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President's Letter

Kristin Strohmeier, Fall 2002

Summer has come and gone, and fall is once again upon us. The Program Planning Committee, headed up by Michael McLane, is busy putting the finishing touches on our Fall Conference. I hope you are all planning on joining us in Syracuse on Friday, October 18th for "New York Realities-New York Relationships," based on the National ACRL President Helen H. Spalding's theme, "New Realities, New Relationships." Our day will begin with a keynote panel presentation from the New York State Higher Education Initiative, followed by Terry Kristensen's talk on cross campus collaboration, and a speaker from Syracuse University on intralibrary cooperation. We are also very fortunate to be able to participate in the 2002 21st century Librarian Awards Program and Luncheon, put on by the Syracuse University School of Information Studies. Award recipients, Gary E. Strong, Director, Queens Borough Public Library, and Jean Armour Polly, Founder, Netmom & Systems Administrator, Liverpool (N.Y.) Public Library will both be speaking. Patricia Wand, University Librarian at American University in Washington, DC, and member of the Association of College and Research Libraries Council, and ACRL's Executive Committee will be speaking at our preconference dinner on issues connected to the cooperation between public and private academic libraries in a speech entitled, "Collaboration: New Relationships in the New Reality."

This summer's American Library Association Annual Conference will be held in Toronto, continuing the "new relationships" theme. We plan on trying to ease the transportation issue for our members by arranging carpools over the border, and making travel information available on our web site. Stay tuned for more information on that! We don't often get the chance to drive to a national conference, and should take advantage of the closeness of this year's location.

Suzy Palmer, Michael McLane and I all attended the ALA Annual Chapter's Council meeting this summer in Atlanta. While the meeting is meant to give us the opportunity to engage more closely with ACRL leadership, it became rapidly apparent that an overhaul of their communication system is needed. Many people in attendance are not routinely notified by Chapter's Council of events, including your representatives, despite being listed as the chapter contacts. I have hopes that this will improve shortly.

We are still working on completing the Officer's Handbook. Hopefully, we will have a finished edition for the new year. Accommodating the changes allotted by incorporation and the now May conference schedule has been challenging, and making all the editorial changes daunting. Thank you to Sharon Britton for spear-heading this effort.

On a sad note, I must note the departure of our long-time member and Board member, Suzy Palmer. Suzy is headed south to the University of Louisville later this semester, to become the Librarian for Public Outreach in the Department of Special Collections, Rare Books and Photographic Archives at the University of Louisville. Suzy has been an important part of our chapter for many years, serving as conference speaker, program planning committee member, and board member. Her insights into the inner-workings of ENY/ACRL will be missed, and we wish her and her family the best of everything in their new ventures. I will fill Past President until a new Board is elected this spring.

In other news, we are now a New York State tax-exempt organization due to the tireless efforts of Susan Zappen and Sheldon Wein. Thanks to you both for taking this on.

Take care, and we'll see you in Syracuse shortly!

Kristin Strohmeyer (Hamilton College)
President,
Eastern New York Chapter of ACRL

Librarian of the Year Nominations

The 20021-2003 Nominations Committee invites you to submit nominations for ENY/ACRL's Librarian of the Year. It is easy to nominate someone and just think how happy you can make your deserving colleague when they are presented with the \$250 honorarium. The ENY/ACRL website provides information on the award, including criteria, at: <http://enyacr.org/loy.html>. The LOY nomination form, may be found at: <http://enyacr.org/LOYform.html>. The deadline for nominations is February 1, 2002.

Wanted: Board of Directors Candidates

Looking for a few good people who are willing to work for free, want to work with talented and dedicated librarians from throughout the region, enjoy a good meal at the pre-conference dinner, and are willing to run for one of the following ENY/ACRL Board of Directors positions:

- **Vice-President/Program Chair/President Elect** (3yr. Term) Year One - Oversees the planning process for the fall \and spring conferences, locates host institutions, contacts speakers, prepares publicity, and prepares conference budget. Convenes meetings of the program committee as necessary (generally 3 times per year) to develop conference themes. 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 Board of Directors, and serves as Chair of the Librarian of the Year Award Selection Committee. May represent chapter at the ACRL Chapters Council Meeting at ALA (midwinter and summer).

