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## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS AND PARTICIPATION

### "Academic Libraries Partnering With Our Communities"

ENY/ACRL Spring Conference - May 19th, 2000  
Schenectady County Community College,  
Schenectady, New York

**Topics:** The Eastern New York Chapter of the Association of College & Research Libraries spring 2000 conference will address partnerships between academic libraries and other types of libraries, organizations, or institutions. These may include, but are not limited to: museums, hospitals, special libraries, public libraries, school libraries, friends of library groups, businesses, or churches. Submissions may address, but are not limited to, partnerships in the following areas: information literacy and instruction programs, book leasing programs, consortia approval plans, outsourcing, digitization and/or preservation projects, collection development and management, diversity projects, outcomes assessment, and community outreach.

**Location:** Schenectady County Community College is located in downtown Schenectady along the Mohawk River, in the heart of the New York State Capital District. SCCC is 3 hours from New York City and Boston and four hours from Montreal. Bus and Amtrak train terminals are within easy walking distance, and Albany International Airport is 25 minutes by car or taxi.

**Requirement:** Proposals should describe substantial and original work. All proposals should include references to important sources.

**Abstract Length:** Abstracts of 350-550 words in length should be submitted for consideration. A one-paragraph abstract suitable for conference brochures should also be submitted.

**Deadline for Submissions:** January 24, 2000

**Notification of Acceptance:** February 15-18, 2000

**Format for Submissions:** All submissions should be typed or printed on one side of the paper only, with ample margins. All submissions should include a cover sheet in the following format:

Title: title of paper

Author(s): names of authors

Affiliation: affiliations of author(s)  
Contact address: full postal address of main author (for contact)  
E-mail: electronic mail address of main author and others (if any)  
FAX number: fax for main author  
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Please include your name, full mailing address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address with any inquiry. For more information about ENY/ACRL: <http://www.library.cornell.edu/okuref/acrl/acrlhome.html>

**Completed Papers:** Authors of accepted abstracts are expected to register and attend the conference. Authors will be given 30 minutes to present their work, plus 15 minutes for discussion and questions. Up to \$599 of transportation and travel expenses will be reimbursed per accepted paper.

*College & Undergraduate Libraries* (CUL) will consider all papers focused on undergraduates for publication in its March 2001 issue. For more information about CUL and its publication guidelines, go to <http://www.haworthpressinc.com>.

The call for submission and participation was posted to the following listserves:

AUTOCAT@LISTSERV.ACSU.BUFFALO.EDU  
Library Cataloging and Authorities

BI-L@LISTSERV.BYU.EDU  
Bibliographic Instruction Discussion Group

COLLIB-L@WOOSTER.EDU  
ACRL College Libraries Section

ILL-L@LISTSERV.ACNS.NWU.EDU  
Interlibrary Loan Discussion Group

JESSE@UTKVM1.UTK.EDU  
Open Library and Information Science Education Forum

IBREF-L@LISTSERV.KENT.EDU  
Discussion of Library Reference Issues

LITA-L@ALA.ORG  
Library and Information Technology Association Discussion List

MARS-L@ALA.ORG  
Machine-Assisted Reference Section of Reference and User Services of ALA

MEMBER-FORUM@ALA.ORG Listserv for ALA Members

NYLINE@UNIX10.NYSED.GOV

New York's Libraries Information Network

PACS-L@LISTSERV.UH.EDU  
Public-Access Computer Systems Forum

PUBLIB@SUNSITE.BERKELEY.EDU  
Public Libraries

SYSLIB-L@LISTSERV.ACSU.BUFFALO.EDU  
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Thanks to Kristin Strohmeier and all the members of the Program Committee for writing and distributing the call for submissions!

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## **LIBRARY PROFILE: Upstate Medical University**

As of December 6, 1999, the SUNY Health Science Center at Syracuse changed its name to Upstate Medical University, in recognition of the fact that the community had always called it "Upstate" anyway, regardless of the official name change in 1986. Upstate Medical University is one of only two SUNY schools of medicine and health professions which are not part of a general university campus - the other is located in Brooklyn.

Upstate's Health Sciences Library began in 1834 as the library of the Geneva Medical College. Geneva's most famous graduate is Elizabeth Blackwell, who in 1849 was the first woman in the world to earn an M.D. degree from a regular medical school. In 1871 the College of Medicine was transferred to Syracuse University, and in 1950 it became a SUNY institution. The library is rich in historical materials, especially the history of medicine and medical education in Central New York.

