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President's Letter

Our organization is blessed with a large membership base; very professional, active members; a dedicated Board; and a substantial financial base. As I've learned from attending Chapters meetings and from the Chapters e-list, this is certainly not the norm for our colleagues in other states. It is because of all of you that we can point to our success as an organization and as a vehicle for professional development activities such as our conferences.

I must acknowledge the work of the other members of your Board of Directors during this past year. Due to a series of personal and family issues, I was not able to always give the Board all of the time and attention that I wanted. And so I extend my sincere appreciation to Inga Barnello, Deborah Bernnard, Lorraine Melita, Sheldon Wein, Pat Hults, John Thomas and Gretchen Lieb for all of their efforts this year. Inga has been especially helpful, and her experience and guidance are a valuable resource for the organization.

The challenge for the incoming board and our members continues to be conference planning. As more and more of us are experiencing additional responsibilities at our respective institutions, it has become increasingly difficult to schedule and organize two major conferences each year. The reality of this situation for recent Program Committee members is that we can do one conference well, but are stretched by two. We welcome your input as we strive to deal with this issue.

Based on my recent experience, as a committee member and on the Board, I can attest to the benefits of active participation in the

organization. More and more communication takes place by email, telephone, and teleconference. When travel is necessary, our treasury contributes to your travel expenses. Conference registration rates and the dues structure are maintained at a reasonable level due to our healthy financial status. And I'm sure you will find, as have others, that collaboration with other members is very satisfying.

So, please, volunteer for committees. Encourage your coworkers to become members. Run for office. Nominate a co-worker for Librarian of the Year. ENY-ACRL is easy to belong to and easy to participate in.

Thank you for the honor of allowing me to serve as your President and for your support these past two years.

Mary Anne Waltz
President, ENY/ACRL
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Vice-President/Program Committee

Program Committee

The members of this years program committee have worked hard to produce two exceptional programs. Thanks to the committee:

<i>Francine M. Apollo</i>	<i>Morgan Gwenwald</i>	<i>Suzanne Preate</i>
<i>Megan Coder</i>	<i>Brenda Hazard</i>	<i>Elizabeth Putnam</i>
<i>Tasha Cooper</i>	<i>Kathryn Johns-Masten</i>	<i>Connie Roberts</i>
<i>John Cosgrove</i>	<i>Abby Kasowitz-Scheer</i>	<i>Urmila Sharma</i>
<i>Jacquelyn Coughlin</i>	<i>Jane Kessler</i>	<i>Vivien E. Zazzau</i>
<i>Barbara Durniak</i>	<i>Gretchen Lieb</i>	<i>Kari Zhe-Heimerman</i>
<i>Barbara Grimes</i>		

This years conferences created learning opportunities for our membership on a wide range of topics.

Fall 2005 Conference at Vassar College

Our Fall 2005 conference, **Transitions: New Directions in Librarianship**, took place on a beautiful October day on the historic Vassar campus. Keynote speaker, Frank D'Andraia, Dean and Director of University Libraries, University at Albany, SUNY forecast some of the challenges academic libraries will face in the 21 st century. We also heard from Cornell librarians, Barbara Berger Eden and Bill Kara, about the transformation of their traditional roles in preservation and technical services. Tom Mackey, Assistant Professor, Department of Information Studies, University at Albany, SUNY, spoke about using blogs as a teaching tool for information science students. We closed out the day with an engaging presentation by Steven Cohen, creator of the blog, Library Stuff, on using blogs and RSS feeds in our day to day work.

Attendees left the conference more than ready to embrace change during the new academic year.

Spring 2006 conference at Hamilton College

Many thanks and congratulations to Connie Roberts as the local arrangements chair for our Spring conference at Hamilton College. Our explorations of Data collection and analysis were both informative and useful. Scott Nicholson defined some of the major problems that libraries encounter with data collection and proposed some innovative solutions to those problems. Nancy Turner shared her experiences with an electronic resources management system. It helps immensely to hear how new products like electronic resource management systems actually perform.

Bob Freeman's talk about Freedom of Information in New York State and beyond was inspiring especially in light of the recent activities of the National Security Administration.

Group discussions were a new addition to our conference this Spring. Evaluations forms from previous conferences indicated that many of you wanted a chance to interact more with the conference material. I hope that these discussions proved fruitful. Finally, our membership provided some terrific poster presentations on differing methods of data collection in which they are currently involved.

