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President's Letter

February 4, 2001

Dear Member,

Greetings and Happy New Year! I have a rather diverse group of information/activities to share with you in this letter. Let me begin with a brief report on ACRL Chapters Council.

Suzy Szasz Palmer and I attended the ACRL Chapters Council Meeting at the ALA Midwinter Meeting on Sunday, January 14th in Washington, D.C. It was a very informative meeting with much of the discussion concentrating on incorporation. One area that continues to trouble Suzy and I is incorporation insurance. I would like to ask ACRL to investigate a national insurance policy, to which ENY/ACRL and other incorporated chapters might contribute, assuming this would be a more economical way of achieving our goal.

ACRL has requested 3 consecutive years worth of representation from a chapter officer at Chapter Council meetings to ensure continuity and provide institutional history. The ENY/ACRL Board will be discussing this possibility at its March 20th Board meeting. One idea is to amend the Officer handbook to include the office of Past President as a representative at Chapters Council to achieve this level of continuity. This recommendation would also provide for more consistent attendance at the meetings. As it now stands the newly elected Vice President has the option of attending the meetings, but often the person elected to the office of Vice President has insufficient time to plan to attend the meeting.

The Board will also be discussing at its March 20th meeting the possibility of going to an electronic conference brochure. We currently disseminate the brochure in print as well as electronic via the ENY/ACRL web site and listserv. We could save printing and postage costs if we decide to use just the electronic conference brochure. If you have questions or comments on this proposal or the one regarding Chapter Council representation, please contact any member of the Board or post your comments/questions to the ENY/ARCL listserv before March 20th.

The Spring ENY/ACRL program titled "Tomorrow's Librarians: You Can Get There From Here" is developing well under the competent and efficient leadership of Suzy Szasz Palmer and her hard working program committee. Our

featured speakers will include Althea Jenkins, ACRL Executive Director, and Michael Gorman, author of **Our Enduring Values: Librarianship in the 21st Century** and with co-author, Walt Crawford, **Future Libraries: Dreams, Madness & Reality**. I invite you to attend the spring conference at LeMoyne College in Syracuse, NY on Monday, May 21, 2001, and enjoy another one of ENY/ACRL's superb educational and network enhancing events.

On a related note, I have started to put together some information on the history of ENY/ACRL. It seems that ENY/ACRL turned 25 in 2000. In honor of the occasion we hope to make note of this milestone at our spring conference. I would also like to ask that members, who have a greater memory than mine, please share any pertinent information or anecdotes on the founding of ENY/ACRL either on the ENY/ACRL listserv or contact me directly, Barbara Norelli, by phone at 518.580.5513 or email bnorelli@skidmore.edu.

ENY/ACRL is a vital organization with a healthy bank account. Take a look for yourself. Susan Zappen, treasurer, has posted the [annual fiscal report](#) on the ENY/ACRL web site, <http://www.enyacrl.org>. Once Terry Ronning, Past President, completes the business of achieving federal and state tax exempt status for ENY/ACRL, we hope to move more of the organization's funds into a certificate of deposit.

We are in need of committee members. Please volunteer to serve on a committee or run for office. The program committee is especially in need of new members. On the program committee you work with a great group of people and help select the speakers and topics for the semiannual conference. If you want to be president of ENY/ACRL, the program committee has a good track record of producing presidents. Please contact Suzy Szasz Palmer if you would like to join the program committee, by telephone at 607.255.3530 or email at sms5@cornell.edu. Members of the Board are always eager to hear from members interested in appointment to a committee or willing to run for office, please let us know your desire to participate.

Please consider hosting the fall 2001 ENY/ACRL conference. One way that ENY/ACRL has been able to offer modestly priced conference registration is its reliance on member institutions to host the semiannual conference. It would be extremely helpful if we could determine our fall 2001 conference location prior to the spring conference. This would allow for notification to the membership at the spring meeting as well as give the program committee the lead time it needs to plan a conference. If you would like to host the fall 2001 conference please contact me, Barbara Norelli, by phone at 518.580.5513 or email bnorelli@skidmore.edu.

It has been reported that the groundhog has seen his shadow and predicts 6 more weeks of winter, but it will not be long before it is time to register for the spring conference and vote in the ENY/ACRL election. As you can see there are many ways you can actively participate in ENY/ACRL and I challenge you to do so.

Hope to see you in Syracuse at the conference and perhaps the pre-conference dinner.