In addition to the Blackwell legacy, our campus, and specifically the library, was the site of another landmark historical event. In 1969, under the directorship of Irwin Pizer, the library instituted the world's first interactive online bibliographic retrieval system, called the SUNY Biomedical Communication Network, which evolved into the successful enterprise known as BRS - Bibliographic Retrieval Services, Inc.

In its spacious new building completed in 1995, the Health Sciences Library continues to use the latest technologies to support the clinical and educational information needs of its colleges, University Hospital, and the community. The library's Health Information Center, which opened in 1996, has as its mission to serve the information needs of patients and consumers in Central New York. For more information, visit the library's web site: <http://www.hscsyr.edu/library>

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Would you like to see your library profiled in the ENY/ACRL Newsletter? Send a one-page write-up in text or Word to Steve Black, Communications Chair, at [black@mail.strose.edu](mailto:black@mail.strose.edu).

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### **Assessing Information Literacy Instruction at Jefferson Community College**

JCC Library serves a population of 3,000 students plus the community with a collection of 55,000 books, 300 serials, and 2500 videos. The staff consists of the director, 3 reference librarians, and 3 support staff.

As the semester comes to an end, the library staff at Jefferson Community College can review the fall with satisfaction. About 110 classes have been taught this semester in the library. 45 faculty members have brought their classes for instruction, and about 20 of these have actively sought to implement information literacy competencies into their assignments. We have seen a trend toward greater faculty involvement in writing their own library assignments, and being pro-active in thinking of ways in which to enhance critical thinking in their student assignments.

The faculty is busy evaluating/surveying this procedure . The evaluation instrument was a result of last summer's "Immersion 99" conference at SUNY Plattsburgh. The Information Literacy Task Force reviewed it and revised it slightly before it went out to the faculty. It will be interesting to see the difference in student essays and products as a result of integrating information literacy competencies. It is also interesting to see how teachers evaluate the information literacy process. The result of the survey will be brought before the next Information Literacy Task Force for discussion, using a grid which explains how each course met each competency.

Evaluation of the Information Literacy General Education Goal here at Jefferson is becoming part of a bigger picture: looking critically at the other five general education goals, breaking each of them into competencies as well, and determining how well we are meeting them. As we are going toward more skill - competency based education requirements, information literacy can be well said to be the "pioneer" goal in general education. Information literacy lends itself to integration throughout the curriculum. All faculty can "own" a piece of the goals by acknowledging the critical thinking skills which are part of each competency.

This has been a truly positive experience for us here at Jefferson, especially working together with teachers and involving students in the process. A student of ours who is a great cartoonist is in the process of drawing cartoons depicting each competency. These poster sized cartoons will be on display in the bibliographic instruction room when next semester starts. Can't wait to see the reactions!

Sincerely,  
Inger Curth  
Jefferson Community College

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### **NOTES FROM THE FIELD**

#### **BROOME COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Staff News: **Andrew Lokie** is the new Director of the Learning Resources Center at Broome Community College. He came onboard in spring 1999. We eagerly welcome him!

Publications: **Lawrence Jenkins**, Coordinator of Reference Services recently wrote an article entitled, "The Information Superhighway, the Community College and the Real World: Reflections on the Impact of Technology on Reference Work," which was published in *Community and Junior College Libraries Journal*, 8.2(1999): 45-49.

## **CAPITAL DISTRICT LIBRARY COUNCIL**

**Susan D'Entremont** joined the staff of the Capital District Library Council in December. She was previously the Collection Development Archivist at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

## **COLLEGE OF SAINT ROSE**

**Peter Barvoets** and **Holbrook Sample** have joined our team as part-time librarians.

**Steve Black** contributed a chapter entitled "Obstacles to Teaching Novice Researchers how to Evaluate the Quality of World Wide Web Resources" to *Foundations in Library and Information Science*, Vol. 44.

**Katherine Moss**, Reference, Circulation & ILL Librarian, has been appointed to the Editorial Advisory Board of LEADS from LAMA. She has also joined the Capital District Library Council's Committee on Interlibrary Loan (COIL).

