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Greetings and happy New Year! Much has happened since the last edition of the newsletter. Several discussions have been held about the Chancellor's strategic planning. While libraries are not specifically mentioned, we fit into many of the themes that are listed. SUNYLA, SAC (SUNYConnect Advisory Council) and the SUNY Council of Library Directors will be working on webcasts to speak to the community at large about the ways in which we fit.

As the spring semester begins, I would like to ask everyone to look for and attend these webcasts. Furthermore, if you're a technology-minded individual, be on the lookout for a new group forming, to talk about topics of interest to you! This new group started receiving interest as a follow-up to LiSUG and will start to formulate itself in the next few months.

On November 18, SUNYLA did something new and different: gathering downstate librarians at the Fashion Institute of Technology in Manhattan. Our meeting was very beneficial and the officers learned a lot about downstate librarians and the unique challenges that our state gives us in getting together. If you're a downstate librarian, I urge you to be on the lookout for future developments that resulted from that meeting.



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Take care and I look forward to welcoming you all to Brockport for our upcoming conference "2010: An information odyssey!"

<http://sunyla.org/>

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## SUNYLA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS AVAILABLE

Joanne Spadaro, Old Westbury, Chair of Professional Development Grants Subcommittee

### SUNYLA Professional Development Grants Available for Members

Are you having trouble opening doors to professional development opportunities? Apply for a SUNYLA Professional Development Grant and let the sun shine in!

SUNYLA has a grants program that is used to reimburse members for expenses associated with professional growth activities when other funding sources are only partially or not available. Administered by the SUNYLA Professional Development Grants Subcommittee, the program aims to support the professional growth of individual members, while giving special consideration to those applicants who demonstrate how their own exposure to an activity will have broad impact on enhancing the development of other colleagues as well.

Funding up to \$500 may be awarded per application.

Congratulations to Our Recent Grant Recipients:

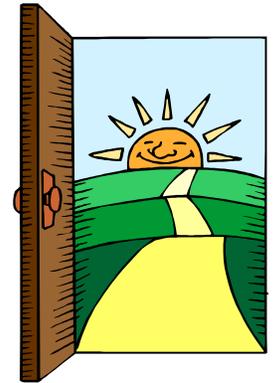
**Yu-Hui Chen** (Albany) was awarded a grant to present her co-authored paper, "An Analysis of Formally Published Usability Definitions", at the American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T) 2009 Annual Meeting in Vancouver, B.C., Canada in November 2009.

**Antonia Di Gregorio** (Old Westbury) received a SUNYLA Professional Development Grant to attend the 2010 ILLiad International Conference in Virginia Beach in March.

**Carol Anne Germain** (Albany) received funding to attend the 2009 American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T) Annual Meeting to present her co-authored paper, "An Analysis of Formally Published Usability Definitions."

**Dunstan McNutt** (Delhi) obtained a grant to attend the 2010 Library Orientation (LOEX) Conference in Dearborn, Michigan in the spring to lead a workshop titled, "Making Information Literacy Stick: Finding SUCCEsSs."

For more information, visit the SUNYLA Professional Development Grant Program webpage at <http://www.sunyla.org/pdgp>, or contact **Joanne Spadaro**, Chair of the Professional Development Grants Subcommittee, by email at [spadaroj@oldwestbury.edu](mailto:spadaroj@oldwestbury.edu) or by phone at (516)876-2896. To download an application, go to <http://tinyurl.com/pdgform>.



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## A BETTER WAY WITH BETTER WORLD

Karen Gelles, Farmingdale State College

### A Better Way with Better World Books

SUNY **Chancellor Zimpher** recently posted a question on Facebook: “Do you think SUNY can be the greenest University System in the world?” I pondered this for a while, wondering how my library could help SUNY achieve this strategic goal without making a significant monetary investment. It suddenly occurred to me that we have already taken a big step towards environmental sustainability—we now use Better World Books.

#### *Better World Books' Business Model*

Founded in 2002 by recent college grads, Better World Books (BWB) collects and sells books online to fund literacy initiatives worldwide. They are one of only 220 companies in the United States certified as a “B Corporation,” or a company with a for-profit structure that is dedicated to meeting certain social and environmental standards. They have garnered accolades in the popular press, and were given the Most Promising Social Entrepreneur Award by *BusinessWeek* in 2009. Their model of working in conjunction with libraries is a simple one.

Libraries ship unwanted books to BWB at no cost to the library. Many libraries had previously been recycling or throwing these books away. BWB has an ISBN-based online pre-screening tool that lets library staff know whether to bother sending a book (based on type of material, age, existing stock, etc.) Books with library markings are welcome.

BWB lists these books for sale on their online storefront at [betterworldbooks.com](http://betterworldbooks.com) and also lists books with 21 other marketplaces such as Amazon, Alibris, Abebooks and Half.com. Buyers in the US pay no shipping, and can even search by ZIP code to see all books listed for sale from a local library.

When one of your books sells, your library gets 15% of the net profit, and a non-profit literacy partner gets 5%. The remainder goes to 3rd party marketplace fees (similar to a selling fee imposed by sites like eBay) and to BWB.

Online reports keep you updated on the status of your sales. Payments to libraries are made quarterly as long as your library's commission is at least \$50. If the commission is under \$50, it rolls over to the next quarter. In lieu of payment, libraries can designate their commission as a BWB credit for purchasing directly from the site.

Books from the pre-ISBN era can be sent separately to BWB's ARC division. They evaluate rare or antiquarian books for special sales. Libraries now get 50% of the net profit on rare book sales.

#### *SUNY Participation*

Before Farmingdale began using BWB, I posted a question to the SUNYLA listserv asking for input. I received responses from 14 SUNY libraries that were using BWB as of May 2009. Other responses were received from libraries that were also in the investigation process and hoped to be using BWB soon. Some had just signed up and didn't have any feedback as of then. Those that had been with BWB for some time uniformly reported satisfaction with the service. Several libraries noted that they had done large weeding projects and sent their weeded books to BWB.

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### *Farmingdale's experience*

Because BWB asks for shipments of a minimum of 6 boxes at a time, Farmingdale has only made one shipment so far, in November 2009. We sent 116 books, including some multi-volume titles. Some items were ex-library books with markings and labels, while others were donations that did not fit our collection parameters. Donors are now told that any books that we do not keep in the collection may be sent to BWB or given away for free if they do not meet BWB criteria. Of the original 116, BWB decided that 41 of them were not worth selling (based on inventory, condition, etc.) and donated or recycled them right away.

