Meeting the Challenges of the Twenty-First Century

There are a great many pressing issues facing academic librarians these days. In addition to often being asked to do more with less in this age of shrinking budgets, we have to face an increasing number of instructional, technical, and public service issues, which have evolved out of the very rapid escalation of new technological applications to librarianship. Wide area networks, local area networks, the ability to widely disseminate documents done in hypertext, networked full-text databases, the digitalization of government documents, and the explosion of information available on the World Wide Web are indeed exciting developments. However, these and other technological advances, proceeding as they are at a very fast pace, also bring with them a myriad of challenges and problems for academic librarians. How do we provide training for librarians which will enable them to keep up with all this change?

What kind of effective instruction programs can we develop to teach patrons information literacy in this very complex and fast-changing information age? How do we deal with the many collection development issues implied in purchasing access to full-text journals and other information sources? These and many other questions associated with the recent developments in information access, have made for a challenging environment for librarians about to enter the twenty-first century.

No solution or approach will resolve the anxiety we all feel regarding these challenges but one avenue which can be pursued in searching for a way to meet the heavy demands placed upon us is to help each other. And one of the means by which we can do this is by active participation in our local professional organizations. Being the largest state wide professional organization for academic librarians, the College and University Section of NJLA, which also serves as the New Jersey chapter of ACRL, offers many means by which academic librarians can share their expertise, various solutions to problems, formal training methods, models for approaching a multitude of Information Science scenarios, and up-to-date information a variety issues facing librarians.

The success of these efforts depends on having an active and large membership. Therefore, our main agenda item this year will be to increase membership itself, as well as increase membership participation. One way for you to help is to become active agents for recruitment of your colleagues into ACRL NJ. The executive
board of the ACRL-NJ in turn will create a firm foundation for doing so. We will create and distribute a brochure, highlighting the mission of ACRL-NJ and advantages of becoming a member. In addition, work is almost complete on a project to achieve wide dissemination of information about the activities of ACRL-NJ, through campus liaisons to ACRL-NJ, representing all colleges and universities in New Jersey. With better and more thorough communication and your help in supporting ACRL-NJ, we can do much to offer support to academic librarians engaged in the revolutionary transition we are all facing in our profession.

Remember, the more active members we have the more expert information and experience we share. Together, by sharing our achievements and knowledge, we can surely enrich ourselves and the patrons we strive so hard to serve.

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FOCUS ON PEOPLE

BERGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A college-wide retirement gala was held on September 19 to honor Professors Sarah Katharine Thomson (1967-1996) and Dona Rae Singer (1968-1966). Dr. Thomson, founding Director of the Sidney Silverman Library, is known for her work with inter-library loan policy. Professor Singer has served as Assistant Director and supervised public services. Both have implemented the vision of media and technology as a vital part of library service at Bergen Community College. Both have been active participants in the growth of New Jersey library cooperative efforts. Their friends and colleagues wish them well.

CAMDEN COUNTY COLLEGE

Alfred A. Fry joined the staff at Camden County College as Reference and Instruction librarian in May. He took his graduate work at Drexel after competing a double major in English and Chemistry at Hampden Sydney College.

CENTENARY COLLEGE

There have been a number of staff changes at the library. New staff members include the new Director Nancy Madacsi, who has an MLS from Rutgers.

Janice Mundi, the Head of Reference Services, also holds an MLS from Rutgers.

Maryanne Fegan, the Head of Technical Services, has an MLS from Simmons. She is assisted by Ellen Uhl, who holds a master degree from Fairleigh Dickinson. Joan Cutrone is the new Administrative Assistant.
COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY (FORMERLY, TRENTON STATE)

After more than twenty-five years at Trenton State College, Dr. Patricia Butcher, Assistant Dean for Public Services, retired from the college last May. However, Dr. Butcher has not retired completely. She is now Director of the Pennigton Public Library, where she is enjoying a new and different library culture.

Philip Tramdack is now Assistant Dean for the library.

