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Sign at the Hard Rock Café during the ALA Midwinter conference, Philadelphia.

Letter from the President

Colleagues:

It's been a while since I communicated last so I'll give you an update on my activities.

I attended ALA Annual in Washington in June 2007; it was a good meeting and I saw many of our members there. The weather was not as bad at it might have been for a big city in summer (always a consideration). The four presentations/discussions I attended were all good and well attended. I, of course, attended our ACRL Chapters' Meeting early on a Sunday morning; it was just one bus trip away from the Convention Center. More on that later, but I'll bet you'll agree that the summer flew by!

The Fall Semester was typically hectic. I did have a chance to attend the Brown Bag Lunch Discussion at Siena College. It was well attended and all seemed pleased with the outcome. And, the Fall term slipped away!

This January, I attended ALA Mid-Winter in Philadelphia. I had never been to Philadelphia before and that made the trip a little special. I attended five presentations/discussions which, as usual for me, had something to do with academic librarianship. I attended the Chapters' Meeting, which unlike Seattle and Washington, was just around the corner from my hotel and across from the Convention Center. It was an easy walk to and fro and the weather was mild. Chapters' Meetings are a great way to meet other Chapter leaders. It is a chance to meet the current ACRL leadership and staff as well as those librarians running for ALA offices. If you are with an institution that supports your professional service at the national level (it does after all get your college/university name out there), then please do consider running

Francine Apollo, ENY/ACRL President

for one of our ENY/ACRL offices in the future. I know something about our chapter membership and you could do well at the national level.

I'd like to ask you to consider the role of government relations for our Chapter. I think a team of two to four people would be really great but it does require a Chair. I am doing my best to fill the gap, with others, in sending you messages as they come to my attention. Please do think about stepping up to this important role. Call me (518-255-5858) or email me, apollof@cobleskill.edu if you'd like to discuss this. This is not an elected position. I would be glad to help you get started!

In addition, I've been "listening" to the discussions of the Program Committee on e-mail and I know they will bring forth yet another wonderful Spring Conference. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

ENY/ACRL Spring Conference

Susan Zappen
Associate College Librarian for
Collections
Lucy Scribner Library
Skidmore College

The ENY/ACRL Spring Conference, "OPAC: Dead, Alive, or Revived?" will be held on Monday, May 19 at Syracuse University in the Schine Student Center. The keynote address will be given by Syracuse University's R. David Lankes. Professor Lankes is both the Director of the Information Institute of Syracuse and an Associate Professor in the School of Information Studies. Lankes is a prolific author and a much sought after speaker. For more information about him, see http://quartz.syr.edu/rdlankes. We are so pleased that he has accepted our invitation to speak at our conference!

The Conference Planning Committee is also excited by the conference program which includes the following presentations and demonstrations:

- The Penn Tags Project presented by Laurie Allen, Social Sciences Data Services Librarian at the University of Pennsylvania.

- WorldCat Local presented by Jennifer Hawkes, Nylink's OCLC Services Librarian.

- Grokker and Encore presented by Katharine Bouman, Reference Librarian/Bibliographer, and Alesia McManus, Head of Research, Information & Instructional Services, at Binghamton University.

- The eXtensible Catalog project presented by Judi Briden, Rush Rhees Library Reference Librarian, and Jeff Suszczynski, Senior Web Developer/Digital Initiatives from the University of Rochester.

Join us on May 19 and be prepared to be informed, excited, and challenged!

OPAC: Dead, Alive, or Revived?

News from the Editors

Tammy Gobert and Pat Hults
Rensselaer Research Libraries
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Change in Publication

At the recommendation of the current editors of the ENY/ACRL Newsletter, the Board of ENY/ACRL agreed to a change in the publication pattern of the newsletter. Until now the newsletter has been published three times per year. Beginning with this newsletter we will publish two issues each year; one in the Spring and one in the Fall.

The reason for this change is two-fold. It takes a lot of work to put out an edition and the editors prefer quality to quantity. It is also challenging to solicit enough articles to make the newsletter worthy of publication. We believe this change will improve the value of the newsletter to our membership.

Thematic Editions

In addition to altering our publication schedule, we plan to make some changes in the content of the newsletter as well. Starting with the Fall 2008 issue, we will publish a series of themed editions. The Fall issue will address digital initiatives in Eastern New York libraries. Many libraries in our region have launched or are thinking about launching digital projects, and we hope to compile articles addressing a wide range of digital library activities.

If your library is involved in a digital project, please consider contributing an article. The more libraries we hear from, the better sense the readers will have of the depth and breadth of digital efforts in this area. The Fall submission deadline will be September 1, 2008. Please contact Pat Hults at hultsp@rpi.edu of your intent to contribute and with any questions you may have. As always, graphics are welcome.

Tammy Gobert and Pat Hults, Editors, ENY/ACRL Newsletter

Visual Zip and 2.0 Zing

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Reinvigorating the Dewey Graduate Library Web Site

In the summer of 2007, librarians at the Dewey Graduate Library, University at Albany, revamped their portion of the University Libraries' web site. The previous version of the site had not received a significant update in years -- the color palette, layout and design looked dated, and the content was static. The downtown campus community consists in large part of students who live off campus and/or have full time jobs in addition to their studies. Connecting with these students through web-based services is of vital importance to the Dewey Library, as students spend a minimal time on campus. Clearly the site needed a little "zip" and "zing."