Of the 75 books that were listed for sale, 39 have sold as of January 21, 2010. Our commission on those 39 books is \$36.95. While some books have sold for well over \$30, the majority of them, including mass market paperbacks, have sold for under \$10. Because we did not have at least \$50 as of the end of the 4th quarter of 2009, our commission will continue to accrue until we have at least \$50, at which point it will be paid to our IFR account at the end of that quarter.

While our commission is not going to significantly impact our library budget, it is important to note the non-monetary aspects of our participation with BWB. The Environmental Matrices report provided by BWB estimates that the re-use of our otherwise unwanted books has so far saved 2 trees, 756 gallons of water, 114 lbs of greenhouse gases, 2 cubic yards of landfill space, and 264 kilowatt hours of electricity. In addition, our non-profit literacy partner (there are 4 from which to choose) has earned \$12.32.

### *What more can be done?*

Libraries can join forces with student groups to hold book drives on campus. Students who cannot sell back their textbooks can donate them to a BWB book drive. BWB's website provides information on how to run the drive.

Advertise your "online sidewalk sale" to allow local users to buy from your inventory.

Read more or watch informative and humorous videos at these sites.

<http://www.betterworldbooks.com/> (click ReuseFirst)

<http://www.youtube.com/BetterWorldBooks>

<http://www.facebook.com/betterworldbooks>

Buy your own personal books from BWB to support the cause.

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# CAMPUS NEWS & NOTES

## ADIRONDACK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Adirondack Community College librarians are heavily weeding the reference collection to create space for ACC's Center for Reading and Writing. The writing center, operated by English Division faculty, is now housed in the basement of another building.

The writing center's move to the library will likely happen in early summer, after some construction and redesigning. The center will occupy the main floor area currently housing periodicals. Many back issues of periodicals will be recycled and what is kept will be moved to stacks in the reference area.

The ACC Library will be a brighter and warmer area for students and Writing Center tutors to work. It will also be a good combination of resources: students researching papers at computers near the reference desk can also easily consult Writing Center tutors for in-depth advice on organizing their papers, writing more effectively and creating accurate citations.

In other news, cataloger **Melitta White** has fulfilled a lifelong dream: she did a tandem skydiving jump over the winter break in Georgia. She landed safely to the cheers of her grandchildren and other family members, and can't wait to do it again.

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## ALBANY

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The third in the series of books detailing librarian/faculty information literacy collaborations has been published by Neal Schuman, and by Facet in the UK. This volume, entitled *Collaborative Information Literacy Assessments: Strategies for Evaluating Teaching and Learning*, was co-edited by **Tom Mackey** of Empire State College and **Trudi Jacobson**, Head of User Education Programs at the University at Albany. They are currently working on a fourth book, about distance learning collaborative IL ventures.

SUNY Albany University Libraries Preservation Department, in cooperation with Capitol District Library Council, offered two 2-day workshops in late 2009. The first introduced participants to the nature and history of paper collections and book repair; the second offered instruction and hands-on experience in several basic book repair procedures. The workshops were attended by representatives from Albany Medical College, Vassar College, Rudolph Steiner Library, Binghamton University Libraries, Halfmoon Public Library, SUNY-New Paltz, Hudson Valley Community College, Union College, SUNY-Albany University Museum, SUNY-Albany MSIS Program and the Heritage Research Library/Washington County Historical Society.

**Ann Carroll Kearney**, Collections Conservator with SUNY-Albany, University Libraries Preservation Department, was awarded the Professional Associate status in the American Institute for the Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works. This is a membership level for AIC members who have achieved a high level of professional accomplishment based on peer-reviewed training, experience, portfolio and treatment report submissions, as well as on their demonstrated commitment to the profession's ethics.



## BINGHAMTON

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On December 11, Binghamton University Libraries hosted a publishing workshop. **Gary Dunham**, Executive Director of the SUNY Press, spoke with faculty and graduate students on strategies for publishing manuscripts and edited books. The event was targeted to junior faculty and graduate students to successfully prepare, promote, and communicate with publishers on scholarly projects. Over 50 students, faculty, and staff attended this event, which was organized by **Elizabeth Brown**, Scholarly Communications and Library Grants Officer.

**Elizabeth Brown** published "A Season of Change: How Science Librarians Can Remain Relevant with Open Access and Scholarly Communications Initiatives" in *Issues in Science & Technology Librarianship*, Fall 2009 (<http://www.istl.org/09-fall/article2.html>). **Elizabeth Brown** also contributed to the RLG Partnership Research Information Management Roadmap Working Group's "Support for the Research Process: An Academic Library Manifesto Report" (**C. Bourg**, **C. Ross**, and **R. Erway**, 2009) produced by OCLC Research. The report is published online at: [www.oclc.org/research/publications/library/2009/2009-07.pdf](http://www.oclc.org/research/publications/library/2009/2009-07.pdf).

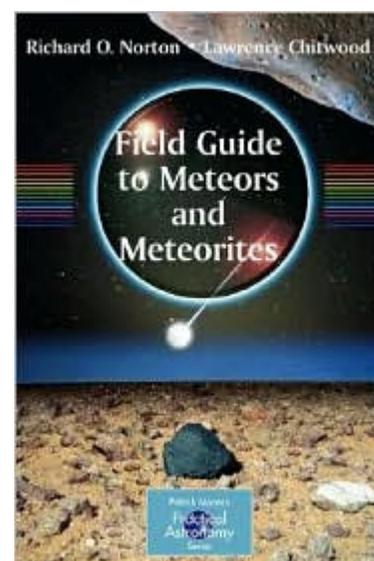
At the October 2009 GeoScience Information Society's Annual Conference in Portland, Oregon, **Angelique Jenks-Brown** organized and moderated a panel discussion on "Information Resources Forum: Electronic Journal Usage in the Geosciences," which featured authors from *College & Research Libraries*. As Chair of the Ansari Best Reference Work Award Committee, she had the honor of presenting the award to the surviving relatives of the authors of the "Field Guide to Meteors and Meteorites." In January 2010, **Ms. Jenks-Brown** starts her three-year term as Society Treasurer.

At the 2009 NYLA Annual Conference in October, **Erin Rushton** co-presented "Federated Searching and Beyond" with **Jennifer Bowen**, University of Rochester, and **Bridget Schumacher**, University at Buffalo. **Caryl Ward** and **Jill Dixon** co-presented "From Awareness to Education: Building an Effective PR Program" at the poster session.

**Kate Bouman**, **Jill Dixon** and **Alesia McManus** completed the Binghamton University Leadership Academy program in January 2010. The program provided training in leadership theory and practice.

**Pat Painchaud** and **Candi Lown** retired in December. **Susan Currie** left Binghamton University Libraries to become the Director of Tompkins County Public Library.