Deborah Bernnard,
Vice President & Program Committee Chair

University at Albany, SUNY

Report of the Past President and Chair of Nominations & Elections, 2005-2006

Elections

The newly elected board members for 2006/2007 (and continuing through 2007/2008) are Francine Apollo, SUNY Cobleskill, as Vice President/Program Chair/President-Elect; Suzanne Preate, Syracuse University, as Membership Chair; and Liz Strickland, SUNY New Paltz, as Treasurer. Leading the board will be Deborah Bernnard, University of Albany, as President. Patricia Hults, from RPI, will continue on as Communications Chair. Lorraine Melita, SUNY Cortland, will continue her term as Secretary, as will Gretchen Lieb, Vassar College, as Chair of Government Relations.

It is not easy to say "goodbye," so let's say "farewell" to those completing their terms of office--Membership Chair John Thomas, Jefferson Community College, and Treasurer Sheldon Wein from the New York State Library. Both of these gentlemen did outstanding work on behalf of the Chapter.

Barbara Petruzzelli, Library Director at Mount St. Mary's College, assisted me with nominations. I thank her, and also Kathryn Johns-Masten, Siena College, and Jane Kessler, University of Albany for running for office this past year.

Awards

See: *Librarian of the Year 2006: Susan Zappen*

See: *Janice Graham Newkirk Scholarship Awards*

Farewell

I want to thank the members of the board for their fine work on behalf of the Chapter. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve ENY-ACRL. Thank you to the membership for this wonderful opportunity. My parting message to all of you is to get involved with the Chapter. Volunteer to serve on a committee. Help with local arrangements. Be the Chapter liaison from your institution. It might just be the best thing you do professionally. It certainly was for me.

Have a safe, happy summer!

Inga H. Barnello
Le Moyne College
Past President, 2005/06

Treasurer

Annual Financial Report 2005

Beginning Balance \$22,753.01

Income

Membership Dues (88 @ \$12 and 140 @ \$15)	\$ 3,156.00
Conference Registrations (64 @ \$30 and 52 @ \$35)	\$ 3,740.00
Vendor Support	\$ 300.00
ALA Reimbursement	\$ 137.00
Pre-conference dinner	\$ 325.30
Total Income	\$ 7,658.30

Expenditures

Conferences	\$ 5,115.42
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ALA Travel for President and Vice President (ALA Mid-Winter and ALA Summer Conferences)	\$ 2,598.50
Membership Committee Expenses (Directories and mailings)	\$ 430.56
Communications (Newsletter and Website)	\$ 119.40
Treasurer's Office (mailing and supplies)	\$ 21.44
Board member elections	\$ 104.27
Committee members reimbursement for travel	\$ 102.15
Pre-conference dinners	\$ 522.05
Conference Raffle winner – ALA registration	\$ 135.00
Chapter Insurance for conferences (The Hartford)	\$ 350.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 9,498.79

Ending Balance \$20,912.52

Janice Graham Newkirk Research Fund Annual Report 2005

1/1/05 BEGINNING BALANCE \$23,181.80

Income

Contribution	\$ 1,000.00
CD Interest	\$ 619.68
Total	\$ 1,619.68

Expenditures

There were no applications for a Newkirk award in 2005.

12/31/05 ENDING BALANCE \$24,801.48

Respectfully submitted
Sheldon Wein, Treasurer ENY/ACRL
The State Library

Membership Committee

As of April 27, 2006 ENY/ACRL has 228 paid members, and of these, 105 are members of the National ACRL Division of ALA.

This year the Membership Committee contacted the institutional liaisons from many of our libraries and organizations with the goals of updating the membership database and securing new ENY/ACRL members. Overall, the effort was a success. We have eliminated numerous database entries for folks no longer working in member institutions and we gained several new members as well.

Last summer, in consultation with the Board and other Membership Committee members, I decided to mail the renewal forms to liaisons at institutions with an active liaison for distribution, rather than send them on an individual basis. All feedback was positive and the assistance from liaisons in relation to offering "gentle reminders" to their colleagues to renew was helpful. Thank you liaisons! If your institution does not have an ENY/ACRL liaison please consider serving!