**Peter Osterhoudt** attended the Internet Librarian conference in San Diego in November, 1999.

**Jean Root Mahalov**, Assistant Director of the Library and College Archivist, has been elected President of the Capital Area Archivists of New York (CAA).

## **FULTON-MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

An endowment fund has been established at the Evans Library of Fulton-Montgomery Community College as a permanent memorial to the late Kenneth R. Dorn, Antiquarian Book Seller who died in September, 1998, aged 81. The fund will permanently support acquisition of book and related materials for the Kenneth R. Dorn Regional History Studies Collection. Any area Librarians who knew Mr. Dorn and wish to contribute support may contact Angela Lomanto at the F-MCC Foundation or Peter Betz at the Evans Library.

## **PACE UNIVERSITY**

**Sarah K. Burns**, Assistant University Librarian for Instructional Services, presented a Vendor Session with Tequipment, Inc. entitled "Managing Your Electronic Classroom," at the New York Library Association Annual Conference held in Buffalo, October 28th and 29th, 1999.

**Karen E.M. DeSantis** joined the Mortola Library Instructional Services Team as Instructional Services Librarian on November 1, 1999. Karen received her M.L.S. from the Palmer School of Library and Information Science, Long Island University this summer. She will work with the Instructional Services Team on the development and facilitation of library instruction, as well as leading the development of the library's web-based tutorials.

## **SIENA**

**Catherine Crohan** published "Think Globally, Collect Locally!: An Interview with James P. Danky, Editor of African-American Newspapers and Periodicals" in *MultiCultural Review*, v.8, n.3, September 1999, pp. 48-51. Catherine Crohan was also a speaker at the Autumn 1999 Meeting of the Hudson-Mohawk Library Association, October 22, 1999, on the topic "The History of Detective Fiction".

## **SKIDMORE**

Proszynski & Co. Publishing House has just published *Poprawka z Natury. Biologia, Kultura, Seks* (approximate translation - "Nature Revisited: Biology, Culture, Sex") written by **Kris Szymborski**, Associate Professor and Science

Librarian. It is a collection of essays and commentaries on various aspects of human nature and condition (ethics, intelligence, emotional intelligence, love, infidelity, disgust, laughter and humor etc.), as well as current events (O.J. Simpson trial, President Clinton's romantic/legal ordeals, the cloning of the sheep, Dolly). The topics are all linked by the common thread of an evolutionary psychological perspective. Kris' ambition was to show that science can be fun!

**Susan Zappen**, Associate Librarian and Head of Technical Services, presented a paper, "The Serials Manager as Negotiator," at the 19th Annual Charleston Conference Pre-Conference, "Serials Management: the Next Generation", on November 3, 1999. Susan also moderated the Capital District Library Council's Coordinated Collection Development Fall Regional Meeting, "Library Services for Distance Learners: Every Library's Concern", on November 8, 1999.

## SUNY-ONEONTA

**Janet Potter**, Associate Provost, Library and Information Services, is the author of an entry in the *Oxford Companion to Crime and Mystery Writing* edited by Rosemary Herbert and recently published by Oxford University Press. Her entry, "The Library Milieu," describes ways libraries have been used as settings for murder and mayhem in mystery writing.

**Kay Benjamin**, Associate Librarian, presented a workshop entitled, "Beyond Yahoo: Using the Internet for Reference" for the South Central Research Library Council in October.

**Christine Bulson**, Librarian, president of the Board of Trustees of South Central Research Library Council, conducted the Annual Meeting of the Council at the National Baseball Hall of Fame Library in Cooperstown, NY on October 8, 1999.

Milne Library celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of the move to the "new" Milne Library on November 16. There was a reception in the lobby of the library with displays, exhibits and a special issue of the library newsletter "Grist from the Milne".

## SUNY-OSWEGO

**Deborah Curry** has received Continuing Appointment. She has also received a UUP grant to attend the 2nd International and National Conference on Black Women in the Academy at Howard University to participate in a roundtable on mentoring. Ms. Curry presented a paper at the 31st Annual Conference of the African Heritage Studies Association at Cornell University in October on the "Digitization of Primary Resources: Pan African Scholarship."

**Nancy Seale Osborne**, retired, has published *Crazy Quilt: Funky Small Town Texas and Pieces of Life*, published by Hale Mary Press, ISBN 096434775x.

