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President's Letter

January 23, 2002

Dear ENY/ACRL Members,

The events of September 11th took its toll on each of us, whether directly or indirectly. Already facing a tight deadline, the Program Committee overcame the confusion of the fall and organized a wonderful conference devoted to an important topic "Exploring Diversity in Academic Libraries: Whose Needs Are We Meeting?" Attendance was down somewhat (perhaps due to the general downturn in travel last fall), but drew over eighty enthusiastic attendees. Keynote speaker Hope Olson, Associate Professor, School of Library & Information Studies, the University of Alberta, Edmonton, spoke passionately on the topic: "Libraries Constructing Meaning: Ours Is Not a Neutral Space." A panel of librarians from the University of Albany addressed "The Electric Library: Implications for Accessing Alternative Press Periodicals." We continued to celebrate our chapter's 25th anniversary, and were honored to have Anne Roberts, chair of the Steering Committee that formed ENY/ACRL, speak at lunch. The afternoon featured a rousing interactive session with Sandra Rios Balderrama, Director of the Office of Diversity at ALA, on "Recruiting for Diversity: How to Make it Work." We closed out the day with two simultaneous sessions George Abbott, Head, Media Services Department, Syracuse University Library, spoke about "Delivering Library Services to Users with Special Needs," while Brenda Marston, Curator, Human Sexuality Collection & Women's Studies Selector, Cornell University Library, gave us "A Whirlwind Look at Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, and Transgender Issues in Academic Libraries."

Also at the Fall conference, the Janice Graham Newkirk Research Award, which includes a check for \$500, was presented to Carol Anne Germain, University at Albany; and to three librarians at SUNY Oswego James Nichols, Karen Shockey and Barbara Shaffer. Ms. Germain plans to expand on research she conducted last spring which focused on Albany's "UNL 205," a credit-bearing information literacy course, build on her research findings, and develop a web-based tool that would provide additional learning support for students. The team from SUNY Oswego will also work on issues related to information literacy; they plan to study the effectiveness of a newly developed online information literacy tutorial and compare it to the traditional lecture/demonstration in-library counterpart.

Thanks to a revision in our bylaws, ENY/ACRL was able to support three Board Members attendance at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in New Orleans this month. I believe this was the first time we had our Past President, President, and Vice President/Program Chair present at the ACRL Chapters Council Meeting. And I know we were the only Chapter so well represented in New Orleans! I was asked, and agreed, to run again for ACRL Chapters Council Vice Chair/Chair Elect in June 2002. This would certainly help put our Chapter on the national map.

The ENY/ACRL Board of Directors met on Nov 14, 2001 and will meet next on April 4, 2002. We have timed this meeting to fall after the spring elections, in order to give the newly elected members an opportunity to attend a meeting with the outgoing members, thereby providing a transition.

Planning is well underway for the Spring 2002 ENY/ACRL conference to be held at Cornell University on Monday, May 6. The theme of the conference is "May You Live in Interesting Times: Current Issues in Information Access." Topics will cover a range of issues, including intellectual freedom and facilities concerns. Martha Walker is the local arrangements chair, and the program will include tours of several Cornell libraries. For more conference information please check back at the web site soon. Since this conference will be at my home institution, I especially look forward to welcoming you to Ithaca!

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ENY/ACRL LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

NOMINATION DEADLINE, **February 1, 2002**

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 to be held at Cornell University on Monday, May 6.

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
- Mary Jane Brustman, 2001

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 at <http://www.enyacr.org/LOYform.html> Completed Nomination forms should be sent to the Nominations Committee by February 1, 2001.

Run for an ENY/ACRL Office!

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).

§ Government Relations Chair (2yr. Term) Monitors legislative and other governmental activities of importance to academic libraries; coordinates activities with the legislative and governmental affairs committees of other library organizations; serves as liaison to the ACRL Government Relations Committee.

§ Membership Chair (2yr. Term) Solicits memberships for chapter, maintains membership database, supplies mailing labels as needed, publishes the annual chapter directory, and interacts with campus liaisons. Knowledge of Filemaker Pro software helpful. Chapter will purchase the program if necessary.

§ Treasurer (2yr. Term) Handles the financial matters of the chapter including maintenance of the chapter checking account, paying chapter expenses, providing receipts for members attending conferences, and prepares an annual report for inclusion in the Chapter records. Also, serves on the Janice Newkirk award committee.

