FROM THE PRESIDENT:

RENEWED COMMITMENTS

Our organization of academic librarians in New Jersey serves a dual role. As our name reflects, we are not only the College and University Section of our state library association, the New Jersey Library Association, but we are also a chapter of the national Association of College and Research Libraries. This dual role is frequently overlooked or forgotten. An alliance with both our state and national associations should provide a sense of stability, strength, and support to our organization of academic libraries. This sense of stability, strength, and support has ebbed and flowed throughout the years, varying with leadership, membership, priorities, and budgets. Like many of our academic libraries and institutions, the onslaught of technology and technological issues has forced library professional organizations to review the why and what of their existence. Reorganization, partnership, vision, mission, training, professional development, reengineering, strategic planning, quality, vision, communication, equity, and diversity are among the key terms bandied about during such a review process when preparing to move toward necessary strategic directions.

I am especially encouraged for academic librarians and the forty-one ACRL Chapters after hearing

Midwinter in San Antonio facilitated by Patricia Breivik, ACRL President; William Miller, ACRL President-Elect, Tom Kirk, chair of a task force looking at the ACRL Structure; and Henry Stewart, Chair of Chapter Council. After a period of some seeming neglect of the ACRL chapters, there is renewed energy, commitment to and recognition of the importance of the local chapter to ACRL and to localities. Emphasis was on the ability of chapters to make an impact on national legislative issues and on being the locus for the delivery of continuing education. The renewed focus on the chapter is the result of the development of the ACRL Strategic Plan and a commitment to the implementation of the plan. The plan states clearly the intention of ACRL to “use an effective communication mix to promote an understanding of the value and contributions of academic/research librarians and libraries to higher education and society in general,” “support activities which provide opportunities for academic and research librarians and library personnel to discuss and share ideas, knowledge, research, experiences, and expertise,” and “provide national programming at the regional level to support continuing education needs.”

I look forward to the implementation of these renewed commitments and directions of ACRL. In the meantime, NJLA College and University Section/NJ ACRL Chapter will continue its current commitments to the exchange of information among academic librarians, professional development, and continuing education through such projects as the establishment of liaisons to NJLA CUS/NJ ACRL Chapter and with individual programs sponsored by the Research, Technology, and User Education committees and programs at
the forthcoming annual NJLA Spring Conference in Atlantic City in May. Be sure not to miss the presentation and discussions of research projects conducted by your colleagues at the Research Forum and the panel discussion at the Publishing Information Forum on “Electronic Publishing vs. Print Publishing” with Susan Hockey, John buschman, Dorothy Pike, and Dinty Moore. I also look forward to seeing you at the NJLA CUS/NJ ACRL Chapter luncheon on Wednesday, May 1 where you will hear Dinty W. Moore, author of The Emperor’s Virtual Clothes: The Naked Truth about Internet Culture (Chapel Hill, NC: Algonquin, 1995).

See you in Atlantic City in May!

Jeris Cassel
NJLA CUS/NJ ACRL Chapter President

COMMITTEES IN ACTION

FUTURE DIRECTIONS OF THE TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

The Technology Committee sponsored a day-long program, “Designing an Electronic Classroom,” on February 14 at Trenton State College. It had been postponed from January 12. Twenty-two people attended. Linda Langscheid of Rutgers University and Ben Kitchen of Kitchen & Associates Architectural Services gave very detailed and dynamic presentations in the morning. Linda focused on design from a librarian’s viewpoint and discussed the subjects librarians need to know in order to make a project go smoothly, including the importance of attending planning meetings and understanding the design process. Ben focused on design from an architect’s viewpoint. Some of his key points were the kinds of questions to ask and qualities to look for in choosing an architect and the importance of cooperation and communication between librarians and architects during building and renovation projects.

In the afternoon, Randy Rankin from ComWeb Technologies talked about the way “information webs” and “teaching technologies” can improve the instruction process. He also gave a demonstration of his company’s product which allows information on an instructor’s computer screen to be broadcast onto student’s screens, and allows an instructor to see what individual students are doing during hands-on sessions and send students individual notes. A mini-eye camera also allows an instructor to project the image of an object or a printed page onto student terminals.

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USER EDUCATION COMMITTEE ON
THE MOVE!