The Board of Directors generally meets three times per year. Board members also play important roles at the fall and spring conferences. All candidates will be asked to submit a brief Candidate's statement, which will be sent to chapter members, along with the ballots, in February of 2002. Terms of office will commence after the spring ENY/ACRL conference in May 2002.

If you are interested in serving on the Board, or if you know someone who might, please contact Kristin Strohmeyer (Hamilton College), kstrohme@hamilton.edu.

2002 Fall Conference "New York Realities - New York Relationships"

Friday, October 18, 2002
[Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center](#)
Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY

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[Printer-friendly Conference Registration Form](#) | [Printer-friendly Conference Brochure](#)
[Preconference Dinner Registration Form](#)
Preconference Registration Deadline: Oct. 1 | Conference Registration Deadline: Oct. 9

Preconference Dinner

[sign up early!--registration is limited to first forty registrants]

Thursday, October 17, 2002 - 6pm-9pm

Preconference Speaker:

Collaboration: New Relationships in the New Reality

Patricia Wand, University Librarian-American University (Washington, DC)

Patricia serves on the Association of College and Research Libraries' Council and ACRL's Executive Committee and shall speak about issues connected to **cooperation between public and private academic libraries.**

[Sheraton Hotel & Conference Center](#), Syracuse, NY

Preconference Schedule:

6-7pm: Social Hour with Cash Bar (*Seasons Lounge-Sheraton*)

7-8pm: Dinner (*Rachel's Place-Sheraton*)

8-9pm: Presentation by Patricia Wand (*Rachel's Place-Sheraton*)

[Preconference dinner registration form](#) - deadline: **October 1, 2002**

***Ample notice strongly recommended for cancellations**

(Oct 1 or earlier) - to accommodate waiting-list registrants - Thank You.

***Note: if staying overnight at the hotel, make your hotel reservation before Sept. 23.**

INDICATE ENY/ACRL AFFILIATION

Dinner Parking: \$3 per vehicle/per night (for overnight guests); Others: \$4/day.

Accommodations

Preconference and Conference:

[Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center](#)

Syracuse University

801 University Avenue

Syracuse, New York 13210

Phone: (315) 475-3000

Fax: (315) 475-2266

Reservations: 800-395-2105

Cut off date: September 23, 2002 (reservations after this date are subject to availability)

[Directions/Map](#)

- Make reservations via individual bookings, **& indicate ENY/ACRL affiliation.**
- **Rates (pre 12% tax):** \$102 (sgl rm); \$112 (dbl); \$122 (trpl); \$132 (quad).
- 24 hour business center.
- Complimentary fitness facility & indoor heated swimming pool.
- Check-in time: after 3pm/Check-out: by noon.
- Hotel Parking =\$3 per vehicle/per night (for overnight guests); Others: \$4/day.
- Airport transportation: Sheraton offers a free shuttle-info near baggage claim - OR visit <http://www.syrairport.org/ground/transport/rental.cfm> for rental car information.

[Other options for accommodations](#) (a list of nearby motels, B&Bs, etc)

Conference Program

Friday, October 18, 2002 Conference Schedule

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|----------------------|---|
| 8:45 - 9:15 | Registration & Continental Breakfast-Sheraton Foyer |
| 9:15 - 9:30 | Welcome Remarks
<i>Kristin Strohmeier</i> -President, ENY/ACRL
<i>Michael McLane</i> -Program Committee Chair, ENY/ACRL
<i>Michael A. Flusche</i> -Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Syracuse University |
| 9:30 - 10:30 | Keynote Presentation - - -
The New York State Higher Education Initiative
Panelists:
<i>Loretta Ebert</i> -Director of Libraries and Information Services, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
<i>Carey Hatch</i> -Director, SUNY Office of Library and Information Services
<i>Mary Alice Lynch</i> -Executive Director, NYLINK |
| 10:30 - 10:45 | Morning Break-Sheraton Foyer |
| 10:45 - 11:30 | Second Program - - -
"Out of the Box": Cross-Campus Collaboration
Speaker:
<i>Terry L. Kristensen</i> , Associate Director-Flower/Sprecher Veterinary Library, Cornell University |
| 11:30 - 2:30 | Lunch and "21st Century Librarian" Awards Program |

Sheraton - - Regency Ballroom

A buffet lunch will be served - vegetarian options available.