The members of the Membership Committee include:

- Mary Lynn Bensen, SUNY Oneonta, South Central Region
- Amy Hillick, Orange County Community College, Southeastern Region
- Kathleen Horton, SUNY Canton, North Country

Jane Kessler, University at Albany, Capital Region

Mary Mullin, Herkimer County Community College, Central Region

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the committee for all of their assistance and service during my tenure as chair. Their input and work was extremely valuable and appreciated. Thank you all.

I would also like to thank ENY/ACRL's membership for the opportunity to serve the organization over the last two years. It has been a rewarding experience.

Submitted by John Thomas
Membership Committee Chair
Jefferson Community College

Communications Chair

In addition to maintaining and monitoring the membership listserv, there were two main areas of activity by the Communications Committee this year; the website and the newsletters. Thanks to hard work by Abigail Bordeaux, Electronic Resources Librarian at the Binghamton University Libraries, ENY/ACRL's website was redesigned. The new look is cleaner, loads faster, and is more accessible to people with disabilities. The website is regularly updated with information such as news about the upcoming conference, award winners, etc. The Committee is looking into incorporating a blog in the future. Three newsletters were also produced and mounted on the website and additional organizational documents made accessible on the website.

The Committee currently consists of Abigail Bordeaux, Binghamton University Libraries; Bern Mulligan, Binghamton University Libraries; and Patricia Hults, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

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Librarian of the Year 2006: *Susan Zappen*

Past presidents and past awardees Mary- Alice Lynch, from NYLINK, and Elaine Coppola, from Syracuse University, returned to serve the Chapter on the committee for the ENY-ACRL Librarian of the Year Award. I served with both of these fine professionals on the board in the past as secretary. It was no surprise to me that they answered the call for assistance. It certainly has been my experience in my many years of membership and work on behalf of the Chapter that we have an organization of enthusiastic professionals that are dedicated to helping the profession.

One such fine professional is **Susan Zappen** from Skidmore College, the Chapter's 2006 Librarian of the Year. Serving as Acting College Librarian at Skidmore in 2005-06 while Ruth Copans was on sabbatical, Susan also serves as Associate College Librarian for Collections. Her presentations and writings on serial collections and full-text databases are numerous. As the librarians that nominated Susan pointed out, she served as Treasurer of ENY-ACRL for 3 terms during the Chapter's period of incorporation. Her stewardship of the financial aspects of this process kept the Chapter not only in fine stead, but saw its accounts grow in unusual amounts. The words that bounded off the pages of her nomination documents are those that paint a portrait of a leader, mentor, and an organized, dedicated librarian. As I pointed out when I presented the award to Susan, even though it is not required for the Librarian of the Year Award, it would be remiss not to also mention her remarkable sense of style and class!

Janice Graham Newkirk Scholarship for Library and Information Science Education

Barbara Via and Catherine Dwyer, University of Albany, and Sean Maloney, Siena College, have been instrumental in the administration of the Newkirk Award since its inception. This past year Barbara and Cathy approached the Board and Ray Newkirk about altering the award. They, along with Ellen McCabe, SUNY Cortland, volunteered and completed successful work on the procedures and selection criteria, changing the award and the procedures to one that assists students in their pursuit of graduate study. Three new Newkirk scholarship awards were presented at the Spring business meeting at Hamilton College to three graduate students. They are:

Christina Connor, University of Albany combined Masters in Information Studies and American History

Christina is planning a career as a Bibliographer. She interned at the Dewey Graduate Library,

University at Albany, in the Spring 2006 semester. Christina is active in the student chapter of the Special Libraries Association, and is also a member of the U Albany pep band. In his recommendation letter, a professor in Information Studies wrote: "Throughout her career as a student at the School of Information Science and Policy, Christina has shown not only that she can be an effective student from the perspective of academics, but also that she possess a passion to learn and a willingness to go beyond the required assignments."

Charlotte Widomski, University of Albany, Department of Information Studies

She is active in the student chapter of ALA at Albany. She has won academic honors in her undergraduate career, and done excellent work as a graduate student. Charlotte works in the online access area of the reference department at U Albany, assisting users with their queries. A librarian at the University, in her recommendation letter, wrote of Charlotte's excellent academic performance as well as her willingness to seize professional development opportunities, such as creating a poster session for presentation to library faculty and staff.

