# SUNYLA Newsletter

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# What's New in SUNYLA

*by Gretchen Douglas*

The first order of business is for me to introduce myself. I am from SUNY Cortland, where I am an Information and Computer Literacy Coordinator/Instructor. I am one of two librarians who teach credit-bearing courses in computer applications. I teach an introductory computer course and several advanced courses in programming, HTML, desktop publishing, and databases. If you'd like to know more about my unusual position, please look me up at the conference and we can chat.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Julie Wash for her service to SUNYLA. Julie has been a delegate, Secretary, 1st Vice President, President and the Local Arrangements Chair at the conference at Brockport last year. She has certainly given much time and energy to this organization and we'll miss her. The good news is that she will be attending the conference in Corning!

I look forward to seeing many (I hope all) of you in Corning in June. I always leave the SUNYLA conferences charged with enthusiasm and ready to go back to my library and apply what I have learned. This year's program is packed with great sessions. I can't wait to attend, to meet new members and see "old" friends.

**Slate of Officers**

I am very pleased to announce our slate of officers for the 2001/2002 election. Marianne Eimer from Fredonia will be a candidate for 1st Vice President/President Elect. Natalie Rosillo-Sommerville from Brockport will be a candidate for 2nd Vice President/Conference Chair. Elizabeth Gulacsy from Alfred will be a candidate for Treasurer. Thank you to all the candidates for finding time in their already busy schedules to contribute to SUNYLA.

Be sure to return your ballots. Your vote counts and is a show of support for the candidates and the organization.

**Recent Appointments**

*Distinguished Librarian*

In December of 2000, Meredith Butler, Director of Libraries at the University at Albany was named the state's first distinguished librarian. The designation is the highest SUNY rank and is conferred upon individuals who have national distinction in their field. A video clip of Meredith Butler's address can be found on the OLIS website at: olis.sysadm.suny.edu

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***SUNYLA Archivist:*** Kathleen Delaney of the University of Buffalo Archives has been voted in by the SUNYLA Board/Council as SUNYLA Archivist.

***SUNYLA Personnel Policies Chair:*** Fred Bauer of SUNY Utica/Rome has been voted in as SUNYLA Personnel Policies Chair.

***SUNYLA UUP Union Liaison:*** John Schumacher of SUNY OLIS has been voted in as SUNYLA UUP Union Liaison.

***SLiCAT Representative:*** Carla Hendrix from Plattsburgh has been named as the 4-year college representative to SLiCAT.

**Working with OLIS**

SUNYLA has been working with OLIS to recommend members to the OLIS LMS Working Groups. Julie Wash coordinated the first round of applications for the Data Management Working Group. The newly announced members are Jane Subramanian (Potsdam), Dave Ritchie (Cortland), Cynthia Powers (Nassau Community College), Nancy Hoshlyk (Plattsburgh), Michelle Eichelberger (Finger Lakes Community College), John Edens (University at Buffalo) and Maggie Horn (OLIS).

Applications for the Access Management Group are closed and recommendations are on their way to OLIS. Thanks to Jill Ortner at the University at Buffalo for coordinating this effort. Watch the SUNYLA listserv for the call for applicants for the third group - Systems Management Group.

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## Annual Sylvia Chu Memorial Scholarship

Each year the Professional Development Committee reviews letters for financial assistance for new SUNYLA members to attend the annual conference. The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage involvement with SUNYLA and to provide opportunities for professional growth for its members.

### *Qualifications*

* You have not been a SUNYLA member for more than three consecutive years.
* You have paid current year's dues.
* You have never attended a SUNYLA annual conference.
* You are not a session presenter.

### *To apply*

Please provide the following information in a letter:
* Indicate the aspects of the conference that most interest you.
* Describe your research interests.
* Detail the amount of money you are requesting (e.g. registration, lodging, travel, etc.)

### *Send by April 20, 2001 to:*

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# Innovations in Libraries

## The 2001 Annual SUNYLA Conference

## Corning Community College
## June 6 - 8, 2001

We hope you've already reserved June 6 - 8 for the 2001 Conference at Corning Community College. Everything is falling into place, thanks to the efforts of the hardworking Local Arrangements Committee at Corning and the Conference Planning Committee.

Wednesday afternoon starts the conference with a wonderful selection of preconference workshops. Topics this year include: "Design, Development and Evaluation of Instruction" presented by Susan Mason from Hamilton College. Carol Anne Germain, and Suzanne Irving from Albany will present on the tenure and promotion process including information about mentoring programs. Fred Stoss from Buffalo will make the SUNY connection to ALA's "Libraries Build Sustainable Communities" initiative. Pat LaCourse from Alfred will discuss building a relational database.

After the preconference workshops, attendees are encouraged to visit the Arthur A. Houghton Jr. Library before the wine tasting begins at 5:30pm. Several area wineries will be present so you can experience the taste of the Finger Lakes. And don't get too tired after the buffet dinner because you don't want to miss the planetarium show!