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## BROCKPORT

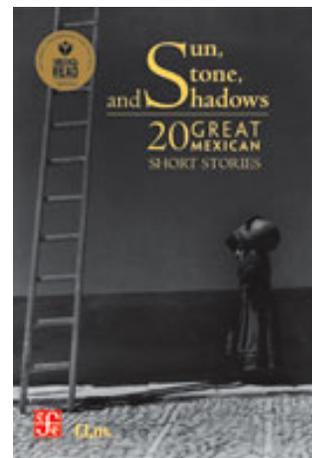
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Big Read: Brockport is taking part in this nation-wide reading program, which features a collection of Mexican short stories, *Sun, Stone & Shadows*. **Charlie Bush** has a LibGuide on the project: <http://brockport.libguides.com/bigread>. The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest.

**Logan Rath** has set up an additional way for patrons to contact us, using Google Voice. Patrons can text etc., and the messages display in a Google Voice app in our iGoogle page.

IT staff and archivist **Mary Jo Gigliotti** are working on a search engine for the local newspaper and campus newspaper indexes, part of Brockport's upcoming 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration which commences this fall.

LILAC, or Library Instruction Leadership Academy: **Jennifer Little, Logan Rath** and **Pam O'Sullivan** are taking part in this exciting collaborative program run by several local schools working together that gives newer librarians a valuable opportunity to grow as library instructors.



## BROOME COMMUNITY COLLEGE

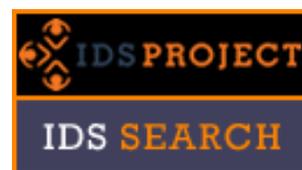
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**Mike Curtis**, Systems Librarian, has been leading an IDS Search Project team to develop a feature-rich consortial catalog for the IDS Project. The search project is now about to enter its usability testing phase. Seven IDS libraries have volunteered to test IDS Search at their campuses: BCC, Geneseo, Fredonia, Plattsburgh, Oswego, Buffalo State and non-SUNY IDS member Nazareth College. In addition, a formal usability study will be performed by the University of Rochester. IDS plans to offer IDS Search to all IDS members – and as an open source project – by summer 2010. For more information see: <http://idsproject.org/Tools/IDSSearch.aspx> and [http://search.idsproject.org/index.php?view=ids&oclc\\_symbol=YSY](http://search.idsproject.org/index.php?view=ids&oclc_symbol=YSY).

Broome Community College welcomes **Dr. Kevin Drumm** as our next president. **Dr. Drumm** previously served as President and Chief Executive at Northern Wyoming Community College District. His educational background includes a Ph.D. in Organizational Studies: Higher Education and Community College Leadership from New York University. He is also a graduate of the first American Association of Community Colleges Leadership Institute.

The BCC Library initiated a pilot program for the spring semester that will increase the number of textbooks available on reserve. Partnering with the Textbook Advisory Committee and the campus bookstore and using special funding, the Library will purchase a small group of the most expensive textbooks required for classes.

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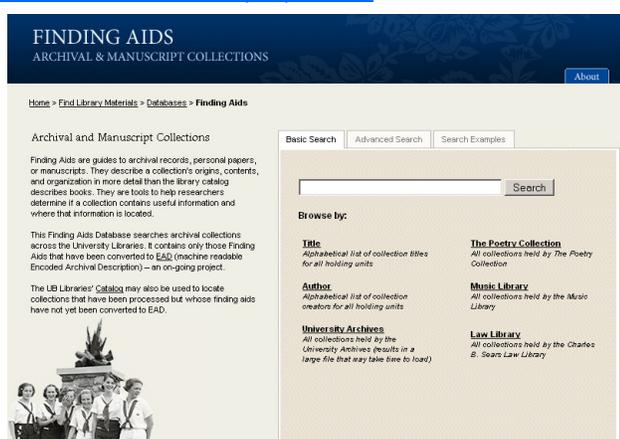


## BUFFALO

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The UB Libraries have launched a new database to improve access to finding aids for the Libraries' archival and manuscript collections. The database stores Encoded Archival Description (EAD) finding aids from University Archives, the Poetry Collection, the Law Library and the Music Library using the eXtensible Text Framework (XTF) system developed by the California Digital Library. Project team members included Libraries Web manager **Scott Hollander**, Web designer **Kristopher Miller**, lead programmer analyst **Don Gramlich**, and archivists **John Bewley**, **Karen Walton Morse**, and **Karen Spencer**. The new database marks the first time that all UB Libraries EAD finding aids are searchable through a common portal. It may be accessed at:

<http://libweb1.lib.buffalo.edu:8080/xtf/search>



**Charles Lyons**, Business/Management Librarian, Arts & Sciences Libraries, co-authored "Business Library Web Sites Revisited," in the *Journal of Business & Finance Librarianship* 14 (4): 333-347 (October 2009). The article updates findings from an earlier study which examined the organization and content of academic business library Web sites.

**Nancy Babb**, Cataloger/Web Manager, Law Library, was elected Vice-President/President-Elect of the Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York (ALLUNY).

**Ellen McGrath**, Head of Cataloging, Law Library, authored "Bibliographic Control Alphabet Soup: Webinar Report" in *ALLUNY Newsletter* 34 (3): 14-15 (December 2009), and "Program Report: Cataloger's Desktop Training at the Library of Congress" in *Technical Services Law Librarian* 35 (1): 33-34 (September 2009).

**Jill Tarabula**, Assistant Technical Services Librarian, and **Brenda Battleson**, BISON Database Manager, volunteered their time and talents as members of a team that created a new patient library in the Western New York Children's Psychiatric Center. Aided by a \$5,000 grant from the Laura Bush Foundation, the new library was developed after staff volunteers saw a need for children at the center to have a resource similar to the ones they are familiar with in their schools.

The UB Libraries government documents depository was highlighted on the Web site of the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) during the month of January, 2010. Each month, the FDLP spotlights the unique services and offerings of depository institutions across the United States, and recognizes the expertise and dedication of depository libraries' staff. <http://www.fdlp.gov/outreach/spotlight>

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## BUFFALO STATE

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E. H. Butler Library was recently awarded the Outstanding Library Award from the Western New York Library Resources Council. The award is intended to honor libraries that provide outstanding service through creativity in developing programs or collections that enhance service or increase library usage, through leadership in the creation of enhanced services that can be emulated by other libraries, and through improvements in physical facilities that result in better services. E. H. Butler Library was honored for the development of a variety of innovative programs and services, such as the Green Initiative Program, Rooftop Poetry Club, and "Ask Me" Help Desk. **Maryruth Glogowski**, Associate Vice President of Library and Instructional Technology, accepted the award on behalf of the library.

Butler Library announces the StudyQuad expansion project! Construction of the expanded 24/7 computer lab will incorporate the former Copier Lounge and first floor periodicals area. The anticipated completion date for the project is April 30, 2010.

