engine is also powered by Google. New content will be added on a weekly basis. Collections in-process include: Pietro di Donato; United States Pamphlets; Dr. John Gagnon; Environmental Defense - Washington Of-

fice; and Dr. Lee Koppelman.

Congratulations to **Jason Torre**, Special Collections Librarian, for receiving the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship, and to **David Weiner**, Head of Circulation, who received the President's Award of Excellence in Professional Service.

Marking milestones with Stony Brook University are **Richie Feinberg**, Reference & Preservation Librarian, for 35 years of service, **David Weiner**, Head of Circulation, and **Nathan Baum**, Assistant Director for Electronic Resources & Services, for 25 years, and **Flora Pollydore**, Clerk I, Math/Physics Library, for 20 years of service.

John Amrhein is the new music library audio technician. John is a recent graduate of the State University of New York at Oneonta.

Karen Kostner, Reference, has resigned.

Stony Brook hosted a lecture, "A Feeling of Belonging: Asian-American Women's Popular Culture, 1930-1960," given by **Shirley Lim**, Department of History.



SUFFOLK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Cross Campus Collaboration:

The Ad-Hoc Academic Integrity Committee, which includes library faculty **Penny Bealle** and **Jennifer Farquhar**, organized "Promoting Academic Integrity" in April 2007. This distance-ed discussion gave faculty at all three campuses the opportunity to talk to the Campus Deans and the Dean of Students regarding this important topic.

Ammerman Campus:

Deborah Provenzano, Associate Professor of Library Services, completed a three-credit graduate level course at Stony Brook University. The class, *Death and Dying: A Literary Journey*, explored the writing and philosophy of Kierkegaard, Socrates, Freud, Frankl and others.

Media faculty members, **James McHugh**, **Shaun Gerien** and **Sue DeMasi**, collaborated on the first multimedia display for the Faculty Senate's Outstanding Achievements' showcase. Using PowerPoint and video clips, the display recognizes and celebrates the work of Ammerman faculty, staff and administrators. The current display provides highlights of the recent program, *Jackie Robinson's Legacy*, sponsored by the Suffolk Center on the Holocaust, Diversity and Human Understanding. Also featured is a public service TV announcement, written and produced by **Shaun Gerien**. The PSA was funded through a New York State Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services grant.

East Campus:

Congratulations! **Penny Bealle** was promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor, effective September 2007.

Grant Campus:

Welcome! SCCC welcomes **MaryPat Takacs**, new full-time Reader Services Librarian at the Grant campus.

ULSTER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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The Board of Trustees at SUNY Ulster has accepted a letter of intent to retire from Associate Librarian – Technical Services, **Karen Carney**, effective August 31. Karen received her B.A. from SUNY Geneseo and her M.L.S. from SUNY Albany. She came to Ulster County Community College from Simon's Rock College on May 2, 1988. Karen has worked with her SUNY colleagues since the library became a participant in the Library Automation Implementation Project in 1993, taking over as the Authority Control Coordinator for the Albany Cluster from Sally Goodwin of SUNY Oneonta. She also represented the cluster on the LAIP Advisory Council and at three national DRA/Multilis annual conferences. She served on SLAM I and II and most recently participated on the original Universal Borrowing Subgroup that ended in 2005. Karen will retire with Professor Emerita status.

Macdonald DeWitt Library is celebrating National Poetry Month with lobby displays and participation in the 13th Annual Poetry Forum. Poetry Forum was started in 1994 by the late Director of Library and Information Services, **Larry Berk**, who acted as coordinator for the first twelve years. This year's featured poet, Pulitzer Prize winner **Charles Simic**, will be on campus for two readings.

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Dorothy Freeman will be retiring on May 31, and **Dale Leifeste** and **Mary Loomba** on August 31, 2007.

Karen Vanterpool will be the new Library Director.