Sincerely,

Barbara Norelli

President, ENY/ACRL

ENY/ACRL LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

NOMINATION DEADLINE, **March 15, 2001**

Help us honor a deserving colleague. Do you know someone who is an outstanding member of the chapter and whose contributions have benefited the chapter and our profession? We are currently seeking nominations for the annual ENY/ACRL Librarian of the Year Award. The Librarian of the Year Award is in recognition of an ENY/ACRL member who has exhibited a dedication to fulfilling the ACRL mission and furthering the goals and objectives of ACRL and ENY/ACRL in particular. The award includes a plaque and a \$250 honorarium, which will be presented to this year's winner at ENY/ACRL's spring conference on May 21, 2001 at LeMoyne College in Syracuse, NY.

Previous ENY/ACRL Librarian of the Year Award recipients are:

- Mary Alice Lynch, 1994
- Janice Newkirk, 1995
- Elaine Coppola, 1996
- Carla List, 1997
- Gillian McCombs, 1998
- Cerise Oberman, 1999
- Michael Engle, 2000

ENY/ACRL covers a wide geographic region and the Nominations Committee relies on suggestions from members for this important award. Please take a few moments to consider nominating a colleague. The nomination form is available on the ENY/ACRL website{ <http://www.enyacrl.org> }as well as in this issue of the Newsletter. Completed Nomination forms should be sent to the Nominations Committee by March 15, 2001.

Barbara Norelli
ENY/ACRL President

EASTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE AND RESEARCH LIBRARIES NOMINATION FORM:

LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Nominee

Name: _____

Current Position: _____

Work Address: _____

Work Telephone: _____

Statement of Nomination:

Please list or describe, using extra sheets as necessary, noteworthy contributions of the nominee that you feel would make her/him a worthy recipient of the ENY/ACRL Librarian of the Year Award for 2001. Your comments may address, but are not limited to, the following areas:

- Service in professional associations, committees, etc.
- Innovation and creativity in library services
- Contribution to the literature of librarianship
- Other factors such as excellence in teaching or consistent dedication to the needs of ENY/ACRL's college and research libraries and their patrons.

If possible, please obtain and submit a vita or resume for the nominee to assist the Awards Committee in the screening process.

Nominator: _____

Work Address: _____

Work Telephone: _____

Please return this form and attachments by March 15, 2001 to:

Teresa Ronning
 Library Director
 Scoville Learning Center
 Adirondack Community College
 Bay Road
 Queensbury, NY 12804
 email: ronningt@acc.sunyacc.edu
 phone: 518 732-2261

Run for an ENY/ACRL Office!

Needed:

Several energetic volunteers willing to share their time and talents by running for office and serving on the Board of Directors for the next couple of years. Salary - None. Benefits - Immeasurable rewards in professional networking; the stimulation of working with talented and dedicated librarians from throughout the region; opportunities for leadership development, mentoring, and being mentored; and just plain fun. With the exception of the President-Elect, who serves for three years, these positions are two year commitments. The Board of Directors generally meets four times per year. Council members also play important roles at the fall and spring conferences.

Program Committee Chair/Vice-President/President-Elect:

Year One - Oversees the planning process for the fall and spring conferences. Convenes meetings of the program committee as necessary (generally 4 times per year) to develop conference themes, locate host institutions, contact speakers, prepare publicity, and related duties. Prepares conference budget. May represent chapter at the ACRL Chapters Council Meeting at ALA (midwinter and summer). **Year Two** - Serves as official spokesperson for the chapter and as chair of the Board of Directors. Represents (or designates someone to represent) chapter at the ACRL Chapters Council meetings at ALA midwinter and annual conferences. **Year Three** - Solicits nominations and conducts elections for chapter officers, and serves as Chair of the Librarian of the Year Award Selection Committee.

Requirements: prior experience on the Program Committee desirable; experience in planning a large wedding or small scale invasion are acceptable substitutes. Must be a member of ALA and ACRL during vice-presidency and presidency. Note: Travel costs to ALA annual and midwinter meetings are partially funded by the Chapter.

Secretary:

Responsible for preparing notes and distributing minutes of Board of Directors and Chapter business meetings. Also maintains current Chapter records, including the Officers' Handbook.

Requirements: Previous experience as a stenographer or court reporter a plus. Assertive personality and ability to insist that a conclusion to a discussion be reached and duly recorded a must.