Buffalo State is excited to be one of the Information Delivery Services (IDS) Search beta sites for the Spring 2010 semester. IDS search allows patrons to simultaneously search the IDS member library collections. The search will also allow the patron to search at the local, consortial, and national/world-wide levels.

The Rooftop Poetry Club featured Image Making with Poems and Photographs, a workshop led by teaching artist **Karen Lee Lewis**. Exploring the connections between photography and poetry, Karen led the group through a series of writing exercises which inspired participants to create poems from photographic images. Over 25 poets participated in the workshop.

As part of our "Green Talk" workshop series, **Susan Jaworski** and **Donna Gesel** presented "Go Green for the Holidays." Participants discovered how to make unique cards and gifts from recycled materials.

**Lisa Forrest** is a new fellow of the Western New York Library Resources Council/Rochester Regional Library Council 2009 Leadership Institute.

**Marc Bayer**, **Lisa Forrest**, **Ken Fujiuchi**, **Maureen Lindstrom**, and **Mark McBride** recently attended the Educause Conference in Denver, Colorado.

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## CANTON

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**Drew Urbanek** was recently elected Library Chair. **Curt Pickering**, reserves clerk, has recently taken another position as a Corrections Officer. The archives room has recently been retasked as a Faculty/Student Collaborative Workspace. Renovations throughout the library continue, with changes to the circulation space and new carpeting planned. Documentation and communication with student workers is being moved into Angel.



## CAYUGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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In honor of Black History Month, on the evening of February 11th, 2010, the Norman F. Bourke Memorial Library of Cayuga Community College will present a poetry reading/lecture by CCC English Professor **Howard Nelson**, who will discuss the life and works of African American poets **Gwendolyn Brooks** and **Etheridge Knight**. The event, entitled "When Gwendolyn Brooks Came to Auburn," is being provided as part of a series of "African American Read-In" events taking place at libraries in Cayuga County throughout the month of February. A local group composed of representatives from the Community Wide Dialogue to End Racism, Seymour Public Library, the Auburn Enlarged City School District and Cayuga Community College has collaboratively planned programming for the 2010 National African American Read-In. The primary goal of the Read-In is to make literacy a significant part of Black History Month in communities, in the hope that recognition of the accomplishments and work of African American authors will help students and adults appreciate the richness and diversity that can be found in the written word.

Cayuga Community College is proud to announce that **Diane Holbert**, Library Instructional Assistant at the Fulton campus, graduated with an MSLIS degree from Syracuse University in August 2009. Congratulations Diane!

Cayuga Community College Library recently hosted two interns from Syracuse University School of Information Studies. The Fulton campus hosted **Anna Call** as a library intern during the Summer of 2009. Anna is now working as a librarian at the Griffiss Air Force Base research center. The Auburn campus hosted **Mary Lovell** as a library intern during the Fall 2009 semester.

"When Gwendolyn Brooks Came to Auburn' is being provided as part of a series of African American Read-In events taking place at libraries in Cayuga County."

## CLINTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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**Mary Ann Weiglhofer** has been appointed as the new director of the LeRoy M. Douglas Sr. Library. She was hired as a part-time librarian in Douglas Library in 2000, appointed technical services librarian in 2003, and most recently served as acting library director.

**Catherine (Kaye) Figlioli**, associate librarian, was inducted as an honorary member of Phi Theta Kappa, international honor society of the two-year college, in recognition of her 15 years of service as a faculty advisor to the college's Alpha Pi Tau chapter.

**Sharon Bainbridge**, part-time librarian, is the newest member of the Douglas Library. She has a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science from SUNY Plattsburgh and a Masters of Science in Library and Information Science with a specialization in School Media from Syracuse University. In addition to her position at the library, Sharon also works at the Kent-Delord House Museum in Plattsburgh.

**COBLESKILL**

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Building renovations are moving into the main area of Van Wagenen Library this semester. A couple of the librarians will be displaced from their offices and, of more concern to our users, all public area restrooms save those in the lobby will be out of commission for several months.

The Library is now opening one hour earlier Monday-Friday. While we don't expect to see large groups of people lining up to take advantage of the 7:00am opening time, it does make it easier for students to print out homework or papers before morning classes.

We launched a new text message feature this semester using Mosio's Text a Librarian service ([www.textalibrarian.com](http://www.textalibrarian.com)). The test runs went very well so we're all eager to see how it will go once the semester really gets going.

**Brendan Aucoin** has joined the Library's Circulation staff on a part-time basis, covering afternoon/early evening hours.

In November, **Katherine Brent** attended an archives workshop in Glens Falls sponsored by the Capital District Library Council's Documentary Heritage Program.

**April Davies** has been selected to attend the Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians at Harvard University this coming August. She is also serving as Presentations Co-Chair for the SUNYLA annual conference to be held at SUNY Brockport in June.

**Julie Lighthall** has left the Library for the Wellness Center. We hope she enjoys working during daylight hours rather than 4:00pm to Midnight!

**2010:****AN INFORMATION ODYSSEY**

Please plan to join us this year at The College at Brockport June 16<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>. During this conference, we will explore how changes in the way information is generated, collected and disseminated have changed radically over the last 25 years. This has had a profound effect on libraries and library staff, and many have risen to the challenge, putting themselves in the forefront with innovative ways to incorporate and embrace these changes. Functions that were formerly outside the librarian's scope of experience are now standard, from social networking to on-line learning.

Watch the SUNYLA 2010 blog over the next months for news and updates:

<http://sunyla2010.wordpress.com/>

**SUNYLA 2010****June 16th-****June 18th****The College at****Brockport**



## DUTCHESS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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The months of Summer 2009 saw the relocation of our campus Instructional Media department's most requested and viewed video recordings to the library. The project was the culmination of several years of careful planning and negotiation which also involved the establishment of a new media viewing lab that took the place of our former microform viewing room. Two new iMacs were installed as well as hi-def televisions and DVD/VCR combination units for students to view video recordings. At the request of a music professor, **Christopher Brellochs**, iTunes was also installed on both the Media Room iMacs to store classical music pieces students would need to study. Another addition to our media room included equipment designed to aid students who are vision and/or hearing impaired.

Assistant Librarian **Tina Kiernan**, successfully completed an ambitious grant-funded project to acquire an Amazon Kindle, two iPod Nanos and about 20 Playaway books for the library's collection. Reference librarians **Ron Crovisier** and **Tom Trinchera** assisted Tina with information sessions that introduced and demonstrated all the electronic devices to faculty and staff.

October 12, 2009 saw DCC host the Third Annual LiSUG Conference. Participants came from all over New York State for the single day conference.