John Riddle was appointed to a tenure-track line this year as Information Literacy Coordinator.

Ellie Foarty, Business and Economic Librarian, was re-appointed to a sixth year with tenure.

COLLEGE OF SAINT ELIZABETH

Diana Rodriguez has joined the library as the Weekend/Evening Reference Librarian. She previously worked at NJIT, Stockton, and Atlantic City Public.

Anne Marie Civinskas, previously the Evening Librarian, is now the Periodical/Reference Librarian. Prior to joining the college, she was a research librarian at General Foods USA.

Two new Circulation Assistants have joined the staff, Carol Love and Susan King.

COUNTY COLLEGE OF MORRIS

Dr. John M. Cohn, Director and Anne Kelsey, Associate Director of the Sherman Masten Learning Resource Center, will delivering a paper at the 9th International Conference on New Jersey Information Technologies to be held in Pretoria, South Africa from November 11-15, 1996. The paper is titled, “Planning for Automation and the use of New Technology in Libraries.”

ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE LIBRARY

Rita Willis, who formerly served the new Reference Librarian, is now responsible for all circulation operations at the main campus.

Patricia Fairfield, Acquisitions Librarian, and Robert Stanbury, Head of Reference, were named Essex County College Webmasters in Spring 1996. Fairfield and Stanbury can be reached at wwwwaver@sol.essex.edu

FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY

Sue Ben-Dor, Circulation Librarian at Fairleigh Dickinson University’s Teaneck campus has completed the third biennial update of her Pharmaceutical-Chemical Marketing bibliography which will appear in the upcoming issue of The Journal of Pharmaceutical-Chemical Marketing.

It can also be found on the web at: http://alpha.fdu.edu/ bendor

KEAN COLLEGE

Kean College of New Jersey Library is very proud to announce that Mr. Lewis Ostar has joined the professional librarian staff.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY COLLEGE

Janet Wolper and Ellen Measday spoke at the annual spring conference of NJTESOL-BE (New Jersey Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages-Bilingual Education) on May 22, 1996. Their presentation was titled, “Librarian/Teacher: Cooperative Development of ESL Reading Lists.”

Charles Dolan has been appointed Technical Services Librarian at Middlesex County College. He has an MLS from Rutgers.
MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY

Dr. Judith Lin Hunt was appointed University Librarian of the Sprague Library in August 1996. She has been active in local and regional professional organizations and has been an adjunct faculty member in the library schools of Southern Connecticut State University and The Catholic University of America. Her doctorate is from Columbia University’s School of Library Service. Her M.L.S is from Queens College (CUNY) and M.A. in British and Commonwealth History is from New York University. She received a B.A. in Latin American history from the University of Miami.

Anita P. Daniel became the new Assistant Documents Librarian at the Sprague Library in May 1996. She has been active in the Documents Association of New Jersey, Inc. She received her M.L.S from Rutgers University and her B.A. in English from Upsala College.

Mark Van Lummel became the new Evening Reference Librarian at Sprague Library in August, 1996. Mark has a B.A. from Hope College, an M.Div. from Chandler School of Theology, Emory University, and an M.L.S. from Rutgers University.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Karin Trainer became the University Librarian, the first woman—not to mention the first former cataloger—to hold that position. Ms. Trainer has an undergraduate degree from Douglass College of Rutgers University. She received her library degree from Drexel in 1972, and has an M.A. in Liberal Studies from New York University.

RAMAPO COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY

Pauline Rothstein, Associate Dean, Director of Library Services at Ramapo College of NJ, is currently Vice-Chair, New York Academy of Sciences, Computer and Information Science section. Together with the women in the science section, she has planned a February 11, 1997 meeting at the Academy on “Identifying Job Opportunities for Women Scientists Using the Net”. A speaker from the NY Public Library’s Science, Business and Industry Library will conduct the meeting. All are invited to attend.

