FROM THE PRESIDENT:

CREATING A VISION TOGETHER

Few academic librarians would deny that it is an exciting and challenging time to be in the field of librarianship. It is a time that demands different ways of thinking about collections, services, information access, staff and staffing, users, buildings, and our roles as academic librarians. No doubt, some of us consider it the best of times and the worst of times. With the ever-increasing potential of technology, we are continually challenged in our efforts to create a vision for the future that does not quickly become the “past”! Certainly, this becomes even more challenging amidst the stress of reduced budgets, resistance to change, fear of having to say “I don’t know” to users, and fear of the “technical” overpowering the intellectual aspects of academic librarianship. While the optimists among us see new and enriching opportunities for ourselves, the profession, and our clientele, the pessimists may find solace in Washington Irving’s insight that, “There is a certain relief in change, even though it be from bad to worse; as I have found in travelling in a stage-coach, that it is often a comfort to shift one’s position and be bruised in a new place.” (Tales of a Traveller, Preface, 1824). Whether you are an optimist or a pessimist about the future, it is important that we all work together in supporting each other through these exciting and challenging times as we evolve into the librarians and libraries of the future.

A role that the New Jersey ACRL Chapter/NJLA College and University Section can play is to provide opportunities for academic librarians to share exciting and challenging experience, to learn from each other, and to work together creating, not only a vision of, but THE future academic library. In this vein, last Spring, we created an electronic discussion forum (ACALIB_NJ), sponsored the second Publishing Information Center forum, the User Education Committee held a program on the impact of technology on instruction, the Technology Committee and User Education Committee jointly sponsored a program on systems design, and the Research Methods Committee sponsored the second Research Forum. Further, the NJLA College and University Section/ACRL Chapter is preparing an electronic directory of academic librarians in New Jersey, establishing liaisons at each academic institution, preparing a membership brochure, and planning for NJLA Spring Conference programs, as well as mini-programs throughout the state.

To provide further useful, effective activities, we need your involvement, whether it be suggesting ideas for programs, being an active member on a committee, or participating in projects. The first step is completing the idea and interest form provided with this newsletter. Become involved and let’s work together on creating the vision of the future of academic libraries and librarians.

Jeris Cassel
Section President
COMMITTEES IN ACTION

FUTURE DIRECTIONS OF THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

The committee has been meeting in cyberspace and discussing possible future projects. We would like to have a program this winter and sponsor a program at the annual conference as well. The short list of program topics includes:

* Design and renovation of electronic classrooms.

* Instruction technology — such as ComWeb, Link, and LanSchool that allows an instructor to broadcast their screen onto student screens. The committee would be very interested in hearing from librarians who have used such products.

* Windows 95 applications for libraries and librarian: Do we need it and what can it do for us?

The committee is also interested in continuing the practice of reviewing computer related publications and their usefulness to libraries in the NJLA/CUS Newsletter. We would also like to hear from colleagues who have completed or are working on technology related projects that might be included in programs or reported in the newsletter. For more information please contact Julie Still, Rutgers Camden, 1 (609) 225-6034, Still@crab.rutgers.edu

USER EDUCATION COMMITTEE
JOIN US NOW!

Expect some exciting developments from the User Education Committee this year. This committee, which was revitalized over the past two years by outgoing chair Catherine Geddis, is a group of exceptional librarians who are committed to meeting what may be the most challenging issue in academic libraries today — educating users and librarians in the throes of the information revolution.

You might ask “what’s in it for me?” Everything from practical tips about designing user guides that actually get read, to managing full-scale library instruction curricula. The group will meet several times during the year to share ideas and information and will also sponsor a specific program on a topic within user education. Look on the group as a personal information resource, especially at a time when it may be harder and harder to keep your professional development and travel to distant conferences.

Basically, no matter what type of academic library you work in, or what your position is, if you’re interested in educating users, we’re interested in working with you and for you. We’ll meet at different sites throughout the state, and will be available for information consultations in between meetings. The time and location of the first meeting will be announced shortly. In the meantime, for information about joining, contact: Barbara Boley, Union County College, Cranford Campus, (908) 709-7104, Bowley@hawk.ucc.edu

Hot News
FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Caldwell College

Lynne Randall, Library Director, has been elected Vice President/President-elect of the NJLA.

Fairleigh Dickson University

Dr. Michael Adams, Assistant Director for public services, has become an adjunct instructor in the School of Information and Library Science at Pratt Institute, teaching classes in Information Sources and Library Instruction.

James Fraser, Library Director, has been named contributing editor to Plakat Journal (Hanover) and contributed to date the following articles: “Aussenwerbung im archiv; Das Archiv Der Outdoor Advertising Association of America” in der Fairleigh Dickinson University,” with Eleanor Friedl, Nr. 4, 1994; “Ein Kommentar zu Nachschlagewerken über amerikanische Plakate” Nr. 2, 1995.