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 a member of the 2001-2002 Nominations Committee:

Michael Engle (Cornell University) Email: moe1@cornell.edu

Kate Moss (College of St. Rose) Email: mossk@mail.strose.edu

Barbara Norelli, Chair (Skidmore College) Email:bnorelli@skidmore.edu

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EASTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER, INC

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT 2001

\$28,853.62 BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/01

INCOME

\$ 2,853.00 Membership Dues (99@ \$12, 111@ \$15)
 \$ 5,610.00 Conference Registrations (52@ \$45, 109@ \$30)
 \$ 1,950.00 Vendor Support
 \$ 700.00 Newkirk Award Money
 \$ 133.00 ALA Chapter Reimbursement
 \$ 12.00 Returned Check Fee

\$11,258.00 TOTAL

EXPENDITURES

\$11,867.24 Spring and Fall Conferences
 \$ 1,532.46 ALA Travel for President and Vice President
 \$ 1,523.00 Awards (Newkirk, Librarian of the Year, Drawings)
 \$ 888.03 Membership (Directory and Mailings)
 \$ 850.00 Tax Exemption Application (Fee and Accountant)
 \$ 154.64 Communications (Newsletter and Website)
 \$ 22.00 Returned Check and Fee
 \$ 96.90 Board Member Election

\$16,934.27 TOTAL

\$23,177.35 ENDING BALANCE 12/31/01

JANICE GRAHAM NEWKIRK RESEARCH FUND EASTERN NEW YORK CHAPTER, INC. ANNUAL REPORT
 2001

\$17,741.99 BEGINNING BALANCE 1/1/01

INCOME

\$ 1,965.00 Contributions
 \$ 902.21 CD Interest

\$ 2,867.21 TOTAL

EXPENDITURES

\$ 700.00 Newkirk Awards

\$ 700.00 TOTAL

\$19,909.20 ENDING BALANCE 12/31/01

NOTE: The Newkirk Fund repaid ENY/ACRL the \$350 owed at the end of 2000 for the second of two Newkirk awards given in 2000. Because two awards were also given in 2001, the Newkirk Fund owes ENY/ACRL \$350. ENY/ACRL contributes \$150 to the \$500 Newkirk Award.

Notes from the Field Winter 2002

Adirondack Community College

In honor of the college's fortieth anniversary the Adirondack Community College Library displayed faculty publications during the month of December. The collection is normally shelved along with our local history collection so the public display allowed students and others to browse through a wide variety of written works by our faculty. Among the items displayed were volumes of poetry by English professors Rob Faivre and Stu Bartow, articles by Philosophy professor Paul Muscari on science and creativity, Psychology professor Marty Wasserman on Kafka, History professor Charles Bailey on Nietzsche, and English professor Anthony Cavaluzzi on the paintings of Frank Sinatra.

The display was successful in drawing attention, and additional donations, to this growing collection. The faculty appreciated the recognition of their contributions outside the classroom. We had a late afternoon reception to open the display which was attended by the Dean of the College, Dr. Rosemary Castelli, our new College President, Dr. Marshall Bishop, and the local press.

Capital District Library Council

Jean Sheviak and **Christine Walker** were part of the planning team for the 4th biennial New York academic library directors conference, "Academic Libraries in the Political World: Strategic Partners for the 21st Century." The conference, which was sponsored by the New York 3Rs organizations and the Academic and Special Libraries Section of NYLA, was held in Albany on November 6 and 7, 2001. Also part of the planning team were ENY/ACRL member **Michael McLane**, Executive Director of the Central New York Library Resources Council, and **Gail Staines**, Executive Director of Western New York Library Resources Council.

Congratulations to **Jean K. Sheviak**, Executive Director of CDLC, as recipient of the ASLS/Nytro "Spirit of Librarianship" award for 2001. The "Spirit" award is given each year to a section member who exemplifies the spirit that academic and special librarians bring to our profession. The award winners are librarians who, in the estimation of their colleagues, clearly perform above and beyond the norm. Perhaps Jean's endeavors that most qualify her for the Spirit of Librarianship award are her relationships with others in the profession. In both her professional positions (the paying jobs), and her professional activities (the volunteer jobs), Jean has consistently and continually taken an interest in the professional development of other librarians and library staff -- but her interest goes beyond helping novice librarians. Once the fledglings are on their own, Jean continues to follow their careers, to encourage, to mentor, and to support their growth in the true spirit of librarianship.

