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## From the President

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In the Long Run ....

As I write this we are preparing for the beginning of the school year, always a good time to reflect and plan. One perennial thought for me is what I want students to take away from their library experience, whether it is one brief encounter or a four (or more) year long relationship. Doing well on their course assignments is, of course, the short-term goal, but what about the long term, once they have left college?

I joke and say one long-term goal is that the students will support their local libraries and vote for every library budget bill that shows up on the

ballot. Actually, it's not a joke – I hope they do. But I also want them to have a positive view of the library, to have pleasant memories of it, and us! Think back on your college days. What made a big impression on you?

For me, aside from some wonderful professors and a financial aid advisor who graciously made sure I could pay my tuition and eat, one particular encounter stands out. I was in a campus office and asked for some information. The woman behind the desk said it wasn't her department but got up and walked me down the hall to the right place. Got up and walked me down the hall! Maybe she wanted to stretch her legs. Maybe it was a slow day. Who knows? But she got up and walked me down the hall. I was flabbergasted.

That encounter comes to mind when I talk with students. I try to always greet people with a smile or a kind word, to tell them to come back and let me know if they don't find what they are looking for, and where possible or feasible, to get up and walk them where they need to go, especially if they look a little lost. It is a high mark and I don't always reach it. Many

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times I have fallen miserably, unspeakably short, but there is no sense setting a goal you can always meet.

We have an excellent staff in my library. If I call technical services to ask about a missing journal issue or volume, Eva or Mary immediately go into action and look around, double check the shelves, look hither and yon and in all the nooks and crannies. The students will stand in amazement as two or three people race around looking for what they want. I always think of the woman who walked me down the hall.

Some students come in looking like scared rabbits. More than books or articles or all those nifty databases, they want someone to tell them it will all be okay. A lost soul in the stacks may just need a bit of redirection and a friendly face.

As the students come back I'm going to remember the woman who got up and walked me down the hall. I hope you will too.

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## Focus On People

### Brookdale Community College

- **Stephanie Hess** has been appointed Manager, Library Access and Technical Services, effective August 25, 2003. Stephanie was previously Technical Service Librarian at Golden Gate University Law School in San Francisco.

### Rutgers University – Camden

- **Julie Still**, Paul Robeson Library, Rutgers, Camden, is serving on the committee to review workshop proposals for the 2005 ACRL Conference in Minneapolis. She is also the author of the recently published book, *The Accidental Webmaster*, designed for those who find themselves managing web sites for community groups or small businesses.

### Drew University

- **Jennifer Woodruff**, the Methodist Librarian at Drew, has recently published an article entitled "John Calvin, the Wesleys, and John Williamson Nevin on the Lord's Supper." The article can be found in *Methodist History* 41:4 (July 2003), 159-178.

### New Jersey City University

- **Sheila Kirven**, Education Services Librarian of New Jersey City University was an invited participant in two panel discussions, "How Publishers Market Their Books" and "What Librarians Need from Publishers," at Bookfest 2002 sponsored by CAPNET (Caribbean Publishers Network) held in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, November 3-6, 2002.

## Montclair State University

- **Nicole Cooke** was recently appointed to the position of Evening Reference Librarian / Assistant Professor at the Harry A. Sprague Library. Before coming to MSU she was an Information and Education Librarian at UMDNJ's Smith Library. She was also previously a librarian at the Montclair Public Library and has held staff positions at the Rutgers' Music Library.
- **Nicole Cooke** recently participated in the annual *ACRL Immersion Program*, which was held at the University of Rhode Island in early August.
- **Nicole Cooke** recently had an article published in the **WebWatch** column of *Library Journal*. The article, which reviews the best web sites dealing with eating disorders, was published in the September 1, 2003, issue of LJ.
- In August 2003, **Carol Nurse** began her yearlong participation in the Association of Research Libraries' *Leadership and Career Development Program*.
- **Bill Vincenti** recently attended the annual *LOEX 2003* conference at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The theme of this year's conference was "Reflective Teaching: A Bridge to Learning."

## Union County College

- **Andrea MacRitchie** has been named Director of Libraries. She had been Assistant Director since 1998. **Mark Thompson** is now Assistant Director.
- In August 2003, UCC's Head of Technical Services, **Pamela Holmes**, moved on to Paterson Public Library where she is their new Assistant Director.

## Around the State

### NJLA Annual Conference

- The NJLA Annual Conference will be held on April 19-21, 2004 in East Brunswick. The scheduled speaker for the College & University Section luncheon is Tyrone Cannon, President of ACRL. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. This will be an excellent opportunity to network with national leadership.

### Camden County College – Blackwood Campus

- Last spring's newsletter announced that Camden County College Blackwood Campus Library returned to its totally renovated building. However, the networked online library instruction room wasn't ready until recently, and the staff is very excited about having the use of it this semester.

A PowerPoint presentation about library services, and all the amenities for students and faculty in the renovated building, has been prepared by the librarians and was a featured part of the program at the Adjunct Faculty Open House, as well as the Opening Day program for the Fulltime Faculty. Staff members are also giving tours and demos of all the capabilities now available. The official Rededication of the building was held on September 24, 2003.



## Drew University

- The Drew University Library is hosting a major exhibit "Wesley in America," from the Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Galleries, Southern Methodist University.

## New Jersey Historical Society

- The library of The New Jersey Historical Society is moving forward with a project to provide greater access to its printed and manuscript collections.

Thanks to generous support from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the library has begun the conversion of its book/pamphlet, map, broadsides, microfiche, and manuscript card catalogs into electronic format.

- With the launch of The New Jersey Historical Society's website [<http://www.jerseyhistory.org>] last year, the library and technical staff have been adding material to the site to provide more access to their special collections, manuscript, map, and secondary sources.

In an effort to assist archivists, librarians, patrons and the general public, all available finding aids for the Society's manuscript collections are available through the web site [<http://www.jerseyhistory.org/archives/browse.html>]. In addition, separate guides are available for the library's image and ephemera collections.

For more information about the Society's collections and access, please contact **Chad Leinaweaver**, the Director for the Library at The New Jersey Historical Society.



## Save the Dates

- The User Education Committee of NJLA/ACRL has established its fall meeting schedule and would like to invite colleagues to attend an upcoming meeting. The meeting dates are as follows:
  - Friday, September 26, 2003 at 10am
  - Monday, October 27, 2003 at 1:30pm
  - Friday, November 21, 2003 at 10am
  - Monday, December 15, 2003 at 1:30pm

All meetings will be held at Kilmer Library, Rutgers – New Brunswick campus. Please contact committee chair **Leslie Murtha** for more information. [lmurtha@andromeda.rutgers.edu](mailto:lmurtha@andromeda.rutgers.edu)

- The NJLA College & University Section / ACRL NJ Chapter's User Education Committee will be offering a shortened version (half-day presentation) of their popular Spring 2003 full-day workshop: **Our Ever-Changing Role: Preparing For Library Instruction In The E-Classroom**. With the exact location and time to be announced, the workshop will be held in Southern New Jersey and will again be presented by **Robert J. Lackie** of Rider University. So, if you are being asked to plan and conduct instruction in the e-classroom, look for our announcements soon. Many thanks to Elaine R. Gaber and Robert J. Lackie for developing their program, and to Robert for agreeing to present the workshop again.

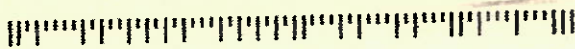


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