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Letter from the President

Dear ENY/ACRL Members,

Winter finally made an appearance in our region. If we are lucky, it will leave in a timely fashion and we will have nice weather for the Chapter's spring conference on Monday, May 21 at SUNY Institute of Technology in Utica, NY. Vice president and program chair, Fran Apollo, and her committee have planned a "must see" program titled "Who's Driving the Technology Bus?" It will focus on adapting library services to all of those new technologies that seem to appear every other week. A very preliminary web page has been put on our web site:

www.enyacrl.org/conf_Spring06_Prelim.htm.
Check back for more details.

As part of the spring luncheon, the Chapter will hold its annual business meeting. We have two by-law changes to vote on this year. One is to make official our decision to focus our programming efforts on one main conference per year and the other is to ratify changes to the Janice Newkirk Fund. This fund has recently changed from an award to help foster research to a scholarship fund. More information about the actual changes will be disseminated to you in March 2007.

Speaking of the Janice Newkirk Fund, please inform any and all MSIS or MLS candidates at the University at Albany or Syracuse University about this excellent opportunity. \$3,000.00 will be awarded to students who are interested in pursuing a career in academic librarianship. Visit www.enyacrl.org/newkirk_policies.php to view the criteria for this annual award.

We are now organizational members of

Unnamed library user in front of Penfield Library, SUNY Oswego, after the record breaking snow fall.



Deborah Bernard, ENY/ACRL President

the New York State Library Association (NYLA). One of NYLA's initiatives is an annual Library Lobby Day in which librarians and library supporters lobby their state legislators on state and local issues that impact libraries. This year's lobby day is scheduled for March 13 at the Empire State Plaza in Albany. NYLA welcomes and encourages participants. Visit the NYLA web site at <http://www.nyla.org> to register to participate in this important event.

ENY/ACRL welcomes participation from our membership. If you are interested in programming, government relations, membership or nominations, please contact any of ENY/ACRL's board members. This organization depends on the active involvement of our members.

I look forward to seeing you at Lobby Day and at our Spring Conference. Until then don't hesitate to contact me with any ideas or suggestions for our organization.

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Legislative Update



New York State Higher Education Initiative (NYSHEI)

Jason Kramer has been named as the new executive director of NYSHEI, an organization of institutional members comprised of most of the ACRL libraries in the state of New York. In October, the NYSHEI board launched a proposal for state funding to leverage the expenditures that academic libraries make for high-end information resources. NYSHEI is partnering with the New York State Library in developing and advocating for this package, known as ARIA (Academic Research Information Access). The State Library is continuing to advocate for the expansion of Tier 1 and 2 resources available through NOVEL, the package of databases available to public and academic libraries in the state. It sees the development of ARIA, which would make Tier 3 resources accessible to

academic libraries, as the third layer of information resources needed by New Yorkers. See the NYSHEI website for more information www.nyshei.org/default.htm.

EPA Libraries

As of this writing, the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works is scheduled to hold hearings on the issue of Environmental Protection Agency libraries. ALA President Leslie Burger is scheduled to testify before the committee on February 6. In November, New York Senator Hillary Clinton joined 15 other senators in signing a letter authored by Senators Barbara Boxer and Frank Lautenberg. The letter requested that the EPA restore and maintain public access and onsite library collections and services at the libraries until public

input on the plan to drastically cut the libraries' budget and services has been solicited and considered. For background and the latest information on this issue www.ala.org/ala/washoff/WOissues/governmentinfo/epalibraries/epalibraries.htm.

Library Lobby Day

You can get involved in supporting the public library system in New York by participating in Library Lobby Day, coming up on March 13. For more information on the advocacy issues and how to contact your regional coordinator, see the New York Library Association's web site <http://www.nyla.org/>.



Submitted by
Gretchen Lieb

Elections and Awards

Board of Directors Election

Ballots are forthcoming for the 2007-2008 election of the executive board of ENY/ACRL. Each year the Chapter elects a new Vice President / Program Chair to serve a three-year term on the board as vice president, president, and then past president and chair of nominations. The positions of secretary and communications chair, both two-year terms, are also open.