Judith Jeney, coordinator of Instruction, was accepted to participate in the NYU Faculty Resource Network summer seminar program entitled, “Information Literacy: the Library’s Role in a Changing Information Environment”. While at the four day seminar in June, she was also a panelist at a talk dealing with “Librarian/Faculty Cooperation”.

RUTGERS UNIVERSITY

Thelma H. Tate, Coordinator of Reference Services in the Douglas Library, served as Secretary/Editor and Acting Chairperson of the IFLA Round Table on Mobile Libraries during the Annual Conference of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions held in Beijing, China, August 1996. Topics focused on bookmobiles as an economic means for literacy worldwide. Thelma Tate invites librarians throughout the state to send information they would like to include in the next issue of the IFLA newsletter.

Connie Wu, Engineering Resource Librarian at the Rutgers Library of Science and Medicine, presented two papers at the 62nd IFLA General conference in Beijing in August. Also, she will receive a service award from Chinese American Academic and Professional Society’s 1996 convention.

Mary Page, Head of Technical Services at the Library of Science and Medicine at Rutgers, served as Chair of the Technology Task Force for Infoline, a county-wide community information and referral service.
UNION COUNTY COLLEGE

Carol Steen, Library Director, is on a temporary medical leave of absence. John Holdorf will serve as the Interim Director.

Pamela V. Holmes, Head of Technical Services, will serve as the Interim Assistant Director.

Jennifer Edelman, Elizabeth Campus Librarian at Union County College, spent the summer working on the Leonard Bernstein collection at the Library of Congress. She was one of twenty-two Junior Fellows selected to serve at the Library for 90 days. The program included tours of most of the divisions of the library, and glimpses of some of its “treasures”. The Junior Fellows also met with the Librarian of Congress.

Dr. Barbara Ruth Campbell has been appointed Assistant Librarian. She received her Ph.D from Rutgers in Library Studies. Dr. Campbell will be serving as the Systems Librarian at UCC.

WILLIAM PATERSON COLLEGE


Camden County College

Wolverton Library at Camden County College has joined Camden County Library’s DRA system for cataloging and circulation. Reciprocal borrowing privileges are being extended to all user! In addition, the holdings of Wolverton Library are now visible online to CamNET users.

In April, Camden County College and commerce Bank unveiled a VISA affinity card. The agreement calls for Commerce Bank to return 1% of all purchases made using affinity cards to Camden County College. The College, in turn, has earmarked these funds for library enhancements.

Centenary College

The Taylor Library at Centenary College has been undergoing a year of change. The library is being renovated. The main reading room has been carpeted and air conditioned. The main floor is being redesigned to allow easier access by handicapped students. The new design will allow for the expansion of the library’s book and journal holdings.

Essex County College

The Essex County College Library is automating all of its services. Innopac, the product of Innovative Interfaces, Inc. of California, was selected and four modules: the online public access catalog, circulation, acquisitions, and serials, have been installed. The staff completed training in June and the OPAC, know as ECCopac, is being used by the patrons but has not been opened officially. The library plans to implement all aspects of Phase I of the automation project by the beginning of spring semester, 1997. The OPAC will be available on the Internet and patrons will be able to reserve materials on-line as well as identify the location and expected return date of items.
Montclair State University

Sprague Library's Home Page is available on the World Wide Web and the URL address is: HTTP://WWW.MONTCLAIR.EDU/PAGES/LIBRARY/LIBRARY.HTML

"Terra Maya," an exhibit of photographs of the Mayan people and their relationship to their land and architecture, will be on display from mid-October through mid-December in the first floor study area of Sprague Library. The photographs were taken over a 20 year-period by the noted archeologist-photographer-author Peter Harrision.

Princeton University Library
Princeton is busy celebrating its so-called Bicentenary, which runs through this academic year. October 24-27, 1996, has been designated Charter Weekend, commemorating the granting of its founding document to the college. Many conferences, service projects and special events will occur throughout the year. For more information, refer to the Princeton University 250th Anniversary homepage (http://webware.princeton/edu/250th/) or call (609) 258-2250 for a recording of upcoming activities.