You are invited to:
"The Wired Classroom: Where Instruction
and Technology Converge"
Seminar held at Union County College Cranford, NJ
Wednesday, April 3, 1996 from 10am - 3pm

Remember those halcyon days in user education when all we needed to know were a couple of CD-ROM products and online services to be “cutting edge”? After just a few years we’ve found ourselves in the midst of a technological change that seems to move faster than any human can keep track of. (In fact, for some of us, it’s less like we’re rafting through the whitewater of change and more like we’re being swallowed up by a tsunami.) But as keepers of the instructional flame, we keep striving to find ways to put this technological change into perspective, and identify those instructional methods that are most effective for our users.

On April 3, 1995, the User Education Committee is holding an exciting seminar on these issues called “The Wired Classroom: Where User Instruction and Technology Converge.” You’ll hear thoughts about how the rapid proliferation of information technology has impacted (and will continue to impact) library instruction, and you’ll get practical advice on effective methods for teaching today’s information technologies.

The seminar will be held at Union County College in Cranford, NJ, conveniently located near the Garden State Parkway. Registration is $10.00 for NJLA or ACRL/NJ Chapter members; $15.00 for non-members. Lunch is included. Please contact Barbara Bowley at (908) 709-7104 to register.

DeVry Technical Institute

Vicki Hendricks was hired as the new Director of the learning resource center. Vicki brings a broad range of experience with her to DeVry. She has worked as a reference librarian at Arizona State University, DePaul University, as an Information Services Librarian at Rutgers, and as a Bibliographer at Syracuse University. She has also been a Research Specialist at AT&T and Hildebrandt, has an M.L.S from the University of Illinois, and a Masters of Industrial & Labor Relations (with concentration in Human Resources) from Cornell University.

College of Saint Elizabeth

The Mahoney Library welcomes four new librarians to their staff. Andrea E. MacRitchie is the Head of User Services. She joins the library, having previously served in the library at the Public Gas and Electric Company in Newark, N.J. Nancy W. Madasci is the Periodicals librarian. Nancy previously served as a librarian at M&M Mars in Hackettstown, N.J.
Frances Kaufmann is the Interlibrary Loan Librarian. She comes to the library from Upsala College. Anne Marie Civinskas joins our reference staff. She previously served as a Research Librarian at the Maxwell House Technical Information Center in Hoboken, NJ.

Fairleigh Dickinson University

Dr. Michael Adams resigned as Ass’t Director for Public Services and has taken a position with City University of New York, Graduate Center. Maria Web has assumed the position of Acting Ass’t Director for Public Services.

Gloucester County College

Jane L. Crocker, Director of the Gloucester County College Library, and Ellen Tiedrich, Automation Librarian, were promoted to the rank of Associate Professor at the College.

Montclair State University

Luis Rodrigues has recently been named as Associate Director for Public Services. Prior to coming to Montclair State, Luis was Assistant Director for Public Services at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey.


Ramapo College

The Potter Library of Ramapo College is hosting Khin Mar Aye of Myanmar (formerly Burma) for five months through The ALA’s Library Fellows Program. Ms. Aye, whose visit began in October, 1995, is head librarian at the Institute of Computer Science and Technology Library, Yangon (formerly Rangoon). She is also on the Executive Committee of the Myanmar Library Association (MLA). The MLA, which was founded in 1992, has approximately 100 professionally trained librarians as members.

The libraries in Myanmar are run by various ministries of the government, and all acquisitions must be approved by the state censor. It is hoped that this program will help build friendship and understanding between the two countries and also encourage the free flow of information which will benefit library development in Myanmar.

Some of the Potter Library’s staff members have helped to expose Aye, who is living on campus with limited access to transportation, to American culture and recreational pursuits, like shopping (!), and various points of interest in and around Manhattan. She was quite impressed by the new Barnes & Noble in Paramus. Also, for a person coming from a country where the average temperature is 85 degrees, the “Blizzard of ‘96” certainly satisfied her wish to see snow!

From February 12-18, Aye visited the Northern Illinois Library System in order to fulfill her project of establishing a book exchange program and to visit their Southeast Asia collection. She will also meet with the executive director of the Illinois Library Association. On February 22, Ms. Aye will be visiting SCILS at Rutgers, where she will address Professor Pamela Richard’s class in international librarianship, and possibly meet ALA President Betty Turock as well.