Communications Chair:

Promotes communication among Chapter members and with other regional or national organizations, or appropriate individuals. Primary responsibility is the production of three issues per year of the Chapter's newsletter and maintenance of the chapter web site.

Requirements: Ability to enforce deadlines; military background preferred. Willingness to ask the same person for the same information in enough different ways to elicit the response, "Oh, you need an newsletter article from me THIS week."

Contact information:

If you are interested in serving on the Council, or if you would like to nominate someone, please contact Teresa Ronning, Past President/Nominations Chair, Adirondack Community College, 640 Bay Road, Queensbury, NY 12804, (518) 743-2260, ext. 261, ronningt@acc.sunyacc.edu.

ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE AND RESEARCH LIBRARIES

EASTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER, INC

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT 2000

\$24,553.87 BEGINNING BALANCE on 1/1/00 (Includes \$350 Newkirk Funds)

INCOME

\$ 3,120.50 Membership Dues (99@ \$12, 128@ \$15, 1@ \$12.50)

\$ 6,545.00 Conference Registrations (63@ \$45, 122@ \$30, 5@ \$10)

\$ 3,100.00 Vendor Support

\$ 227.00 ALA Chapter Reimbursement

\$ 105.12 Checking Account Interest

\$13,097.62 TOTAL

EXPENDITURES

\$ 4,304.89 Spring and Fall Conferences

\$ 1,579.90 ALA Travel for President and Vice President

\$ 1,403.95 Awards (Newkirk, Librarian of the Year, Drawings)

\$ 890.17 Membership (Directory and Mailings)

\$ 320.35 Incorporation

\$ 223.53 Communications (Newsletter and Website)

\$ 75.08 Board Member Election

\$ 8,797.87 TOTAL

\$28,853.62 ENDING BALANCE on 12/31/00

JANICE GRAHAM NEWKIRK RESEARCH FUND**EASTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER, INC****ANNUAL REPORT 2000**

\$16,136.30 BEGINNING BALANCE on 1/1/00 (Includes \$350 in ENY/ACRL checking account)

INCOME

\$ 955.69 Interest from CD

\$1,000.00 Check from Newkirk Industries

\$1,955.69 TOTAL

EXPENDITURES

\$ 350.00 Newkirk Award

\$ 350.00 TOTAL

\$17,741.99 ENDING BALANCE on 12/31/00

NOTE:

Because two Newkirk Awards were given in 2000, the Newkirk fund owes the ENY/ACRL account \$350 (ENY/ACRL contributes \$150 to the \$500 Newkirk Award)

Report of Research Project Funded by the Janice Graham Newkirk Award

Thanks to the Janice Graham Newkirk Fund Award, Steve Black led a research project to explore the current level of information literacy among undergraduate students at the College of Saint Rose in Albany, NY. A brief summary of the findings appears below. The full report (including the assessment instrument) is available at <http://www.strose.edu/Library/bi/infolitres.htm> .

Summary of findings:

- 100 undergraduate volunteers took an 18-item assessment of their information literacy skills from late October through early December, 2000.
- The average score was 11 out of 18 (61%) correct responses.
- The average scores of freshmen (60.1%), sophomores (62.1%), juniors (61.3%), and seniors (63.6%) were not significantly different.
- Based on the assessment, at least 80% of the participants knew:
 - That librarians at the College of Saint Rose create the Library's web site
 - What Interlibrary Loan is, and how to make an ILL request
 - The definition of copyright
 - To check the accuracy of a web page by comparing it with other information
 - How to find the call number for a book
 - How to find the e-mail address for the reference desk

- Based on the assessment, less than 50% of the participants knew:
 - That the tool used to find the location of books is the "online catalog"
 - To look in the Reader's Guide for a citation to a magazine article published in the 1940's
 - To use WorldCat to identify books outside the library's collection
 - To look in an encyclopedia, almanac, or dictionary for a specific question about copyright

Questions or comments should be sent to Steve Black at black@mail.strose.edu.

Notes from the Field Winter 2001

Capital District Library Council

Christine Algee Walker joined the Capital District Library Council on Jan. 1st. as Assistant Director. Chris was previously Assistant Director for Administrative Services at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Jim Mancuso left the Council in October for a new position as Assistant Library Director for the NE Campus, Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in Schenectady.

Michelle Moorhead left the Council in January for a new position as Library Systems Database Administrator for the SUNY Office of Library and Information Services.

Carol Wait, CDLC Serials Librarian, has retired after 27 years with the Council.