Ballots will be sent to all who paid their dues for the Chapter's membership year that runs September 1 through August 31.

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?

Past President Mary Anne Waltz seeks 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 meets the criteria as follows.

The recipient will have exhibited a dedication to fulfilling the ACRL mission and furthering the goals and objectives of ACRL and ENY/ACRL, in particular. He/she will exemplify the essence of librarianship through a commitment to service, professionalism, and accomplishment. In addition, the recipient may have demonstrated leadership

qualities, served as a role model to colleagues, or developed innovative policies or projects that have enhanced operations in his/her own library, the region or the state.

The award includes a plaque and a \$250 honorarium, which will be presented at the spring conference at SUNY IT on May 21. For more details see <http://www.enyacrl.org/loy.php>.

April 15 is the deadline for submissions for nominations. Please submit nominations to Past President, Mary Anne Waltz, via e-mail at waltzm@rpi.edu.

The nomination form is available on the web site at www.enyacrl.org/LOYform.php.

Prize Winning Library Renovation

The renewal of the second floor of Folsom Library at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute represents the first major refurbishment of the Library since its opening in 1976.



Information hubs

Jorge Vidal '91, with Rensselaer's Campus Planning & Facilities Design department, developed the overall design and managed the construction, drawing input from faculty and student surveys, library visits, the Rensselaer Plan goals and objectives, environmental scans and library staff input.

Space is organized to support a cooperative learning environment. Low-profile shelving and mobile, collaborative tables provide a flexible "learning laboratory" environ-

ment while providing welcoming, bright, inspiring and interesting spaces.

Light from the large windows that were formerly hidden by tall stacks now floods the room. Nearby crab trees are framed by the windows, providing a spectacular show in the spring and a pleasing view all year.



"Sails" art wall

"Information hubs" disguise concrete columns, integrate physical and virtual space while offering high-speed research access. Academic and social interactions are fostered in an attractive environment with newly opened vistas to the beautiful surroundings. A newly renovated cafe further enhances the feeling of place for both study and socializing.

Has your library done something innovative you'd like to tell the world about? Contact Pat Hults, hultsp@rpi.edu.

The "sails" art wall behind the Circulation desk consist of an inverted Hobo-Dyer Equal Area projection map of the world created by the words of Rensselaer's theme "Why not change the world?" repeated in many of the community's languages. An innovative LED lighting system, tied to the exterior temperature, discreetly changes color patterns to complement the season.

The renovation project has won two awards. It was named an Outstanding Project in the 2006 Educational Interiors Showcase competition by the American School & University. It also garnered 2nd place in the 3form® "People's Choice" best installation contest.



Closer view of "Sails" art wall

Who's Driving the Technology Bus? Spring Conference



The ENY/ACRL Spring conference will focus on emerging technology and adapting library services to using those technologies. Sessions will include "Driving the

Bus: Dealing with the Technology Stops, Starts, Schedules and Pas-

sengers; Riding the Bus: Letting Technology Get You Where You Want To Go," presented by Carl Rosenfield, Hamilton College; "Missing the Bus: Making Sure the Right Technology Doesn't Pass You By; and "Hit by the Bus: Technology Disasters (And How to Avoid Them)."

Meredith Farkas, Distance Learn-

ing Librarian at Norwich University, will give the keynote speech. Meredith has numerous articles and presentations dealing with technological change and in 2006 Library Journal named her one of the LJ Movers and Shakers. The conference will be held May 21, 2007 at SUNY IT, Utica, NY.

Keep track of conference plans at www.enyacr.org/conf_Spring06_Prelim.htm.



Librarians on the Move!

Librarians in New York State are dynamic, active, creative members of the profession. This new column will feature one or two such librarians each issue. If you have someone you think should be spotlighted, please contact Pat Hults, hultsp@rpi.edu.

As a new library director at Mount Saint Mary's College in Newburgh since last March, **Barbara Petruzzelli** reflects on a new job, small college libraries, and what our Chapter has meant to her.

What you like most about your new position?

