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Quantum leaps

Julie Wash, ***Monroe Community College***

One of the benefits of changing jobs is the ability to take a deep breath, take the long view and gain a perspective on where one is. For me, this life-changing event had the serendipitous pleasure of coinciding with my reading of a book, Leadership and the New Science, by Margaret Wheatley.[1] I was drawn to the book via a review in Library Journal and also by way of the questions I've been asking of myself lately. And although I'd like to recommend that everyone change jobs if they so desire and have the opportunity, perhaps SUNY libraries would be better off if you just read the book.

Wheatley artfully writes of the advances of science in terms of this century's discoveries in quantum physics and how those discoveries have impacted her thinking in terms of organizational behavior and leadership. She explains that the quantum world is a world that values chaos as well as order, (this does speak to today's librarian, does it not?) where even chaos has boundaries and order naturally moves toward entropy. The important point, in both quantum theory and Leadership is the value of relationship and the value of process. I cannot emphasize that enough: ***the value of relationship*** and ***the value of process***.

It's at this point that, even in the midst of change, I feel a sense of calm and gratitude for relationships that have been but also for the promise and catalytic anticipation for relationships of the future. Thanks to those who engage me in their process, through questions, email, lunch, and laughter; enabling me to more quickly discern a pattern and direction to my personal trajectory. Your being has made an impact.

From Wheatley: "As leaders, we play a crucial role in selecting the melody, setting the tempo, establishing the key, and inviting the players. But that is all we can do. The music comes from something we cannot direct, from a unified whole among the players—a relational holism that transcends separateness. In the end, when it works, we sit back, amazed and grateful." (p. 44)

Thanks to all who so generously agreed to appear on this year's ballot and to all those who choose to be active in SUNYLA. In reference to Wheatley's musical metaphor above, and using the words of Irving Berlin: ***let's face the music and dance***.[2]

Enjoy the conference.

[1] Wheatley, Margaret J. Leadership and the new science: learning about organization from an orderly universe. San Francisco: Berrett-Koehler Publishers, 1994. Available in SUNY OCLC libraries: WKM, XBM, YAH, YJA, YSM.

[2] Krall, Diana. "Let's face the music and dance." By Irving Berlin. When I Look in Your Eyes. [CD-ROM] Verve, 1999.

What's going on at the Conference?

Welcome New Members!

One of the highlights, and the opening celebration is being held in honor of **NEW MEMBERS.** The Wednesday night **Cocktail and Jazz Mixer** will be held in the Alumni House from 6:30-10pm. The Sylvia Chu Scholarship Presentation and a special prize drawing for 2 new members are just 2 of the events happening Wednesday night.

Please join us at this year's conference, ***Looking Back, Looking Forward: Bridging the Millennia*** and meet your colleagues from over 50 SUNY institutions.

Looking forward to meeting each of you,

Deborah Curry, Chair
Membership Development Committee

An Overview of Activities:

Hopefully you've already reserved June 21-23 for the Year 2000 SUNYLA Conference at SUNY Brockport! Plans are shaping up nicely thanks to the efforts of the Local Arrangements Committee at Brockport and the hardworking Planning Committee.

Wednesday afternoon will start off with a great selection of preconference opportunities: "Hands-on" sessions on grant writing, preservation, and calligraphy, and a wonderful session on "Teaching Presence for Librarians" offered by Kim Bouchard from SUNY Potsdam. The OLIS folks will have a presentation for us late Wednesday afternoon, to talk about plans for migration to the Ex Libris system. Folks can tour the Drake Library or the historic Morgan-Manning House in Brockport, and wind up the day with a gala reception in honor of our new SUNYLA members.

The conference opens Thursday morning with the keynote address by Dr. Clifford Lynch, Head of the Coalition for Networked Information in Washington, D.C. Then it's on to a wide variety of program sessions, luncheon, business meeting, more program sessions, and a no-conflict time for poster sessions. Thursday evening promises to be exciting, with a Mystery Theatre presentation at dinner/dessert time, and live music and dancing afterwards for those who want to party on into the night!