Dewey librarians Elaine Lasda Bergman and Heather Shalhoub, in consultation with the other librarians, made the site more dynamic by placing a blog on the main entryway of the site. The blog is frequently updated with library news, events and research tips. The new format also facilitates interaction and feedback: users may post comments on the blog, and many links in blog postings and on informational pages point to the University Libraries' centralized e-mail and instant message reference access points.

Use of a web-based photo-sharing application to house images of Dewey allows for an easy-to-use visual orientation to library features, and information about the library's historic murals and stained glass windows.   The collection of photos is periodically updated to highlight new staff and patrons making use of the library. The photo sharing application

Random display of photos generated by an animated widget.

provides an animated "widget" that randomly displays an arrangement of the photos in the collection.

A goal in the visual appearance of the site was to give the Dewey pages a unique look and feel; however, it was also important to incorporate style elements consistent with the

Librarian of the Year Nominations

ENY/ACRL Librarian of the Year Award Nomination Deadline: April 15, 2008

Do you know an outstanding member of the chapter whose work has benefited the profession and the chapter? Honor that colleague with a nomination for the ENY/ACRL Librarian of the Year Award. The award recognizes an ENY/ACRL member who has exhibited 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 is presented at ENY/ACRL's Spring Conference. For more details see http://www.enyacrl.org/loy.html.

April 15 is the deadline for

submissions for nominations. Please submit nominations to Past President Deborah Bernnard via email at bernnard@uamail.albany.edu. The nomination form is available on the website at http://www.enyacrl.org/LOYform.html

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

Susan Zappen, 2006
No award, 2005
Jane Subramanian, 2004
Lynne King, 2003
Barbara Via, 2002
Mary Jane Brustman, 2001
Michael Engle, 2000
Cerise Oberman, 1999
Gillian McCombs, 1998
Carla List, 1997
Elaine Coppola, 1996
Janice Newkirk, 1995
Mary Alice Lynch, 1994

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.

Embedding Library Resources

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Syracuse University Library launched its new Business and Management Information Gateway on January 14, 2008. This was a collaborative project of SU Library and the Whitman School of Management. It has been found that Library systems require considerable effort to understand and navigate; users have increasingly turned away from the library web interface because of difficulty in deciding which of the multiple entry points is likely to best suit their needs. Search tools on the open Web are more easily accessed and more straightforward, and therefore preferable. However, in many cases, the resulting information is not authoritative or appropriate for academic use. Through requirements gathering exercises, Whitman faculty and students expressed a need for access to resources and services specific to the subject of business and management. In addition to databases and electronic journals, they needed an access point to course-specific information, writing instruction, frequently used resources, and some means of communicating with their library subject specialist.

To address these needs and provide the university community with more ready access to its quality information resources, the Syracuse University Library embedded library information resources within the school's web environments. Rather than requiring them to navigate the library web site, students and faculty will now find library resources packaged within the context of their courses. When users authenticate to their Blackboard account they will have access not only to the single library search box but also to a gateway site that has been customized for their specific user category. Resources were incorporated into audience specific websites designed for faculty and PHD students, undergraduates and graduates, and staff. As a result of this placement, we believe that students and faculty will be more likely to consult these resources for their research.

The Gateway search functionality is powered by MetaLib which streamlines the discovery process and enables users to locate the information more quickly and effectively. The new interface searches multiple business

Comfort and Function Combined in a New Periodicals Reading Area

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SUNY Cobleskill

In 2006, the Van Wagenen Library at SUNY Cobleskill took on the role of Information Commons. This included the re-design of group work areas, technology enhanced work spaces, incorporation of services like tutoring and instructional technology training, extended hours, and new lounge areas. A major component of the project involved the design of a relaxing space where patrons could study or just read in comfort. This new space would include the display of the current periodicals and journals along with the popular reading collection. There was only one location for this new area in our library that could provide this space on the main floor; it was located between two divider walls was occupied by the first part of the bound periodicals shelving.

The original layout of the periodicals area consisted of nine full ranges of shelving for back files with current issues displayed along the walls and the current year stacked behind the lift-up fronts of the display shelves. This configuration was utilitarian and consumed a large portion of the main floor of our library. Areas for patrons to relax, study and read were confined to the center and isolated edges of the main floor amongst computer workstations and group study tables. This worked fine for some students but it didn't provide enough space and seemed "hidden" to most people entering the building. We decided to open up a welcoming reading area with comfortable furnishings that would contain the current periodical titles, openly displayed.

In order to free up the necessary space, compact shelving was obtained and installed in a storage area on the lower level to hold those materials

"Earth From Space" Exhibit Lands at Rensselaer

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Rensselaer Research Libraries