Susan Yoo, School of Information Studies at Syracuse University

Susan holds a Graduate Assistantship and is an IT Leadership Fellow. She is co-president of the student chapter of the Special Libraries Association. She is also the communications officer and web administrator for the Information Studies Graduate Student Organization. A professor in Information Studies described Susan as "a talented, disciplined, vibrant person who will bring to life any library in which she works."

2007 ACRL Best Practices in Marketing Academic and Research Libraries @your library® Award

Through funds provided by Springer, an award will be made to the academic/research library in each category (community college and university) that demonstrates an outstanding best practices marketing program that addresses the criteria for judging as described below. The marketing program being submitted must have been in place for at least one year.

Award Each winning library will receive a plaque and \$2000 award. The awards will be presented at the 13th ACRL National Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, March 29 - April 1, 2007.

Criteria

The criteria established by the ACRL Effective Practices in Academic and Research Libraries Committee for determining "effective" practices will be used by the ACRL Marketing Academic and Research Libraries Committee in evaluating portfolios that have been submitted.

The criteria for determining an effective practice are the following:

1. **ALIGNED:** Effective Practices are aligned with the library's mission as articulated in strategic plans and elsewhere. That is, Effective Practices demonstrate the connection to the larger institutional environment.
2. **INNOVATIVE:** Effective Practices can be unique and original ideas or unique and original use of technology, as in the web, to insure the marketing message(s) reach information consumers.
3. **MEASURABLE:** Effective Practices have outcomes that are measurable.
4. **SUSTAINABLE:** Effective Practices are sustainable, cost-effective and have a long-term impact on the library and its constituents.
5. **TRANSFERABLE:** Effective Practices contain some components that are potentially useful within other contexts either within the institution or at other institutions.
6. **RESPONSIVE:** Effective Practices can be articulated in terms of responding to the needs of an academic or research libraries' constituencies.

Portfolio Contents

Portfolios should contain examples of marketing materials, an account of how the marketing activities are linked to the library's mission and strategic plan and documentation on the assessment or evaluation of the marketing activities. Portfolio contents should contain evidence that the Campaign for America's Libraries @your library® is an integral part of the marketing effort. *Please note that portfolios will not be returned.*

Submission Deadline

Portfolios must be postmarked no later than Monday, December 4, 2006, in order to be considered for the 2007 award. Applicants are required to submit 15 copies of the portfolio to MARL Chair Frank D'Andraia, Dean and Director of Libraries, Li-123, University Library, 1400 Washington Avenue, University at Albany, State University of New York, Albany, New York 12222. Phone: 518.442.3568, E-mail: fdandraia@uamail.albany.edu.

Information & Assistance

Questions regarding submission procedures should be directed to Megan Bielefeld, (800) 545-2433, ext. 2514. (312) 280-2514, mbielefeld@ala.org.

For additional information on the "Best Practices" Award please consult the following ACRL link:
<http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlissues/marketingyourlib/marketingyour.htm>

ENY/ACRL looking for a new Archivist

After several years serving as the organization's archivist, Carla List has retired. Who is willing to fill her shoes? In addition to the duties listed below, the issue of digitally archiving materials need to be explored. For additional information, please contact Deborah Bernnard, bdernard@uamial.albany.edu, (518) 442-3699.

1. Advises the Board of Directors on types of materials that shall be deposited in the chapter Archives.
2. Proposes retention schedules for archival materials.
3. Monitors acquisitions of archival material from Board of Director and/or chapter members.
4. Houses and maintains archives.
5. Acts as a resource person to the Board of Directors.
6. Retrieves archival information requested by the Board of Directors.
7. Assists chapter members and non-members interested in using archives or in accessing archival information.
8. Reviews and updates the Archivist section of the Officers' Handbook with the Board of Directors as required.

More Organization Documents Available

There continue to be more organizational documents added to the ENY/ACRL website. Recently added were the Officer's Handbook (a good document to consult if you are considering running for office), organizational minutes, and annual committee reports. If you have suggestions of material you would like to see on the website, please contact [Pat Hults](#), Chair of the Communications Committee.