Raritan Valley Community College

Holly Smeltzer has joined the staff of the LRC at Raritan Valley Community College. In her position as Instructional Designer, she will assist faculty in the design, development, implementation, and evaluation of instruction. Ms. Smeltzer received the Master of Science in Instructional Technology from Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania and Master of Education in Communications Media from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Previously, she was Planetarium Education Coordinator at The Center in Pittsburgh.
Rutgers University

The reference book "Women in Agriculture: An Annotated Bibliography and Guide to Research" (Garland, publication date March 1996) is written by two Douglass librarians Lill Maman (Head of Circulation and Electronic Resources Librarian) and Thelma Tate (Head of Reference). The book contains world-wide information related to women in the many fields of agriculture. The chapters include Historical Studies, Women and Agricultural Economic Development, Sexual Division of Labor in Agriculture, Women's Role in Agricultural Policy Implementation and Education of Women in Agriculture.

Abstract Expressionist Women Painters: An Annotated Bibliography (Scarecrow Press, February 1996) is written by Francoise Puniillo (Director, Douglass Library) and Halina Rusak (Head, Art Library, Rutgers University). This book fills a gap in art historical research. While there are many tools which cover women artists in general, this is the first to cover women artists in depth. The six artist book are: Elaine de Kooning, Helen Frankenthaler, Grace Hartigan, Lee Krasner, Joan Mitchell and Ethel Schwabacher.

Saint Peter's College

Frederick N. Nesta has been appointed Library Director. Prior to coming to Saint Peter's College, Nesta worked in England for four years as College Librarian and Systems Librarian for Lambeth College in London. His previous position was as Director at Marymount Manhattan College in New York City.

Fr. Joseph Lux, S. J. has been appointed Senior Assistant Librarian. Fr. Lux has an extensive background in education and has taught at McQuaid Jesuit High School, Xavier High School, Clongowes Wood in Ireland, and at Fordham.

Jia Mi was appointed Assistant Librarian for Electronic Resources. Mi is a recent MLS from Rutgers and worked at NEC in Princeton. Prior to her library career, Mi was a lecturer in Chinese at Bard College in New York and an Assistant Professor of Chinese Language and Literature in Beijing.

John Bednarz, Jr., pH. D. was appointed Assistant Librarian for Reference. Dr. Bednarz has an extensive background as a translator and editor. He has been a Visiting Lecturer at Rutgers and Seton Hall as well as a Visiting Scholar at the University of Beilefeld in Germany.

Alan Delozier was appointed as College Archivist. Delozier is completing his master's in history at Villanova.

Jeffrey Stein, a Saint Peter's College graduate, is now the library's full-time Evening Circulation Assistant.

Natalie Osenenko was promoted to Library Technical Assistant III in Cataloging and is now beginning her MLS studies at Rutgers.

Carolyn Taby Larkins was appointed Library Technical Assistant in Cataloging. A former teacher and cytologist, Larkins will be a judge in the Jersey Journal's Science Fair in March.

Seton Hall University

Sister Anita Talar, who holds the rank of professor on the faculty of Walsh Library, has been appointed to the position of Acting Dean of University Libraries, filling the place of the late Dean Robert Jones until a permanent dean is appointed after a national search. Sister Talar holds a B. A. from Georgian Court College, an M.A. in Educational Administration and Supervision from Georgian Court College, an M. L. S. and a Sixth-Year Certificate from Rutgers, and is an Ed.D candidate at Seton Hall University. Before she joined the Seton Hall faculty in 1992, she was Director of Library Services at Georgian Court College. At Seton Hall she has served as reference librarian, coordinator of bibliographic instruction, and curricular liaison to the College of Education and Human Services. Sister Talar has been a member of various faculty governing bodies and most recently was the Executive Secretary of the Faculty Senate. She is active in the American Library Association, the NJLA College and University Section/ACRL, and currently serves on the Executive Board of the New Jersey Library Association.

Karen Merguerian and Richard Stern were both awarded grants by the Research Council at Seton Hall University. The grants allowed the two librarians to spend part of their summer researching special projects. Merguerian’s project involved access to government information in the Clinton administration, and Stern’s involved the citing of electronic resources.

Trenton State College

On November 1, 1995 Mary Biggs, Dean of the Library, was named Dean of the Library and Information Services as she assumed administrative leadership of Information Management, Institutional Research and the Media Center.

Ellie Fogarty (Business/Economics Librarian) and Nelson Evans (Government Documents and Philosophy/Religion Librarian) authored the article “Helping Students Delve Deeper Into Books” which appeared in the November, 1995 issue of College and Research Libraries News. The article described the history and development of the Library Reading Program, a credit course offering students the opportunity to read in interdisciplinary areas of their interest in consultation with a librarian.