The Folsom Library at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute hosted the Smithsonian's "Earth from Space" exhibit December 1, 2007 to January 27, 2008. Featuring 40 beautifully detailed satellite images of the planet—from the swirling arms of a massive hurricane and the grid-like pattern of Kansas farmland to the triangular shadows cast by the Great Pyramids and the sinuous channels entering the Arctic Ocean—"Earth from Space" illustrates how satellite imagery is gathered and used to expand mankind's understanding of life on Earth. It also explores the remote sensing technology used to gather the images and discusses the individual satellites whose images are on display.
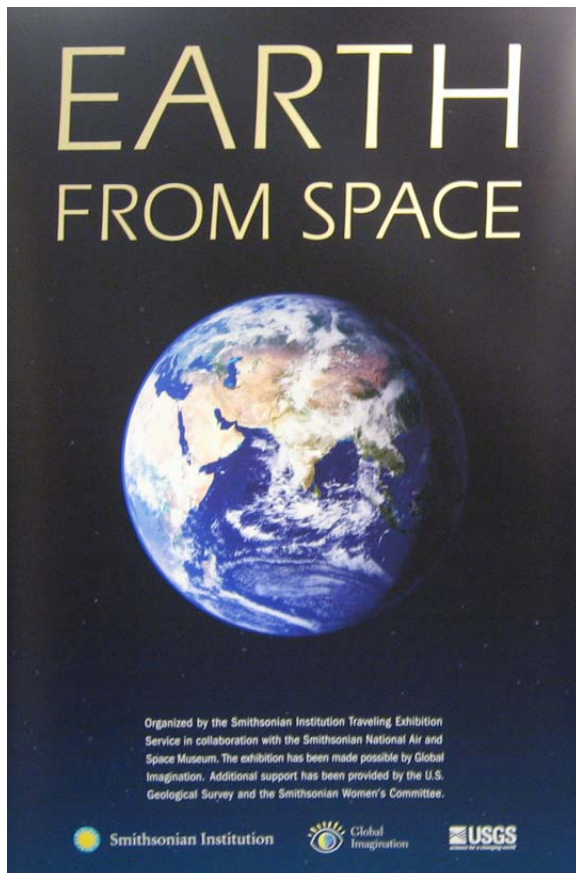
A Magic Planet digital video globe—a digital display with a sphere-shaped screen—complements the traveling exhibition. The animations on this tool allow visitors to observe the global extent of images returned from orbiting satellites.

"Earth from Space" was developed by the Center for Earth and Planetary Studies at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum, in collaboration with the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service. Andrew Johnston, a geographer at the National Air and Space Museum's Center for Earth and Planetary Studies and author of *Earth from Space* (Firefly Books, 2004), is the exhibition's curator. The exhibition was made possible by Global Imagination; additional support was provided by the U.S. Geological Survey, the Smithsonian Women's Committee and the Friends of Folsom Library.

The exhibit has broad appeal to people of all ages. In addition to RPI students and staff, school groups, scouting groups and home schooled children toured the exhibit. A family day event was held at the Folsom Library on Saturday, January 19th. More than 100 people had an opportunity to explore the exhibit with friends and family. Guest speaker Jason Gough, WNYT News Channel 13 meteorologist, discussed how he uses satellite technology to forecast the weather.

The exhibit has moved on to the University Museum at the University of Northern Iowa, IA and will continue to tour until March 2010. For more information on the Smithsonian's traveling Exhibition Service, see http://www.sites.si.edu.

View of the panels on the main level of the library

Opening panel for the Smithsonian's traveling exhibit on satellite images.

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Adirondack Community College

Tim Donahue, part-time reference librarian at Adirondack Community College, resigned in January to take a position as Coordinator of Instruction at Montana State University.

Fran Sigurdsson was hired in January at ACC as a part-time reference librarian. Fran also works at Sage College as a part-time reference librarian.

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Clarkson University

Michelle L. Young, MLS, is the new Library Director at Clarkson University in Potsdam, New York. Her goal is to set in motion the University Library's transformation toward continual academic excellence through the implementation of programs, policies, and strategies geared toward the innovative vision of libraries in the 21st century. For the past 7 years, she served as College Librarian at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia, where she accomplished such notable achievements as collaborative leadership in the procurement and implementation of the Innovative Interfaces' integrated library system, an information literacy grant project, several instruction and outreach initiatives, internal upward evaluations, and a study on paraprofessionals becoming librarians. She has authored several papers and given presentations on subject matter ranging from instruction and outreach issues, evaluation processes, technology, students in academic jeopardy, and professional development topics.

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Hamilton College

Rebecca Troendle Hewitt begins a new position as a Reference Librarian in the Burke Library. She comes to Hamilton from a position at Colgate.

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Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Kathryn Dunn has joined Rensselaer as the new Technology & Metadata Librarian. Katie comes to Troy

by way of Grinnell College where she held a position as Reference and Instruction Librarian.

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Schenectady County Community College

Begley Library at Schenectady County Community College welcomes two new librarians.

Qiongfei (Vicky) Yu joined the library staff in September as the Web / Reference Librarian. Vicky has been the part-time Web Librarian at Schenectady County Public Library since 2004. She holds an M.S. degree from the School of Information Science and Policy at the University at Albany and a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from Tongji University, China.

Kelly MacWatters has joined the College's team of reference librarians. Kelly is currently the Electronic Resources Librarian at Sage.

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Skidmore College

Andrew Ashton, Systems Librarian, has an article entitled "Syndicating Rich Bibliographic Metadata Using MODS and RSS" forthcoming in volume 2, issue 1 of *The Journal of Web Librarianship.*

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SUNY Binghamton

In January, the **Binghamton University Libraries Instructional Services Coordinating Committee** offered a workshop for teaching faculty and graduate students on information management. We discussed techniques for creating assignments that challenge students to use their critical thinking skills to develop the best information management strategies. We also highlighted library services including our web evaluation checklist and citing sources guide. The workshop was well-received by the nearly 30 people in attendance and was written about in the campus faculty and staff newsletter.

The **Binghamton University Libraries** have implemented a Facebook page which has 31 fans so far at http://www.facebook.com/pages/Binghamton-NY/ Binghamton-University-Libraries/7266047455. From our page, the community can search the library catalog, Encore, metaLIB, and JSTOR. They can also ask questions via a

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Meebo widget.   The page has an incoming feed from our Libraries News & Events blog. We hope to get feedback, post events, photos, and other information and send updates to "fans". It could be a potentially useful communication and outreach tool since the Binghamton University Facebook network has 3,000 members.