Thursday morning opens with the keynote address by Dr. Elaine Didier, Dean of Kresage Library at Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan who is speaking on the topic of "The Leadership Challenge: Changing the Way WE Do Business." Then it's time to attend a wide variety of program sessions, luncheon, business meeting, more program sessions, two no-conflict times for poster sessions and SIG meetings. Then it's off to the Corning Museum of Glass for cocktails and dinner (see the latest issue of American Libraries for a view inside the new Corning Incorporated Library) and then over to the Days Inn for music and dancing.

Friday morning dawns as the final day of the conference with two more rounds of program sessions and another time for poster sessions. We'll wrap everything up with lunch and you have the choice of staying to socialize or starting the trip home.

This conference offers programs that will appeal to everyone. I would like to express my appreciation to all our presenters and poster sessions for recognizing the importance of sharing their work with their SUNY colleagues. I am looking forward to seeing you all there!

***Jennifer Quigley, SUNYLA 2nd Vice President/Conference Chair***

# Membership Wine Tasting

The Membership Development Committee would like to extend a special invitation to all new SUNYLA members, as well as renewing members, to attend a wine tasting at this year's SUNYLA Conference in Corning, NY. Consider this our thanks for all your contributions and hard work during this membership year. It is also a chance for new members to meet librarians and library staff who have been part of SUNYLA for several years, and vice versa. We will be sure to get the two groups together and prizes will be awarded for the "cutest couple." Be sure to bring your SUNYLA membership card to be eligible for door prize drawings!

The wine tasting will take place on Wednesday, June 6, 2001 from 5:30-7 p.m. Dinner will follow, and then we can all enjoy a spectacle of star-gazing at Corning CC's Planetarium. The evening should be fun for all involved. We hope to see you there!

## *And Speaking of Wine Tasting…... by Will Prout*

Well, we're going to have a wine tasting at this year's SUNYLA Annual Meeting (6-8 June 2001, in case you forgot). Now, I don't know about you, but I don't know a blush from a brut. As far as I know, you can take a bottle of Ripple and a bottle of Canada Dry, mix 'em, put your finger inside your cheek and snap it out so that it makes that popping sound, and serve me the Ripple/ginger ale mix and tell me it's Dom Perignon 1952 and I'd pay twenty bucks a glass for it and never know the difference.

I'll give you an example of my lack of wine expertise. Whenever my wife is entertaining her friends she sends me to the liquor store to buy wine and I invariably come home with a box of something that's easy to open and that cost about twelve dollars. I'm figuring: Wow! More than a gallon of wine for twelve bucks along with a built-in spigot! Hey, that's one great deal! But, oh, no! Of course that stuff isn't good enough!

"What?! You expect me to serve my Volvo-driving, condo-owning, soccer moms swill Seven-Eleven wouldn't use to make slush puppies out of!" my wife would exclaim. "No way, Jack! Take it back!" So, back I go with orders to get something imported. In a bottle. With a cork. Now I'm in real trouble!

I am thoroughly convinced that putting corks in wine bottles is a plot by the Europeans to make American males look stupid. And, I'll be darned, it works! Look at the concept: Basically, what's going on here is you're deflowering this bottle. You would think that after sixty million years of heritage any homo sapien of my gender would be able to handle a task like this. NOT EVEN CLOSE! Talk about feeling inadequate!

I always grind the cork up so that it looks like I tried to get it out with a Bobcat SG25 stump grinder instead of a corkscrew. About half the cork winds up in the bottle and the other half all over the kitchen floor. Next I'm spooning shreds of it out of the glasses to the smirks and ridicule of my wife's friends.

Now, I've gone to great lengths to get this decorking thing right. I've read all the instructions that came with the corkscrew, watched endless numbers of waiters do it with extraordinary adroitness, heck, I've even taken the bottles outside and tried to uncork them in the back seat of the car figuring that maybe the ambience would help. No deal! I'm hopeless!

But, anyway, you can rest assured that I will have nothing to do with the actual wine tasting. We're going to have some real vineyard-type guys there who actually know what they're doing. I think they're imported.

# Campus News

## Adirondack

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**Staff News:**

Library Division chairperson **Teresa Ronning** is planning the SUNY Council of Library Directors' conference at the Sagamore Resort on Lake George from April 18 to 20. SUNY Provost Peter D. Salins is the keynote speaker. Debra Gilchrist from Pierce College, Washington State, will present a workshop on assessment and outcomes.

Media and Reference Librarian **David Ofiara** will attend the University at Albany Libraries' conference "Preserving Our Rights in the Digital Age: Ownership, Copyright, Fair Use and Licensing" on March 15. Four panelists will discuss intellectual property issues relating to scholarly information.

The ENG101 faculty introduced certain information literacy competencies starting this fall. To discover how effective the first semester was, over 100 freshmen in ENG101 classes took information literacy pre- and post-tests in the fall. Library clerk Ann Slade compiled the copious results. Reference and Instruction Librarian **Joyce Miller** analyzed the findings to discover which information literacy concepts were learned during the semester and which will need to be reinforced in future classes. The librarians were heartened to see that the students did much better on the test in December than in September.

## Albany

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**Staff News:**

**Candace A. Merbler** has been accepted in the Association of College & Research Libraries Institute for Information Literacy: Immersion '01 Workshop which will be held at Plattsburgh State University this August. Candy also received an ACRL Scholarship which will assist with financing her attendance.