Innovative Interfaces, Inc. (III) has installed a test version of CDLC's partial union catalog. This catalog represents the collections of 100 libraries in the region whose catalogs have not yet been available on the WWW. The Union List of Serials will be added this fall, and soon these two databases will be available through CaDiLaC Online.

Colgate University

The **Fund for Innovation in Teaching** (FIT) has given additional support to the University Libraries to augment its instructional staff. As part of this initiative, we are delighted to welcome **Judy Busch** who will serve part-time as an instruction librarian. Judy holds a BA from Muhlenberg College and an MLS from the University of Iowa. For the last twenty years she has directed the Norwich High School Library Program where she developed an interdisciplinary curriculum focusing on the development of research skills. Her numerous professional activities have included chairing the Advisory Council of the Delaware-Chenango-Madison BOCES School Library System and the Norwich High School Middle States Evaluation. She has also conducted workshops and given presentations on information literacy standards statewide.

Mary Jane Petrowski, Head of Library Instruction, and Prof. Kira Stevens of the History Dept. received another FIT grant for "Redesigning Craft of History 200-Level: Integrating Historiography with Technology and Information Literacy". Students in a new spring semester environmental history course will gain experience using secondary and primary sources (both at Colgate and at SUNY Albany), evaluating web sites, census data, and other types of local records.

Recent publications:

Mary Jane Petrowski, David Baird, Karen Leach, and Judy Noyes, "Building a Successful Collaboration: Colgate University's Collaboration for Enhanced Learning," *College & Research Libraries News*, 61(1), December 2000: 1003-1005. Abstract: Describes new partnership between information technologists and librarians committed to helping faculty develop more creative approaches to using technology for teaching and learning.

Mary Jane Petrowski, "Creativity Research: Implications for Teaching, Learning, and Thinking," *RSR: Reference*

Services Review 28(4) (2000): 304-312. Abstract: This paper highlights findings from a variety of research approaches (including psychometrics, cognitive psychology, historiometrics, biology, and contextual studies) with relevance to teaching and learning. Special emphasis is placed on ways to frame research as a creative endeavor. This paper was delivered as the keynote address at the 2000 LOEX of the West Conference in Bozeman, Montana, June 6, 2000.

Deborah Huerta [Science Librarian] and **Victoria E. McMillan**. "Collaborative Instruction by Writing and Library Faculty: A Two-Tiered Approach to the Teaching of Scientific Writing," *Issues in Science and Technology Librarianship*, Vol. 28, Fall 2000. 7 pages. Available online at: <http://www.library.ucsb.edu/istl/00-fall/article1.html>.

Soja, C. M. and **Huerta, D.** 2000. "Debating Whether Dinosaurs Should be Cloned from Ancient DNA to Promote Cooperative Learning in an Introductory Evolution Course." Paper accepted for publication in the *Journal of Geological Education*. (In press.)

Soja, Constance M. and **Deborah Huerta**. 2000. Should dinosaurs be "cloned" from ancient DNA? National Center for Case Study Teaching in Science. State University of New York at Buffalo. Available online at: <http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/projects/cases/dinodna.html>.

Soja, Constance M. and **Deborah Huerta**. 2000. Case Teaching Notes for "Should dinosaurs be 'cloned' from ancient DNA?" National Center for Case Study Teaching in Science. State University of New York at Buffalo. Available online at: http://ublib.buffalo.edu/libraries/projects/cases/dinodna_notes.html.

Dutchess Community College

We have moved to our new facilities on the second and third floors of Hudson Hall! The new library has doubled our size and features IBM NetVista computers, with word processing available on select computers, and two electronic classrooms for online instruction on the use of library resources. The building's bright open spaces encourage studying, research and leisure reading alike. Our vacated building will be remodeled into offices to get all student services in one building. Come visit us this spring when all the details in our new facility will be finished.

Mary Van Ornum, our part time Microforms clerk, is leaving us for a full time job at Vassar College. We wish Mary all the best, thought she will be sorely missed!

Tom Trinchera published "Faculty: The Hidden Problem Patron." *The U*N*A*B*A*S*H*E*DTM Librarian*, Number 116 (2000) : 19-22.

New York State Library

Elizabeth Duncan, former Head of Technical Services at Schaffer Law Library of Albany Law School, is the new Principal Librarian for Collection Acquisition and Processing.

Jean Hargrave, who has been on temporary assignment to the Regents Commission on Library Services, now heads the State Library's Administration Unit.