Marcy Strong and Alesia McManus gave a presentation entitled "Encore: A Web 2.0 Interface for Aleph" at the SUNY Library Software Users Group (LiSug) meeting in Cobleskill, NY, on October 5, 2007.

Jill Dixon has joined the staff as Subject Librarian for Engineering.

Edward Shephard has been promoted to Head of Collection Development and Management. Ed gave a presentation on cooperative collection development at ALA Midwinter at the Association of Collections and Technical Services Collection Development and Management Discussion Form in Philadelphia, PA, January 2008.

Edward Corrado has been named Head of Library Technology and will join Binghamton University Libraries in May 2008.

John Meador (Director of University Libraries) and **Susan Currie** (Associate Director) gave a presentation at the NY3R's Academic Libraries 2007 conference on "New Organizational Structures for the 21st Century Library" in Saratoga Springs, NY, in November 2007.

Susan Currie (Associate Director of University Libraries) and **Carol Clemente** (Head of Reader Services) are members of the NYLINK Discovery and Delivery Working Groups organized to look at discovery and delivery models to benefit New York's library community.

Martha Kelehan attended "The History of the Book in Latin America, 16th-19th Centuries" at UCLA's California Rare Books School, July 30-August 3, 2007.

Sandy Card (Head of Cataloging) and **Virginia Howard** (Authorities) gave a presentation on "Authorities in Aleph v.17" at the SUNY Library Software Users Group Annual Conference in October 2007.

Caryl Ward (Head of Acquisitions) gave a presentation on SUNY Cooperative Collection Development at the 27th Annual Charleston Conference titled "Issues in Book and Serial Acquisition."

Elizabeth Brown is the Local Section Chair-Elect for the American Chemical Society (ACS) and attended their Leadership Institute in Dallas, Tx, in January 2008.

Kate Bouman is a member of the Shared Search and Discovery Committee, a SUNY-wide library committee formed to evaluate and recommend to the SUNYConnect Advisory Council approaches for improving the discovery of library resources.

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SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry

Summer 2007 brought great changes to the **Moon Library.** This "extreme makeover" included new floor coverings (tile and carpet) and new furniture. Additionally, a new circulation/reserve/reference desk (affectionately known as THE DESK) was relocated to the center of the building, facing the front door. This also created a flexible open space adjacent to the entry which will be a lounge area or gathering space for special occasions. A number of small "living rooms" were created with couches and chairs throughout the first floor. Additional public access computers were added to the center of the library adjacent to THE DESK. Finally, wooden end panels replaced the metal ones on the end of the book stacks. The entire staff worked with Artistry in Wood of East Syracuse to design the wood furniture and with GPR Designs to select the couches and chairs for the living room spaces. Check out this article with photos at the campus website: http://www.esf.edu/communications/news/2007/09.18.moon.htm.

Again the library has been fortunate to have student interns from Syracuse University's School of Information Studies. **Elliot Moses,** is working this semester. **Kat Buturla** worked last fall and is continuing this semester as an intern in the College Archives. They will complete their studies in May 2008 and will be looking for real jobs. They have been wonderful additions to the library's staff as interns and we would recommend them both!

In January the library welcomed **Barbara Hubbard** to the staff as a Library Clerk II. Once sufficiently trained to work solo she will work evenings from 3:00-11:30 p.m. during the academic year. During the summer she will work during the day when the library has no evening hours.

On March 6, 2008 the Moon Library will host a panel discussion with **Central New York Media Specialists** (CNYMS) on Information Literacy. The staff look forward to discussing the 21st century library skills needed by students to succeed in college.

The Moon Library will be the site of the **Environmental Challenge**, a science fair for area junior high school students on Friday, March 7.

In March 2008 the library plans to administer a web survey of our campus community about our services and resources. We anticipate displaying results to our survey during National Library Week in April.

The Friends of Moon Library will hold its annual spring reception in the library during National Library Week on Thursday April 17. This will feature a prepublication reception for the annual edition of

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Ecologue, the student literary magazine which has been published for the last 15 years during earth week.

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SUNY New Paltz

Andrew Perry, Information Systems Librarian, was awarded continuing appointment (tenure).

During summer 2007, **Corinne Nyquist** oversaw the first successful test of interoperability between the VDX (Virtual Document eXchange), the resource sharing system used in the library's eight-county region, and ILLiad, the interlibrary loan management system now used throughout SUNY. An article on this has been accepted by the *Journal of Interlibrary Loan, Document Delivery, and Electronic Reserve.* The presentation will be made at the upcoming ILLiad conference in Virginia Beach by **Andy Perry.**

Megan Coder and **Heather Whalen Smith** created a Leisure Reading Blog (http://newpaltzreads.blogspot.com) for the SUNY New Paltz Community. Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to share enjoyable books and media found in the Sojourner Truth library collection.

Stephan J. Macaluso had one of his best road-racing seasons ever, achieving a personal best of 1:31:00 in the Dutchess County Classic Half Marathon. He finished fourth in his age group (don't ask, he won't tell). Steve also finished 25th in the very difficult Hairy Gorilla Half Marathon, perhaps because he was chased by a guy with a chainsaw. No kidding!