I have a much broader viewpoint of library operations. I am finding out all the things I do not know about how libraries work. As a director I can make things happen faster than I could as a librarian. I like having influence on library services. I can suggest we go in this direction and we go in that direction. Then, of course, you sink or swim! The challenging part is that when you go to a new institution, you have zero institutional knowledge. It is disori-

enting. You feel ignorant. You have to research and investigate everything.

If you could snap your fingers and get one thing right away for free for your library, what would it be?

More librarians. There are five librarians here and we could have more of an impact on campus if there were more of us. There were 15 where I last worked.

Is that then the most pressing issue facing small college libraries?

Well, we have to do the same things with less people that other academic libraries do with more. Every department needs to have a librarian liaison. We have a librarian at the desk all day long. So our service hours are the same regardless of staffing.

Regarding your recent Haworth Press publication on marketing in academic libraries, how can a small library work on marketing with a small staff?



Marketing is the same at all size institutions. You need to be seen and be heard. Show your face and speak up on campus. That is one simple, important way of promoting the library, as long as you are saying something of substance. We redesigned our library web page and I announced it and talked about it at a faculty meeting. We are designing some workshops for faculty. We are hosting some poetry readings for National Library Week. Start small and work up to bigger things as you go along.

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Digital Resources and Metadata Librarian at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, **Glen Wiley** began his career in 2005 and is already making waves. He has appeared as a guest lecturer on metadata at University at Albany and has conducted eleven classes for SOLINET on FRBR, RDA, and other cataloging issues. He has a forthcoming book chapter on e-resource infrastructure and tools in *Transitioning from Paper to Electronic Journals and Resources* from Haworth Press.

SOLINET: Southeastern Library Network
FRBR: Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records
RDA: Resource Description and Access

The keynote speaker for the statewide Georgia OCLC/SOLINET Users Group meeting this fall, he spoke on "Transitions and Emerging Priorities for Librarians." His keynote speech focused on exploring external issues that are affecting our library users, catalogs, and library services in a rapidly changing information age. Glen gave an overall look at the library landscape as external forces transform our environment. He named four major movements that he sees driving change in libraries and some of the most recent library initiatives reflecting these changes. Glen stressed that responding to the pressure for libraries to become



more user-centered, the demand for a more "open" library, the shift to consider libraries as real information businesses, and the imperative to work more cooperatively, will attract more library users and create a more significant place for libraries in the digital environment.

Notes from the Field

Binghamton University

Retirements

Janet Hogan, Subject Librarian, and **Jeanne Eichelberger**, former Head of Special Collections, retired in December.

Hirings

Julie Wang has joined the staff as Asian and Asian-American Studies Librarian at Ithaca College.

Martha Kelehan has joined the staff as Area Studies Librarian for Latin American, Carribean Studies, and African American studies.

Presentations, Talks and Awards

Alesia McManus, Head of Research, Information & Instructional Services and **Erin Rushton**, Science Librarian gave a talk to the ACRL E-Reserves Discussion Group on "E-Reserves Using the Blackboard Content System" at the ALA Midwinter Conference. They discussed the implementation of e-reserves using the Blackboard Content System module and how the service worked, marketing efforts, and some of the benefits of providing the service as well as the challenges.

Colgate University

Colgate University is pleased to welcome two new members to the Reference & Instruction Department. **Clarence Maybee**, Information Literacy Librarian, joined the faculty on January 17th. He comes to Colgate from Mills College in Oakland, California, where he was an Information Literacy and Public Services Librarian, and where, prior to earning an M.L.I.S. degree, he was the Circulation Supervisor. In 2006, Clarence published an article in the *Journal of Academic Librarianship*, "Undergraduate Perceptions of Information Use: the Basis for Creating User-Centered Student Information Literacy Instruction." Clarence earned his M.L.I.S. at San Jose State University and his B.A. at Antioch College.

On March 1st, **Charlotte Droll** will join Colgate's library faculty as new Chair of the Reference & Instruction Department. Charlotte is currently the Humanities Librarian at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. She brings nine years of experience in academic library public services. Charlotte earned a Master of Science in Information degree from the University of Michigan, where she also earned a Master's degree and did coursework towards a Ph.D. in Germanic Languages and Literatures. Charlotte

completed her undergraduate work at Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania.