Colgate University

Mary Jane Petrowski, who has been Head of Information Literacy at Colgate since December 1993, has accepted the position of ACRL Senior Associate Executive Director. Petrowski has been actively involved in ACRL since 1990 and we wish her well in her new position. Mary Jane's first day in her new position will be on January 17, 2002. Her new responsibilities will be in the areas of membership promotion, retention, and recruitment, ACRL sections and chapters, and serving as the number two staff person at ACRL.

On January 2nd **Kay Benjamin** joined the Colgate University Library as an Assistant Professor. Kay's responsibilities include Information Literacy instruction and reference service. Kay was a reference and instruction at SUNY College at Oneonta from 1990-2001. Prior to that she was the Assistant Director of the Sidney Memorial Public Library in Sidney, New York from 1987-90 and the Assistant Director of the Huntington Memorial Library in Oneonta, New York from 1984-1987 and. She earned her MLS from Albany University in 1984, a BFA degree from Alfred University in 1974, as well as a second undergraduate degree in English from the University of Northern Colorado in 1981. Kay was the Project Trainer for a health education program sponsored by the National Library of Medicine and South Central Regional Library Council, eAccessHealth.org, from 2000-2001. In addition she is an active presenter, and conducts workshops on web searching techniques, the invisible web, and other aspects of the Internet as an effective research tool.

College of Saint Rose

The Neil Hellman Library implemented a new library system, **Voyager Endeavor**, January 2002. The web-based catalog is available online at <http://libdb.strose.edu/>

Candace Diesley joins us as our new Curriculum Librarian. Candy comes to us from the Albany Public Library, where she was Youth Services Librarian. She is a member of the 2002 Caldecott Award Committee, which honors the best illustrated children's book of the year. Candy will be intimately involved in moving the Curriculum Library to its new home in the Lally Education Center, scheduled to open in January 2003.

Hamilton College

New Hamilton College Librarians/Administrators: **Peter MacDonald**, Assistant Library Systems Manager, was formerly Technical Analyst in the Automation Department at Harvard Law School Library. **Constance Roberts**, Director of Technical Services, was formerly Principal Catalog Librarian at University of Connecticut. **Julia Schult**, Reference/Collection Management Librarian, was formerly Access/Electronic Services Librarian at Elmira College.

New York State Library

Liz Lane, Director of the New York State Library's Research Library, retired in October 2001. **Mary Redmond**, Principal Librarian for Public Services, is acting as Interim Director.

Carol Desch, Coordinator of the Division of Library Development, received the 2001 Distinguished Alumna Award in Information Science and Policy from The University at Albany.

New and promoted librarians at the State Library include:

Dick Andress (Manuscripts/Special Collections)

Estelle Diamond (Cataloging)

Marilyn Douglas (Library Development)

Robert Dowd (Government Documents)

Sharon Gavitt (Reference)

Margaret Harris (Circulation)

Amy Heebner (Reference)

Richard Hoenzsch (Computer Applications)

Bill Schilling (Reference)

Katherine Storms (Reference)

James Summa (Reference).

Skidmore College

In November **Elizabeth Putnam** became the new Social Sciences/Resource Services Librarian. Putnam had previously served as the Scribner Library's Special Collections Associate and was most recently the Assistant Institute Archivist at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Putnam received her bachelor's degree in Anthropology and master's degree in Library Science from the University at Albany. Her professional interests include web site development and instructional services.

Susan Zappen, Associate College Librarian for Collections, published "Portals: More Than Journals and Databases Survey Questions and Responses" in the 2000 Charleston Conference Proceedings: Is Bigger Better? edited by Rosann Bazirjian and Vicky Speck. In November Zappen presented a paper, "Serials Management: the Good News," at the Charleston Conference and moderated the Capital District Library Council's Coordinated Collection Development Committee Autumn 2001 program, "Solutions to Serials Problems: Where Are We? Where Are We Going?"

SUNY New Paltz

NEDCC Grant Award: The Sojourner Truth Library was awarded a Preservation Planning Survey grant from the Northeast Document Conservation Center in the fall of 2001. The award provides for a preservation assessment of the library's paper-based collections.