Friday morning offers two more rounds of program sessions, and another time for poster sessions. We will wrap up with a barbecue picnic lunch. There are more choices of conference sessions than ever, ranging from "how it used to be" to "how it will be in the future", literally Bridging the Millenium.

We're looking forward to a wonderful conference and hope to see more people here than ever before. Let's set a new record!

Deborah Emerson, Chair
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Looking Back and Looking Forward

Conference Theme Therapy

by Mark Smith, SUNYLA President
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In pondering our conference theme, and by way of some recent accidental research, I find that our conference theme is not only educational and enlightening, but may also be, well… therapeutic. I read an article recently and it has me thinking. As I look back and look forward, I am slightly saddened (but mostly relieved) to finally realize that the future of our profession does not rest entirely on our individual shoulders.

The other day as I left for lunch, I reached over to grab a journal for lunchtime reading. It just happened to be on the top of my pile of professional literature that I never seem to get through. The journal was the EDUCAUSE Review for Jan/Feb 2000, and a paper clip marked an article that my director had noted and passed on to me. Just coincidentally, the article was titled "From Automation to Transformation: Forty Years of Libraries and Information Technology in Higher Education," and was written by our conference keynote speaker, Clifford Lynch, Executive Director of the Coalition for Networked Information. The article contains a very thorough and very succinct review of how technology has changed the way librarians and libraries work over the past four decades. It also provides a wonderful context for how we may think about past innovations, as well as prepare (and brace) ourselves for the future transformation in libraries.

I must admit, there have been times when I have been found basking in the glow of the thought that I was one of a new generation of unabashed, techno-information professionals sometimes referred to as librarians. I admit that I have enjoyed the feeling that I was one of the few and the proud librarians born on the cusp of the information revolution. Even more, I have felt the awesome responsibility and honor associated with our part in transforming libraries and information access for a new millennium. But, thanks to Mr. Lynch, I fear I may have been flattering myself just a bit. I also may have been taking myself a little too seriously. His article has helped me gain some needed perspective, and for that I am very glad. In fact, I am a bit relieved. I don't know about you folks, but I was getting worried. These are heavy burdens and expectations that we face.

Like many of us, I was one who entered the profession primarily to care for books, journals, and, perhaps, some non-print materials. I remember being very curious and excited as to how technology would impact our many roles, but blind to the transformation that had already occurred. I was surely aware of the many innovations that came before, but I was in need of a dose of useful perspective.

In library school, I played with a Macintosh Classic and made wonderful banners for library signage. In Cataloging class, we spent a good week, or maybe even two, analyzing the format of that curious entity called the MARC

record. In Introduction to Computers class, I remember playing the part of "Mr. Computer Processor," literally running back and forth around the classroom receiving and delivering messages to and from classmates who played the roles of "Mr. Input Device" and "Mrs. Operating System." And so, when I left school, I felt truly armed, and knowing, and ready to implement a vision. But, as you can see, I lacked perspective.

Whether or not it was his intent, Mr. Lynch has burst my prideful bubble by providing me with a context to better appreciate the past. This article is a terrific primer for technology professionals who are unlikely to be familiar with the rich history of innovations that are the foundation of modern library service. However, the article has also helped to provide this librarian with a useful historical perspective of 40 years of "modernization," "innovation," and "transformation" in our field. The moral of the story for me is a greater recognition and appreciation of the developments that have come before. It is helpful to understand and appreciate that our systems were born out of the need to "modernize" inefficient practices, that "innovations" grew out of imagination, and that our present challenges are a result of the "transformation" that has necessarily and wonderfully occurred. Modernization, innovation, and transformation have been around long before me, as has the technology that has profoundly changed the work we do. My bubble has burst, but I think I can relax now.

From the SUNYLA Library Instruction Committee.....