During lunch--we join with [Syracuse University School of Information Studies](#) for the:

[2nd Annual 21st Century Librarian Award](#) Ceremony

Award Recipients:

Gary E. Strong: Director, *Queens Borough Public Library*,

Jean Armour Polly: Founder, *Netmom & Systems*
Administrator, *Liverpool (N.Y.) Public Library*

2:30 - 3:00

**Third Program - -
Intralibrary Cooperation at S.U.
Speaker: TBA**

3:00 - 3:15

Closing Remarks

3:15 - 4:00

**Tours-Syracuse University Libraries - -
Five (5) tours are available (choose one):**

- [E.S. Bird Library](#)
- [S.U. Science & Technology Library](#)
- [Belfer Audio Laboratory and Archive](#)
- [Department of Special Collections](#)
- [Geographic Information Systems \("GIS"\) Laboratory](#)

- - Just for Fun - -

[Nearby Restaurants](#)

[Select List of Happenings in Syracuse](#)

*A short list of entertaining, unaffiliated events--during and soon after the conference.

Need directions? see maps of:

[S.U. Campus Area](#) | [Campus Area \(wider view\)](#) | [Downtown Syracuse/Armory Square](#)

Conference Registration Information

\$30.00 ENY/ACRL Member

\$20.00 Retiree

\$10.00 Student Rate

\$45.00 Non-Member (includes a one-year membership)

To register, please mail the completed [registration form \(PDF\)](#) and fee to:

Suzanne Preate
Local Arrangements
219 E.S. Bird Library
Syracuse University Library
Syracuse, NY 13244-2010
(315) 443-4243

**Registration deadline: October 9, 2002 (Preconference deadline is Oct. 1, 2002-
with hotel reservation deadline of Sept. 23)**

Janice Graham Newkirk Award Research Report

Pilot Project: A Comparison of Online vs. In-Class Learning

Approximately one and a half years ago, our team began creating an online tutorial based on a tutorial created by Ulster Community College for use by all SUNY schools. Our intent was to create an electronic alternative to our standard English 102 introductory library research classes.

In addition to designing a tutorial, the team also wanted to research the effectiveness of learning using an online information literacy tutorial versus traditional lecture/demonstration sessions for English 102 classes. It was for expenses of this research that we received the Janice Graham Newkirk Research Award.

Three questions we considered were: 1) Will the students learn from information literacy instruction? 2) Will they learn as much or more from the module than they do from traditional in-class instruction? 3) Will the students like the web-based module better than in-class instruction?

Our target population was English 102 students. During the fall 2001 semester, three professors were recruited to participate in a study involving six sections of English 102. Three sections were taught using the online tutorial, and the remaining three were taught traditionally. Prior to the class sessions, librarians met with the classes to explain the process, and indicated that students completing all three portions of the study (pre-test, instruction - either in-class or online, and post-test) would receive a small (\$5.00) cash compensation. Students were also required to sign an informed consent form, in compliance with human subjects guidelines.

All students completed a multiple choice pre-test before receiving instruction. During instruction, online students were asked to complete a variety of built in practice exercises. Traditional in-class students were asked to complete a worksheet. A total of 64 students returned to take the post-test and were also asked to complete a brief attitudinal survey inquiring as to their confidence, perceived level of learning, and preferences as to the mode of instruction they received. Pre and post tests had been loaded into Topclass, a course management program, so statistics could be compiled from it at a later date.

The results of the Penfield study supported those of similar studies. We found that indeed learning does take place with both online and in-class instruction, and that learning achieved with the online tutorial is generally equal to that experienced with an in-class presentation. The level of preference, confidence and learning was found to be similar for online and traditional groups. It was also almost evenly split as to which mode of instruction students would recommend.