New Librarians: **Athena Nazario** joined the Information Access Team of the Sojourner Truth Library in the fall of 2001 as a Reference Librarian. **Greg Wirszyla** joined the Information Access Team of the Sojourner Truth Library in the fall of 2001 as a Reference Librarian.

The Sojourner Truth Library will be implementing the **ILLiad** system in the spring of 2002. The new system will streamline interlibrary loan services and enhance access to patron account information.

SUNY Oneonta

Michelle Hendley has been appointed as a part-time librarian in the Reference Area. Michelle has a Master of Information Studies from the University of Toronto as well as a graduate degree in Political Science from McMaster University in Hamilton, Canada.

Mary Lynn Bensen was promoted to the rank of Librarian last summer.

Janet Potter was elected to serve a one-year term as Vice Chair/Chair-Elect of the SUNY Connect Advisory Council, the governance body for SUNY Connect.

SUNY Oswego

Jim Nichols, Barbara Shaffer and **Karen Shockey** were the recipients of the Janice Graham Newkirk Research Award for their work in piloting and testing an online tutorial that provides basic library instruction and research skills. The test phase of the project compared the effectiveness of basic library instruction delivered online with the more traditional in-class instruction. The tutorial will be used by both on-campus and distance learners as a source for instruction and review of library research skills.

Penfield Library welcomes Senior Assistant Librarian **Andrew Urbanek** in January 2002. Andrew will work in reference, instruction, access services, and collection development.

Elizabeth Young published "Bridging the Cultural Gap: A Weblibliography of Juvenile Literature", *Internet References Services Quarterly*, vol. 6 (1), November 2001.

SUNY Plattsburgh

Carla List, Librarian, was a speaker at the December 7 MetroNY/ACRL Symposium, "Learning Outcomes Assessment: A Step Forward," in New York City. Her presentation was entitled "Plan Twice, Measure Once? Fitting Objectives to Standards" and called attention to the "new Model Statement" that helps librarians achieve the goals set in the Competency Standards that are being incorporated into the accreditation standards for Middle States institutions.

Vivien E. Zazzau, Visiting Senior Assistant Librarian, was inducted into the Wayne State University (Detroit, MI) Chapter of Beta Phi Mu on December 6, 2001. Beta Phi Mu is the International Library and Information Studies Honor Society.

Syracuse University

The Library is very pleased to announce the appointment of **Denise Stephens** as Associate University Librarian for Public Services, effective January 14, 2002. Denise Stephens was formerly the Head of the Anschutz Library in the

University of Kansas Libraries system.

Abby Kasowitz-Scheer joined the Library staff as Head of Instructional Programs. Prior to joining the SUL staff, Abby served as Coordinator of the Virtual Reference Desk Project, a special project of the ERIC Clearinghouse on Information & Technology, part of the Information Institute of Syracuse (within IST).

Kenneth Lavender joined the Library as Special Collections Librarian. Ken comes to Syracuse from the University of North Texas at Denton.

Pamela Thomas, formerly User Education Librarian, has assumed a new position as Digital Initiatives Librarian.

John Olson, Maps/GIS Librarian, attended the 17 th Annual New York GIS Conference on October 29 and 30, 2001, in Albany, New York. The conference was attended by more than 470 individuals from 13 states and 3 Canadian provinces. Topics included Copyrights and Government Data, GIS Challenges in New York City, Wireless GIS, and Interactive Mapping.

Michael Pasqualoni, Reference Librarian, was a moderator at the Syracuse University campus College Bowl championship tournament, aka "Varsity Sport of the Mind," held at the Schine Student Center on November 17.

Peter Verheyen, Conservation Librarian and **Donia Conn**, Assistant Rare Book Conservator, attended the Guild of Book-workers Standards of Excellence Conference in Alexandria, Virginia on October 5 and 6. Peter was one of four presenters. His session dealt with Vellum-over-boards binding and was very well received. Along with Peter's presentation, Donia attended sessions concerning topics such as Techniques in Decorating with Leather, Page Design and Paste Papers, and Studies in Early Medieval Bookbindings. Donia attended the conference on a Guild of Bookworkers merit scholarship.