The SUNYLA Library Instruction Committee currently has 26 members representing 19 SUNY institutions. We have three subcommittees: Information Literacy (Chaired by Deborah Bernnard of the University at Albany; Distance Education (Chaired by Michael Matis of the University at Albany); Web Page Subcommittee (Chaired by Nancy Cannon of the College at Oneonta). Bern Mulligan (Binghamton University) is our Webmaster. The URL for the SUNYLA Library Instruction Committee web site is:

http://library.lib.binghamton.edu/sunyla/.

We will have a meeting at the SUNYLA annual conference in Brockport in June. If you would like to join this committee or would like further information, please contact:

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The ACC Library has now formally become an academic division, joining the eight other divisions on campus. As a division, the Library is now represented at all Dean's Staff and other Academic Services meetings.

Teresa Ronning is the library director and library division chairperson as well as systems/cataloging librarian. The ACC Library has four full-time (nine-month) and two part-time librarians, four support staff members, and is currently seeking a part-time cataloger.

Previously, the Library, Media Services and Academic Computing composed the Learning Resources Center. ACC's Director of Technology, **Sue Trumpick**, now oversees administrative and academic computing and instructional technology, including Media Services, and reports to the Academic Dean.

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Staff News:

Tammie Alzona was asked to be the SUNYLA liaison to SLiCAT, the SUNY-wide committee that reviews databases that would be offered to all campuses in conjunction with the SUNYConnect project.

Laura Cohen was featured as a Web search expert in an article in The Philadelphia Inquirer on February 24 titled "Directories Can Eclipse Search Engines." Her Internet Tutorials were chosen as an Andover Net Tech Sighting on February 10. The TechSightings Web site features daily reviews of "the Best HighTech Sightings on the Net."

Gregg Sapp will start as the Head of the Science Library on March 16, 2000. Michael Matis started as a Reference/Information Technology Librarian at the Dewey Library on February 10, 2000.

University at Albany Campaign for the Libraries Tops its $3 Million Goal: Thanks to the generosity of more than 3,000 donors and to a $500,000 challenge grant from The Kresge Foundation, the University at Albany, SUNY, has raised $3.8 million in private funds to help equip its libraries as state-of-the-art interchanges on the information superhighway. Launched in April of 1998, the Campaign for the Libraries sought to raise $3 million by the end of 1999 and thereby earn a $500,000 Kresge Foundation challenge grant. At the final stroke of 1999, donors had contributed $3,302,291. The Kresge grant raised the final total to $3,802,291. The library project marked an important private-public partnership for the University. New York State provided $26.6 million to construct and equip a new library housing science collections, the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, a preservation and digitization laboratory, and the University's Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning. The Campaign for the Libraries then sought $3.5 million in private support to fully update and coordinate the new building with the University at Albany's other two libraries, the University Library on the uptown campus and the Thomas E. Dewey Graduate Library for Public Affairs and Policy on the downtown campus.

Alfred

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Staff News:

Bruce Connolly, Public Services Librarian, retired after 29 years of service. He served as Director from 1983 through 1993. Recipient of numerous awards, including the SUNY Excellence in Librarianship Award (1999) and the Upstate NY Chapter, Special Libraries Association, Distinguished Service Award (1986).

Binghamton

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Staff News:
Reorganization: The following were appointed to newly created positions:

Keith Roe--Associate Director of Libraries

Charlotte Skuster--Head of Science Library

Ed Shephard--Head of Bartle Collections

Diane Geraci--Head of Bartle Reference and Data Services

Jeanne Eichelberger--Head of Special Collections, University Archives, and Preservation

Janet Hogan--Coordinator of Library Information Literacy Program

Jeanne Eichelberger and **Beth Turcy Kilmarx** have been nominated for the Waldo Gifford Leland Award for the Link Collections finding aid and brochure. This award is given by the Society of American Archivists and "rewards writing of superior excellence and usefulness in the field of archival history, theory or practice."

Brockport

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Staff News:

Greg Toth has been promoted to Associate Librarian

Diane Fair has left the Interlibrary Loan Department and taken at position at SUNY Albany. We wish

her well. **Paula Stull** has assumed Diane's position as library assistant in ILL.

Grants:

Jennifer Quigley has received a UUP Individual Development Grant to attend the LOEX Conference in Michigan this month.