Cathy Sagendorf, Senior Librarian in Government Documents, has been promoted to Associate Librarian for Government Documents.

Kathi Stanley, formerly a Senior Librarian in Interlibrary Loan, is now the Associate Librarian for Manuscripts/Special Collections.

Programs and Services

--"New Century Libraries", the Regents Legislative and Budget Initiative for Fiscal Year 2001-2002, includes a

proposal for \$5.1 million annually to increase New Yorkers' access to the resources of the state's academic, special and research libraries. The proposal includes provisions for shared access, preservation, digitization, and technology projects; expanded medical information programs; a special academic component of NOVEL (the New York Online Virtual Electronic Library); and accelerated maintenance and preservation programs for unique and fragile library materials.

To see the fact sheets for the entire "New Century Libraries" program, visit <http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/library/fs/index.html>.

--The New York State Library's Manuscripts/Special Collections unit and the State Archives have moved their public research facility from the eleventh floor to the third floor of the Cultural Education Center (CEC). The relocation will facilitate a \$7.5 million renovation of the eleventh floor of the CEC, to be completed in 2003. Some materials in the collections have been moved to less accessible locations in order to prepare for the renovation of the Cultural Education Center. For information on the availability of the Manuscripts/Special Collections materials, please contact

New York State Library, Manuscripts/Special Collections, Cultural Education Center Room 3041, Albany, NY 12230; phone (518) 474-4461; e-mail mscolls@mail.nysed.gov.

Sage Colleges

Sharon Phillips, Access Services Librarian at Sage since 1993, has taken a new position as Youth Services Librarian for the New York State Talking Book and Braille Library beginning in January 2001.

Aggie Stillman, Reference Librarian and Archivist, is on sabbatical in the Spring of 2001. She is writing a report on the history of the Physical Education Major (1929-1994) and the Intercollegiate Athletics Program (1971-present) at Russell Sage College and will be processing the records of the Department for the Archives.

SUNY-Oswego

Tom Larson has been appointed to a two year term with NYLINK's Electronic Resources Advisory Group.

Jim Nichols has joined out library faculty as the Assistant Head of Library Instruction and Distance Education Librarian. Jim is currently completing his dissertation on Information Literacy, at Indiana University.

Elizabeth Young had two publications for Fall 2000:

"Free Scholarly Electronic Journals: What Access Do College and University Libraries Provide?" *College & Research Libraries*, November 2000: vol.61, no. 6 (with Michael Fosmire, PurdueUniversity)

"Free Scholarly Electronic Journals: An Annotated Webliography" *Issues in Science and Technology Librarianship*, Fall 2000. (With Michael Fosmire) Available online: <http://www.library.ucsb.edu/ist/00-fall/>

Elizabeth Young was also the recipient of three grants this summer: SUNYLA Professional Development, PDQWL and North Country 3R's Council, enabling her to attend the ALA Annual Conference 2000 in Chicago.

Elizabeth Young presented a poster session at the ALA Annual Conference 2000 in Chicago: "The Coming of Age of Free Scholarly Electronic Journals?" in collaboration with former SUNY librarian Michael Fosmire. This session was very well attended and many requests were made for follow-up on this study.

State University of New York at Oswego has two job openings:

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.

Webmaster Librarian (Search Reopened)

This position reports to the Systems Librarian and coordinates design, development and maintenance of Penfield Library's extensive and growing Internet web site. Working with other library staff, the Webmaster will be responsible for coordinating continual updating and upgrading of web site content; providing expertise and support for library staff developing web-based instruction; and developing and implementing a regular program to test use and effectiveness of the library's web presence. This position will actively participate in planning, development, and implementation of library automated systems. Includes reference, library instruction, collection development and participation in the night/weekend reference desk schedule.

Required qualifications: MLS from an ALA accredited institution; good working knowledge of HTML, graphic software and design; experience in web site development and maintenance; skill in formatting information for ease of access, including ADA compliance; and knowledge of DOS/Windows. We seek candidates with excellent communication skills and demonstrated ability to work collaboratively and effectively with colleagues and the general faculty. Candidates should have a strong commitment to responsive and innovative service; the ability to balance varied responsibilities; and work effectively in a demanding and rapidly changing technological environment.

Preferred qualifications: experience working with computer applications and operating systems; basic knowledge of UNIX; academic reference and teaching/training experience; and leadership ability. The position is a 12-month, tenure-track position with faculty status at Assistant or Senior Assistant Rank. Candidates must demonstrate the ability to meet the College's requirements for promotion and tenure.