Proposed change to the Conference Schedule

ENY/ACRL has been considering reducing the number of conferences to a single spring conference. Meetings of the Eastern New York Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries have traditionally included a full day of conference programming. Two conferences per year are difficult to plan and it is particularly difficult to plan a Fall conference. Planning must occur in the summer when many librarians are unavailable. Teaching faculty who often serve as program speakers are not available during the summer. Additionally, many possible speakers are unavailable due to the short lead time and vendors are also less likely to donate funding for two conferences per year.

The Board proposes that instead of the traditional one day Fall conference and meeting, other professional development opportunities should be offered. For example, the University at Albany is holding a symposium on Scholarly Publishing on Oct. 24 2006. ENY/ACRL has agreed to become a sponsor of this symposium. NYLA has asked ENY/ACRL to sponsor workshops at their conferences which take place in the Fall.

The Board also would like the program planning committee to investigate the possibility of holding concurrent brown bag discussions in different parts of the region so that smaller more focused meetings could occur in the Fall. Other ideas for smaller less labor intensive Fall professional development ideas are welcome.

In order to make this change, a revision to the organization Bylaws must be approved by the members of ENY/ACRL. Currently, the Bylaws read:

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An official vote by the members will take place during the annual elections for members of the Board. In order to get a sense of the membership on this issue and to move forward on fall activities, the Board will be soon be conducting a non-binding ballot on the issue.

Blogg ing @ Binghamton

Since January 2005, the Binghamton University Libraries have been using a blog for the "library news" section of our website. Headlines appear on our home page. When you click on one, you are taken to the posted entry for that headline. If you click on the "More" link at the bottom of this section, you are taken to the blog's main page, which contains the eight most recent posts in reverse chronological order and links to all previous blog entries, organized by month. In addition, there are links to other blogs maintained by the Libraries: the Science Library Blog (with a number of ancillary subject categories), the Business Resources Blog, and the Government Information Blog.

This has turned out to be an ideal marriage of technology with function. Prior to this, we had a news section which was maintained as a separate web page. Now, any member of our Web Team (there are five of us) can post new entries to the blog. Although free blog software and hosts are available (Blogger.com, WordPress, GreyMatter, just to name a few), we decided to purchase the professional version of Movable Type to create our blog and to host it ourselves on our web server. In this way, we were able to customize the "look and feel" of our blog (more so than on the free sites) and make it blend with the other pages on our website. When we redesigned our site last August, it was fairly easy to convert the blog to our new look and have it retain its functionality. We decided not to use the "comments" feature on our main blog, but on several of the subsidiary blogs and categories, authors have opted to include this quintessentially blog-like feature. You can also subscribe to the latest headlines from "News & Exhibits" or any of the other blogs using something called an RSS or web feed. Feeds are used by many organizations to deliver news, blog entries, and even journal table of contents alerts. CNN, the New York Times, and NPR all offer feeds that enable you to keep up with the latest headlines, sports, or technology news.

Blogg ing is part of a larger trend toward making the Web more interactive. Sites are springing up that allow people to share photos, book collections, and life goals; to communicate easily using applications such as instant messaging and voice over IP (internet-based phone calls); and to connect with friends and strangers on sites like MySpace and Facebook. Web pages are no longer simply text and images to be viewed and linked together, but applications and platforms for connecting and interacting. Some catchphrases for this development are "Web 2.0," "The Read/Write Web," and "social software." As the Web 2.0 article in Wikipedia states, "Web 2.0 gives users an experience closer to desktop applications than the traditional static Web pages." (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Web_2.0; site accessed 6/2/06)

Why is this development important for libraries? Aside from the fact that some of these new applications may be very useful, the proliferation of social, interactive websites changes our patrons' expectations of what websites should be and do. Can I use my library website to connect to other researchers in my field? Can I leave comments in the catalog and rate the book I just returned? Is it easy to create and save lists of articles from three different databases and then share them with the rest of the group I'm working with? These are just a few of the questions we can expect to hear in the coming months and years.

Notes from the Field

College of Saint Rose

Regina Vertone was elected to the Board of the Hudson Mohawk Library Association (HMLA). She will serve as a "Director at Large" for a two-year term.

Jean Root will be leaving the College of Saint Rose at the end of June. She has accepted a job at Binghamton University, SUNY as Head of Special Collections, Preservation and University Archives, starting July 17.