In response to these results, we continue to offer and expand on this online tutorial. This spring (2002) is the "breaking in" period for use of the tutorial in English 102 classes. Next fall, English 102 classes will continue the shift to this mode of instruction. The tutorial is also freely available through our library homepage for anyone wishing to learn or review basic library research techniques (<http://www.oswego.edu/library/tutorial>). Future plans call for more online library instruction units to be inserted into distance education courses. At present, we are creating "mini-tutorials" for more focused units of instruction. A general periodicals tutorial is in the works, and more units are planned for specific

databases such as ERIC, Lexis-Nexis, and ABI Inform.

We are sharing the results of this study through posters and presentations at the Northeast Regional Conference on Excellence in Learning and Teaching: Beyond Chalk & Talk - Enhancing Student Learning in Higher Education, the Conference on Instructional Technologies, and the SUNY Librarians Association .

We wish to thank ENY-ACRL and the grant committee for your support of our project, and welcome any inquiries about our study.

James Nichols, Barbara Shaffer, Karen Shockey
Penfield Library
SUNY Oswego

Notes from the Field

Colgate

Barbara Burd was appointed Head of Information Literacy in September. Barbara brings to Colgate experience from both undergraduate and graduate perspectives in developing information literacy programs focused on collaboration with faculty and integration of research skills into the curriculum. Recent projects included participation in the Advisory Council for Characteristics of Best Practices of Information Literacy Programs, sponsored by ACRL/ILI, and participation in a grant funded by IMLS to develop assessment programs in library/faculty collaborations. Besides information literacy, her research interests include organizational culture in libraries, work values of librarians, and performance outcomes. Her dissertation examines work values of academic librarians and the relationships between values, job satisfaction, commitment, and turnover. Barbara started her career as a Reference and Instruction Librarian at Binghamton University and most recently was the Business Librarian at Regent University. Barbara received her BA from Penn State University, her MLS from SUNY-Albany, and her PhD from Regent University.

Cornell

After more than 23 years at Cornell University, **Suzy Szasz Palmer** will assume a new position on January 1, 2003 as Librarian for Public Outreach in the Department of Special Collections, Rare Books and Photographic Archives at the University of Louisville. In that position, Suzy will coordinate public services activities for special collections; coordinate the department's program of instruction and exhibitions; and develop and promote programs, special events, and publications to heighten public awareness of special collections in the University Libraries. She departs the area only to follow her husband, Larry, who is leaving Cornell after more than 27 years to assume an endowed chair in Urban Health Policy in the Institute for Bioethics, Health Policy and Law at the University of Louisville.

Dutchess Community College

Francis U. And Mary F. Ritz Library--Yes, we finally have a name! Fran Ritz served on the college's Board for Trustees for 30 years, chairing it until 2001 when he retired. He and his wife Mary have been very generous over the years to the College contributing time and money. The Library staff is grateful to Fran and Mary for extended their philanthropy to the library. We are all very honored to be working in the Francis U. and Mary F. Ritz Library.

Alice McGovern's 6th and **Evelyn Rosenthal's** 7th Three Year Term appointments have been renewed.

Tom Trinchera received his first Three Year Term appointment.

Part-time reference librarian **Theresa Brettschneider** resigned in August. We wish her the best in her new endeavors.

Part-time clerks **Jacquelyn Francis** and **Tara Lewandowski** left us to continue their education. We give a hearty

welcome to our new part-time clerks **Katherine Merry** and **Jeanine Ravenelle**.

Evelyn Rosenthal participated in the panel discussion "Partnering with Campus Curriculum and Faculty Senate Committees for Information Literacy", as part of this year's SUNYLA conference at Buffalo State. Her talk was titled "Autopsy of a Proposal".

On September 12th, **Ron Crovisier** presented a teleconference on medical and consumer health resources for members of the Ramapo Catskill Library System.

SUNY-Oswego

Michelle Parry has joined Penfield's Reference/Interlibrary Loan faculty in a temporary position for this academic year. Michelle is a 200 graduate of SUNY Oswego's English program, and recently completed her degree at Southern Connecticut State University. Prior to being at Penfield, Michelle managed the Fair Haven, NY Public Library.