**Publications**:

**Cohen, Laura.** "Yahoo! and the Abdication of Judgment." *American Libraries* 31.1 (2001): 60-63.

**Keith, Ellen A. and Trudi E. Jacobson**. "Part-time Library School Faculty, Full-time Librarians." *C & RL News* 62.2 (2001): 154-156, 197.

**Jacobson, Trudi E. and Beth L. Mark**. "Separating Wheat from Chaff: Helping First-Year Students Become Information Savvy." *JGE: The Journal of General Education* 49.4 (2000): 256-278.

## Alfred Ceramics

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**Staff News:**

**Beverly Crowell** (Simmons '92) has returned to Scholes as Public Services Librarian. She worked at Leslie University (Cambridge, MA) and as Regional Reference Librarian at the Thomas Crane Public Library (Quincy, MA).

**Patricia LaCourse** has completed her MLS at Syracuse University in December 2000.

**Mark Smith** and **Elizabeth Gulacsy** have received sabbatical leaves for Fall 2001 and Spring 2002, respectively.

## Alfred Tech

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The "Hard Drive Cafe" is now open for business at Alfred State College's Hinkle Library. Located on the main floor of the library, the cafe serves coffee and other beverages, as well as light snacks. Equipped with four new Compaq desktop computers, the cafe sports comfortable seating, and popular magazines and newspapers for browsing. In addition, as part of the College's new "wireless campus" initiative, five new Compaq laptop computers are available for loan to the college community. Pictures of the Hard Drive Cafe may be viewed at: web.alfredtech.edu/library/library.

## Brockport

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**Staff News:**

**Christopher Brennan** has been appointed as Associate Director. He comes to us from the Rochester Colgate Divinity School where he was Head of Technical Services. His starting date will be May 14th.

**Barbara White** is now Secretary to Director Raj Madan. **Calla LaMay** will start on April 12th at the Student Employment Coordinator, with additional duties in ILL. **Susanna Heins** is moving from the Serials Department to Circulation.

The position of Access Services Librarian is currently being searched, with a closing date of April 13th.

**Jennifer Quigley** is the new Information Literacy Librarian, and **Eileen O'Hara** has assumed the duties of Information Technology Librarian.

**Other News**:

The Library is now ready to offer wireless services. Laptops and network cards will begin circulating sometime this summer.

A new hands-on instruction room with 30+ PCs will be constructed this summer, ready for the Fall of 2001.

Librarians will be co-teaching a new class this fall: CMC111 - "Oral Communications and Information Literacy." Piloted in Fall 2001 with 6 sections, the full implementation will take place in Fall 2002 with 25 sections a semester. For more information, contact **Jennifer Quigley** at the e-mail address above.

## Broome Community College

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**Publications:**

**Deborah Spanfelner** has published an article entitled "WebQuests, An Interactive Approach to the Web" in Community and Junior College Libraries, vol. 9 no. 4. The article summarizes a collaborative project with an English professor in which a WebQuest was created to introduce students to literary research on the Web. The WebQuest can be viewed at: www.sunybroome.edu/~library.

## Buffalo HSL

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**Staff news:**

**Michelle LaVoie** was appointed Assistant Librarian in Reference and Education Services.

**Ophelia Morey** was appointed Assistant Librarian in Information Delivery Services

**Publications:**

**Gray, Sharon**. "The Myth and Reality of Electronic Journals," symposium report, Serials Review 26(4): 58-64, 2000.

**Lohr, Linda**. "In the Footsteps of Sherlock Holmes," AV review, MC Journal: *The Journal of Academic Media Librarianship*, 2000.

**Lori Widzinski** has contributed a chapter entitled "The State of Media Librarianship" to the forthcoming 2nd edition of *Video Collection Development in Multi-type Libraries* by Gary Handman. She is also speaking on that topic at the Florida Library Association 2001 Annual Conference.

**Murphy, Sharon C.** "Nursing Research Journals: An Annotated Guide, Part II." *Serials Review* 27/1 (2001): 26-44.

**Professional Activities:**

**Stewart Brower** has rebuilt the Information Management Education program of workshops and classes for the health sciences schools, University at Buffalo; was appointed to MyUB Technology Exploration Committee; to Curriculum Development Committee, School of Pharmacy; to Steering Committee, HIV Pharmacotherapy Network, School of Pharmacy.

**Stewart Brower and Heather Munger's** class "Library Web Site Architecture and Design" has been approved as a Medical Library Association Continuing Education activity.

**Sharon Gray** was appointed to the Books Panel of the Medical Library Association for 2001-2003; is a reviewer for contributed abstracts for the Public Services Section Medical Library Association Annual Meeting 2001; is a primary developer for 2 sections of the "Core Public Health Journal Project" of the Public Health/Health Administration Section, Medical Library Association.

**Heather Munger** was appointed to the Government Relations Committee of the Medical Library Association for 2001-2003.

**Sharon Murphy** is participating in the Nursing and Allied Health Resources Section, Medical Library Association "Mapping of the Nursing Literature"project. Her area is Transcultural Nursing; she is identifying core journals and their reference from 1998 through 2000, including the journal indexing.