Minimum salary \$32,500, depending on qualifications. Excellent benefits. Position available immediately.

Oswego State University is a comprehensive institution of 8,000 students, offering 60 undergraduate and graduate programs including graduate degrees in business, education and liberal arts. It is located on the beautiful southeastern shore of Lake Ontario and is one of 64 institutions within the State University of New York (SUNY) system. The library's web site is <http://www.oswego.edu/library>.

Application review will begin January 22, 2001 and continue until position is filled. Send letter of application, resume, transcripts, and names and addresses of three professional references to:

Mary Beth Bell, Library Director, Penfield Library, Oswego State University, Oswego, New York 13126

Oswego State University is an Affirmative Action Employer

SUNY-Cortland

Robert Weiner, Technical Services Librarian, left SUCC and starts a new position at the Supreme Court Library in Utica, NY, October 2000.

Charles Bernholz came from New Mexico to take the Collections Librarian position in June 2000.

Lauren Stiles, Coordinator, Public Services retires in December 2000.

SUNY-Plattsburgh

Holly Heller-Ross received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship for 2001. Holly is the Coordinator of the Instruction Services Unit and is also Feinberg Library's distance education librarian.

"Objectives for Information Literacy Instruction: A Model Statement for Academic Librarians" is the new "Model Statement" to replace the 1987 version. **Carla List** serves as Chair of the Instruction Section Task Force for the Revision of the Model Statement, and her committee received word that their document was approved by the ACRL Board of Directors at ALA Midwinter. The new Model Statement will be printed in an upcoming issue of *College & Research Libraries News*. Carla will be speaking on the new Model Statement at the New Jersey Library Association conference in Atlantic City in early May.

Wayne Miller, Special Collections librarian reports that Feinberg Library's Special Collections, as a consortial partner with the NC Teacher Resource Center as Lead agency, is part of a grant from the NYS Archives. The project is digitizing historical local government records and developing elementary and high school lesson plans based on those documents. A major thrust of the lesson plans will be the inclusion of DBQ's (document based questions). Among the subjects being dealt with are slavery and emancipation, early methods of supporting local government including school, and interesting local laws of the 19th century. An example of the last category is a Plattsburgh bylaw penalizing citizens who let their geese run loose resulting in damage or disruption.

Debra Kimok is filling a temporary vacancy for the 2000-2001 academic year. Debra received her MLS from UBuffalo where she also served as a graduate assistant in the Business and Government Documents Department of Lockwood Library. Debra has an interest in archives and completed an internship in our own Special Collections and at the Clinton County Historical Museum as well as an internship at the UB Archives and also at Buffalo and Erie County Public Library Special Collections before coming to Plattsburgh State.

Vivien E. Zazzau has been appointed Resident Minority Librarian, a two-year appointment with a focus on information literacy.

Carla Hendrix has been appointed to SliCAT as the four-year college representative for a two-year term. She is also serving on a campus Task Force on the New Student Academic Experience that is chaired by the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Nancy Hoshlyk has been named to the eight-member SUNYConnect LMS Data Management Work Group. She has a two-year appointment.

Ravil Veli has agreed to serve as Assistant Editor for a new ACRL electronic publication, *InPrint*.

Feinberg Library lost 70 years of library experience with the retirements of two classified personnel: **Linda Stiles**, Library Clerk III, Bibliographic Control, 35 years; and **Judy Sorrell**, Library Clerk II, Acquisitions, 35 years.

Michael Miranda began in January to serve as Plattsburgh State's acting Academic Coordinator for Intercollegiate Athletics.

Syracuse University

Peter Graham, University Librarian, joined the board of directors of the Research Libraries Group at the 86th annual meeting held in Washington, D.C. in September.

Peter Verheyen, Department of Special Collections, had work displayed in three exhibitions this fall. Two copies of 26 Words were displayed in the Millennial Biennial organized by the Columbia College Center for Book and Paper Arts in Chicago. Another copy of the same text will be traveling in the Guild of Book Workers exhibition. Peter also had a solo exhibition of his past and recent works at the Utica College Library from September 18 through October 20, accompanied by a talk on September 26.

Natasha A. Cooper assumed the position of Reference Librarian at E.S. Bird Library on October 2. Tasha was formerly Reference and Education Services Librarian at the Penn State College of Medicine in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Carol Vidali was recently awarded a travel grant to attend the annual meeting of the New York State/Ontario Chapter of the Music Library Association in Ithaca, New York.