On October 27, 2009, a ceremony was held to dedicate the Jerry A. Lee College Archives to former DCC president **Jerry A. Lee** who passed away in 2008. Archival material of the college had been stored in the room since the opening of the Ritz Library in January, 2001, however, the room was recently renovated with new furniture, additional shelves, carpeting and a plaque bearing information about Lee and a portrait. Lee's wife, Lynn, was present along with their family and grandchildren, who were given the ceremonial scissors to cut the dedication ribbon.

## EMPIRE STATE COLLEGE

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The Empire State College Library is going through exciting times as our former parent-group, Center for Learning and Technology has become the more tightly-focused Academic Technologies. This organizational readjustment brings the library into a closer working relationship with the media technologists and faculty instructional technologists, under the experienced directorship of **Suzanne Hayes**.

The Chat Reference program that we began last January has become a runaway hit. Almost fifty percent of our reference questions now come in through that medium. Because of its popularity, we are considering ways of enhancing the service.

Our @Home Library Workshops, delivered online via Elluminate, have been such a success that we are expanding that program. The popular Introduction to Searching and Citing Your Sources workshops will continue to be offered, more often and on a regular schedule. We will also be adding three 60-minute workshops on additional topics this Spring.

**Sara Hull** has taken the lead in piloting faculty use of the popular academic integrity service TurnItIn.com. The faculty participants in this pilot have been both helpful and enthusiastic, and we expect a College-wide launch this Spring.

"The organizational readjustment at Empire State moving the to Academic Technologies brings the library into a closer working relationship with the media technologists and faculty instructional technologists."



## GENESEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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The library hosted a 2-day Botanical Drawing & Painting Workshop in February with funding from a Genesee President's Innovation Award Grant written by **Neil Liwanag**, Technical Assistant for Library Reference, Instruction & Off-Campus Services, and **Nina Warren**, Director of Library Services. Artist **Camille Doucet** was a featured presenter.

In response to student demand, a Reserve Textbook Service has been implemented by **Cindy Francis**, Collection Development Librarian and LMS Administrator. **Nina Warren** collaborated with the GCC Bookstore to allow discounted textbooks to be available to the library.

The Reference area will have many new tools and upgrades this spring. Systems Librarian **Michelle Tomaszewski** is implementing Libguides to manage course-specific handouts and useful website lists. Reference librarians are also using Libguides to track internal database passwords and tips and tricks. Michelle is working on iGoogle for reference librarians to use as a one-stop shop to gather key reference docs and a Google docs spreadsheet to develop an online ref stats module. Reference Services Librarian **Anita Whitehead** and Michelle implemented a dual monitor set-up using Ultramon monitor management system. This allows reference librarians to use two monitors independently or to switch to monitor cloning to better display contents of their screens during patron interactions.

Instructional Services Librarian **Nicki Lerczak** created several instructional videos using Camtasia, which are available on YouTube and linked from our Instruction and Tutorials web page. Previously created HTML library tutorials are also being updated with Adobe Captivate software.

Reference Librarian (PT) **Virginia Payne** is participating in the Library Instruction Leadership Academy (LILAC), a semester-long collaborative project sponsored by the Rochester Regional Library Council, designed to help newer librarians become as effective in information literacy instruction. The program runs from January through May.

"In February, GCC Library hosted a two-day Botanical Drawing & Painting Workshop"

## HERKIMER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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In November 2009 **Susan Bissonnette** moved to the position of Library Coordinator at Vanier College in Montreal. We wish her well. **Stephanie Conley** was appointed Interim Librarian for Information Literacy and Distance Learning. Stephanie has been with HCCC since April 2008 as a PT reference librarian and assisted with bibliographic instruction classes. In addition to instruction her interests lie in Archival work. She received her MLS in February 2008 from UB, and her old classmates may remember her as **Stephanie Tocco**.



## HUDSON VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Welcome to **Mark Lasek** as our new part-time reference librarian.

On January 13th librarians held a Faculty Librarian In-service Day. "Assessing our Instruction" was the theme. Keynote speaker, **Steve Macaluso**, SUNY New Paltz, gave a super presentation on assessment techniques. Thank you with applause and shouts of bravo to Steve.

Former HVCC students, **Liz Funk** and **Ryan Smithson** will be the featured writers for the 2010 HVCC READS on March 11. Both published non-fiction books with the last year. **Terrence L. Melvin**, Secretary-Treasurer of the New York State AFL-CIA will be the Voices: A Library Lecture Series keynote speaker honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday.

## MARITIME

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SUNY Maritime College is the proud recipient of a New York State Documentary Heritage Program Grant. The funds will allow Maritime to arrange and describe the resident records of the Sailors' Snug Harbor, an historic community of retired and disabled sailors in Staten Island, NY. The Luce Library possesses the majority of the institutional and residential records of the sailors that lived there. Collection Development and Acquisitions Librarian **Joseph Williams** led the initiative for the grant.

**Joseph Williams** has co-authored, with Hofstra University colleague **David Woolwine**, a chapter in the newly published book *Library Data: Empowering Practice and Persuasion* edited by **Darby Orcutt**. The title of the chapter is: "The Use of Grounded Theory in Interlibrary Loan Research: Compliance Always Occurs," and discusses the application of "grounded theory," a qualitative research methodology used in the social sciences, to the study of Interlibrary Loan practices at various institutions.

In December, Maritime's Cataloging and Metadata Librarian, **Sommer Browning**, presented a poster at the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL/NY chapter) Conference held at Baruch College. The theme of the symposium was "Emerging Leadership in Academic Libraries." Ms. Browning's presentation focused on how Maritime College could take a leadership role by partnering with the cooperative online serials cataloging program (CONSER) and updating and maintaining specialized maritime serials' OCLC records.

The Library has received a special collection of 450 blueprints of vessel plans (cargo, tankers, barges, etc.) dating back to 1944. The collection, donated by **Captain James McNamara**, President of National Cargo Bureau, Inc. has been processed and organized by a library intern, **James Corry**, and is now housed in the Luce Library's Archives. Detailed information on this collection is now posted on our web portal at <http://www.sunymaritime.edu/stephenblucelibrary/shipsplans.htm>

"SUNY Maritime College is the proud recipient of a NYS Documentary Heritage Program Grant to arrange and describe the resident records of the Sailors' Snug Harbor."



From L to R:  
Shafeek Fazal, Sommer Browning, Joe Williams, and Constantia Constantinou

**N A S S A U**

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With great sadness, the Library notes the untimely passing of **Dr. Richard Glass**, professor of Math and Computer Science. Ricky was a great friend of the Library and supporter of information literacy across the curriculum. Together with colleague and collaborator, librarian **Marsha Spiegelman**, they presented at local, state and national conferences. Their article, "Gaming and Learning: Winning Information Literacy Collaboration" was featured in the Oct. 2008 issue of *C&RL News*. His expertise, sense of humor and spirit will be missed by all who knew him.