Sojourner Truth Library implemented a new laptop loan program. The five Dell notebook computers loaded with Microsoft Office software come complete with carrying bag and power adapter. Despite a few glitches in the first month of implementation, the laptops circulated about 700 times during the Fall '07 semester.

The Friends of the Sojourner Truth Library Fall Book sale generated over $3,300. Over 6,000 books were donated for the two week sale. 100% of the proceeds go directly to purchase books and databases for the library collection.

Friends of the Sojourner Truth Library will present an evening with author Francine Prose, critically acclaimed bestselling author and National Book Award finalist. The event will take place on April 17th at 5pm.

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SUNY Oneonta

Pamela Flinton has been appointed Head of Access Services. She comes to Milne Library from Fulton-Montgomery Community College where she was Systems/Electronic Resources and Serials Librarian.

Anne McFarland has joined the academic staff at Milne Library as Head of Bibliographic and Digital Services. She was previously employed as Director of Archives and Special Collections at the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

Logan Rath has joined the academic staff at Milne Library as Emerging Technologies Librarian. He received his M.L.S. from the University at Buffalo where he was employed as a graduate assistant.

Pamela Flinton is the recipient of an ALA RUSA STARS Mentoring Award. Sponsored by Atlas Systems, the award will fund her attendance at the 2008 ALA annual conference.

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SUNY Oswego

Penfield Library welcomes **Shannon Pritting** as our new Head of Access Services. As such, he will oversee all aspects of circulation and reserves. Shannon comes to us from Cayuga Community College, where he was the Public Services Librarian. Shannon also taught English composition and developmental writing courses at Cayuga Community College and Oswego.

Karen Shockey and David Clendinning wrote another successful grant provided by the Provost's office on campus. The $2000 grant will be used to assist the Penfield Tutorial Team in creating an interactive version of our online Information Literacy Tutorial.

"Oral Histories: Emergency Refugee Shelter at Fort Ontario (Safe Haven)" is now available online through SUNY Oswego's Penfield Library.

"For the first time, we are able to make available to people the oral history tapes from the Safe Haven project that have been stored for the past several years in Special Collections. These tapes include oral histories of Safe Haven by individuals who lived there and/or played some role in bringing refugees to Oswego, and providing shelter and a place to live without fear. I am proud to have the tapes on our website." -Library Director Mary Beth Bell

A segment from the site notes, "In August of 1944, close to 1,000 refugees from war torn Europe were placed in an

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internment camp at Fort Ontario to await the outcome of the Second World War. The majority of these refugees were Jewish and had recently been liberated from the persecutions of Nazism in central Europe. Their stay in Oswego was to become an emotional event for the community of Oswego and a political conundrum for the nation. It was not until January of 1946 that the gates of the War Refuge Center were opened and the refugees allowed to become truly free." The tapes are available at www.oswego.edu/library/archives/safe_haven.html.

Penfield Library celebrated Valentine's Day with a poetry reading by visiting poet **Lee Ann Roripaugh,** musical selections by the **Emeriti Sextet** and the unveiling of our latest in a series of "READ" posters during a special event held in our Lake Effect Café. Sweetness and love abounded – a nice break from the cold and snow Oswego is famous for.

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SUNY Potsdam

On November 13th, SUNY Potsdam celebrated the 40th birthday of the **Frederick W. Crumb Library.** Festivities included hats, balloons, pin-the-spine-label-on-the-book-spine game, and poster sessions on earlier campus libraries, building construction of Crumb Library, and architect Edward Larrabee Barnes. Faculty, staff and alumni who participated in the 1967 "booklift" move to the new building were on hand to reminisce about the move. A viewing of the reformatted 1967 video-recording of the "booklift" was the hit of the party. The event was capped by a performance of "Happy Birthday" by the student acappella group, Pointercounts, and of course, crumb cake for all.

The College Libraries will be hosting the 40th Annual **SUNYLA Conference** - Making a Racquette: SUNY Libraries Navigating the Rapids of Change, June 11-13. The conference program will be available at a later date at http://www.sunyla.org/conferences/2008.

The libraries will also be hosting the 2008 Annual Conference for the **New York Archives** (NYAC) on May 28-29, 2008. The conference program will include a day of workshops, a plenary speaker, a number of conference sessions of diverse content and interest, a Thursday evening reception, Friday luncheon, and tour offerings. On-campus housing will be available at an inexpensive price for those wishing that option. Scholarships for attending the conference will again be offered by the organization this year. The detailed program and scholarship information is expected to be available in early March. Samples of previous conference programs can be seen at http://www.nyarchivists.org. For further information, contact Jane Subramanian, College Archivist, at subramjm@potsdam.edu or (315) 267-3326.

F.W. Crumb Library will be closed for summer 2008 for the replacement of the entire HVAC system and partial window replacement. Services will continue to be provided throughout the closure period through the Julia E. Crane Music Library.

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Syracuse University

Syracuse University Library Receives Delmas Foundation Grant to Digitize Cylinder Recordings

Syracuse University Library has received a grant from the Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation to support a project to digitize, preserve and provide access to the cylinder collection of the Belfer Audio Laboratory and Archive. Cylinders are the earliest form of commercially produced sound recordings, representing the period from 1877-1929.