## Buffalo State

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E.H. Butler Library is pleased to announce the purchase of a ScreenScan Opaque Microcard Scanner. Acquisition of this equipment was made possible through a Regional Bibliographic Database Grant, entitled Sharing Microform Collections by Digital Conversion, funded by the Western New York Library Resources Council. The combination of ScreenScan and our existing microforms digitizer enables the entire microforms collection of microfilm, microfiche, ultrafiche and microprints to be converted for printing, faxing, downloading to disk or distribution via the Internet.

Thanks to Project FLIGHT and its co-directors, Dr. Geraldine E. Bard and Dr. Betty J. Cappella, E.H. Butler Library is the recipient of a generous donation of books in memory of Dr. Bard's mother. The Cecilia Bard Multicultural Library for Peace is a circulating collection covering issues of great importance to society which will enhance the resources available for study in the areas of multiculturalism and diversity. Find out more at www.buffalostate.edu/~library/collect/bardindex.html

Butler Library's web page at www.buffalostate.edu/~library was recently chosen as one of six Top Library Sites featured in netLibrary's eBook News. Kudos to **Donna Davidoff**, Associate Librarian and Web Editor.

## Buffalo University

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**Staff News:**

**Nancy Nuzzo** was named the Director of the Music Library **Marianne Muha** joined the Law Library staff as Cataloger in February.

**Chris Densmore**, UB Archivist and former SUNYLA archivist, left in January to become the Curator of the Friends Historical Library of Swarthmore College.

**Publications:**

**Acree, Eric** "Tools for Librarians : Teaching Effeciveness Web Sites." *Internet Reference Services Quarterly*, Vol 5 (2): 2000.

**McRae, Rick** " 'What is Hip?' and Other Inquiries in Jazz Slang Lexicography." *Notes*, Vol 57 (3) : March 2001.

**Professional Activities:**

**Carol June Bradley**, retired Associate Director of the Music Library, was honored by the Music Library Association at its annual conference. Carol received an MLA Citation, the association's highest honor, for her work in cataloging and

classification and in the education of music librarians, as well as for her documentation of the association and of the development of our country's music collections.

**Eric Acree** was selected to be the University's representative to the MERLOTProject - www.merlot.org and attended a MERLOT Project organizational conference.

**Tatiana de la Tierra** recently returned from a library tour of Cuba where she visited eight libraries. Tatiana also received the Just Buffalo Literary Center Award for Nonfiction Writing.

**Professional Activities:**

**Ellen McGrath,** Head of Cataloging, Law Library, is current Chair of the Online Bibliographic Services Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL). Ellen is also a member of the 2001 AALL Annual Meetings Program Committee.

**Other:**

MyUB is the University's personalized Web portal for students, linking them to their courses, support services, and much more. The Libraries are an active partner in MyUB and are using it to "push" online resources, Web sites, research guides and information literacy tutorials. A guest site is available at: www.buffalo.edu/aboutmyub Contact Margie Wells (mwells@acsu.buffalo.edu) in the Undergraduate Library for more information.

## Cobleskill

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**Staff news:**

**Colleen Smith** has left SUNY Cobleskill to accept the position of Technical Services Librarian at Albany Law School.

## Corning Community College

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**Susan Gloss**, librarian at Corning Community College for over six years, resigned effective April 2, 2001. Susan is relocating to the Watertown, NY area.

## Cortland

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**Karen Coombs** is the new Information Technology and Instruction Librarian.

**Gretchen Douglas** has been promoted to the rank of Associate Librarian effective July 1, 2001. She has recently become the current SUNYLA President.

**Gretchen Herrmann** will be presenting a paper, "Negotiating Culture; Conflict and Congruence in U.S. Garage Sale Bargaining" at the Northeastern Anthropological Association Meeting, March 2001.

**Ellen McCabe** has been promoted to the rank of Senior Assistant Librarian effective July 1, 2001.

**Lorraine Melita** is the new Access Services Librarian. She will be co-presenting a session on CATME at the SUNYLA Conference in June.

**Marc Wildman** is the new Technical Services Librarian.

**Tom Bonn** will be retiring from Memorial Library at SUNY Cortland effective August 16, 2001 after thirty years of service. He will be sorely missed.

## Delhi

### Kate Majewski

**Staff News**:

**Kate Majewski** will be leaving Delhi College after the Spring semester to join the staff of the National Library of Medicine in Washington, D.C.

**Other:**

Resnick Library is in the middle of a fundraising campaign as part of a SUNY capital construction match grant. Our renovation plans call for the merging of library reference instruction and academic tutoring on the Library's main floor, relocation of the circulating book collection to a quiet floor outfitted with new private and group study rooms, and hopefully some extras, such as a Web Cafe and wireless network. In addition to foundation support, the Library is raising money through small campus-based events. Last fall we held our first ever Monte Carlo Night, which was a rousing success; this spring we are planning another party with a different theme.

## Dutchess Community College

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**Staff News:**

**Jackie Frances** joined us on March 12th as our part-time microform clerk. She is also a part-time student at Dutchess and used to work in the Teaching/Learning Center.