In this fourth year of a five-year Title III grant, librarians **Rosanne Humes**, **Christine Butler** and **Marsha Spiegelman** are conducting another series of information literacy workshops for faculty involved in distance learning courses. Sessions this spring include Turnitin.com, FILMS ON DEMAND and the Ebsco Suite of Databases with emphasis on personalization to create accounts, folders, playlists and permalinks for online courses. Past workshops have received enthusiastic support from all participants.

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# Save the Date!

## SUNYLA 2010:

### An Information Odyssey

### The College at Brockport

### June 16<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup>.



## NEW PALTZ

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Associate Librarian, **Andy Perry**, who is Information Systems Librarian and Collection Access Team Leader, will be leaving for SUNY Oneonta. **Dean Lee** says: "During his three years here, Andy has made significant contributions to the library. His major accomplishments include introducing Web 2.0 technology to the library, co-chairing the MediaSpace project, implementing the laptop loan program, and streamlining processes, such as overdue procedures, reserves, and interlibrary loan. He has also established excellent relationships with the campus Computer Center as well as the SUNY Office of Library & Information Services. I deeply appreciate his expertise and special efforts. He will be greatly missed."

Architectural firm Ayers Saint Gross Architects, has been selected for the upcoming library renovation. The total amount allocated for library renovation is \$14.3 million, which includes replacing the roof. **Megan Smailer**, Campus Architect will be working on the project with the State University Construction Fund and the Dean of the Library, **Dr. Chui-chun Lee**. Librarians **Steve Macaluso** and **Morgan Gwenwald** have been named to serve on the renovation committee as well.

An ad hoc committee of librarians, led by **Megan Coder** and **Rus Springer**, announces that the new innovative work space, M42 is officially up and running. M42 offers SUNY New Paltz faculty and students a place in which to collaborate or work on projects that require access to resources and services that are only available in the library building. This could include: library research consultations with individuals or small groups; library instruction for moderate-sized groups or small classes (less than 18 students); academic special events for moderate sized groups; and scheduled student group work (reservation made by the instructor or advisor).

M42 is wireless, equipped with four computers, a projector, a wall-length whiteboard, and modular furniture.

Librarian **Morgan Gwenwald** and Library Clerk **Russell Howitt, Jr.**, the library's Emergency Response Coordinators organized training sessions for the entire library staff (including librarians, clerks, and custodial staff) during intercession. The sessions were based on the newly revised Sojourner Truth Library Emergency Response Manual and the video, "Shots Fired on Campus," which was screened by **Officer Johnny Coxum** of the University Police.

The Information Access Team (IAT) has spent the last semester and intersession creating LibGuides to replace the old "select an area to research" pages. There has been general enthusiasm for the user friendly, flexible interface and it has the added benefit of updating the look of the pages and allowing for Web 2.0 features.

The library has purchased a subscription to Ebrary, a collection of over 40,000 e-books in a wide range of academic subject areas. The e-books are available 24/7 from the library website and there is no limit to the number of users accessing an e-book simultaneously. Users can use the Quickview for quick access to content or launch the Ebrary reader for added functionality: highlighting, notetaking, copying and pasting text, transforming text into hyperlinks, and creating personal bookshelves to organize and save research.



M42, Sojourner Truth Library's new collaborative workspace. Photo by Megan Coder

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M42, Sojourner Truth Library's new collaborative workspace. Photo by Megan Coder



**NIAGARA COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

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**Andrew Aquino** has been hired in a full-time temporary position as Circulation Librarian for this year. He has worked for us as a part-time Reference Librarian and has also worked at the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library for several years. Welcome Andy!

**Barbara Melcher**, Senior Library Clerk, has returned from medical leave and we are glad that she is back working in Circulation and Interlibrary Loan.

We have experienced several changes in our roster of part-time Reference Librarians. **Jody Lebrezn** and **Samantha Gust** have left NCCC after many years of service. We welcome these new part-time Reference Librarians coming on board for spring semester: **Marcy Dexheimer**, **Elizabeth Fulwell**, **Jennifer Hall**, **Matt Kochan**, and **Lynn Zanardi**.

This semester the librarians will begin to use LibGuides for our library instruction classes and will also include them in an updated library webpage. Other initiatives for spring/summer 2010 will be an in depth look at assessment of our library instruction classes and assessment of the SUNY General Education Information Management Goal.

Library faculty and staff have registered to participate in the College of DuPage Library Learning Network teleconferences being held throughout this academic year. The first teleconference, "Millennials in the Library," was about people born in the United States between the early 1980s and the early 1990s. We learned about the characteristics of this group comprised of over 70 million people and how we can better serve them in the library. We would recommend this series of teleconferences to other libraries because it is timely and FREE through a license with the New York State Library. For more information, consult the website:

<http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/dupage.htm>

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The screenshot shows the New York State Library website. At the top, there are logos for NYSED.gov and the New York State Library. Below the logos is a search bar and the text "New York State Library". The main content area is titled "College of DuPage Teleconference Series 2009-2010". There is a green box with a white icon of an open book and the text: "The New York State Library has arranged this statewide license on behalf of New York's 7,000 libraries and library systems. As you complete the registration form on the DuPage site, leave the 'Method of Payment' section blank, and fill in the 'Billing Information' section only. No invoice will be sent as long as a New York address is entered." Below this is a section titled "Next in the 'Library Futures: Staying Ahead of the Curve 2010' Series: Friday, February 19, 2010 -- Cataloging: Where are we now? Where are we going?". It lists presenters Renee Register and Karen Coyle. At the bottom, there is a section titled "LIBRARY FUTURES" with the subtitle "Staying Ahead of the Curve" and a paragraph of text starting with "Librarians are justly proud of their accomplishments in organizing the world's published information through the use of standard subject headings and the ubiquitous, demanding MARC record. But, with the explosion of more information stored electronically, are our old standards still relevant today? Has keyword trumped the subject heading? Librarians also see their roles changing as more information description and metadata production are handled by other professionals. Will online tagging or vendor descriptions diminish the need for librarians? Questions are rife..."



## OLD WESTBURY

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In December 2009 Old Westbury became a member library of the IDS Project. The IDS Project consists of public and private academic libraries within New York State that are committed to resource sharing of library collections. The foundation of the project is dedicated to a strong sense of community and the creation of a unified collection.

Congratulations to **Antonia Di Gregorio**, Access Services Librarian, for receiving a SUNYLA Professional Development Grant for \$500 to attend the 2010 ILLiad International Conference in Virginia Beach, VA in March.