Charlie Cowling and **Betty Chan** received a Faculty/Staff Technology Initiative Grant of $4314.00 for the purchase of two new PCs with CD/DVD capability for use with the government documents collection.

Two library student employees (from a student staff of over 100) are honored each year for their contributions to the library and its mission. **Marti Ehlert** received the George W. Cornell Award, given in honor of the former Library Director. Marti received a $500.00 scholarship. **Michelle Clagett** received the Marion J. Wells Award, given in honor of the former Assistant Director. She received a scholarship of $100.00. Both students will be recognized at the Honors Dinner, and receive their award at the College Honors Convocation this month.

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Staff News:

Deborah Spanfelner has been nominated for the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship.

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Staff News:

Appointments:
Stewart Brower was appointed as Coordinator of Information Management Education.

Pamela White was appointed Temporary Visiting Assistant Librarian in Reference.

Melanie Gburek was appointed as Office Aide in the Information Delivery Service.

Publications:

Sharon Murphy presented a poster entitled "Nursing Sites on the World Wide Web" at the Western New York Library Resources Council conference in Buffalo, NY.

Buffalo State

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Staff News:

"Before the Book, There was the Word: Orature and Music of the Manding Jeliw('Griots'), an exhibit curated by **Musa Abdul Hakim**, was on display in the lobby of E.H. Butler Library in February in observation of Black History Month. Musa also presented a half-day teach-in on Manding music and civilization as a complement to the exhibit.

Maryruth Glogowski, library director, was elected President of the WNY Library Resources Council Board of Trustees.

Maureen Lindstrom chairs WNYLRC's Continuing Education committee and Tom Gray chairs the Preservation Committee.

Kathleen DeLaney, Reference librarian and secretary of the WNY Irish Famine Commemoration Committee, curated an exhibit on display in March titled "Broken Silence: Beyond the Irish Famine" which presented documents, photographs and artifacts of the Irish Diaspora.

Maureen Lindstrom, Electronic Services librarian, and Andrew Dutcher, Reference librarian and Head of Microforms, unveiled PrintChoice, our network laser printing and photocopying solution. We now have state-of-the-art xerox photocopiers (including a color copier) and laser printers in the Reference room and Media Services.

On February 8th we held a grand opening for Signature Cafe, located in the lobby of our building. Signature Cafe (also at SUNY Fredonia's library) is a gourmet coffee center that provides pastries and sandwiches.

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Staff News:

Portia Diaz-Martin, Undergraduate Library Reference/Instruction Librarian and 1999/2000 Library Resident, has been selected to participate in the Training Institute for Early Career Librarians at the University of Minnesota in July.

Ruth Oberg, Library Clerk II at the Science and Engineering Library, recently earned New York State Library Assistants Association's (NYSLAA) Certificate of Achievement, Level IV for Administrative Management. This is a brand new achievement level and the highest attainable level at this time. Ruth is also beginning her second two-year term as President of the New York State Library Assistants Association (NYSLAA)

Fred Stoss, Biological Sciences Librarian at the Science and Engineering Library, was profiled by the newsletter BIOSIS VOLUTIONS. The two page article highlights Fred's work in developing information literacy in classes in the Biological Sciences Department. The article can be read online at: http://www.biosis.org/htmls/evol/0701/evol_7_1.pdf

James Milles has been appointed Director of the Charles B. Sears Law Library at SUNY at Buffalo. He previously held positions as

Associate Director for Information and Technology at Case Western Reserve School of Law Library and Head of Computer Services at Saint Louis University Law Library.

Grants:

John Bewley, Senior Assistant Librarian and Archivist at the University at Buffalo Music Library received the Gerboth Award at the Music Library Association's 69th annual conference. The award is given by the Music Library Association to music librarians in the first five years of their professional library careers to support research-in-progress in music or music librarianship. The award will support John's research on the orchestral arrangements and transcriptions of the conductors Leopold Stokowski and Eugene Ormandy.