The Belfer audio cylinder collection is known to be the largest collection of commercially released cylinders held by a private institution in North America. It includes 22,000 cylinders that represent some 12,000 discrete recordings of a variety of performances. The $25,000 grant will support digitization and metadata creation for 6,000 cylinders that have not been digitized in similar projects at other institutions. Access to the digital recordings will be provided on the web. **Suzanne Thorin,** University librarian and dean of libraries, is principal investigator, project administrator is **Melinda Dermody**, head of Arts and Humanities Services, and the project manager is **Carole Vidali,** music librarian. Other team members include **Susan Stinson, Suzanne Preate, Sarah Theimer, Robert Hodge, Nancy Turner, Pamela McLaughlin** and **Angela Ramnarine–Rieks**.

Syracuse University Library Wins Mellon Grant

Syracuse University Library has been awarded a $53,000 planning grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to conduct an ethnographic study of academic and library cultures. The purpose of the study is to gain insight into how teaching, learning and research in a highly ranked professional school are being conducted and how closely the library's services and resources synchronize with the school's needs. **Suzanne Thorin,** University librarian and dean of libraries, and **Nancy Turner,** senior program officer for research and analysis, are co-principal investigators on the project. Other project team members include librarians **Nicolette Dobrowolski, John Olson, Michael Pasqualoni, Bonnie Ryan** and **Ann Skiold.**

Pamela McLaughlin Named Director of the New York Center for the Book

Pamela McLaughlin, Director of Communications and External Relations at Syracuse University Library, has been named director of the New York Center for the Book, http://library.syr.edu/nybook, a state affiliate of the Library of Congress Center. She succeeds **Tasha Cooper,** who is now Social Sciences Bibliographer at Syracuse University Library.

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Pamela McLaughlin Named to NYSHEI Board

Pamela McLaughlin, Syracuse University Library's Director of Communication and External Relations, was recently named to the board of directors of the New York State Higher Education Initiative (NYSHEI), http://nyshei.org. She will complete the unexpired term of **William Garrison,** who left Syracuse University Library to become dean of libraries at the University of South Florida. She serves as a member of the Finance Committee.

SU Library participates in "What Good Is the Press?" an Exhibit at Newhouse

Thanks to **Michael Pasqualoni,** Subject Librarian for Communications, and Professor **Charlotte Grimes,** Knight Chair in Political Reporting, leading examples of the power of a free press are on display this February at all three Newhouse School of Public Communications buildings. A library contribution to Newhouse's "Year of the First Amendment" celebration, this poster exhibit highlights groundbreaking coverage by journalists, such as original reporting on the 1955 murder of Emmett Till, analysis of the illicit drug trade on the SU campus during the Vietnam era, and more recent exploration of the Bush administration's controversial domestic eavesdropping program. This historical media exhibition is co-curated by Syracuse University Library and the Newhouse School of Public Communications, with poster production services courtesy of the Library's Digital Imaging Services Center (DISC) and staff **Suzanne Preate,** Digital Imaging Librarian, **Penelope Singer,** Technical Specialist and **Sarah Pohley,** Scanning Technician.

Science and Engineering Information Fair

The Science and Technology librarians (**Mary DeCarlo, Tom Keays, Janet Pease, Maryjane Poulin, and Elizabeth Wallace**) organized the library's second Science and Engineering Information Fair at the Science and Technology Library on October 2, 2007. The fair, which was geared especially to graduate students and faculty, attracted over 244 attendees from seventeen different departments–almost double the number from last year's fair which was held at the student center.

As last year, the Fair featured vendors' live demonstrations of our subscribed online products as a means of outreach and resource marketing. There were a variety of free promotional and instructional materials with larger items donated for door prizes, including MP3 players, laptop carry bags, gym bags, flash drives, numerous t-shirts, micro-mice, and a $100 Amazon gift certificate. Comments and feedback from vendors, attendees, and library staff alike confirmed that the event was not only fun but informative to all. To see more, check out the website created by **Tom Keays**: http://library.syr.edu/information/scitechlib/info_fair_2007.html.

Carnegie Centennial Celebration

Mary DeCarlo of the Science and Technology Library was the lead organizer and emcee for the 100th anniversary celebration of the Carnegie Library held on October 4, 2007. The event included cake, tours of the building and talks by 3 speakers, including **David H. Stam,** university librarian emeritus and **Suzanne Thorin,** university librarian and dean of libraries. There was also a display of historic photographs of the building. As a follow-up a digital project is also underway, called "Carnegie Library – 100 Years of Service to SU!" **Mary DeCarlo** and **Janet Pease** are working with **Penelope Singer, Sarah Pohley** and **Suzanne Preate** of the Digital Imaging Center on this project. To see more, including a photo album created by **Bill Vogel,** circulation assistant in the Mathematics Library, check out our website created by **Tom Keays**: http://library.syr.edu/information/scitechlib/carnegie100/history.html

Conferences

David J. Stokoe, Special Collections Research Center (SCRC), attended Printed on Paper—The Techniques, History and Conservation of Printed Media, September 5th-7th, 2007 at The Sage Gateshead, United Kingdom. The conference was presented by Northumbria University and the American Institute for Conservation.

Peter Verheyen, SCRC, spoke on planning for and management of digital projects at the Planning for and Managing Digital Projects workshop held September 10. Topics included how to select collections for digitization, developing project proposals, and preparing grant applications, workflows, publishing, and the impact on public services.

The daylong workshop was well attended by a lively audience of 30 from throughout the Central New York region, and was part of the CLRC/SCLRC Ready, Set, Digitize! series held in Cortland.

Personnel

Bill Garrison, Syracuse University Library's Deputy University Librarian and Associate Dean of Libraries, has been named the Dean of Libraries at the University of South Florida in Tampa. His new appointment began February 1, 2008. Before his departure, Bill presented a paper at the most recent World Library and Information Congress: 73rd IFLA General Conference and Council in South Africa.

