The Way We Were:

60 Years at NJLA College and University Section Libraries

NJLA 2008 Conference Celebration
NJLA CUS is celebrating its sixtieth anniversary!

- Originally founded as the College and University Library Section (CULS) of the New Jersey Library Association, the CULS constitution was signed in March 1947, but due to "inclement weather" that fall, 1948 was the first year of meetings and activities for the section.
One of the original founders of the CULS was Mary Gaver of Trenton State Teachers College (now The College of New Jersey). She was elected president of the CULS in 1949-50. She went on to serve as President of the New Jersey Library Association from 1954-55 and President of the American Library Association 1966-67.
CUS Libraries, Then and Now

The following are archival photos of the library and librarians from the original members of the NJLA CUS.

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The College of New Jersey Roscoe L. West Library 1940s
Rutgers University Alexander Library, built in 1956
Studying in the Library, Rutgers U. 1940s
The Rose Library, Drew U., 1940s
Rose Library, Drew University 1940s
Drew University Rose Library, 1940s
Seton Hall University Library 1940s
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Montclair State U. students and faculty 1950s
Montclair State University Sprague Library
Princeton U. Firestone Library, opened 1948
Princeton University Firestone Library
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In 1915, Garret Hobart Jr. began four years of extensive remodeling and expansion of the castle into a Tudor manor house. The octagonal towers were removed and replaced with a new stone entranceway surmounted by a bay window. The second-floor stonework exterior was replaced with brick; leaded glass casement windows replaced the old sash windows.

A three-story brick wing on the east side expanded the house to 40 rooms. When the college moved in, this building—renamed East Hall and then Haledon Hall and now Hobart Manor—originally contained administrative offices, three classrooms, and a library, its books voluntarily brought from School No. 24 by students in their own cars.
William Paterson U. Librarians, 1950s
Monmouth University Library, 2005
What would Mary Gaver, CUS founder, think of us today?
NJLA CUS Officers Today!

Richard Kearney, NJLA CUS President 2008-9
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Happy 60th Anniversary, College and University Section!

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