Publications:

Eric Acree, Instruction Coordinator at the Undergraduate Library, published "Nothing but 'Net Scores Big," in *Internet Reference Services Quarterly*. 4(3):45-53.

John Bewley presented two papers at the Music Library Association 69th annual conference, Feb. 23-26, 2000 in Louisville, KY. The first was titled "Documenting the Legacy of New Music Exploration in Buffalo" at the Archives Roundtable. The second was "Cataloging for Collection Contents, Characteristics of the Cataloging and Searching Tips for the Online Catalog" at the organ Music Roundtable.

Professional Activities:

Nancy Nuzzo, Interim Head of the Music Library, presented a poster session at the Music Library Association 69th annual conference titled "The Photographic Reconstruction of a Damaged Manuscript: Two Fragmentary Partbooks ca. 1520." Nancy also chaired meetings of the association's Publications Committee.

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Staff News:

Kathleen Horton has been promoted to the rank of Librarian.

Cobleskill

Colleen Smith

Nancy Van Deusen has been appointed Director of Learning Resources Center.

Cortland

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Staff News:

Jeff Harr presented "Privacy in the Information Age" at a SCRLC workshop on March 31, 2000. He discussed who has access to personal data about us, how we unwittingly, albeit willingly, provide that data, what means are used in the effort to protect privacy rights, and other related issues.

Dutchess Community College

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Dutchess Community College will adopt the McNaughton Book Service in order to provide recreational reading and current best sellers for our staff and students.

We are doing an extensive weeding of our collection in preparation for our move to our new facilities, which will involve major renovations to two floors of Hudson Hall. The new facilities will double our assignable square footage and will accommodate two electronic classrooms, the Professional Staff Teaching/Learning Center, and the Honors Program. The tentative date for the move is December 2000.

Professional activities:

DCC is offering for the first time a one-credit information literacy course. ENG908 is sponsored by the English Department on an experimental basis and librarian **Evelyn Rosenthal** is teaching it.

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Staff News:

Frank Queener, FLCC Library Director, will also be filling in part-time as Library Director at Hobart and William Smith College from March 25 to May 31.

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Campus News:

On April 3, the library began undergoing a five month renovation project. While we're a bit concerned about noise and dust, we're looking forward to increased floor space, better accessibility, and a bit of a face lift. The project should be finished just in time for Fall 2000.

Staff News:

Genie DuPell has joined the staff as a part-time reference librarian. A recent graduate of UB, Genie is a volunteer for the Internet Public Library and has had several articles published in the newly released St. James Encyclopedia of Popular Culture.

Geneseo

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Staff News:

Donna Hanna, from our Cataloging Dept., has been very actively involved in NYSLAA. She recently finished and distributed the 1999 New York State Library Assistants' Membership Directory, is working on the committee planning for NYSLAA's Annual Conference, which will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Rochester, June 14-16, (brochures have been mailed out), and she has just earned NYSLAA's Certificate of

Achievement at Level IV. Donna will receive this award at the organization's annual conference. Congratulations, Donna!

Mina Orman, Mail Coordinator /Special Projects, will have two of her poems published in the very near future. The first is "(I'm As) Close to Heaven As I Can Get," which will be published in America at the Millenium, put out by The International Library of Poetry, in March 2000 (ISBN 1-58235-510-X); the second is "Sleep Won't Come," to be published in Promises of Love, also put out by the International Library of Poetry. This poem is due to appear in July 2000 (ISBN 1-58235-065-5). "(I'm As) Close to Heaven As I Can Get" and another of Mina's poems, "Something Deep Inside," can be accessed on the Internet at www.poetry.com. The poem, "Sleep Won't Come", will also be loaded to the site shortly.

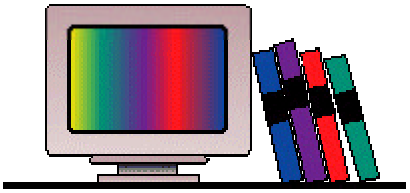
One of our student workers in Interlibrary Loan, **Angela Garbaty**, is the winner of the SUNY Geneseo 2000 Student of the Year Award. SUNY Geneseo's President Dahl will present a certificate of achievement to Angela on April 3, followed by a small reception held in her honor. There will also be a plaque honoring Angela's achievement hung outside of Milne Library's ILL department. Angela will be graduating SUNY Geneseo this May.