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Rosie Johnston joined the Science and Technology Library as a Temporary Science Librarian on December 3, 2007. Rosie previously was a librarian at the American University of Cairo.

Yumiko Saito and **Kelley Lasher** have been appointed Librarians in the cataloging department.

Robert Capuano has accepted the position of Access Services Librarian.

Scott Juskiewicz has accepted a position as Temporary Librarian, user support services.

Leslie Ann Belge and Bren Price, Jr. have accepted positions as Temporary Librarian on the Instructional Services staff.

Jenna Mayotte has accepted the position of Subject Librarian/Specialist for Business/Management effective March 1, 2008.

Tasha Cooper has accepted the appointment to the position of Bibliographer for Social Science and Area Studies.

Charles Tremper has announced that he will be stepping down from his position as Department Head and transferring to a Cataloging Librarian position in SCRC effective July 1, 2008.

Michele Combs has been appointed Assistant Librarian, SCRC.

Michael Pasqualoni has been promoted to Associate Librarian with continuing status.

Paul Bern has received continuing status and remains in his current rank of Associate Librarian.

Nicolette Dobrowolski and **Ann Skiold** have both been promoted to the rank of Senior Assistant Librarian.

Gurnek Singh, Syracuse University's Librarian who specializes in South Asian Studies, has announced his retirement effective July 31, 2008.

Word has been received of the passing of **Ruth Hardy** on December 27, 2007. Ruth was employed at Syracuse University libraries for 31 years and was instrumental in organizing the paraprofessional staff at the SU libraries into the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 200. For additional information visit the obituary at http://obits.syracuse.com/Syracuse/Obituaries.asp?Page=LifeStory&PersonID=100388736.

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Publications:

Mary F. Casserly, Assistant Director for Collections and User Services, coauthored with **James E. Bird,** "Web Citation Availability" which has been published in *Library Resources & Technical Services*, 52 #1 (January 2008): 42-53. In this same issue there are articles by **Trudi Bellardo Hahn** and **Jeffrey Horrell** that were based on presentations given at the Eighth Annual Symposium on Scholarly Communication, "Converting and Preserving the Scholarly Record" held at the University at Albany on October 24, 2006.

Personnel Changes:

Sydney Allen left her position as Acquisitions/Bibliographic Processor in October 2007.

Dan McShane, Information Delivery Specialist, resigned in October 2007.

William Rozell, part-time Technology Specialist, resigned in January 2008.

Heather Shalhoub, part-time Reference Librarian, now works as Instructional Technologist at the Center for Learning and Technology, Empire State College.

Jessica Ernye started her position as Monographic Copy Cataloger in December 2007. Jessica graduated from the University at Albany last May with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.

Liran Harun was appointed as Windows Systems Administrator in January 2008. Liran holds a BA in Computing and Information Science with a minor in Linguistics from the University at Albany and plans to peruse his MBA degree this fall semester.

Claire Ouderkirk came from Empire State College for the position of Extended Hours Coordinator in January 2008.

Kabel Nathan Stanwicks joined the University at Albany Libraries as the Head of Circulation and Media Services in January 2008. Kabel was previously employed by the University of Connecticut Libraries and Yale University Libraries. Kabel actively explores the use of new technologies and Web 2.0 applications to improve the delivery of library services and to improve communication among library staff. He consults academic libraries on streaming media for course reserve and on collection inventory. Kabel is a member of ALA, ACRL, LAMA, the Music Library Association, the New England Music Library Association, and the Music OCLC Users Group.

Lindsay Van Berkom assumed the position of Assistant for Graduate Library Operations at the Dewey Graduate Library in September 2007. Lindsay is the go-to-person for resolving building problems, office management, and any other organizational tasks that may need to be handled at the Dewey Library. She also helps with processing UADelivery requests. Before coming to UAlbany, Lindsay worked at Cornell University as the Library Public Services Office Coordinator for the Olin, Kroch, and Uris Libraries.

Mark Wolfe was appointed as Curator of Digital Collections in November 2007. Mark comes from Albany Medical College where he was an Instructional Technology
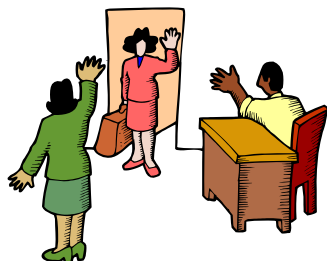
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Librarian. Recently, Mark completed work as Project Coordinator of a five year digital preservation research project at U Albany's Department of Information Studies.

Retirement:

Laura B. Cohen will retire from her position as Web Support Librarian on March 18, 2008. Ms. Cohen retires after a 14 year career in academic librarianship at the University Libraries. During her Albany career Laura Cohen has been an active member of a variety of professional organizations, chief among which is the American Library Association and its divisions.   Through her writings and contributions, Ms. Cohen has been an influential voice for the library community on the implications of web technology on library operations and services. She has served on the Editorial Board of *Information Technology and Libraries.* She has been a guest editor of *Reference Librarian.*   Her essays and treatises have appeared in many of the pre-eminent print journals in librarianship, as well as in online publications. She has frequently been called upon to lecture and present nationally and internationally. Her thoughtful and well received work on "*Issues in URL Management in Digital Collections,*" her series on "*A Two-Tiered Model for Analyzing Web Site Usage Statistics,*" "*Library 2.0 Initiatives in Academic Libraries,*" "*A Manifesto for Our Times,*" and "*Yahoo! and the Abdication of Judgment*" has helped shape national discussions on the role of the web and libraries.