Lisa Moeckel, Head of Research and Information Services Division at E.S. Bird Library has been named to the professional development committee of the Reference & User Services Association (RUSA), a division of the American Library Association.

Sarah Theimer was recently named to the CLRC (The Central New York Library Resources Council) Legislative Committee.

George Abbott, Head of Media Services, recently served on the Judging Committee for the National Press Foundation Online Award. The committee is charged with recognizing an exemplary web site in the field of journalism.

Elizabeth Wallace, Earth Sciences Librarian and Publications Manager for the Geoscience Information Society, attended the Society's annual meeting in Reno, Nevada where she served as chair of an ad hoc committee on publications.

Wendy Bousfield, Librarian in the Reference Department at E.S. Bird Library was elected secretary of the Science Fiction Research Association.

Janet Pease will serve as Acting Head of the Science and Technology Libraries, effective January, 2001. Janet has been with the Syracuse University Library since 1994.

Lesley Pease of the Maps and Government Information Department was awarded an \$11,000 grant from the Syracuse University Vision Fund to provide GIS (Geographic Information Systems) training.

Terrance Keenan of the Department of Special Collections presented a gallery talk in conjunction with The Legacy of Lettering exhibition in the Lowe Art Gallery.

Bonnie Ryan of the Reference Department presented a paper at the annual conference of the Society of Historical Archaeology in Long Beach, CA. The paper was entitled: "Through a Glass Darkly: Glass Analysis at the Harriet Tubman Home." The presentation was a culmination of her master's work at the Harriet Tubman home in Auburn, NY.

Kelly Hovendick of the Reference Department has been asked to moderate the panel session "Critical Thinking in Interdisciplinary Instruction: Strategies from Women's Studies" at the ACRL National Conference in Denver. Kelly has also been named the recipient of the ACRL 2001 National Conference scholarship.

Elizabeth Wallace, Earth Sciences Librarian was promoted from Senior Assistant Librarian to Associate Librarian.

Suzanne Preate, Information Services Librarian, was promoted from Assistant Librarian to Senior Assistant Librarian.

Peter Graham attended the Preservation 2000 conference sponsored by JISC and RLG, in York, England. Peter

chaired the session on authentication and integrity.

Elaine Coppola, Tasha Cooper, and Janet Pease are coordinating SUL's involvement with Pilot 3 of the Library of Congress Collaborative Digital Reference Project (CDRS). See <http://www.loc.gov/rr/digiref/> for more information.

George Abbott, Head of Media Services, was notified by UNESCO that a link to the (SUL) Television History Archive web site has been included on the UNESCO Archives Portal web site under the Audiovisual archives section. See http://www.unesco.org/webworld/portal_archives/Archives/.

The **Bibliographic Services Division** has been selected by the Library of Congress to be an in-depth tester for the special pilot program Classification Web. The pilot test is being conducted by the Library of Congress Cataloging Distribution Service (CDS) to gauge interest by the outside library community in Web delivery of LC classification data. See <http://www.lccweb.net/> for more information.

Pamela Whiteley McLaughlin was appointed Interim Head of the Library's new Access and Digital Services Division in October. The new division, which includes Media Services, Interlibrary Loan, Document Delivery, and Reserves, will also focus on new digital initiatives.

Retirements:

Carol Parke, Associate University Librarian for Public Services

Carl F. Braun, Management, Business, and Economics Librarian

Edward J. Goodman, Education, Exercise Science, and Sociology Librarian

Lee Murray, Head of the Science and Technology Library

Tompkins Cortland Community College

Tompkins Cortland Community College has been selected as one of the pilot sites for SUNY's new library management system, ALEPH 500. Librarians **Linda Frank** and **David Lewis** and Senior Clerk for Technical Services **Steve Massey-Crouch** have been attending extensive training sessions. After TC3's implementation is complete in May our staff will be helping other SUNY campuses with their implementations.

Ann Sullivan traveled to Paris in November to present a paper entitled "Contrasting Cultures; the Impact of Refugees upon a Small Community College" at the Second Colloquium on Exiles and Refugees in the United States. Sponsored by the Institute for the Study of North America, the Colloquium was held at the University of Paris VII.

In January **Barbara Kobritz** delivered an address, "The Emerging Role of the Instruction Librarian," to members of the Rochester Regional Library Council and their guests. The occasion was a kick-off event for a grant the Council received from LSTA to work on the integration of information literacy in their region among public, school and academic libraries.