Staff News:

Casey Bickle, formerly Circulation /Reserve Manager, recently received a promotion to a Secretary 1 position in the Provost's Office. She will begin her new job on March 27. Sheila Marsh will replace Casey as Circulation/Reserve Manager that same day. Sheila has been working in the Director's Office as Assistant to the Secretary. Congratulations to both Casey and Sheila on their new positions!

Rosemary Finn has recently joined the Geneseo staff as a part-time Reference/Instruction Librarian. She is concurrently working as an Internet/Computer consultant for various cultural and non-profit organizations such as the Jewish Home and the Baker-Cederberg Museum and Archives in Rochester.

After many years of hard work in the University of Rochester's History Department, **Rosemary Finn** has successfully completed and defended her dissertation, Changing Gender Roles Among the Yankton Sioux. The University of Nebraska Press has accepted Rosemary's dissertation for future publication.



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Staff News:

Julie Wash, 1st Vice President/President Elect, is now Distance/Collaborative Learning Librarian at MCC.

Debby Emerson will chair the Sub-Committee on Curriculum of the College Wide General Education Committee at MCC. In addition, she has been appointed to the Rochester Regional Library Council's Information Literacy Committee.

Publications:

Ann Penwarden co-authored with Stasia J. Callan and Carolyn Wendell of the MCC English /Philosophy department The New Guide to Writing Research Papers. The publication covers MLA, APA and CBE documentation styles along with suggestions for research and evaluation of resources.
Richard D. Squires designed the electronic version, which can be found at:
http://www.monroecc.edu/depts/library/cover.htm.

Nassau Community College

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Staff News:

Katrina Frazier and **Sharon Russin** have been hired as Instructors, Katrina's a Cataloging Librarian and Sharon Russin, the Acquisitions Librarian.

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Some major projects and changes at the Sojourner Truth Library:

New, simpler off-campus access to electronic databases for students, faculty, and other members of the SUNY New Paltz community, is now possible, via EZProxy. Previously, patrons set up a special account and had to use the college as their Internet Provider. Beginning with the Spring 2000 Semester, users confirm their affiliation with the college, using I.D. and password.

The completion of compact shelving for bound periodicals has led to a major recarpeting project for the stacks area of the library. The library benefits in two ways, gaining much needed space, as well as increased comfort and aesthetic appeal for patrons.

During its second semester of use, ERes, electronic reserves, has seen a dramatic increase in use by New Paltz faculty and students. Good news and bad news... access from anywhere, but other issues? The lines form at the printer instead of the copy machine. Still, you can't go home again, and ERes is probably here to stay.

Old Westbury

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Staff News:

Our Acquisitions Librarian, **Lourdes Collantes**, retired last year after 26 years of service at Old Westbury. Lourdes achieved the rank of Librarian and won a Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship 1993-94.

Chong Yoon, Associate Librarian-Cataloging, has retired after 11 years of service at Old Westbury. Before coming to Old Westbury, Chong was in the Cataloging Department of SUNY Albany for many years.

Michael Epstein, Reference and Electronic Resources Librarian, has been awarded a two year reappointment. Michael is also the new campus delegate to SUNYLA.

Professional Activities:

Dr. Wagih Shenouda, Director Media Services, and Rebecca Perez, Reference Librarian, will be presenting the paper, " Hit or Miss: Evaluating the Effectiveness of Search Engines" at CIT 2000 at SUNY University at Buffalo, May 2000.

Oneonta

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Staff News:

Dan Kissane is presenting at CIT (Conference on Instructional Technologies) in Buffalo on May 29th to June 1st, 2000. The Title of the presentation is: " Eliminating the Middleman: How to Find and Use Freely Available Web-based Technologies."