In addition, he has edited John Anderson and the Pickering Press (Council Bluffs, IA: Yellow Barn Press and F-M Campus Library, 1995) and contributed an introduction as well as compiling with Eleanor Friedl, a bibliography of Anderson’s work from 1947-1987.

Fraser has also authored: Japan Modern: Japanese Graphic Design Between the Wars. (San Francisco: Chronicle Books, 1995). The title is number four in a series on national graphic design phenomena edited by Steven Heller and designed by Seymour Chwast.

Georgian Court College

Four members of the library faculty at Georgian Court College were promoted to the rank of Associate Librarian and granted tenure, effective September 1, 1995: Laura Gewissler, Collection Development Librarian, Barbara Hutchinson, Director of Library Services, Mary Meola, Reference Librarian, and Marie Respass, Circulation/Periodicals Librarian.

Kean College

Raymon Davis, Shirley Horbatt, and Hui-Min Kuo joined the Nancy Thompson Library as librarians.

Tamara Avdjec and Edwin Erbe have retired from the Nancy Thompson Library.

Susan Brian who was a part-time librarian has resigned as she assumes duties as the Director of the Pennsauken F P Library.

Monmouth University

Dr. Richard Cochran has been promoted from the position of Library Director to Dean of the Library.

Joann D'Esposito-Wachtmann was appointed Assistant Librarian. D'Esposito-Wachtmann holds master's degrees in political science and library science from Rutgers University. She was a reference librarian trainee at the Monmouth County Library in Manalapan and has worked at the libraries at the New School for Social Research, Rutgers University and Drew University.

Maria Larson was appointed Assistant Librarian. Larson is a graduate of Catholic University, Santiago, Chile. She earned an M.A. from Tufts and an MLS from Syracuse University. She was a part-time librarian at Kilmer Library at Rutgers University for the last three years and before that, a reference librarian at the Liverpool, NY Public Library.

Dr. Mary Mallery was appointed Assistant Librarian. Mallery was an electronics resources assistant with the Center for Electronic Texts in the Humanities at Princeton and Rutgers University. She is a graduate of Suny-Stony Book and subsequently earned an M.F.A at Columbia University, a Ph.D. at CUNY Graduate Center, and an MLS at Rutgers University.

Montclair State University

Jacquelyn Cress was appointed Librarian II. She previously served as a research manager at the AT&T Information Research Center in Bernardsville, NJ. She brings seven years of experience executing online and CD-ROM searches. Cress holds a B.A. from Florida A&M University and a M.P.A from New York University. Her MLS is from Rutgers University.
Steven Shapiro was appointed Librarian II. He joins Montclair State University after serving for two years as a reference intern at Plainfield Public Library. He also served as a reference intern at the National Agricultural Library where he had several bibliographies printed during his internship. Shapiro holds a BA from Lafayette College and an MLS from the University of Maryland College Park.

Suxiao Hu was appointed Librarian III. She has served as a librarian at the Paterson Free Public Library. She also was a visiting scholar at Union College in Schenectady. Hu brings five years of experience cataloging in academic, research and public libraries. She holds BA from Nanjing Normal University, a MA from Nanjing University and a MLS from the State University of New York, Albany.

Rampo College

The George T. Potter Library at Rampo College has two new librarians on its staff. Pamela Dong, Electronic Services Librarian is responsible for the Electronic Facility (ELF). Albert Neal is Access Services Librarian. He is responsible for circulation, document delivery services ILL and stock maintenance, including periodicals.

Rutgers University

Julie Still began working at the Paul Robeson Library, Rutgers-Camden in July of 1995. Still came to Rutgers from Trenton State and will be in charge of the multimedia education program and be actively involved in the information literacy program.

Ferris Olin (Mabel Smith Douglass Library), has been appointed to the College Art Association Committee in the Visual Honorees Retrospective Exhibition.

Saint Peter’s College

Dr. Thomas J. Kenny, Senior Assistant Librarian, published numerous reviews such as the “Steadfast Finnegans Wake” by Grace Eckley and “The True Face of Jack the Ripper,” just to name of few. Dr. Kenny was also awarded a Faculty Research grant to attend the first Librarian Workshop of the Faculty Research Network at New York University.

Seton Hall University

Dr. Zi-yu Lin, Systems Librarian was recently appointed. Dr. Lin came to the library in January 1993 as Database Project Librarian. Previously he was Library and Information Specialist at the Anderson Gallery, Buffalo, NY, 1990-92, and taught courses in linguistics and Chinese Inaugure at the State University of New York at Buffalo, where he received his MLS and a Ph.D and MA in Linguistics. He holds an MA in English from Boston University and a BA in English from Huazong University of Science and Technology, Wuhan, China, and has presented and published research in linguistics.