**Other:**

On Monday, March 12th we started a no food or drink policy in the Library. Previously students were allowed to eat and drink in the library, but in our new building with more computers and much soft seating this old policy has become a problem. Some of the soft seating has been soiled and stained. No computers have been damaged yet.

**Projects:**

Our new facility in Hudson has now been open for two months. Most students and faculty are very pleased with the new building and our turnstile statistics have doubled. The last of our soft seating arrived on March 13th. The punch list is now at least half completed, but we still need to solve a few problems. The group study rooms may have more insulation added to help sound proof them. Slowly we are adding all the finishing touches and basking in the compliments we are collecting.

## Environmental Science

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**Staff News:**

**Jane Verostek** co-presented a session entitled "Design and Production of Posters for Research, Service Conferences and Events" at the SUNY ESF Symposium on Teaching, Learning, and Technology Conference, February 2, 2001.

**Other:**

The F. Franklin Moon Library hosted a workshop, "Basic Preservation Techniques for Paper Based Collections", March 1, 2001. Presenter Elizabeth Morse, Paper Conservator in the Harvard College Library, stressed the importance of identifying soil problems typical in book and manuscript collections and offered various hands on solutions to use mitigating the problems. Publicized as a free, full-day event through the CLRC (3 R's program) participants came from area libraries and archives along with students enrolled at Syracuse University Graduate Program in Museum Studies. Funding for the workshop was part of the Library's 2000-2001 NY State Library Discretionary Conservation/Preservation award for "Conservation of an Architectural Archive".

SUNY ESF hosted the conference "Scholars' Day for Librarians and Teachers: Partners in Information Literacy", March 13, 2001. The conference was sponsored by The Central New York Education Consortium, LeMoyne College, SUNY ESF, SUNY Upstate Medical Center, Syracuse University and NASA Regional Applications Center for the Northeast at Cayuga Community College. The conference was also co-sponsored and coordinated through the Oswego County BOCES School Improvement Service. During the conference high school and university librarians discussed such topics as: Plagiarism in the Digital World, Collaboration between High School Librarians and High School Teachers, Instructional Library Webpages, Online Resources in Health and Bio Medicine, and GIS (Geographic Information Systems). Two sessions were led by SUNY ESF librarians: **Jane Verostek** co-presented the session "University Approaches to Library Instruction" and **Jo Anne Ellis** presented the session "More Isn't Always Better: Finding and Evaluating Web Resources".

## Finger Lakes Community College

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**Professional Activities:**

**Michelle Eichelberger**, Automated Systems/Technical Services librarian, is a member of the SUNYConnect Data Management Working Group.

## Fulton-Montgomery Community College

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**Mary K. Donohue**, Library Director was promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor at the January, 2001 Board of Trustees Meeting. This promotion will take effect on September 1, 2001. She was co-creator of the Fulton-Montgomery Photographic Archives - fmphotoarchives.org. This on-going project consists of the digitization and organization of historically significant photographs from the Fulton & Montgomery County Region.

**Peter C. Betz**, Audio-Visual Librarian and Curator of the Kenneth R. Dorn Regional History Collection at Fulton-Montgomery Community College was promoted from Associate Professor to Professor at the January, 2001 Board of Trustees Meeting, to take effect September 1, 2001.

The Kenneth R. Dorn Regional History Collection and Room was officially dedicated last April at a ceremony presided over by then President Priscilla Bell. The Dorn Collection comprises history materials for the geographic area generally referred to in colonial times as Tryon County, that area of settlement made up of present day Fulton, Montgomery Hamilton, Schoharie and Herkimer counties.

**Mary S. Andolina**, Instruction & Reference Librarian, was promoted last year to the rank of Assistant Professor. She is also the contributing author of a chapter on Information Literacy in a book entitled *Critical Thinking in the Workplace*, published in December 2000.

As of February, the new Information Literacy Electronic Classroom is operational. Thanks in part to Title III grant money, the room has been equipped with 24 computer workstations.

## Genesee Community College

**Staff news:**

**Adrienne Furness** resigned her position at GCC, and is now a Children's Librarian within the Rochester Public Library system.

**Aprille C. Nace** has joined us as a part-time Reference Librarian.

**Linda Hacker** has joined GCC in our new position of Title III Project Coordinator/Librarian.

## Geneseo

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**Staff News:**

**Jeff Liles**, of the School of Education at Geneseo, will begin working as our Visiting Library Instruction Coordinator starting June 1, 2001. During the Fall Semester 2000, Jeff conducted a teaching seminar with four reference instruction librarians and has continued working at Milne Library as a teaching consultant. As a result of the seminar Jeff taught in Fall 2000, he and his four students, **Liz Argentieri, Kim Davies, Kate Merrill, and Katy Farrel**l will be presenting a session at this year's LOEX conference in Ypsilanti, MI. The session is titled, "Librarians Hitting the Books: Practicing Educational Theory in Library Instruction."

**Kate Merrill** has recently left her part-time reference/instruction position to work full-time in the

Literature and Media Department at the Rochester Public Library.

**Publications**:

**Landes, Sonja**. "Interlibrary Loan Survey at SUNY Geneseo." Scheduled for publication in *The Journal of Interlibrary Loan, Document Delivery & Information Supply* 11(4), 2001.