**Antonia Di Gregorio** has recently moved the library's entire DVD collection from Media Services to Circulation and Reserves.

**Werner Sbaschnik** has been busy working with **Ron Foster** (SUNY IT) on two projects on behalf of the Operations Committee of the University Faculty Senate. The first project is an examination of library acquisition patterns over a ten-year period. The other project is an assessment of the encroachment of library space by non-library activities.

**John Gottfried**, Business Reference Librarian, left Old Westbury in December 2009 for opportunities elsewhere. John made many important contributions to the library and college while he was here. He was a pleasure to work with and he will be missed. Good luck, John!



## ONEONTA

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This past December, the James M. Milne Library tested remaining open 24-hours during finals week. Manned by volunteers with coffee and cookies donated by Jazzman's (our campus coffee shop in the library) we remained open a total of 108 continuous hours. The pilot program allowed access to the Library and Technology Center. The only service offered was the assistance of the volunteer on duty. Even with the limited services offered, the pilot was a huge success with an average total count of 463 people in the building between the hours of 1:00am and 8:00am for the four nights. Of the 308 patrons that took our survey, the most requested changes for the future were more coffee and research/helpdesk services. We are investigating offering both 24-hour access and more services for the spring finals.

**Andy Perry** joined the team here at Oneonta as of February 4th. As Head of the Library Technologies Department, Andy will be assisting all departments in areas of library related technologies, including ALEPH, ILLiad, LIBGuides, and anything else that may get tossed his way!

We welcome **Robin English** as our library's new evening shift supervisor. This new position will allow us to extend services offered during the day into late evening hours. As part of the Access Services Department, Robin will supervise the 7-11pm Library Support Assistants and support all evening work students. We look forward to working with Robin!

**Elise DeAndrea**, a sophomore at Keuka College, is completing an internship in the archives with Heather Beach, Acquisitions and Special Collections Librarian. Elise's major projects include processing a College Camp collection and redesigning the Special Collections webpage. In addition, her assistance with research requests is invaluable.

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**OSWEGO**

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Penfield Library has just launched a new platform for chat reference, LibraryH3lp, to replace the Meebo widget we previously used for local chat service. This change is expected to greatly improve the quality of our service. Among our favorite features are the option of multiple simultaneous librarian log-ins and the ability to transfer a question to another chat librarian. We were also able to design our web page so that when we are not available, the LibraryH3lp chat box is replaced with a link to AskUs 24/7. Check it out at <http://www.oswego.edu/library/askalibrarian!>

Penfield's Lake Effect Research Challenge was selected PRIMO "July site of the month."

**James T. Nichols** published "The 3 Directions: Situated Information Literacy" in *College and Research Libraries* 70, no. 6 (November 2009): 515-530.

Oswego will be participating in testing of IDS Search this semester.

Penfield has selected architectural firm Sasaki to create a program plan for upcoming renovations.

"Penfield has just launched Library H3lp, a new platform for chat reference."

**PLATTSBURGH**

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**Mila Su**, Associate Librarian and Access Services Coordinator, was appointed as the Faculty Athletic Representative to the NCAA for SUNY Plattsburgh by campus **President Ettl**ing.

**Holly Heller-Ross** and **Michelle Toth** presented a poster session titled "No Time for Sitting on the Bench: Lateral Leadership in Libraries" at the 2009 ACRL/NY Symposium: Emerging Leadership in Academic Libraries on Dec. 2, 2009.

Cataloger **Nancy Hoshlyk** has moved to half-time for 2010 with plans on retiring in 2011.



## POTSDAM

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In an effort to promote use of the basement group study areas **Keith Compeau** and **Dan Newton** devised a plan to make the drab stairwells more pleasant and colorful: Let the students graffiti them. The last week of the semester a "Graffiti the Library" event was held. Using a low VOC latex based spray paint (approved by the campus' Environmental Health & Safety Officer) students were able to leave a lasting mark on the library.

December was a busy month at the Crumb Memorial Library, usage was up 45% from last December and overall usage for the Fall 2009 Semester was up 20% over the same period in 2008.

During the last two weeks of the semester students snatched up 80 dozen candy canes in our annual holiday candy cane giveaway. As in the past **Keith Compeau** graciously donated the nearly 1000 candy canes that were handed out.

As of January 1st 2010, **David Trithart** has moved to part time. After nearly 37 years David has taken his first step towards retirement.

**Jane Subramanian** gave a presentation "The Norwood Brass Firemen Band's Strong Beat Since the 1870's" at the Norwood Brass Firemen's end of season dinner on October 10, 2009 in Norwood. She also taught a 2 session course titled "Laura Ingalls Wilder's Writings; Beyond the 'Little House' Books" in November 2009 for the region's SOAR Program. SOAR is sponsored locally by SUNY Potsdam and is part of the Elderhostel Institute Network. She also participated in several performing groups on flute, and she is also serving on an advisory group for New York State Archives and Records Administration's National Historical Publications and Records Commission grant for developing an E-records training program for Colleges and Universities.

The College Archives & Special Collections is preparing its run of the college student newspaper, *The Racquette*, for microfilming. The entire run from its beginning in 1927 through May 2009 will be filmed, and once the filming has been completed, Northern New York Library Network will digitize the entire run. It will become part of the Network's website Northern New York Historical Newspapers and will be keyword searchable.

In an effort to better meet the needs of our students **Dan Newton** and **Keith Compeau** have been working on a plan to reorganize study areas and collections. As a result the library will be able to accommodate more study groups and provide a quieter space for individuals seeking a quiet study area. These improvements will be completed in time for the first day of classes.



Artwork created during Potsdam's "Graffiti the Library" event.

Potsdam student creates graffiti in stairway to basement.





## PURCHASE

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**Susanne Markgren**, Digital Services Librarian, presented at three different events this past fall. The first two events were held at the Metropolitan New York Library Council (<http://www.metro.org>). On October 7th she presented at “Create an Online Portfolio: Improve Your Skills of Self Promotion.” October 14th was a panel session titled “Issues Forum: Get Published! Creating Your Own (Unconventional) Opportunities.” Then, at the NYLA Conference, on October 16th, she presented at a session titled “Polishing Your Portfolio.”

**Heather Saunders**, Art Librarian, will have a solo exhibition of her embroidery and sculpture at Gallery 1313 ([g1313.org](http://g1313.org)) in Toronto, Canada this March. She will also present “Blogging as an Artist/Librarian Hybrid” about her blog, [artistintransit.blogs.purchase.edu](http://artistintransit.blogs.purchase.edu), at the ARLIS NA conference this April in Boston.