Penfield Library was the recipient of two grants. One grant will be used in the construction of a cafe to be housed in the library. The other is designated to provide improvements and renovations for our Teaching Resources Center.

Penfield Library purchased three new library instruction books with the remainder of the Janice Graham Newkirk Research Award monies. They are as follows: *Basic Library Skills* (4th Edition), by Carolyn Wolf; *Library User Education: Powerful Learning, Powerful Partnerships*, Barbara Dewey, editor; *Looking for Information: A Survey of Research on Information Seeking, Needs, and Behavior*, by Donald O. Case. Bookplates will be added acknowledging the fact that these books were funded by the Janice Graham Newkirk Award. Thank you (and the Committee) so much for allowing us to do this.

SUNY-Plattsburgh

Sara Kelly Johns, Adjunct Librarian, received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Part-Time Instruction. Kelly Johns has taught Plattsburgh's required information research course for more than 10 years and is currently the School Library Media Specialist for the Lake Placid High School.

Carla List-Handley led a workshop for the METRO Library Council in early August. Her title was "Let's Get Objective: Choosing Teaching Objectives and Actions" and addressed the use of the ACRL Instruction Section's "Objectives for Information Literacy Instruction" for course-related instruction sessions, with some pointers on performance in the classroom. In October List-Handley will serve as an outside evaluator for a review of Pasquerilla Library at St. Francis University, Loretto, PA.

Wayne Miller, Special Collections Librarian, wrote a winning competitive grant that won funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The \$2,593 grant will be used to replace acidic audio tape and film containers with archival quality ones. Materials to be preserved by this project include Rockwell Kent materials, Marjorie Lansing Porter tapes of indigenous (Adirondack) music, and 16mm commercially released films dealing with New York State and the Lake Champlain Region. Special Collections also received a NYS Conservation of Library Research Materials grant for \$4,683 to replace substandard archival containers. Manuscript and historic newspapers will be removed from acidic storage materials and placed in acid free or buffered containers. Miller also reports that on October 10th, Special Collections of Feinberg Library at Plattsburgh State U of NY unveiled the **John Brown Virtual Library**. This is a free online source of full text primary materials relating to the famous (or infamous) abolitionist and his life and burial in the Adirondacks. This on-going project is the result of a partnership with the Essex County Historical Society. Over the past year and a half, we have started what we expect will become a major resource for research about this important historical figure and his place in regional history. The website is located at:

<http://www2.plattsburgh.edu/johnbrown/> Special Collections would welcome collaborative efforts to add to this resource. Contact wayne.miller@plattsburgh.edu

In the same vein, Special Collections recently received a major gift of John Brown materials from the estate of Edwin Cotter. Mr. Cotter was manager of the John Brown Farm historic site outside Lake Placid for over thirty years, as well

as a well known John Brown scholar. The collection is comprised of about 50 cubic feet of books, articles, letters, copies of primary documents, research notes, and related materials collected by the author of "John Brown in the Adirondacks." Special Collections also received a NYS Conservation of Library Research Materials grant for \$4,683 to replace substandard archival containers. Manuscript and historic newspapers will be removed from acidic storage materials and placed in acid free or buffered containers.

Ravil Veli, Associate Librarian, was appointed chair of the ALA International Relations Round Table (IRRT) membership subcommittee.

SUNY-Potsdam

Nancy Alzo attended the ACRL Information Literacy Institute Immersion Program - Track I, July 26-31, 2002 in Colorado Springs, CO.

Jane Subramanian gave a presentation "Laura Ingalls Wilder: Teaching Resources and the Story of Her Work," at the Northern Area School Library Media Specialists meeting, Villa Fiore, Malone, NY, June 3, 2002.

SUNY Potsdam Information Services Division, a joint division of the College Libraries & Computing and Technology Services recently held an "Information Technology Fair" on August 21st for new and returning faculty and staff. The Fair consisted of poster sessions and classroom presentations on diverse topics such as campus e-mail, campus course management software, electronic resources, information literacy and computing & library services. Over fifty teaching faculty and staff attended the all day event.

