FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Perspectives on 1996-1997 from the President

While the year is not completed, this will be my last opportunity to address all of our membership. Therefore, I offer a somewhat premature year in review.

So much has been accomplished this year through the energy and dedication of the various committees, led by their incredibly able and energetic chairs. The newsletter editors Jody Caldwell and Pamela Holmes have continued to bring you an ever-improved vehicle for keeping you up to date on our activities and events. The User Ed Committee led Jody Caldwell, is sponsoring an exciting conference, entitled "Library Instruction and the Internet: Meeting at the Crossroads", to be held on April 2, 1997 at Caldwell College, which will help us all gain more insight into teaching the Internet. The Technology Committee, co-chaired by Jamie Amirzafari and Julie Still, has been busy organizing what promises to be an excellent workshop for the Spring conference on search engines and the Internet to be given by Boyd Collins, as well as co-sponsoring, with Rutgers SCILS, a professional development workshop on resource sharing, featuring Mary Jackson of ARL, to be held May 17, 1997 at the Ramada Inn, East Brunswick. The Research Methods Committee, chaired by Beth Bloom and Maureen Gorman, has worked hard to promote and encourage research and publication and will continue having programs at the Spring conference and other times, offering us all an opportunity to share our research experience.

The Executive Board as whole, which includes the above mentioned chairs and Jeris Cassel (Past President), Joan Getaz (Vice-President/Past President elect), Susan Sabatino (Secretary/Treasurer), Sister Anita Talar (co-chair, Nominations Committee), Maureen Gorman (chair, Distinguished Service Award committee), and Brother Paul Chererville and Karen Merguerian (Members At Large) has also been active in bringing to fruition the work started by the two previous Boards. A new membership brochure, encouraging participation and outlining our mission will be distributed at the Spring Conference. The liasion program, which will have representatives at campuses throughout the State ready to disseminate any information we need to impart to our members, is nearly complete. And, we were able to get an exciting and informative speaker for the luncheon at the Spring conference: Kriza Jennings, an experienced consultant on multiculturalism.
In addition, I represented us at a summit meeting of section heads held last December in which plans for enhancing communication and cooperation among all sections and NJLA was planned.

It has been a busy and productive year that has focused our energy on our main goal, which was to find better ways to share our expertise and mutually support each other in our somewhat arduous endeavor to be ready for librarianship in the upcoming millennium. In short this essay is to thank the Executive Board, the many committee members, and the membership for the work that yielded what I trust was a very successful year for CUS/NJLA-ACRL/NJ. Thank you all.

And, best of luck to Joan Getaz, our incoming President—I know we will make great strides under her able leadership.

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FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Caldwell College
Lynn Randall, Library Director, served as a panelist and facilitator at the 1996 Self-Study Institute sponsored by the Middle States Association.

County College of Morris
Ann Kelsey, Associate Director, County of Morris Learning Resource, edited a bibliography, Resources for Teaching the Vietnam War: An Annotated Guide. It is published by the Center for Social Studies Education. The resource guide includes books, journals, films, and electronic resources, a list of songs from the era, as well as speakers and teacher trainers. Any questions, contact Kelsey at Kelsey@email.njin.net or call (201) 328-5311.

Princeton Theological Seminary
The Seminary Libraries are in the midst of a search for a new director. The new librarian will replace James F. Armstrong, Ph.D, who is currently serving as both Library Director and the Dean of Academic Affairs.
WILLIAM PATERSON COLLEGE

Amy Job will be presenting a mending workshop for the Highlands Region on March 7. She will also be participating in the Library Assistant Training Program sponsored by Rutgers SCILS Continuing Education.

Spring 1997 Seminar Series
Professional Development Studies, the continuing education program at Rutgers University’s School of Communication, Information, and Library Studies, announces the following seminars for Spring 1997. Members receive a cheaper rate! For more information or to request an application form, call us at (908) 932-7169.

Technostress: Strategies for Prevention and Coping
Wednesday, April 16, 1997; Ramada Inn, East Brunswick, NJ; $95.
This workshop will discuss the symptoms of technostress on individuals and organizations, and offer techniques for managing and preventing stress-related problems.

Serving Previously Unserved Populations
Tuesday, June 3, 1997; Ramada Inn, East Brunswick, NJ; $95.
This workshop will discuss how public libraries can reach out to serve people who are disabled, deinstitutionalized, or who have other special needs.

Friday, April 18, 1997, SCILS Building, Rutgers’s College Ave Campus, New Brunswick, NJ; $65.
In this seminar participants will learn about the changes in the Dewey Decimal schedules and how to use the newly-issued Dewey for Windows, and you will have time to practice using the CD-ROM product.