Library Staff Help Launch Forums on Global Response to Terrorism

October 4 saw the first in a semester-long series of SU forums designed to reflect on events connected to the terrorist attacks of September 11. A website has been created in support of this series-- <http://libwww.syr.edu/news/forum/gateway.html>. A wide cross-section of Library staff, along with faculty from a variety of departments, took part in assembling this resource for the Syracuse University community.

Peter Verheyen organized, curated and edited the print and web exhibition catalog to Central New York Book Arts: Tradition to Innovative, which was held at the Schweinfurth Memorial Art Center in Auburn, NY during September and October. The exhibition featured the work of 24 book artists practicing, or with strong roots, in the region. The exhibition can be seen online at <http://web.syr.edu/~pdverhey/cnybookarts/>

Angela A. Williams, MLK Librarian, is a member of the research staff on a project entitled "Uncovering the Freedom Trail in Syracuse and Onondaga County: The Underground Railroad, Abolitionism, and African American Life, 1820-1870." The project seeks to survey and document sites relating to the Underground Railroad, abolitionism, and African American life in Syracuse and Onondaga County. The Martin Luther King, Jr. Library is supported by the Department of African American Studies and Syracuse University Library. For further information about this project, contact the Preservation Association of Central New York (315-475-0119). To contribute information about people, events, and sites associated with the Freedom Trail in Syracuse and Onondaga County, contact Angela A. Williams, Martin Luther King Jr. Library, Syracuse University (315-443-9349 or aawillia@syr.edu), Vanessa Johnson, Onondaga Historical Association (428-1864) or Judith [Wellman\(wellman@twcny.rr.com\)](mailto:Wellman(wellman@twcny.rr.com)).

Tompkins Cortland Community College

Barbara Kobritz, Instructional Services Librarian, recently traveled to New Orleans to meet with fellow participants in an assessment project sponsored by ACRL and the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The project is titled "Assessing Student Learning Outcomes in Information Literacy Programs: Training Academic Librarians" and is focused on learning to collaborate with faculty to write learning outcomes and assessment instruments. Twenty-three

colleges and universities were chosen to participate, representing a cross section of geographical locations and types of academic libraries. On June 14, 2002, participants will present a pre-conference in Atlanta to share the results of the project and help participants start developing their own plans.

Union College

Lorie Wies has been appointed to the position of Periodicals/Acquisitions Librarian after filling the position temporarily for a year.

Donna Burton, Government Documents Librarian, is on sabbatical from Jan - June 2002. While she is away **Courtney Seymour** is her replacement at Government Documents and Reference.

John Myers was appointed Catalog Librarian in May 2001. He comes to Union from Amherst College.

Gail Golderman passed her Sixth Year Review and is now an Associate Librarian.

University at Albany

Dorothy Christiansen retired in mid-November 2001 as the Head of Special Collections and Archives. A special endowment fund has been established in her name at the University at Albany.

Brian Keough has been named the new Head of Special Collections and Archives, and began his new position on November 26, 2001.

Carol Anderson and **Candace Merbler** were the recipients of Initiatives for Women Awards, and were honored at a special dinner on October 10th, 2001.

Ron Gilmour recently published "Serving XML: Practical Techniques for the Dissemination of Structured Electronic Information." *Library Hi Tech* 19(4), 2001: 408-414.

Laura Cohen published "10 Tips for Teaching How to Search the Web" in *American Libraries* 32.10 (November 2001). She spoke at Plattsburgh State University on September 14, 2001 on "Foolproof Techniques for Teaching How to Search the Web." In addition, Laura has been appointed to the SUNY-wide Library Statistics Advisory Team to help identify appropriate library data elements that would be included in a data warehouse. Finally, Laura's Web-based Internet Tutorials were cited in Neat Net Tricks Issue 112 on October 14, 2001. <<http://www.neatnettricks.com/>>

Meredith Butler has edited a new release from the Association of Research Libraries entitled "Successful Fundraising: Case Studies of Academic Libraries." The book's primary goal is to assist library directors and those who want to become library fundraisers to learn more about fundraising and find answers to their questions. It offers well developed case studies written by experienced professionals and includes an extensive annotated bibliography. Order by mail or online from ARL Publications Distribution Center, P.O. Box 531, Annapolis Junction MD 20701-0531, (ISBN 0-918006-49-X).

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