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From the President

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NJLA CUS/NJ ACRL Chapter President

I'm very excited about the chapter's accomplishments this past summer as well as our ambitious future plans. On August 8th, our User Education Committee sponsored a very successful workshop at Rider University entitled "Part I: Learning Theory and its Applications". The main speaker was Rebecca Albrecht, Instructional Services Librarian at Pace University in New York. This is the first in a series of workshops to be presented by our User Education Committee. On August 16th, our Technology Committee sponsored a hands-on training session on Frontpage at Seton Hall University in South Orange. The Technology Committee plans to offer a similar type of workshop on Dreamweaver later this year. I'd like to thank members of both committees for their efforts in arranging these programs.

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have already held our December 1st Forum on Electronic Reference at The College of New Jersey. We have lined up two extraordinary speakers for the day. Our speakers are Steve Coffman from LSSI, who will discuss the use and impact of emerging technologies on Electronic Reference, and Marc Meola from The College of New Jersey, who will share some of his experiences helping to operate a Real-Time Reference Service at Temple University. The topic is timely and certain to gain in importance as time goes on. Most libraries and librarians, at some point, will need to examine the opportunities (e.g. enhanced service) and dilemmas (e.g. overworked professionals) that accompany a decision to embrace the Real-Time Reference Model.

In case you haven't heard already, our much praised Job Shadowing program is still going strong. If you are interested in sharing your professional experience during a typical workday with an MLS student from Rutgers then I urge you to contact Luis Rodriguez at Montclair State University at (973) 655-7805 or email: rodriguezl@mail.montclair.edu.

In addition to our other activities, I'm hoping that our chapter will be able to actively promote awareness of issues pertinent to New Jersey Libraries. Examples are UCITA (Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act) which impacts on the licensing of software and digital information, and the recommended changes to Middle States Accreditation Standards for Libraries (appearing in the most recent draft) that omit any mention of a physical library as a necessary part of the educational endeavor. In the coming months, Middle States will probably sponsor a series of regional forums to gauge public response to the proposed changes to the accreditation standards. I urge everyone to try to attend one of these local forums to show your opposition to the new proposed standards. The board will keep the membership posted on any upcoming events related to Middle States and UCITA. And, as always, I encourage all our members to remain active and to please contact us if they have any suggestions or ideas. Contact information is available at: <http://www.njla.org/njacrl/organization.html>

I wish everyone all the best this academic year. ◇

Focus on People

BERGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Yasmin C. Haug has joined the Library staff as a lecturer for the fall semester. Yasmin is a graduate of Pratt Institute, MLS, and has also earned an MA from SUNY Albany in Criminal Justice and a BA in Arts, English Literature and Language from Pace University. After a twenty-year career as a New York City Police Officer, Ms. Haug worked as an Asst. Librarian for Grey Advertising Worldwide and has also taught criminal justice as an Adjunct Professor at Rutgers University's Newark campus.

BERKELEY COLLEGE

The Garret Mountain Campus library has hired librarian **Nancy J. Weiner**, formerly of Drinker Biddle & Shanley. She is a 1998 graduate of Rutgers.

DREW UNIVERSITY

Dr. Charles Courtney (Professor of Philosophy of Religion) stepped down from an active year as Acting Director of the Drew University Library, following the appointment of **Dr. Andrew Scrimgeour** as Director of the Library. Dr. Scrimgeour (PhD, Drexel University/School of Information Studies and Technology; MLS, Rutgers; MDiv, Princeton Theological) comes to Drew from Regis University (Denver CO), where he served as Dean of Libraries (1992-2000) and Director of Libraries, Asso. Vice President for Academic Affairs (1984-1992).

Dr. Linda Connors, Collections Development, gave a paper, "We Are Quite the Best Country in Europe: Representations of Germany, Austria and Italy in the British Periodical Press, 1846-1851," at the Annual Conference of the Society for the History of Authorship, Reading and Publishing, Mainz, German, July 2000.