**Barbara Shaffer** has joined the team of librarians at Penfield Library. We welcome Barbara. She will have responsibilities in the areas of Instruction, Education, and Reference, and will be Gifts librarian.

**Natalie Sturr** was re-elected to a 2-year term as chair of the college's Campus Technology Advisory Board. The 70-member Board represents all users on campus. Through its 6 sub-committees, the Board assists and advises the computing, networking and telecommunication offices on campus. Ms. Sturr was also appointed to the SUNY Connect LMS Planning Team.

**Edward Vermue** completed a six-week internship in the Preservation Department of Olin Library at Cornell University in September.

A new listserv primarily for cataloging librarians and staff in New York State is being hosted at SUNY Oswego. To subscribe to **NYCat-l**:

- send email to [majordomo@oswego.edu](mailto:majordomo@oswego.edu)
- leave the Subject: line blank, i.e. no subject

- in the body of the message, type:
- subscribe NYCat-1

## SUNY-PLATTSBURGH

**Patty Bentley** is 1999-2000 Chair of the UUP Legislation Committee, responsible for preparing the legislative agenda for UUP (23,000 Academics and Professionals in SUNY) and representing the members' interests in weekly visits to the Capitol. Patty is also the UUP team Convenor for the Joint Labor Management Committee on Professional Development, which sets the campus and chapter allocations, guidelines for distribution and management of individual professional development awards, and reviews campus grants for PD funds.

**Michelle Toth** and **Carla List** have received Professional Development Grants from the North Country 3Rs. Michelle attended a conference on information literacy held in Iowa City, IA, in November. Carla will attend ALA Midwinter in San Antonio, TX.

## SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

**Lesley Pease** became Head, Maps and Government Information Department on October 1, 1999. She had served as acting head since May and had previously been Electronic Reference Services Librarian in the Information Services Department.

**Yuming Tung** joined the Library on November 9, 1999 as Head, Information Systems Department. Yuming has an MLS and an MS in computer science, both from Syracuse University. He previously was manager of networks and systems at Le Moyne College.

Programs and services: On Thursday, October 29, **Don Waters**, program officer for scholarly communications of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, gave a presentation entitled "Preserving Digital Information: Recent Developments in Archiving."

## UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY

**Carol Anderson** received the NYLA/ASLS "Spirit of Librarianship" Award at the NYLA inaugural banquet in October 1999. Carol is currently (1999-2000) President of LAMA, the Library Administration and Management Association, a division of the American Library Association.

**Deborah Bernnard** and **Yolanda Hollingsworth** have published "Teaching Web-Based Full-Text Databases: New Concepts from New Technology" in *Reference and User Services Quarterly* 39 (1) Fall 1999.

**Meredith Butler** served as a reader and a discussant on September 28, 1999 at the Book House in Albany for Banned Book Week, which was sponsored by the local Chapter of the New York ACLU. She has been appointed to the Chapter's Board of Directors for a three-year term.

**Laura Cohen** and **Trudi Jacobson** co-authored an article, "Choosing Tools to Search the Web" in *The Teaching Professor*, November 1999.

**Timothy Gatti** has been appointed as the head of Database Maintenance, Processing and Binding Department effective December 2.

**Anna Radkowski-Lee** is the interim Director of Library Personnel.

**Katia Roberto** started on November 12 as the new Monograph Cataloger.

The New Library at the University at Albany opened in September. Governor Pataki and other dignitaries were on hand for the ribbon-cutting ceremony on October 19, 1999. The New Library Building includes The Science Library, the M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, the Preservation and Digital Imaging Laboratory,

the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, the Instruction Technology Center, and storage.

## **VASSAR**

In June 1999, **Nancy MacKechnie**, curator of rare books and manuscripts, was recertified as an archivist by the Academy of Certified Archivists.

## **Library Liaison Reports**

**Deadline** for submission of news for the Spring Issue is **April 10**

Reports may include:

- People: appointments, promotions, resignations, professional activities, presentations, publications, or other accomplishments
- Programs and Services: new programs, expanded services, unusual happenings

Send liaison news reports to:

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Note: E-mail is the preferred way to submit items. My preference is for plain text with minimal formatting (e.g. returns only when really necessary), but I'm not picky.

Guidelines:

- News received after the stated deadline may not make the upcoming issue
- News must be from the designated liaison
- Items may be edited at the Communication Chair's discretion

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