University at Albany

Arrivals and Departures

Lou Ann Stewart joined the University Libraries as a temporary, part-time Reference Librarian on June 8, 1999. Lou Ann is a Spring 2000 graduate of the School of Information Science & Policy at the University at Albany.

Jane Kessler, an alumna of the University at Albany's School of Information Science and Policy joined the Dewey Graduate Library on July 24, 2000.

Nancy Stanfill left the University at Albany on September 13, 2000 after accepting a position as the Preservation

Specialist for the National Archives and Records Administration at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, Missouri.

Judith Wing retired on August 30, 2000 after 30 years of service to the University at Albany. Judith is enjoying traveling across the southern United States and remains active with community group activities.

Bonita Bryant retired on August 30, 2000 as Head of the Collections Development Department. Bonnie is spending much of her time traveling in the United States and abroad, as well as spending lots of time with her children and grandchildren.

Maggie Horn has left the University Libraries in order to accept a position at SUNY Central Administration as of August 16, 2000.

Barbara Kemp left in March 2000 in order to accept a position as the Assistant Dean for Public Services at the University of Houston.

Barbara Via has been appointed Head of the Dewey Graduate Library effective June 8, 2000.

Gregg Sapp joined the University Libraries as the Head of the Science Library effective March 16, 2000

Katia Roberto left the University Libraries in mid January 2001 to accept a position as Special Collections Cataloger at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale.

Gregory Bobish became a part-time, User Education/Reference Librarian on September 5, 2000. Greg is an August 2000 graduate of the University at Albany School of Information Science and Policy and also completed his Masters in Slavic and East European Languages and Literatures.

Daryl Bullis joined the University Libraries on October 12, 2000 as a part-time User Education/Reference Librarian. Daryl earned his MLS from the University at Albany School of Information Science and Policy in December 2000, and also has a Masters degree in Russian Language and Literature.

Lijuan Xu joined the University Libraries on November 27 as a full time User Education/Reference Librarian. Lijuan comes to us from her previous position at Herkimer County Community College where she was the Librarian for Public Services.

Alexander Gyamfi joined the staff of the Science Library on October 26, 2000 as a Science Reference and Instructional Librarian/Information Consultant. Alexander holds an MLS and an MA in Africana Studies from the University at Albany, and has held teaching positions in high schools in Australia, Nigeria and Sierra Leone as well as being a Librarian at the University of Cape Coast in Ghana.

Linda Loeser has joined the University Libraries as a part-time temporary Reference Librarian. Linda received her MLS from the School of Information Science and Policy at the University at Albany in May 2000.

Lorie Cuthbert joined the University Libraries on February 1, 2001 as a part-time, temporary Reference Librarian. Lorie previously worked as a Principal Reference Librarian at SUNY Cobleskill and at SUNY Morrisville.

AWARDS

Catherine Dwyer is the recipient of the 1999-2000 Excellence Award for Librarianship at the University at Albany, and is also the recipient of the 1999-2000 Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship.

Meredith Butler, Dean and Director of Libraries was appointed the State University of New York's first Distinguished Librarian by the SUNY Board of Trustees in December 2000. The Distinguished Librarian rank honors and promotes the achievement of personal excellence, groundbreaking professional progress and wide-ranging benefit to the academic community. The rank of Distinguished Librarian parallels the rank of Distinguished Professor.

Marjorie Benedict received a UUP Individual Development Award to continue work on *Gabrielle Roy: An Annotated Bibliography and guide to Studies about the Author and her Works*. This is a guide to scholarly studies and biographical material about one of French Canada's two most important women authors, and has 700 citations to date.

The M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives at the University at Albany has received a grant of \$8,392 as part of the cooperative Harry Van Ardsdale Jr. Labor History Project. Other Project participants are the Robert F. Wagner Labor Archives at New York University and the Kheel Center for Labor-Management Documentation and Archives at Cornell University. These legislative funds will be used to acquire and process labor organization records in the Greater Capital Region.

The M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives has also received another \$15,000 donation from Marcia Brown for the Marcia J. Brown Library Fund, bringing her donations to date to \$90,500. This fund supports the organization, processing and access to Ms. Brown's papers (over 82 cubic feet) documenting her life's work as a Caldecott Award winning children's picture book illustrator and author. The funds also support other work of the Grenander Department.

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