Nancy Cannon will also present a paper at CIT entitled "Searching the World: Librarian and Faculty Collaboration in Teaching Students to Locate Information on International Markets," which she co-wrote with Dr. Ilan Alon of the SUNY Oneonta Business and Economics Department.

Judy Wise has joined the staff of the Bibliographic Services Department as a Keyboard Specialist. Before coming to the library, Judy worked at the United States Department of Agriculture as a Community Development Loan Officer and she was also Executive Director for Otsego/Delaware Board of Realtors.

Helen Stayman has rejoined the Bibliographic Services staff as a temporary cataloging librarian. Helen is working on educational and juvenile materials purchased by the library with a Legislative Initiative Grant.

Onondaga Community College

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Staff News:

Professor **Dan Rizzo**, Head of Technical Services, is retiring from Coulter Library in August 2000. Dan has worked at the college since 1966 – first as Periodicals Librarian, then for 15 years as Chair of the Library, and as Head of Technical Services since 1988. He has made outstanding contributions to the development and direction of the Library. He has been recognized for his many accomplishments on campus and he received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship in 1996. His wife, Gail, is also retiring at the same time from her position as Interlibrary Loan Clerk.

Publications:

An article written by **Frank Doble**, Chair of Couter Library, has been published in the February 2000 issue of the Melville Society Extracts. The title of the article is, "Melville and Mariner's Tonga; new evidence from 'Polynesia'".

Oswego

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Grants:

Natalie Sturr and **Chris Hebblethwaite** wrote a successful SCAP proposal for an adaptive computer workstation. The adaptive computer will assist students who have learning, visual, or mobility impairments access the Internet from the library's reference area.

Publications:

Cathy Reed and **Sara Davenport** have co-authored the article, "American Sign Language on the Web: A Guide to the Best Sites for Your Library." Internet Reference Services Quarterly 4.4 (1999): in press.

Professional Activities:

Cathy Reed was elected to a three year term on the Nylink Resource Sharing Services Advisory Group.

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Staff news:

Patty Bentley's sabbatical request has been approved for Spring 2001.

Grants:

Feinberg Library's Special Collections and thirty other partners including school districts, public libraries, historical societies and the regional Teach Center have, under the auspices of the area BOCES, been successful in securing a NYS Technology Literacy Challenge Grant of $470,000. As a result an archival digital copier, laptop computer, and CD writeable drive will be placed in Feinberg Library. With this equipment, Special Collections expects to provide on-demand digital copies of primary source documents for classroom use. This process will increase access to manuscript and other historical holdings while protecting the originals from overhandling.

Publications:

Carla Hendrix had an article published in The Reference Librarian, No.67/68 1999, pp. 203-224, entitled "Developing a Liaison Program in a New Organizational Structure--A Work in Progress."

Professional Activities:

Carla List has been appointed a reviewer for the Labor-Management Professional Development grants for this semester.

Holly Heller-Ross has been appointed to the Middle States Self-Study Team that is preparing for our ten-year accreditation in 2002.
Carla Hendrix is serving on the SubCommittee for the Review and Revision of General Education.

Other:

This Division of Library and Information Services has reorganized from a group to unit structure. Units in the Library are: Access Services, Collection

Development & Management, Information Outreach and Instruction Services.

Potsdam

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Staff News:

Germaine Linkins resigned as Director of Libraries to accept a position as Head of Serials at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee.

Rebecca Thompson has been appointed Interim Director of Libraries.

Toni Oakes, formerly in Reference, accepted a position as Secretary I in Potsdam's Mathematics Department.

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On March 1st 2000 a new state-of-the-art 26-station computer lab opened on the main floor of the Purchase College Library in room 1014. The new lab may be used by Continuing Education, who provided part of the funding, to expand its evening computing courses and by the Library for bibliographic instruction. The lab will be available for general use when it is not being used for classes. The lab has 24 Pentium-III 500Mhz student workstations running Windows 98/Office 2000. The workstations are embedded in special glass-top Nova desks, a consultant's station, and a teacher's station. The lab also has a DLP projector, an Elmo Document /Object camera, scanner, and laser printer.