Resource Sharing: Current Issues and Future Trends
Wednesday, May 21, 1997, Ramada Inn, East Brunswick, NJ; $95
This one-day program brings ARL’s Mary Jackson to New Jersey to discuss the changing nature of interlibrary loan and document delivery services.

Workshops, Etc.

NJIN (New Jersey Intercampus Network)
Mark your calendars for the NJIN Library’s Committee’s annual conference on Friday, May 9, 1997: Exploring Global Libraries: Crosswords or Crossroads for Faculty, Librarians, and Administrators.

You may be able to enjoy it from your favorite “living room,” an educational institution in your neighborhood, because this year’s conference will be broadcast “live.” It will be delivered through ITV facilities from strategic areas with New Jersey.

It is critical to register since each site will have only a limited amount of space. Put the date on the calendar. Watch for the conference announcement in the mail and on the NJIN home page. For further information contact Barbara Simpson, bsimpson@mail.njin.net
Tips for Improving Internet Use  
**Thursday, May 29, 1997; Levin Building, Rutgers’ Livingston Campus, Piscataway, NJ; $135.**

If you have a basic knowledge of the Internet, this program will offer tips for making better use of each protocol and give you a chance to practice the techniques you learn. You will have use of a computer for the day.

Search Strategies for the World Wide Web  
**Friday, May 16, 1997; Robeson Library, Rutgers’ Camden Campus, Camden, NJ; $135.**

This workshop will help you refine your skills as a World Wide Web searcher by making you more familiar with a number of web search tools and by improving your ability to create effective search strategies. You will have shared use of a computer for the day.

Multimedia Over the Internet  
**Wednesday, May 21, 1997; SCILS Building Rutgers’ college Avenue Campus, New Brunswick, NJ; $195.**

This session will introduce you to the audio, video, and three-dimensional modeling capabilities of the web, review what is needed to make use of this multimedia technology, and discuss Java and what it can do. You will have use of a computer for the day.

Configuring Helper Applications and Plug-ins Using Netscape  
**Wednesday, May 14, 1997; SCILS Building, Rutgers’ College Avenue campus, New Brunswick, NJ; $195.**

In this program you will learn how the web works at a deeper level and how to download and install helper applications and plug-ins to extend Netscape’s capabilities. You will have use of a computer for the day.

Creating Web Pages: Beyond the Basics  
**May 20, 1997; SCILS Building, Rutgers-New Brunswick. PC lab. June 10, 1997, Levin Building, Rutgers-Piscataway. $195.**

In this program you will learn some advanced elements of creating web pages, such as creating forms, buttons, and image maps. You will have use of your own computer for the day. $195.

Bergen Community College  
The Sidney Silverman Library continues to offer exhibits, college curricula, special events, and student/faculty projects. To commemorate Black History Month, the library showcased the Artistry of Traditional African Sculpture featuring the private collection of Professor Charles Bordogna. Future exhibits will honor Women’s History Month and Phi Theta Kappa Photography Award Winners.

Caldwell College  
Jennings Library recently completed an upgrade of its automated system from dumb terminals to personal computers to accommodate dial-up access (to begin in late February). The Library also implemented a Library Automated Network in the late fall 1996 which will also include the OPAC for the Library (called CALCAT).

The Library will be hosting the ACRL/NJ User Education Committee’s Spring workshop on April 2, 1997. The theme of the program is Library Instruction and the Internet: Meeting at the Crossroads. Marsha Tate, Library Instruction Coordinator, Widener University, Chester, Pa. is the keynote speaker. Her program is entitled, “Teaching Critical Evaluation Skills for Worldwide Web Resources”. The site will be the College’s new (competed Jan. 1997) Academic Building.
Rowan College
The Boston Society of Architects recently awarded the architectural firm Perry Dean Rogers and Partners an "Honor Award for Design Excellence" for their design of the new Rowan College Library, which opened in January 1995. Out of the 150 submissions, only 24 projects won the prestigious award. A plaque recognizing this honor hangs in the library.

William Paterson College
Sarah Byrd Askew Library has instituted a series of subject oriented "INFO-SURFING" workshops designed to help patrons access the ever-increasing array of online information using Internet and CD-Rom resources.

Also, the library recently opened a graduate Research Center consisting of 20 electronically wired carrels which will be available for use by graduate students.

NJLA College and University Section
NJ ACRL Chapter

I would like 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!
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Yes
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Committees
I am interested in serving as an active member of the:

— Newsletter
— Research Methods
— User Education
— Technology
— Distinguished Service Award
— Nominations

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