**Sue Ann Brainard** and **Kim Davies** plan to have a few chapters published in Teaching Information Literacy Concepts: Activities and Frameworks from the Field. They have co-authored three chapters and Sue Ann wrote two other chapters independently.

**Other:**

**Kim Davies** has been accepted into the ACRL Information Literacy Immersion Program that will take place at SUNY Plattsburgh this August.

**Judith Bushnell**, Reference Librarian and College Archivist, is serving as 2000/01 Chair of the College Senate Graduate Academic Affairs Committee, and as a member of the College's Strategic Planning Group is co-chairing a group developing objectives to meet one of the College's planning goals.

**Conferences:**

NYSLAA's 23rd Annual Conference is scheduled for June 13-15 at St. John's University in Jamaica. A full conference brochure can be viewed at www.englib.cornell.edu/nyslaa/. For any questions related to the conference, please contact Donna Hanna, Membership Secretary of NYSLAA, at hanna@geneseo.edu.

**Remembering**:

**Richard C. Quick**, Director Emeritus of Geneseo's College Libraries, died on March 7, 2001. As Director from 1968 through February 1992, he established many of the library's special collections and the library's earliest automation programs such as OCLC cataloging and interlibrary loan, online search services, and our first public workstations for CD-ROM databases.

## Jamestown Community College

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**Professional Activities:**

**Daniel Sell**, Library Director, co-presented a session at the University of South Carolina's Computers on Campus National Conference. The title of the presentation was "The Thin Client Solution: Collaboration Between the Library and Network Services."

**Other:**

**Kathleen Barkham**, Head of Reference, chaired the library's section of the college's Institutional Self Study, in preparation for the college's Middle States Accreditation visit in April.

## Maritime

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**Staff News:**

**Richard Corson**, a charter member of SUNYLA and Head Librarian of the Stephen B. Luce Library for 31 years, is retiring in July 2001 after 39 years of outstanding service at the Marritime College in the Bronx. The Library's staff will miss him greatly.

## Mohawk Valley Community College

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**Staff news:**

**Stephen Frisbee** joined us in August as our new Coordinator of College Libraries and Library Services. Steve holds a B.A. in government/political science from St. Lawrence University and a master's degree in library science from SUNY Albany. He has formerly worked at Paul Smith's College and at the Boeing Company in Seattle.

Two librarians left us in September: **Ron Foster** for a position at SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica-Rome; and **Betty Gillham** for a position in Illinois.

**Anne Ichihana**, who joined our staff last year as a part-time librarian, was then hired to replace Betty starting in January 2001. Anne has also worked at Herkimer County Community College, St. Lawrence University, and Utica Public Library. She received her master's degree from San Jose State.

**Colleen Kehoe-Robinson** joined us in January as the new Reference and l Services librarian. She is an MVCC alumna and previously worked at Kirkland Town Library.

**Jacquie Kowalczyk** joined us in September as a temporary full-time librarian, and continues as part-time librarian. Jacquie is a recent graduate of SUNY Albany.

**Professional activities**:

**Kathleen Salsbury** received her B.S. in professional and technical communication from SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica-Rome and has been working part-time as a librarian's assistant at the Munson-Williams-Procter Art Institute since September 2000 in addition to her work at MVCC.

**Stephen Frisbee** has been appointed to the College-Wide Curriculum Committee and also represents the two campus Libraries and Tutoring at Department Head meetings.

**Krista Hartman** was appointed Recording Secretary of the College Senate and was elected Chair of the college's Safety Committee. She conducted an ALA-sponsored book discussion series, "Not for Children Only: Classic Children's Literature for Adults", at the Jervis Public Library in Rome last fall. She is currently conducting the same book discussion series at the Camden Public Library. Krista also taught a 4-week course in children's literature at the Mohawk Valley Institute for Learning in Retirement at the SUNY Utica-Rome campus in February.

## Morrisville

### Bill Drew

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**Sue Greenhagen**, Technical Services Librarian at Morrisville, taught a six-hour seminar on "New

York State & the Civil War." Sponsored by Education Unlimited in Hamilton, N.Y., the sessions covered various aspects of the Empire State's contributions to the War of the Rebellion. Approximately 55 registrants heard about local Civil War regiments and individuals, New York at Gettysburg, tracing a Civil War ancestor, and doing Civil War research on the Internet. Sue maintains a comprehensive website on N.Y.S. & the Civil War at: www.morrisville.edu/library/local_history/sites/. Sue also had an article published in the Spring issue of *Historic CNY* entitled "The New York Connection in the Civil War: Henry Warner Slocum."

**Bill Drew**, systems librarian, is overseeing the Wireless Track at Computers in Libraries 2001 (March 14 - 16) in Washington, DC. He is also doing a presentation in that track titled: "The Wireless Student In and Out of the Library : Experiences at SUNY Morrisville College Library."

Continuing on the Wireless theme, Bill has put together a new set of webpages called the "Wireless Librarian" at: people.morrisville.edu /~drewwe/wireless/. He has also set up a new e-mail discussion group, LibWireless. The purpose of this group is to discuss libraries and all types of wireless technologies. Information can be found at: groups.yahoo.com/group /LibWireless.