Fulton-Montgomery Community College

The Evans Library is pleased and proud to announce the opening of The Learning Commons. In addition to new furniture, the area consists of 15 new PCs (joining the existing 14 terminal stations) which will allow students to access programs previously available only from the campus Computer Lab. Another feature of the Commons includes just-in-time technical and applications help from the newly added Learning Commons student assistants. The new space is designed to provide more collaborative learning and studying space for all Library users.

Herkimer County Community College Library

During the HCCC library renovation project beginning January 2, 2007, access to the circulating book collection will be limited because the books will be temporarily housed in East Herkimer. Books can be requested through the online catalog and will be retrieved from the off-campus site on a regular basis. The library will be open for use during the renovation, however environmental conditions may vary depending on the work underway. Librarians will continue to be available to meet with students and faculty in classrooms as well as in the library. The renovation project details and updates will be available on the HCCC library web site.

Hudson Valley Community College

The HVCC library has just completed shelf reading and inventory of their circulating collection. All library personnel were involved in this massive undertaking.

Jefferson Community College

The staff at Melvil Dewey Library and Media Center at Jefferson Community College has been quite busy with several major projects. Upon completion of a usability study of the web site, staff have worked with the campus IT department to redesign the library's database menu and to refine the site navigation that guides users to resources.

The database menu redesign project was closely linked to implementation of Serials Solutions' Central Search federated search tool. **Inger Curth, Connie Holberg, Celia Livingston, John Thomas and Jackie Young** worked together to bring these projects to fruition.

Notes from the Field, cont.

John Thomas will be working closely with an English department faculty member this semester, providing instruction for five class sessions for an interdisciplinary course on research.

Le Moyne College

Jim Simonis, Director of the Library, is retiring June 30. A national search is underway.

Marist College

Kathryn Silberger, Automation Resources Librarian, gave a presentation "Federated Searching with a Simple Search Box" at the 26th Annual Charleston Conference, in Charleston, SC. The presentation described the Cannavino Library's first semester with their customized federated search engine, Fox Hunt. A demo of a sample search on Fox Hunt can be viewed at library.marist.edu/dev/FoxHuntHHopkins/FoxHuntHHopkins.html.

Verne Newton, Director of Library Services and **Kathryn Silberger**, Automation Resources Librarian, will present a contributed paper at the ACRL 13th National Conference in Baltimore, Maryland. The title of their paper is "Out-Googling Google: Federated Searching and the Single Search Box."

Mount Saint Mary College

Curtin Memorial Library at Mount Saint Mary College recently launched a completely re-designed web page, <http://library.msmc.edu>. A primary goal of the new design was to make as much content as possible accessible from the top level of the site. Other features include a one-stop faculty resources page and more prominent positioning of e-mail reference and research consultations links.

New York State Library

Robert Dowd was the 2006 recipient of the Mildred Lowe Award from the New York Library Association Government Information Roundtable. The award is presented annually for outstanding achievement in the area of government information librarianship.

Peter J. Paulson, Director of the New York State Library from 1972 to 1985, died September 29, 2006 in Albany Memorial Hospital.

Carole Huxley, Deputy Commissioner for Cultural Education, retired October 31, 2006. She oversaw the

State Library, State Museum, State Archives, and Educational Television & Public Broadcasting.

Linda Braun retired after 25 years with the Research Library on November 17, 2006.

After 22 years in Library Development, **Sara McCain** retired on September 21, 2006.

Anne Simon retired after 20 years in Library Development on December 13, 2006.

Mary Redmond is retiring from the New York State Library on February 27, 2007.

On December 8, the State Library bade farewell to **Rosemary Button** and **Rachel Dworkin**, the last remaining staff of the New York State Newspaper Project. Since its inception in 1987, the National Endowment for the Humanities funded Project has microfilmed more than 4.37 million pages of New York State newspapers on over 6900 rolls of film which continue to be available for circulation or interlibrary loan from the State Library.

NOVEL coverage of newspapers in the statewide NOVEL databases has been extended for The New York Times back to January 1995 (previously had been January 2000) and added for the Albany Times Union back to 1986. Coverage for both these titles, as well as for other newspapers available on NOVEL, also goes forward to the present.