Hamilton College

ENY/ACRL Spring Meeting 2006 was hosted at Hamilton College May 14-15; kudos to **Connie Roberts**, Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee, and all of the Program Committee members, for an interesting and well-attended meeting.

Lynn Mayo will contribute to this presentation at the CLAC (Consortium of Liberal Arts Colleges) national conference, June 13-15, hosted at Hamilton

College: <http://www.hamilton.edu/conferences/clac/clacprogram.html>

TURN ON, TUNE IN, PRINT OUT: A Professor - Technologist - Librarian - Student Experiment in Multimedia Collaboration. Franklin Sciacca, Associate Professor of Russian; Lynn Mayo, Reference Librarian & Coordinator, Electronic Resources; Krista Siniscarco, Instructional Technology Specialist, Hamilton College.

Hudson Valley Community College

Anne LaBelle was promoted to Assistant Professor and **Robert Matthews** was promoted to Associate Professor.

New York State Library

The Research Library welcomed two new Senior Librarians in Public Services: **Mary Beth Bobish** and **Helen Weltin**.

Corey Fleming, Senior Librarian in Public Services, left the State Library to take a position as Director of the Wyandanch Public Library on Long Island.

Mary Redmond, former Interim Director of the Research Library, is now Interim Director of Library Operations at the State Library.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Glen Wiley, Digital Resources & Metadata Librarian, taught several two-hour online classes for SOLINET, a library organization in the southeast United States, for its members in March and April. The class was entitled "FRBR: What Is It and Why Does It Matter to Me and My Users?". This class explained the FRBR (Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records) model and its relevance to users and to resource discovery.

Fran Scott attended the annual conference of the Art Libraries Society of North America this May in Banff, Alberta Canada and took office as Treasurer.

The first phase of the **Rensselaer Research Libraries' renewal** has created a main floor that is an innovative and welcoming space for students to congregate, research, and collaborate. For further information please see the [slide show](#) of the renovation or the [brochure](#) detailing the design concepts. Additional material is available at the [Folsom Renewal Project webpage](#).

Sage Colleges

The Sage Colleges (TSC) Libraries received a Capital District Library Council retrospective conversion and metadata grant for 2006. The retrospective conversion grant is being used to give access to the historical photograph collection contained in the Archives. TSC is digitizing all of its photographs and providing access through an 856 field on the OCLC database. Users from around the world will be able to view these photographs thus providing instant access to its collection. To view a sample from our collection via OCLC, search out the title: Eliza Kellas Hall at Russell Sage College (OCLC #65466227). Archivist, **Aggie Stillman**, and Adjunct Librarian, **Charlotte DeJesus**, work with Cataloger, **Terry Wasielewski** on this project.

Additionally, TSC received a grant to upgrade 200 monographic titles. Liaison librarians have identified monographs that would benefit from contents upgrade. Monographic records are locked and permanently upgraded in OCLC with metadata enrichment. Follow-up questions are welcomed by contacting Terry Wasielewski at TSC (244-2435 or wasiet@sage.edu)

Siena

Rebecca Rector has published an article entitled "Lydia Mott of Albany: the other abolitionist and women's rights activist." New York Genealogical and Biographical Record vol. 137, #2.

Sullivan County Community College

Mr. Jon Grennan, Associate Professor and Director of Library Services for the Hermann Memorial Library, Sullivan County Community College, was awarded a Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service, in appreciation and recognition for his many contributions to this college. The award was presented to Mr. Grennan during Commencement ceremonies on May 27, by Dr. Mamie Howard-Golladay, president of the college. Since arriving at Sullivan in fall of 2001, Mr. Grennan has achieved remarkable success in reorganizing and revitalizing the library's physical space, including the creating of a new multimedia Library Instruction Room, and a functional and aesthetic make-over of the Library main floor with reading area, new book display, etc. He has also brought many new ideas to the management of library services and programs; he has masterminded the development of an Information Management assessment tool, and has overseen a successful migration to a new version of ALEPH, to name only a few of his many contributions. In addition to all of this, Mr. Grennan has served the college in matters of governance, committee work as well as teaching beginning and intermediate Latin for our Humanities Department.

SUNY Cortland

M. Lorraine Melita, who joined the Memorial Library staff in 1998, becomes the fourth SUNY Cortland librarian to earn the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship.