A campus-wide ad hoc Committee on Information Literacy has been created at SUNY Morrisville to address the wide disparity in information technology skills in incoming freshmen, and to ensure that all SUNY Morrisville graduates have the information skills (i.e., hardware, software, and critical evaluation skills) necessary to succeed professionally in the workplace. **Angela Weiler**, coordinator of bibliographic instruction, is organizing the committee.

**Kay Benjamin** has been appointed as Reference/ Bibliographic Instruction Librarian. She will be starting here late in May. Her duties include providing reference and other services at the Norwich branch campus part of the time as well as reference and bibliographic instruction on the main campus. Many of you will remember her from Oneonta. WELCOME, KAY!

On a more somber note, we all lost a good friend and fellow faculty member on March 9. **Doug Homer**, associate professor, died in an automobile accident. He was 58. He has taught at Morrisville for over 15 years. Doug taught Public Speaking, English, and Play Production. He produced many plays while here. He was one of the most popular professors on campus. One statement heard from him recently sums up his view of life, "I chose what I wanted in life. I accomplished it... and I am happy." He will be greatly missed.

## New Paltz

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**Publications:**

**Christopher Raab's** article, "Discovering Huguenot Street's Educational Legacy: the New Paltz Academy" part 1 of 2, appeared in the March, 2001 issue of On *Huguenot Street*. The publication is the official newsletter of the Huguenot Historical Society of New Paltz. Raab is Electronic Resources and Special Collections librarian at the Sojourner Truth Library.

**Professional Activities:**

Library faculty and support staff presented a daylong workshop on planning, marketing, and implementing electronic course reserves on January 12. The workshop, entitled "Electronic Course Reserve @ SUNY New Paltz" and sponsored by the Southeastern New York Library Resources Council, was attended by about 45 librarians from academic institutions in central and southeastern New York. Led by **Tamm Sissac**, workshop presenters also included librarians **Nancy Nielson, Barbara Petruzzelli, and Christopher Raab**, as well as support staff members **Darlene Alessi** and **Anna Badillo**.

**Other:**

The library's new café opened in February, and is already a big hit with students, faculty, and staff members. Jazzman's is operated by the campus food service and offers various coffees, soups, and sandwiches. At present it is open during the week and on Sundays until 10:00 PM. Four public PC's provide patrons with email convenience. Selected newspapers and periodicals will be added in the near future.

## Niagara Community College

### Karen Ferington

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**Catherine Gibbs**, Circulation Librarian, was honored recently when she received the NCCC Outstanding Alumni Service Award at the annual Distinguished Alumni Dinner.

**Karen Ferington**, Catalog/Archives Librarian, is one of the new faculty advisors for the student chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for two-year colleges.

## North Country Community College

### Patrick F. McIntyre

**Staff News:**

**Patrick F. McIntyre**, Librarian/Associate Professor, received the North Country Community College Alumni Association Distinguished Faculty Award for the year 2000. This is a student initiated award to a faculty member who has had a significant impact on a student or students.

## Office of Library & Information Services

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**Staff News**:

**Karen Gardner-Athey** has joined the office as a Training Specialist. Karen previously worked as a trainer for Gaylord Information Systems.

In January, **Sally Goodwin** also joined our staff as a Training Specialist. Sally served a number of roles over the years at Oneonta's Milne Library.

**Michelle Moorhead** is the new Library Systems Database Administrator for OLIS. Michelle joins us from the Capital District Library Council.

We would like to thank everyone who has advocated for the staffing needs of our office.

**Professional Activities**:

**John Schumacher** has been elected to serve as the SUNYLA-UUP (United University Professions) Liaison. John also serves as the SUNYLA-OLIS Liaison.

**Other**:

The SUNY Office of Library and Information Services is now located on Three South of the SUNY System Administration building. Telephone numbers, email addresses remain the same.

## Old Westbury

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**Staff News:**

**Paul Frisch**, Director, wrote an article on Don Drysdale, Hall of Fame baseball player, in The Scribner Encyclopedia of American Lives, volume 3.

**Paul Frisch**, Director, was a panelist on "Developing Future Leaders Through the College Library Directors Mentor Program" presented at ACRL's 10th National Conference in Denver.

**Professional Development:**

**Michael Epstein** has recently been appointed to ALA's NMRT Web Committee and the ACRL/NY 2001 Symposium Planning Committee.

**Rebecca Perez** recently attended a two-day class on Adobe Photoshop at the New Horizons Computer Learning Center.

## Optometry

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**Elaine Wells**, Library Director, received a UUP grant to attend the Medical Library Association's Annual Meeting in Orlando in May.

**Kadri Niider** received a State of New York/UUP Professional Development and Quality of Working Life Committee to attend the SUNYLA Annual Conference.

## Oneonta

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**Staff News:**

**Kay Benjamin**, Reference Librarian, will resign from her position at Milne Library in May 2001 in order to take a position at SUNY Morrisville.