We wanted to share with you our fond farewell to **Carlford Wadley**. Carl originally came to us as a student worker and then has been a Circulation Supervisor here at Purchase for the past few years. We have appreciated all his contributions here at the Purchase library and he will be missed. Carl has decided to go back to school. He will be attending Westchester Community College. Best of luck!

## SUNYLA 2010: AN INFORMATION ODYSSEY CALL FOR PRE-CONFERENCE & CONFERENCE SESSIONS AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Join us as we explore the ways librarians and libraries have responded to the many technological advances we’ve seen in this first decade of the 21st century. This has had a profound effect on libraries and library staff, and many have risen to the challenge, putting themselves in the forefront with innovative ways to incorporate and embrace these changes. Functions that were formerly outside the librarian’s scope of experience are now standard, from social networking to online learning.

The Program Planning Committee invites applications for participation in the 42nd Annual SUNYLA Conference, June 16-18 at The College at Brockport. Presentations (pre-conference and conference), panels, workshops, roundtables and posters may be on any topic addressing the conference theme. Please plan on submitting a proposal today!

Following the session format of past years, the 2010 Conference will offer:

- Pre-conference workshops that last anywhere from 2-3 hours
- Conference sessions for both 45-minute and 90-minute time slots

If you are interested in presenting at this year’s conference, we look forward to receiving your proposal. Proposals may be submitted via our [online form](#) or by e-mail, snail mail, or fax to one of the addresses listed below. Please include names and SUNY units for all designated participants per session.

Please refer to the “[Guidelines for the SUNYLA Annual Conference Expenses](#)” for information on expense reimbursement.

**Deadline for proposals is March 1, 2010.**

Thinking about submitting a proposal for this year’s SUNYLA Conference? Don’t wait too long, the March 1st deadline is getting close!

See the full Call for Proposals at:  
<http://sunyla2010.wordpress.com/cfp>



## STONY BROOK

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**Chris Filstrup** stepped down as Dean of Libraries at the end of November and is on sabbatical leave for one year. **Andrew White**, currently Director of the Health Sciences Library, took over as Interim Director as of December 1st. **Dan Kinney** has accepted the position of Deputy Director of the Health Sciences Library during this transitional period.

Stony Brook's Special Collections and University Archives received the 2009 Annual Archives Award for "Program Excellence in a Historical Records Repository." The Board of Regents and the New York State Archives present this award annually to an organization in the state that exemplifies excellence in an archival program. **Christine Ward**, New York State Archivist, commended Stony Brook "for its outstanding archival program that contributes significantly to understanding the region's history" and the program was lauded "for its well-organized and managed archives." The annual Archives Awards program recognizes outstanding efforts in archives and records management work in New York State by a broad range of individuals and organizations. The award was presented at a luncheon ceremony at the Cultural Education Center in Albany.

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## STONY BROOK HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY

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**Dr. Michael Bailou Huang**, Associate Librarian at the Health Sciences Library, presented "Library Associations and Their Roles" at the Library Society of China Annual Conference, November 2-5, 2009 in Nanning, China. He also delivered a presentation titled "Academic Libraries and Library Organizations in the United States: An Overview" at "Think Globally Act Globally" US-China Librarian Collaboration Project sponsored by the Ministry of Culture of P.R. China and Institute of Museum and Library Services held November 6-8, 2009 in Nanning, China. The information about the project is accessible at <http://www.library.illinois.edu/China/index.html>.

## SUNY IT

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The recent theme at SUNYIT has been personnel changes. **Daniel Schabert**, Director of Library and Learning Resources, finished his last day at the Cayan Library on December 23, 2009. He is not being replaced. **Nancy Kaiser** was named Coordinator of Library Services until the New Associate Provost is hired. **Lisa Capuana**, the Director's secretary, was transferred to the Campus Life office. **Mary Przestrzelski**, our Serials clerk, will retire on her birthday, January 29th, after forty years of service. **Barbara Grimes** was awarded permanent appointment and promoted to Associate Librarian.

The Search Committee for the new Associate Provost for Information and Learning Resources has met several times and has reviewed many applications. The new AP will lead the Library, Information Technology Services, CETL, Online Instructional Design, Online Learning, Learning Center, and Voice Communications. The new team has begun to meet and share information in order to pave the way for the new AP.



## SUNY ULSTER

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SUNY Chancellor **Nancy L. Zimpher** toured the Macdonald DeWitt Library on August 5 and met with Library Director **Kari Mack**.

During the month of September the library hosted a special exhibit of faculty publications including *Esopus* by **Karl R. and Susan B. Wicks**, *Heart of the Catskills* by **Bob Steuding** and *New York Times* best seller *Chosen by a Horse* by **Susan Richards**.

SUNY Ulster read Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* together for its inaugural "One Book, One College" Program. The library sponsored a crossword puzzle competition, created a video tour of related books in the library's collection narrated by librarian **Judy Caperso** and displayed videos from the collection of **Scott Jeune**.

In October, as part of the Artist-in-Residence program in memory of the late Macdonald DeWitt Library Director **Larry Berk, Denny Dillon**, formerly of *Saturday Night Live*, brought her company, IMPROV NATION to campus for a night of comedy.

On November 4 the Ulster Community College Foundation's Library Writers Series hosted Pulitzer Prize-winning author **Michael Cunningham** who read from his work.

Library Assistant **Bill Russell** played the role of Sidney Carlton to rave reviews in a production of the play *Inspecting Carol* at the Quimby Theater in November.

"As part of the Artist-in-Residence program Denny Dillon, formerly of Saturday Night Live, brought her company, IMPROV NATION to campus."

## WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Assistant Professor/Librarian **Catherine Ray** presented a poster session highlighting her collaboration with the Writing Tutorial at the Association of College and Research Libraries/NY Annual Symposium on December 4, 2009. The collaboration concentrates on providing citation assistance to students and tutors through Kate's regularly scheduled hours in the Writing Tutorial. In addition to providing citation assistance, Kate provides plagiarism and citation workshops for students and tutors. Both students and tutors have appreciated the increase in communication between the librarians and the Writing Tutorial.

Congratulations to Assistant Professor/Systems Librarian **Jodie Hopkins**, the 2009 recipient of the Faculty Excellence Award in Service. The award was presented by the Westchester Community College Foundation in recognition of her extraordinary service to the college and students.

In response to the growing need for food at the local food pantry, Acting Circulation Supervisor/ Instructor Librarian **Towanda Mathurin** initiated the "Food for Fines" program. During the Fall 2009 semester, the library waived fines for overdue materials in exchange for donations of non-perishable food items. In conjunction with other departments, the library collected over 500 food items that were donated to the Food Bank of Westchester.



Librarian Catherine Ray

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