On August 26th, Potsdam College Libraries went live with ILLiad, OCLC's new ILL management system after a two month pilot project. System features currently being used successfully include lending, borrowing, electronic delivery and the FirstSearch interface.

The SUNY Potsdam College Libraries will be hosting the New York State/Ontario Chapter of Music Library Association Annual Conference on October 18 and 19, 2002. **Jane Subramanian** and **Edward Komara** comprise both the Program Committee and the Local Arrangement Committee.

Syracuse University

We are pleased to welcome **Adina Mulliken** to the position of Reference Librarian for Social Work and Allied Fields. Ms. Mulliken comes to SU from Kean University in New Jersey.

Peter Graham, University Librarian, has been appointed to the editorial board of *College and Research Libraries* from the July 2002 issue. He has also been appointed by ARL to be a member of the Steering Committee of the Coalition for Networked Information (CNI), 2002- 2005. Peter's review of D.R. Woolf's book, *Reading History in Early Modern England* (Cambridge 2000) appeared in the Summer 2002 issue of *Renaissance Quarterly*.

Abby Kasowitz-Scheer, Head of Instructional Programs, and **Michael Pasqualoni**, Reference Librarian for Political Science, Public Administration & Economics, have co-authored an ERIC Digest entitled, "Information Literacy Instruction in Higher Education: Trends and Issues."

Nancy Pitre, Business/Management Librarian, published an article entitled, "Ebook Collection Development and Management: the Quandary of Establishing Policies and Guidelines for Academic Library Collections" in *Advances in Library Administration and Organization* (Vol 19, pp 59-84).

Sarah Theimer, Catalog Librarian, published an article in *PNLA Quarterly* (66:3 Spring 2002) entitled, "When a 21st Century User Meets a 20th Century OPAC: How Word Choice Impacts Search Success."

Nancy Turner, Electronic Resources Librarian, published "Baffled, Befuddled, or Bemused: Testing Students' Use of the Online Catalog" in *College and Undergraduate Libraries*, Vol 9 (1) 2002.

Kelly Barrick Hovendick, Librarian for Women's Studies and Sociology was elected member-at-large for the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Women's Studies Section. She was also an invited panelist for the ACRL Women's Studies Section program entitled, "Women, Technology, and Libraries" at the ALA Annual Convention in Atlanta.

John Olson, Maps/GIS Librarian, presented a paper entitled, "Library Based GIS Labs: What You Should Know" at the 2nd Annual ESRI Education Users Conference.

Angela Williams, MLK Librarian, attended the 5th national Black Caucus of ALA held August 13-16 in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

Nancy Turner, Electronic Resources Librarian, made a presentation with Susan Beck from New Mexico State University at ALA's 8th Annual Reference Research Forum entitled, "Search and Rescue: Repair Strategies of Remote Users Searching the Online Catalog."

University at Albany

Bernnard, Deborah F. and Trudi E. Jacobson.(2001)"The committee that worked: Developing an information literacy course by group process". *Research Strategies* 18(2):133-142.

Laura Cohen published her sixth annual bibliographic essay in August in the Special Web Supplement of Choice, "Text to Multimedia: A Query-Based Approach to Searching the Web." Laura was interviewed on the August 29 broadcast of Cyberbeat, a syndicated radio show aired throughout Canada, on the topic of searching the Web.

Trudi Jacobson is the Chair of ACRL's Instruction Section this year. **Trudi Jacobson** and **Lijuan Xu** have published an article, "Motivating Students in Credit-based Information Literacy Courses: Theories and Practice," in the July 2002 issue of *portal: Libraries and the Academy*. They are also have a book contract for a work on the topic for Neal-Schuman.

Daniel McShane has joined the University Libraries as the new Electronic Resources Librarian. Dan previously worked at the University of Virginia where he served as an Electronic Cataloging and Metadata Coordinator. Welcome Dan!

Vivien Zazzau has joined the University Libraries as the Libraries' new User Education/Reference Librarian. Vivien comes to us from SUNY Plattsburgh where she served as a Visiting Senior Assistant Librarian. She holds an MLIS from Wayne State University and a B.A. in English Literature from the University of Michigan at Flint. Welcome Vivien!

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