As access services librarian and public services librarian, Melita supervises the Circulation Department and the Teaching Materials Center (TMC) and is the chief bibliographer for all 71 teacher education programs offered at the College. Using her previous library expertise as technical services librarian, Melita participates in the Composition Library Instruction Program (CLIP).

She created the "Food for Fines" program, allowing library patrons the option to "pay" fines for overdue books not in money but by bringing in food items that are subsequently donated to a local food pantry. Melita also conducts a book drive for National Children's Book Week. This year's drive netted hundreds of books that were donated to Louisiana elementary schools devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

She is the author of several published book reviews, co-authored articles and has a book chapter on Anne Killigrew in *The Age of Milton: An Encyclopedia of Major 17th Century British and American Writers*. She has lectured at numerous SUNY Library Association conferences and co-presented at the New York State Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference and other conferences.

Melita collaborates with the Cortland Area Child Care Council, Catholic Charities Food Pantry and Head Start, both as a volunteer and through College book and food drives.

SUNY New Paltz

Colleen Lougen received her Masters in Business Administration in May.

SUNY Oswego

Barbara Shaffer, Education Librarian, and **Faith Maina**, faculty member in the Curriculum and Instruction Department, have co-authored the article "Collaboration in Online Teaching: Library Instruction and Education Research". This research report was published in the spring 2006 issue of the [Journal of Online Interactive Learning](#). Barbara and Faith have collaborated for five years in presenting library instruction to online graduate students, and their research addresses student satisfaction with this model.

SUNY Potsdam

SUNY Potsdam Crumb Library will be closed for several weeks this summer for asbestos abatement. The Library will close on June 13th and will re-open immediately prior to the Fall semester. Library services will be available at Crane Library. ILL lending services will be suspended definitely during June and July and possibly during August.

Edward Komara received formal recognition on May 10th in Memphis from the Blues Foundation of Memphis. The Foundation inducted into its Blues Hall of Fame two works of blues music scholarship that he contributed to: *Chasin' That Devil Music*, a volume of Mississippi blues research by Gayle Dean Wardlow; and *Screamin' and Hollerin' The Blues: The Worlds of Charley Patton*, a 7-CD reissue of Mississippi Delta blues music. Mr. Komara edited and provided an introduction to the 1998 Wardlow book, and he wrote an essay with several appendices and a discography for the 2001 Patton box set.

Jane Subramanian was elected President of the St. Lawrence County Historical Association and began her term on January 1st. She chaired the Best of Chapters Competition Session at Music Library Association's conference in Memphis on February 25th. She also served as grant reviewer for the New York State Archives Documentary Heritage Program the end of March, and also gave a

guest lecture to the Information Processing graduate class at University at Albany's Information Studies Department on March 30th.

SUNY Potsdam College Libraries has opened its inaugural collection in the *DSpace at SUNY* repository. All Masters theses produced by graduating students will be electronically archived from Fall 2005 forward. Outreach will begin in Fall 2006 as we look to add collections of locally published journals, faculty publications, images, and unique campus resources.

Syracuse University

Personnel Changes:

Rosemarie "Romy" Romano joined SUL as a Temporary Reference Librarian in Professional Programs and Reference Services (PPGR), effective January 5. Prior to accepting this position, she was Access Services Librarian at SU's Barclay Law Library from 2002-2005.

William LeMoy will serve as interim director of the Special Collections Research Center (SCRC) effective February. For the past two years, Will has served as SCRC's curator of rare books and printed materials. His primary duties have encompassed collection development, instructional outreach, exhibitions, and publications.

David Stokoe joined SUL as Conservation Librarian in the Special Collections Research Center, effective May 1. David will be responsible for the conservation treatment of materials from the Library's special collections, supervising students working in the lab, and managing the day-to-day operations of the lab.

Roberta ("Bobbi") Gwilt, Head, Acquisitions Services, has been appointed as the interim Associate University Librarian for Information Management and Systems Services effective immediately.

Activities:

Michael Pasqualoni, Instructional Services, returned as moderator at this year's campus tournament of "College Bowl," the well-known academic trivia competition, on February 4 at the Schine Student Center.

Kathleen Manwaring, Curator of Manuscripts and Archives in the Special Collections Research Center (SCRC), has been named recipient of the 2006 Syracuse University Library Distinguished Service Award.