John Riddle (User Education Librarian) and Ellie Fogarty (Business/Economics Librarian) copresented their invited paper “Toward a Comprehensive Information Literacy Program: A Report In Progress” at the Seventh Annual National conference on College Teaching and Learning in Jacksonville, FL on March 20-23, 1996.

Glenda Alvin (Acquisitions Librarian) and Leon Brooks (Automation Librarian) each presented a pre-conference session at the Annual Charleston Conference on Issues in Acquisitions and Serials in November, 1995. Alvin’s topic was, “Away From The Fringe: African American Publishing And Multicultural Resources” and Brooks addressed the issue of “Multicultural Resources On The Internet.”

Navjit Brar (Access Services Librarian) presented a workshop “Ill And Electronic Document Delivery” to librarians from Region C libraries on January 25, 1996.

Union County College

Jennifer Edelman has been appointed Librarian at the Plainfield Campus Library effective January 2, 1996. Edelman is a recent graduate of Rutgers SCILS and has an A.B. in Anthropology from Harvard University.

Elizabeth Braun, part-time circulation assistant, is enrolled in the Masters in Library Science program at Rutgers SCILS.

Barbara Bowley, Information Services Librarian, is serving as the Chair of the NJLA User Education Committee. The Committee is planning a Spring Workshop on Educational Technology for Teaching Information Skills.

Pamela V. Holmes, Head of Technical Services, was reappointed as assistant librarian for the academic year 1996-97 and will become a tenured faculty member, effective September 1, 1996.

William Paterson College

Jane Hutchison was appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Wayne Public Library by Mayor David Waks. Her term began January 1, 1996.


Ya’aqov Ziso joined the staff as the Technical Services Librarian. Ziso’s responsibilities include coordination of the various DRA modules and implementation of authority and clean-up projects.
College of Saint Elizabeth

The Mahoney Library has a new Novell CD-ROM Local Area Network. The LAN has five workstations mounted with five CD-ROM databases including ERIC, PsychLit, and Government Documents on Silver Platter for Windows, and Ethics Index and Academic Index in DOS based format.

Fairleigh Dickinson University

The Florham-Madison Campus Library also co-published the following title with Edition Curt Visel (Memmingen, German) in autumn 1995: Hugo Steiner-Prag: Sein Leben für das Schone Buch by Irene Schlegel with introduction and English summaries by James Fraser. Steiner-Prag was a leading book illustrator and book designer in Germany prior to his exile in the United States where he died in 1945.

Georgian Court College

Georgian Court College celebrated the opening of its NASA Regional Teacher Resource Center (RTRC) on Sunday, January 28, 1996. Over seventy people attended the open house for the center which is housed in the college library.

The RTRC’s are designed to encourage the teaching of science, specifically space science in the schools. Educators visit the centers to preview and duplicate materials to bring back to their classrooms.

The RTRC collection includes videocassettes, audiocassettes, laser disks, 35mm slides, computer programs and CD-ROMs as well as print materials. The collection titles are chosen by NASA, and include “the best” and “the most requested” titles. Any titles in the collection (as well as titles not included in the RTRC collection) may be purchased directly from NASA CORE. A NASA CORE catalog and order forms are available in the RTRC. The only cost to visitors are blank videos and computer diskettes (which they bring with them) and photocopying charges.

The Georgian Court RTRC is currently open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 to 9 p.m. and on Saturdays from 12 to 4 p.m. Educators may visit the RTRC at Georgian Court College by calling (908) 364-2200, ext. 479 to make an appointment or for additional information. Those making an appointment will receive a packet containing a current holdings list, directions to the college campus map, and instructions by mail.

Monmouth County College

The Guggenheim Library is sharing its computer resources and access to the Internet with local schools and municipal; libraries through MELON, the Monmouth Electronic Library and Online Network. The consortium is funded by a $50,000 grant from the State Department of Education, $25,000 from the Monmouth University Library Association and $15,000 from the University. There are 5 municipal libraries and 11 high school libraries in the network.

Saint Peter’s College

Library automation took place over the summer, with the installation of a Dynix (Ameritech) Library system. The library has almost completed bar-coding the collection at Jersey City and will begin adding records from its Englewood Cliffs campus this summer. A new CD-ROM network was installed, along with a ten station computer lab with access to the campus network and the Internet. The project was funded by the State of New Jersey’s Equipment Leasing Fund.
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