Barbara Via will retire from her position as Assistant Director for the Graduate and Science Library and Circulation Services Division on March 28, 2008. During her tenure at the University at Albany, she has been an active member of a number of professional groups, chief among them the Eastern New York Chapter of the Association of College Research Libraries (ENY/ACRL) which she served as President. She was also very active in the State University of New York Librarians Association for many years, and served as President of that organization. She has published several articles and book chapters focusing on journal publishing in the field of library and information science. She has frequently taught as an adjunct instructor in the Department of Information Studies, College of Computing and Information. In 2006, she was promoted to the rank of Librarian. Following her retirement, she will return to the library on a temporary, part-time basis to assist in the implementation of some organizational changes.

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rest of the University Libraries' web site. The final layout includes images of the library's beautiful stained glass windows within the banner. The color scheme of the Dewey pages retained the same font and shades of school colors (purple and gold) used by the University Libraries' main page. Applying the new design uniformly throughout the Dewey site posed an unanticipated challenge, because the blog interface of the main Dewey page was created using a pre-formatted "light content management system" (Movable Type). This posed problems when copying the design to pages that were created separately for inclusion in the sidebar links – the code that worked in Movable Type wouldn't work when copied and pasted into web design software (Dreamweaver MX). The problem was solved by re-creating the blog layout on a template using html coding built "from scratch."

In addition to the eye-catching design and Web 2.0 applications, other features of the revamped site help to convey the friendly, personalized nature of service at the Dewey Library. For example, the librarians sought to ensure that the site's features and terminology would not be confusing to patrons with limited technology skills. Because of the relatively small number of employees, the staff directory includes contact and biographical information as well as photographs of the librarians. This feature helps "put friendly faces" to the services offered at the Dewey Library. There has been some user feedback which has also helped the librarians to incorporate revisions. In one instance, the name of a sidebar link: "Directions," was changed because a patron left a comment on the blog that she wasn't able to find a "Location" link. The link now is identified using both term.

The result of these efforts has produced a site which incorporates timely web technology with information traditionally found on library web pages. Visual components such as the eye catching layout and use of photos add some "zip." Features like the prominently located blog, photo sharing and increased access to online reference give the site that Web 2.0 "zing." Dewey Librarians will periodically evaluate user statistics and anecdotal feedback to ensure the web site continues to meet the unique needs of the University at Albany's downtown campus community.

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information resources simultaneously, minimizing the need for users to learn different search protocols and interfaces. A single search will be course specific and include results from a variety of information resources such as journal articles, newspapers, books, SUMMIT catalog, and other quality Internet resources.

Search results are presented in a manageable, unified format, enabling users to:
- Review retrieved items in a merged, de-duplicated list
- Group results by facets such as author, date, journal, or other attributes
- Compare the result lists of different searches

- Save relevant records and locate the actual material

The search interface accommodates the varying skill and experience levels of individual users, offering both novice and expert search modes. Options include a simple "Google-like" keyword search or an advanced search of specific fields with Boolean operators.

The gateways can be accessed through Blackboard or via open web; the student version of the gateway can be accessed at http://library.syr.edu/information/services/whitman/students.html.

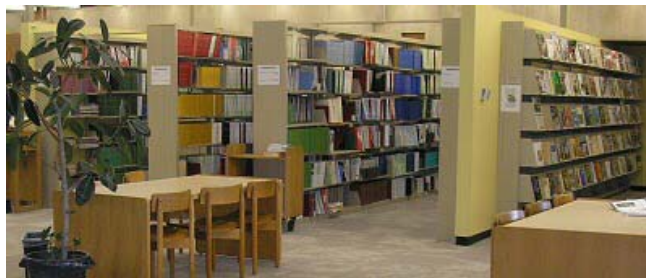For further information on this project please contact Angela Ramnarine-Rieks at auramnar@syr.edu.

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that would need to be relocated. Periodical titles were then identified for one of three outcomes: discard, move or stay. A number of titles that were not used and no longer received were discarded. Titles that were no longer received but we wished to retain were moved to the compact shelving. Three full ranges in what would become the new reading area were removed and the remaining titles were incorporated into the six remaining ranges.

The library purchased new wooden display shelves to be attached directly to the three walls surrounding the newly opened space. The display shelves would hold the latest issue of all current subscriptions and be much more attractive than the steel lift-up models we'd been using for so many years. The issues formerly shelved under the current issues were moved in with the bound volumes. The original display shelves running along the walls around the bound periodical shelves were retained and converted into additional shelving for the bound collection. This afforded adequate space for future growth.

After some fresh paint, installation of the wooden shelves and some carpet repair, the space was ready for new, comfortable chairs, footstools and tables. Two brass table lamps finished off the space nicely. New half-high shelving for the popular reading collection and a newspaper rack were also moved in. The new reading area has been well received. Patrons can now relax in a comfortable area and browse the latest popular magazine or journal. Newspapers and that latest novel

are also within reach. Students seem to find the area quite inviting; there's almost always one or two people studying or a small group of friends chatting (quietly) or, at least during finals, someone catching a few winks. All in all, the results are great and the project has helped us show both patrons and campus administration the potential of our library as a true campus hub.

The original space between the yellow walls with the old periodicals display to the right.

The new area showing the wooden display shelves, popular reading collection and old converted display shelving.