Congratulations to the very hardworking team of **Susan Miller** and **Michael Pasqualoni** for organizing and producing the Library Lock-In "**It Was a Dark and Brainy Night @ Bird Library**" on March 3rd. This event gave 100 Syracuse University and SUNY-ESF undergraduate residential students the opportunity to enter Bird Library after hours and compete in teams of two by searching the library for answers to challenging questions. It was an outstanding effort to promote library literacy and Bird Library to the student population [\[more\]](#).

University at Albany

Awards

Deborah Bernnard is the recipient of the 2005-2006 University at Albany Award for Excellence in Librarianship and the State University of New York Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship for Academic Year 2005-2006.

Committee Appointments

Senior Assistant Librarian (Reference) **Jane Kessler** has been appointed to Reference Services Section (RUSA) Management of Reference Committee;

Dean and Director of Libraries **Frank D'Andraia** has been appointed to a second term as chair of ARL's Marketing Academic and Research Libraries Committee, a new member of ACRL's Advocacy Coordinating Committee, and a member of the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) Leadership Development Task Force.

Laura Cohen was invited to be one of ten librarians worldwide to serve on the IngentaConnect Library Advisory Group. This body will advise the British publisher Ingenta on the development of its library services and provide guidance on current issues in the information industry.

Appointments

Yu-Hui Chen has been appointed Bibliographer & Outreach Librarian for Education at the University at Albany, State University

of New York effective June 29, 2006.

Presentations

Laura Cohen gave a talk on May 12 in Yonkers, NY at the Westchester Library Association Annual Conference on "Finding Scholarly Content on the Web: The Invasion of the Dot-Coms."

Other News

In December 2005, the Department of Special Collections began a \$24,310 grant project from the New York State Archives' Documentary Heritage Program to arrange and describe the records of environmental and education policy groups in New York State. **Amy C. Schindler** is Project Director which runs through June 2006. The focus of the arrangement and description project will be 213 cubic feet of records from eighteen organizations and individuals including environmental organizations such as Environmental Advocates of New York, New York Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides, Citizens' Environmental Coalition as well as some advocacy groups concerned with education public policy in New York.

The University Libraries have launched LIBlogs, a project that offers any staff person the opportunity to have a blog. The Libraries are hosting the Movable Type publishing platform on one of their servers. Staff have created blogs for both internal activities as well as external communication.

The University at Albany has acquired the papers of author Joseph E. Persico, the best-selling writer of Roosevelt's Secret War, Edward R. Murrow: An American Original, The Imperial Rockefeller, and co-author of former Secretary of State Colin Powell's autobiography My American Journey, as well as other acclaimed works of history and biography.

Persico's personal and professional papers, documents, memorabilia, and speeches, many written during his 11 years as a speechwriter for Governor and later Vice President Nelson Rockefeller, will be stored in the University at Albany Libraries' M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections & Archives. The collection will serve as a resource for scholarly research on Persico's literary career, and on the subjects of his many works. Persico is a 1952 graduate of the University.

In recognition of Persico's career accomplishments, service, and donations to UAlbany, the University has established an annual Joseph E. Persico '52 Scholarship for undergrads and the Joseph E. Persico '52 Fellowship Fund for graduate students of American history.

The collection, totaling some 40 cubic feet, includes original long-hand manuscripts and revised versions of the author's books; correspondence with editors and publishers at Random House, Simon Schuster, Viking and McGraw Hill and with fellow authors; interviews conducted for The Imperial Rockefeller, a biography of the New York governor and U.S. vice president; correspondence and memos between the governor and Persico; interviews with prosecutors, defense lawyers, victims and relatives for his book Nuremberg: Infamy on Trial; correspondence relating to his book on President Franklin D. Roosevelt; interviews with American secret agents who penetrated Germany during World War II for the writing of Piercing the Reich; and original drafts of numerous articles and book reviews written for the New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, American Heritage, and Military History Quarterly.

The collection also includes videos and tapes of Persico's media appearances, as well as tapes of interviews with dozens of subjects, among them Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Bob Woodward, Arthur Goldberg, William Safire, Richard Helms, William J. Casey, William F. Buckley, and John Huston.

Vassar

Elizabeth Oktay, Head of Acquisitions, is retiring after a 40 year career here. She'll be missed by all of her colleagues.

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