**Grants**:

In August 2000, Milne Library received a grant from the New York State Program for the Conservation and Preservation of Library Research Materials to fund a general preservation survey of the library's special collections. The purpose of the program is to "encourage the proper care and accessibility of research materials in the State, to promote the use and development of guidelines and standards for conservation/preservation work, and to support the growth of local and cooperative preservation programs." Project manager and co-author of the grant application, **Pat Keegan**, along with **Mary Lynn Bensen** and **Elaine Downing** have begun to implement recommendations made in a report by conservator **Nelly Balloffet**, who conducted the preservation survey in October 2000. With the help of the conservator, librarians have identified a space for relocation of the special collections, and will next seek additional funding to determine the cost of improving the library's environmental conditions.

## Onondaga Community College

### Gretchen Roberts

**Staff News:**

**Gretchen Roberts**, Head of Reference/Periodicals at Coulter Library, was promoted to the rank of Professor in March 2001.

**Jeffrey Harr**, Technical Services Librarian, will be presenting "Using the Web to Promote Civic Engagement" at the 30th Annual Workshop on Instruction in Library Use being held at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada on May 16-18, 2001.

**Publications**:

**Frank Doble**, Chair of Coulter Library, has written an article titled "Moonrise: What Happened One Night" which was published in the February-March issue of the NCGR Member Letter (National Council for Geocosmic Research).

## Oswego

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**Staff News:**

**John Thomas** has been hired as library Webmaster and will begin on June 4, 2001.

**Other:**

Penfield Library's ILL dept. has been chosen as one of 3 academic libraries by the North Country 3R's Council to receive ILLiad, a comprehensive ILL management system. This is an LSTA funded initiative.

Work with Aleph continues as we examine most of our data, build indexes, edit tables, modify web pages, and go to lots of training. A May date to go live is still on the horizon. Local info is available at www.oswego.edu/library/dept/exlibris

## Schenectady County Community College

### Peter Barvoets

**Caroline Laier** was welcomed to our staff on January 10, 2001 as Head of Public Services. Carrie comes to us from Mount Saint Mary College where she was Public Services Librarian.

**Roman Koshykar** has been appointed as a part-time reference librarian, effective February 14, 2001. He is a recent MLS graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

## Sullivan County Community College

### Richard Arnold

**Staff News:**

**Richard Arnold**, Public Services Librarian, has been promoted to Associate Professor.

**Barbara Stienstra** resigned to take a position at Middletown Thrall Library.

## Westchester Community College

### Mary Loomba

**Staff news:**

**Veronica Kenausis** resigned her position in January to take a job at Western Connecticut State University.

**Kate Ray** has a temporary full-time appointment, and **Beth Seelick** has a temporary half-time appointment. These are both at the assistant professor level.

Professional Activities: **Kate Ray** and **Beth Seelick** are co-chairing a presentation for the Westchester Library Association on "Space and Place in Libraries: Who needs them? How will we use them?" The presentation will include a panel of librarians and architects. This is planned for the May Annual Conference.

**Gloria Meisel** has been appointed a Faculty Fellow to the Director of the Center for Faculty. The Center for Faculty is designed for faculty professional development. She has received release time to work on this during the spring of 2001.

**Kate Ray** is Exhibits Chair for the Westchester Library Association Annual Conference, scheduled in early May.

**Other**:

The major library addition /renovation is progressing. We hope to be in our new quarters by this time next year. See our construction at www.sunywcc.edu/library. Click on "Library News."

More that 100 internet resource MARC records have been added to our OPAC by **Kate Ray** in the last few months.

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**State University of New York at Oswego**
**Serials Librarian (Search Reopened)**

The State University of New York at Oswego seeks a positive, creative, people-oriented Serials Librarian to direct the acquisition, cataloging and processing of print and electronic serials for Penfield Library. The Serials Librarian manages all aspects of the Library's electronic serials control system and will be actively involved in an upcoming migration from the multiLIS/DRA library management system to ExLibris during 2000/2001. This position reports to the Head of Technical Services and includes supervisory responsibility for three full-time support staff. Other duties include developing and recommending changes in policies and procedures for serials management; maintenance of the Library's OCLC Union List of Serials records; maintaining positive working relationship with subscription vendors and publishers; and preparing statistical reports. This position also includes some reference desk coverage and collection development responsibility in areas assigned by the Head of Collection Development. Occasional night/weekend reference desk schedule.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS: MLS from an ALA accredited program; solid knowledge of cataloging practices including OCLC, MARC formats and AACR2; strong interest in serials; excellent written and oral communication skills; ability to work effectively, both independently and as part of a team; strong interpersonal skills; ability to work in a complex and quickly changing environment; and working knowledge of basic office software.
PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS: Familiarity with the serials trade and current trends in serials control; strong supervisory skills; reference experience; one or more years of serials experience in an academic library. This is a 12-month, tenure-track faculty position at Assistant or Senior Assistant rank. Minimum salary: $33,500. depending on qualifications. Excellent benefits. Position available April 2001.

Application review will begin March 26, 2001, and will continue until the position is filled. Send a letter of application, resume, transcripts and the names, addresses and phone numbers of 3 professional references to: Mary Beth Bell, Director Penfield Library SUNY Oswego
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