Skidmore College

Barabara Norelli, Instructional Services/Social Sciences Librarian, and **Timothy Harper**, Skidmore Assistant Professor of Management and Business, have published "The Business of Collaboration and Electronic Collection Development" in *Collection Building*, 26 (1):15-19, 2007.

Yvette Cortes has joined Skidmore College as Fine Arts Librarian. She has her M.L.S from Simmons College and her M.S. in the Theory, Criticism and History of Art, Design and Architecture from Pratt Institute. Yvette was previously at Parsons The New School For Design, where she served as Reference Librarian.

In November **Susan Zappen**, Associate College Librarian for Collections, attended the 26th Annual Charleston Conference: Issues in Book and Serial Acquisition where she presented a paper, "Sleepless in Saratoga," in the Serials Resource Management session. She also participated on a panel to discuss the impact of electronic journal publishing on the partnerships among subscription agents, publishers and librarians.

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Sullivan County Community College

Phyllis Jones, Technical Services and Systems Librarian, has retired this past December after many years of service to the library. Phyllis helped to enable the library's first Internet connection in the early 90s, pioneered it's first online public catalog, and introduced MultiLis, and later Aleph, as the library management system. In addition she has ordered, catalogued and processed many thousands of books. Her deep, lifelong interest in ornithology, and her involvement in bird watching and her professional service in ornithological organizations, have also greatly enriched the college. She will be greatly missed.

Jon Grennan, Director of Library Services, has recently been awarded the status of continuing appointment.

The SCCC library was proud to have ranked very highly among SUNY community colleges in the 2006 SUNY Student Opinion Survey in all three categories of library resources, library services and library facilities. The staff have all worked hard to achieve this distinction.

SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry

Charles Bush, a student from Syracuse University School of Information Studies, will be completing an internship with us this semester.

Linda Galloway has been appointed Assistant Librarian effective Jan. 2, 2007. Linda had worked in a part time temporary position here for the last 1 ½ years. In this full time position she also works with ESF Office of Research Programs as a funding specialist. She holds an M.L.S. from Syracuse University. Prior to attending graduate school she worked as an instructional support specialist with the biology faculty at ESF.

SUNY New Paltz

New Staff:

The Sojourner Truth Library is happy to welcome two new librarians.

Andy Perry is the new Information Systems Librarian. Andy received his M.L.S. from SUNY Albany. Andy has had an extensive library career, which includes the positions of Catalog Librarian and Head Cataloger at Middlebury College, and Assistant Director of Libraries for Systems at SUNY Binghamton. Most recently he has been working with OLIS in providing technical support for Aleph and with the SUNY University at Buffalo with

the implementation of Aleph version 17.01, which was successfully concluded July 17, 2006 with the switch to production.

Heather C. Whalen joined the Sojourner Truth Library as a Reference Librarian in November 2006. While completing her graduate degree, which she earned in 2005 at SUNY Albany, Heather interned at the Sojourner Truth Library. She returns to us from DeSales University in Center Valley, PA, with a year's experience as a public services librarian. Heather earned her BA in English from Muhlenberg College in 2002.

New Tools:

The Sojourner Truth Library has subscribed to the federated search engine, WebFeat. WebFeat has been well received by the campus community and many are enjoying the quick and accessible features.

During the Spring 2007 semester, all SUNY New Paltz faculty and students will have subscriptions to EndNote software for publishing and managing bibliographies.

SUNY Oneonta

In October 2006, **Michelle Hendley** presented a poster session entitled "Tackling Tough Assignments: Research Consultations at Milne Library" at the College at Oneonta's 3rd Annual Celebration of Teaching.

In May 2006, **Mary Lynn Bensen** received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Librarianship.

Sally Goodwin, Associate Librarian, retired from full-time employment at the end of January 2007. Sally began work at Milne Library as a reference and instruction librarian in 1989 and later served as Head of Cataloging and Head of Access Services. She will continue on a part-time basis as reference & instruction librarian during the Spring 2007 semester.