Ramapo College
Ramapo has received the first computers for their new client server, Endeavor's Voyager. The system should be up and running in the Spring, 1997 semester. This, along with a planned partial renovation, will make the library an exciting place to visit by May, 1997.

Rowan College of New Jersey
The alumni of Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) Fraternity at Rowan College donated a 1799 first edition of *Pantographia* by Edmund Fry, which contains accurate copies of all the then-known alphabets of the world, to the Stewart Collection in the College's library.

Rutgers University
Explorations, a self guided tour of the Mabel Smith Douglas Library was implemented this fall to supplement the traditional Tour for new students.

The Mabel Smith Douglas Library in cooperation with Special Collections and University Archives, and the Department of Visual Arts, Mason Gross School of the Arts, is planning a number of celebratory events to commemorate 25 years of feminism and women's art (1971-1996); the Mary H. Dana Women Artist Series. Three exhibitions, a reception and a lecture by Dr. Judith E. Stein, Curator and Critic on feminist Content and Feminist Form will be held during October 1996. The Artists' portraits and Statements Exhibition will be open in the Mabel Smith Douglas Library on September 3 through December 15, 1996. The Documents and Images from Feminist Contemporary Art in Special Collections and University Archives in the Archibald S. Alexander Library, College Avenue, Rutgers College Campus, will be on display now through January 13, 1997. For information call (908) 932-7505.

In addition, founder-artist Joan Snyder has created an etching/woodcut entitled, "Another Version of Cherry Fall" to benefit the series. Until November, 1, 1996, copies are available at a cost of $500, after which they will be $1000. For more information call (908) 932-2222 ext. 811.
The College and University Section presents two awards each year. The Research Award is given to honor the year’s best published research completed by a New Jersey librarian. All types of research published in 1996 will be considered—books, journals articles, bibliographies, non-print materials, and technical reports. You may submit your own publication or you may nominate a colleague’s work. The Distinguished Service Award is presented to a librarian, especially within the New Jersey academic community. The award is not limited to persons who might have received national recognition. It is to honor an individual who has directly enriched librarianship in higher education in New Jersey. Nomination deadlines for both awards will be in late winter.

Watch upcoming issues of New Jersey Libraries Newsletter for nomination forms for these awards. If you do not receive the Newsletter or have any questions, please contact Beth Bloom (bloombet@lanmail.shu.edu) at Seton Hall University regarding the Research Award or Maureen Gorman (mgorman@cnj.edu) at the College of New Jersey (formerly Trenton State College) for the Distinguished Service Award.

CETH Workshop Series: Electronic Text Technology in the Humanities

The Center for Electronic Texts in the Humanities (CETH) is organizing a series of three one-day workshops designed to introduce the basics of working with electronic texts in research and teaching in the humanities. Each workshop will be self-contained, but the series as a whole will provide a good overview of the essential tools, techniques and resources for faculty graduate students and librarians. The CETH Workshop Series is designed to assist in the use and management of the rapidly expanding body of electronic resources available for humanities scholarship. Basic knowledge of word processing and familiarity with the Internet are assumed.

Tuesday, October 29, 1996
Electronic Resources for the Humanities

Friday, December 6, 1996
Introduction to text encoding

Friday, January 31, 1997
Introduction to textual analysis

Where: Pane Room, Alexander Library, 169 College Avenue, Rutgers Univ., New Brunswick, NJ.

When: 9:30am -4pm.

Cost: Faculty/Staff: $75 Workshop; $200 series
Students: $50 workshop; $125 series
Registration fee includes lunch & coffee breaks.

Reservations can be made by calling (908) 932-1384 or sending a message to ceth@phoenix.Princeton.edu. Deadline for reserving space is two weeks prior to each workshop. Payment should be made to Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, and sent to CETH, 169 College Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08903. Questions should be directed Pamela Cohen. pac@rci.rutgers.edu
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