Stony Brook

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Staff News:

Cynthia Long-Raterron has been appointed Assistant Head of Circulation for Stacks and Circulation Desk.

Alan Jamros has been appointed Technical Support Assistant for Circulation Billing.

Stony Brook HSL

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Staff News:

Joseph Balsamo, systems administrator, has been promoted to Senior Programmer Analyst (Associate Systems Analyst).

James Xikis, systems administrator, has been promoted to Senior Programmer Analyst (Associate Systems Analyst).

Jeanne Galbraith has been appointed to the Library Services Committee of the Stony Brook Faculty Senate and reappointed Chair of the Committee on Services to Health Sciences Libraries of the Long Island Library Resources Council.

Suffolk Community College

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Staff News:

John Longo, after 31 years at Suffolk County Community College, has retired as head of Technical Services.

Tom Phillips, formerly of the reference department of the Ammerman Campus Library, is now teaching full time in the Sociology Department.

Lisa Melendez, Ammerman Campus Librarian, will deliver a paper, "The Harlot's Mirror: Colonial Re/presentation of Cihuacoat" at the Ninth Annual Columbia University and NYU Graduate Conference on Spanish and Portuguese Literatures. She will also be part of the panel on "Re/constructed Worlds: Representation and Subjectivity".

Lisa Melendez and **Susan DeMasi**, Ammerman Campus Media Librarian, were part the organizing committee for "Chicks and Flicks: Image, Expression, and Theory in Movies By and About Women" a three day conference at SCCC. Lisa Melendez presented, "The Sor/presa of Sor Juana: Or Why a 17th Century Nun Has Become a "Star". Susan DeMasi presented "Women Behind the Scenes".

Syracuse HSL

Christine Kucharski

Staff News:

Yanqing Li resigned as Medical Circuit Librarian on 2/18/00 to become a reference librarian at George Mason University in Alexandria, Va.

Grants:

The library received a grant of $40,000 from the National Library of Medicine to provide consumer health information to the members of the Syracuse chapter of OASIS, an education organization for older adults.

Tompkins Cortland Community College

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Staff News:

Linda Frank has returned from sabbatical and is busy implementing an electronic reserves system which was one of the areas she studied on her leave.

Barbara Kobritz will be doing a workshop at the summer American Sociological Association meeting with a member of our Sociology faculty.

Bill Demo played a major role in the success of a conference "The Dawn of the Digital Economy" which was co-sponsored by the economic development committees of Cortland, Tompkins, and Tioga counties.

Ann Sullivan presented a workshop for school librarians on the internet and plagiarism.

Dave Lewis coordinated a project to provide off campus access to all library databases.

Margaret Anderson continues to develop our web presence along with maintenance of her own Digital Librarian website (www.servtech.com/~mvail).

Utica/Rome

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Architects are finalizing detailed planning for our new library building here at SUNY Institute of Technology Utica/Rome. We anticipate seeing excavation and construction begin this Summer.

Westchester Community College

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Professional Activities:

Gloria Meisel appeared as part of a panel which presented a "Blueprint for Collaboration" at a public hearing at ALA Midwinter. This is the draft of the document produced by the joint task force of AASL/ACRL on the Educational Role of Libraries. The group was charged with suggesting ways and means for fostering closer collaboration between librarians in K-12 and post-secondary education to the benefit of the constituencies they serve. The "Blueprint for Collaboration" can be seen at http://www.fiu.edu/~iannuzzi/aasl/tfedrlib.html.

Lynne Karen has been serving as coordinator of the Westchester Community College Great Books Forum. The Great Books Forum is a joint project of the English and Library Departments and is supported by the WCC Cultural Arts Fund. Last semester, James Joyce's Ulysses was discussed. This spring, the group is studying Geoffrey Chaucer's The Canterbury Tales.

Other:

We are pleased to announce that **Veronica Kenausis** had a new baby girl on February 24, 2000. Ruby Alice was 8 lbs. 6 oz., and everyone is doing well.

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