SUNY Oswego

Emily Hart and **Dawn Eckenrode** (SUNY Fredonia) will be presenting: "Classroom Performance System" at the "Cyber Zed Shed" at the ACRL 13th National Conference being held in Baltimore, Maryland, March 29 - April 1, 2007.

Jim Nichols recently published an article, "Monthly Check-Up: Using a Monthly Survey to Monitor and Assess Library and Information Services for Distance Learners," in *Journal of Library Administration*: Vol. 45, No. 3/4, 2006, pp. 387-395 and co-published in [The Twelfth Off-](#)

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Campus Library Services Conference Proceedings (The Haworth Information Press.)

We are sorry to report that **Drew Urbanek**, Coordinator of Access Services, will be leaving Penfield Library to pursue a career in writing. We wish Drew all the best in his new endeavor.

The Penfield Library Instruction Team wrote and received a grant for \$1000 from the College's Office of the Provost. The grant will be used to fund initiatives to promote student success.

SUNY Plattsburgh

We are happy to announce that Associate Librarian **Mila Su** has joined the Feinberg Library faculty. She will coordinate the Access Services unit. Welcome Mila!

SUNY Potsdam

Jenica Rogers published "Changing the Way Libraries and Faculty Assess Periodical Collections in the Electronic Age" in *Against the Grain*, v.18 # 5, November 2006.

Finals Week StressBusters: Crumb Library launched a pilot project at the end of Fall semester to try and take some of the angst out of finals week. **Jenica Rogers** and **Keith Compeau** spearheaded the project to provide stress reducing activities, such as coloring books, jacks and barrels of monkeys, crossword, sudoku and jigsaw puzzles, a zen sandbox, labyrinth posters, and even a small putting range. StressBusters was a smashing success with students. At a budget of about three hours of staff time and less than thirty dollars for supplies, it will be back next finals week!

Information Technology Fair: On Jan.19th, the College Libraries co-hosted the 5th Annual IT Fair with Computing and Technology Services. The fair showcases new campus technologies and resources for faculty and staff. **Jenica Rogers** and **Marianne Hebert** presented on "Facebook, Flickr, and YouTube: Social Networking Can Be Educational!" Library faculty also did poster sessions on historical sources online, online reference services and resources, and new Google products.

Syracuse University

DeAnn Buss has accepted the position of Associate University Librarian for Digital Programs and Systems effective January 16, 2007. Most recently, Ms. Buss served as Director of Operations at Peart-Hannon



Emily Hart, in front of Penfield Library

Consulting, LLC, and has previously worked as the Assistant Director/Research Programmer at the University of Maryland. She holds a B.S. degree in Mathematics from the University of Wisconsin, a M.S. degree in Psychology from Northeastern University, and a B.S. degree in Computer and Information Science from the University of Maryland.

Sean Quimby has been appointed as the new Director of the Special Collections Research Center, effective November 16, 2006. Sean has his MLIS (2006) from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, an MA (2000) in American History from the University of Delaware, and a BA (1995), summa cum laude, in History and English, also from the University of Delaware. He has previously served as the Acting Head of Manuscripts Processing, the Head of Public Services, and the Assistant Manuscripts Processing Librarian in the Department of Special Collections at the Stanford University Libraries. He also has worked as Project Archivist at the Hagley Museum and Library in Wilmington, Delaware.

Angela Ramnarine-Rieks has accepted an appointment to the position of Web Administrator, effective January 16, 2007. Ms. Ramnarine-Rieks holds both a Masters in Library Science and a Masters in Information Management from Syracuse University and has held positions as reference librarian, systems librarian, and electronic resources manager for the University of the West Indies, in St. Augustine, Trinidad.

Nancy Turner, Head of Digital & Electronic Resource Management Services, was appointed as the Senior Program Officer for Research and Analysis. Her focus will be on investigating the needs of library users and evaluating the effectiveness of the Library in meeting those needs. She will research the work habits of students and faculty and their need for library services. Nancy's research will assist department heads and program managers by providing and analyzing data for tactical planning and strategic decision-making. She will

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also oversee the collection of data required by the library and take the lead in developing and maintaining a central data repository.