Dr. Samuel R. Brown was recently appointed. Dr. Brown has been an Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology at Fordham University, Bronx, NY, since 1990. From 1982 to 1985 he was a Reference Librarian at Spring Hill College, Mobile, AL. His MLS is from Rutgers, where he also received a BA in Sociology and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Dr. Brown holds a Ph.D in Sociology and an MA in Demography from the University of Pennsylvania, and an MA in Sociology from the University of South Alabama. Founder and administrator of the World-Wide Web Virtual Library for Sociology on the Internet, he has published a book on finding sources in sociology and anthropology, and has a companion book focused on the Internet forthcoming.

Sister Anita Talar was promoted to Librarian I. Sister Anita has been a Reference Librarian at Seton Hall since 1982. She is active in ALA and NJLA, and is currently serving on the NJLA Executive Board as Member-at-Large.

Richard Stockton College

Jianrong Wang has been appointed Technical Services Librarian in charge of cataloging at the library. A native of Beijing, Wang holds an M.Ed and MLS degree from SUNY Buffalo. She has held the posts of Lecturer in English at Beijing, Instructor in Chinese at SUNY Buffalo, and Assistant Librarian at Medaille College and SUNY College at Geneseo.
Trenton State College

Jim Mahoney, the Social Sciences/History Librarian, for twenty-five years retired.

Taras Pavlovsky has been hired as the Music/Art/Media Librarian. He has been Head of Technical Services at the Julliard School's Library and music librarian at the Library of the Performing Arts at Lincoln Center.

John Riddle has begun a one year appointment as Public Services Librarian. He has been at Princeton University as Special Collections assistant in the Seeley Mudd Manuscript Library as records inventory coordinator at the Plasma Physics Laboratory.

During August, Ellie Fogarty, Business/Economics Librarian, participated in the weeklong Snowbird Leadership for her excellent academic achievement and demonstrated leadership abilities. This year, 32 librarians with three or fewer years of professional experience were selected to attend.

Philip Tramack, Assistant Dean for Technical Services and Library Systems, has been appointed to the Program Planning Committee of the LAMA/LITA joint national conference to be held in Pittsburgh in October, 1996.

Patricia Butcher, Assistant Dean for Public Services, has been named to the Panel Programs Subcommittee of the ACRL National Conference to be held in Nashville in 1997.

Union County College

Billie Walker, was hired as librarian I for the Kellogg Library at the college's Elizabeth campus branch. He has worked part-time as a Reference Librarian for Monclair State University and Bloomfield Public Library. Walker has a BA in Sociology from the University of Southern Mississippi, and an MLS from the University of Southern Mississippi. Prior to moving to New Jersey, he worked as Serial/Circulation Librarian at Alcorn State University in Lorman, MS.

Barbara Bowley, Assistant Librarian has become an adjunct faculty member at St. John's University, Division of Library and Information Science. Bowley is currently teaching a course in information source in the social sciences.

Pamela V. Holmes, Assistant Librarian, was appointed Co-Editor of the NJLA/ACRL newsletter. She is very enthusiastic and looks forward to servicing the numerous academic libraries around the state. She holds an AS from Passaic County College, a BA from William Paterson College and a MLS from Rutgers University. Also, Holmes recently received her second masters degree in Behavior Science from Kean College. In addition, she was appointed Membership Chairperson of the Black Librarians Network of New Jersey and will serve on the NJLA Election Committee, 1995-96.

William Paterson College

Norma Levy is serving as the Interim Director of the Sarah Byrd Askew Library while a search is in progress.

Jane Bambrick published a journal article (July/August, 1995) "BRs: Gone but not forgotten." Online, 19 (4), pp.74-75.

Amy Job served as moderator for the NJLA Technical Services workshop in "Current Developments and Future Trends in AACR and MARC" held on September 14, 1995 at the Monmouth County Library.

Jane Hutchison & Robert Murphy presented a paper "Listening to your faculty: Improving the quality of Audiovisual services through the use of focus groups and surveys," to the consortium of College & Universities Media Centers, South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD on October 7, 1995.

Also, Jane Hutchison, presented a workshop, "Simple production techniques to enhance whole language learning," at the Whole Language Across the Curriculum: Integrating Literature and Technology Conference at William Paterson College on July 6, 1995.