Peter McDonald, AUL for Collections Services, has resigned his position at the Library. Peter has been selected as the dean of the Henry Madden Library, California State University, Fresno, effective February 19, 2007.

www.csufresno.edu/academics/news/index.shtml

Abby Kasowitz-Scheer, Head of Instructional Services, with her graduate assistant, **Rabbecca Pierce**, co-presented "S.O.S. for Information Literacy" at the New York State Association for Computers and Technologies in Education (NYSCATE) Annual Conference on November 20, 2006 in Rochester, NY. "S.O.S. for Information Literacy" is the only nationally-funded online database of lesson plans, teaching ideas, and multimedia resources to assist K-12 and college-level educators in promoting information literacy skills. S.O.S. is a project of Syracuse University's Center for Digital Literacy, funded by a National Leadership Grant from the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The presentation demonstrated how to access and use S.O.S. and related tools for developing information literacy lessons.

Science and Engineering Information Fair: A Showcase of Online Research Tools. The staff of Science and Technology Services at Syracuse University Library, in conjunction with librarians from Moon Library at SUNY-ESF, held the first Science and Engineering Information Fair at the Schine Student Center on October 12, 2006. The fair, which was geared especially to faculty and students, attracted over 125 attendees and featured live demonstrations of online products by vendors, a variety of free promotional materials, and refreshments. Popular giveaways included Knovel bears, solar calculators from SciFinder, and clip-on pens from Elsevier. There were also a number of larger items donated for raffles, including an iPod, laptop carrying cases, several flash drives, numerous t-shirts, and a Starbucks gift certificate. Elsevier made a monetary contribution for refreshments. There have already been requests to make it an annual event!

University at Albany

Gerald Burke has been promoted to the rank of Associate Librarian and has also been granted tenure.

Laura Cohen traveled to London in November 2006 to speak at the Ingenta Publisher Forum on "Library 2.0

and Scholarly Portals."

Laura Cohen is maintaining the blog "Library 2.0: An Academic's Perspective" at <http://liblogs.albany.edu/library20/>.

Laura Cohen has been invited by ACRL to edit a hybrid book/wiki publication on Library 2.0 initiatives in academic libraries. The wiki part was Laura's idea and ACRL accepted it. The book will be published in the fall, and subsequent updates to its contents will be published on a wiki hosted by ALA.

Edmee Hernandez joined the Libraries on November 2, 2006 as Assistant Head of Circulation and Media Services.

Irina Holden has been appointed as Outreach and Instructional Librarian in the Science Library at the senior assistant librarian level beginning on February 8, 2007.

Trudi Jacobson has co-edited a book, Information Literacy Collaborations That Work, with Thomas Mackey of the Department of Information Studies. Each chapter in the book was written by a librarian and a faculty member, and recounts a successful information literacy collaborative venture. A range of disciplines is represented. The book will be published by Neal-Schuman early in 2007.

Amy Schindler has resigned her position effective January 26, 2007, in order to accept a position at the College of William & Mary as Curator.

Heather Shalhoub will join the Dewey Graduate Library as a half-time reference/user education librarian at the senior assistant librarian level.

Vassar College

Kappa Waugh, Reference Librarian and liaison to the History Department, retired in December of 2006 after 21 years of service. Kappa is a cartoonist, and her work has appeared in publications such as *College and Research Libraries News* and the *Journal of Interlibrary Loan, Document Delivery, and Information Supply*.

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It is all about building relationships regardless of the size of the library and the campus.

If you are to recruit new librarians, what do you look for in a college librarian?

Generalists are needed, but you also try to match the library's skill needs. Essentially, I look for initiative--someone willing to start new programs and go out into the campus. Reaching out like this should be understood as a natural thing to do.

As a member of ENY-ACRL since the early 1990s, what has the Chapter meant to you?

Joining was one of the most important things I did in terms of networking and professional development. To this day I still have relationships with librarians I met through ENY-ACRL that support me and sustain me and turn to for advice. I even met people from SUNY that I hadn't met even though I worked at a SUNY campus. In particular, working on the Program Committee when you work so closely together to produce something worthwhile makes for lasting professional relationships.

Interview by Inga Henrikson Barnello, Coordinator of Library Instruction at Le Moyne College



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