Marie Monteagudo published a journal article with Mike Courtney entitled, "Computer-mediated Communication. Seikyo Times, 410, pp.43-47. Also, she presented numerous programs that focused on internet sources and access.
Marie Radford was appointed to a three year term as Associate Editor of The New Jersey Journal of Communication, published in cooperation with the Department of Communication and the School of the Arts and Communication at William Paterson College. Also, she presented numerous papers on communication theory and interpersonal communications. In addition, Radford coordinated a conference on, “Whole Language Across the Curriculum: Integrating Literature and Technology K-8,” and presented workshops on Science CD-ROMs.

Kurt Wagner published Internet Site Review: (June, 1995) “Nasa Spacelink” in College and Research Library News, 56, (6), p. 420. In addition, his article “Tribal voice/PowWow,” has been accepted

Caldwell College
Jennings Library has received a grant to install two public internet workstations.

Georgian Court College
The National Aeronautic and Space Administration (NASA) has selected Georgian Court College as the site for a Regional Teacher Resource Center. The RTRC will be located in and administered by the college library, and will contain a collection of videotapes, computer programs, slide/audiocassette kits, and other materials. The NASA/RTRC will open in January 1996. For more information, contact Barbara Herbert, Instructional Media Librarian.

Students, faculty and staff of Georgian Court College now have access to a variety of library resources from offices, classrooms, dormitories and labs, thanks to cooperative efforts between librarians, and members of the information systems staff. In addition to the library’s online catalog, 8 CD-ROM indexes are currently available, with more to be added in the near future.

Ramapo College
The George T. Potter Library has a new Electronic Learning Facility (ELF). The ELF has twenty-five computers with twelve CD-ROM products, word processing and internet and campus wide information system access.

Dr. Pauline Rothstein, Associate Dean of Library Services, has been working with the library Space Planning Committee to present ideas to the consultant Architect for reorganizing the library’s interior space.

Saint Peter’s College
As Saint Peter’s increasingly becomes a residential college, with 500 students currently living on campus, the pressures on the library for longer hours and greater access. The library is now open from 8 am to 11 pm four days a week and has extended weekend hours. The first floor library was partially renovated with new carpet and new display shelving for periodicals were installed.

The library was completely automated over the summer. With a grant from the equipment leasing fund of the State of New Jersey, the library was able to purchase and install an Ameritech (Dynix) system for cataloging, circulation, public access, serials, reserve room and acquisitions. The system was recently upgraded to Release 150 and has been very well received by staff and library users.

The system will be linked to the campus network later in the year, giving our users access to the library’s catalog. A new CD-ROM network and ten station computer lab with Internet access was added. The online catalog will be linked to the Englewood Cliff Campus.
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IDEA AND INTEREST FORM

I would like the NJLA College and University Section / NJ ACRL Chapter to provide the following programs, workshops, activities:

You may contact me for further discussion of these ideas
(Please circle)

Yes
No

COMMITTEES
I am interested in serving as an active member of the:
——— Instruction Committee
——— Newsletter Committee
——— Research Methods Committee
——— Technology Committee
——— Distinguished Service Award Committee
——— Nominations Committee

PROJECTS
——— I am interested in serving as a liaison for my library to the NJLA CUS / NJ ACRL Chapter.
——— I am interested in working on the NJLA CUS / NJ ACRL Chapter membership brochure.
——— I am interested in working on the compilation of an electronic directory of academic librarians in NJ.

Name: ____________________________
E-Mail Address: ____________________ Telephone #: _____________________
Mailing Address: ____________________

*Please return form and direct questions to: Jerris Cassel, Kilmer Library, Rutgers University New Brunswick, NJ 08903 or E-Mail: cassel@rci.rutgers.edu or Telephone: (908)445-5733
Dear College and University Librarians:

One of the primary goals of the New Jersey Library Association and its Children’s Services Section is to promote the joy of reading and the excitement of learning. If children experience the wonder of books at an early age, it is much more likely that they will become life-long readers. The holiday season is the perfect time for libraries to promote reading—the gift that last a lifetime.

The Children’s Services Section is continuing the NJLA Book for Tots to Teens campaign for the 1995 holiday season. The program provides books to disadvantaged children from birth through age fourteen. In 1994, with the help of over 100 libraries and the Marine Corps Reserves, more than 6000 books were distributed to children across New Jersey. Please help us create even more successful book drive for 1995! We ask that participating libraries collect new, unwrapped books from Nov. 1 through Dec. 11.

Please join the Books for Tots to Teens book drive by copying and returning the registration form as soon as possible. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Carol Levin, Somerset County Library, (908) 526-4016, ext. 125; or Kristin Lott, East Brunswick Public Library, at (908) 390-6789.

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BOOKS FOR TOTS TO TEENS
1995 COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION FORM

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County: _______________________ Region: ______________________

Contact Person: ________________________________________________________________

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