Dr. Suzanne Selinger gave a series of lectures on Charlotte von Kirshbaum and Karl Barth at the Stadt- und Universtaetbibliothek Bern, the annual Barth-Tagung in Leuenberg, and a women's theology group in Geneva. The Leuenberg lecture will be published in a revised form in the Zeitschrift fuer dialektische Theologie later this year.

RAMAPO COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY

George T. Potter Library

The George T. Potter Library is delighted to welcome two new librarians. **Irene Kuchta** joined the staff on September 27, 2000 as Access Services Librarian, supervising circulation, course reserves, periodicals and Interlibrary Loan functions. Irene holds a Master's degree in Library Science from Long Island University. Her library experience includes reference and cataloging work at Rockland Community College and Fairleigh Dickinson University. In addition, she has held positions in the private sector at Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union, Guy Carpenter and Co., and American International Underwriters. Irene resides in Oakland, NJ and has traveled widely.

Del Hornbuckle joined the reference staff on October 2, 2000 and will participate in reference service and teaching activities. Del's Master's degree in Library Science is from Pratt Institute and she comes most recently from the Ford Foundation in New York City. She worked closely with the Community and Asset Building Program Area that allowed her to travel to Senegal and Mali. Previously, she worked at the law library of Cravath, Swaine & Moore, also in New York City. This past summer, she traveled to South Africa for eight weeks as an "Inform the World Volunteer Librarian" a library development project of the World Library Partnership. She helped organize and catalog books and train a teacher/librarian at a school/community library in Malelane in the Mpumalanga Province. Del resides in Jersey City and hopes to stay involved in international library projects.

RARITAN VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Birte Nebeker has been appointed Library Chairperson. She has been at the Raritan Valley Community College Library for nine years. The library does not have a director; chairs are elected annually by the librarians.

UNION COUNTY COLLEGE

Elsa Bruguier is now Campus Librarian at the Plainfield Campus. Previously she was Assistant Librarian for Reference at Saint Peter's College.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE continued

WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY

Norma Levy, Director is on sabbatical for the fall, 2000 semester. **Anne Ciliberti** is now acting director.

Lisa Vecchioli joined as Reference/Distance Education Librarian on Oct.1, 2000. Formerly at Douglass College, Rutgers University, Lisa graduated from the Catholic University with an MLS in 1994.

Pam Theus, Acquisitions Librarian, wrote the "Conference Report for the SPARC Current Initiatives" as published in the Library Collections Acquisitions & Technical Services, v. 24 (2000), p. 403-441.

Jane Bambrick, Reference Librarian, wrote "Dreams of the perfect database", EContent, 23.1 (2000): pp. 21-24. and "OCLC's FirstSearch: a rookie matures", Searcher 8.3 (2000): pp.37-41. ◇

Around the State

Drew University launched its web-based catalog in June. Conversion of the earlier catalog was partially funded by a grant from the State Library.

Union County College students and faculty have been warmly receptive to a new videotape covering basic library orientation information. Susan Bissett, Information Services Librarian, developed the videotape with a grant from the UCC Foundation. Most people are comfortable with a video format, and the new tape includes the information that students need most urgently, and that is stable and enduring. ◇

Save the Date

Thursday, January 4, 2001
VALE Users Conference 2001

The Publicity and Communications Committee will e-mail registration forms and other information about the conference. The snow date will be Wednesday, January 10. ◇

Research Forum

Call for Papers

To promote research by New Jersey librarians, the Research Committee of the College and University Section, NJLA, and the New Jersey Chapter, ACRL, seeks presenters for the Research Forum to be held at the NJLA Spring Conference, April 29 - May 1, 2001, Atlantic City. New Jersey librarians who are involved in, or have participated in, any type of research project are invited to give a brief presentation of the project during the Forum. Please submit your application including: **Name, Address, Telephone, E-mail, Title of Research, Abstract (150-250 words)** by **February 15, 2001** to the Chair. Those selected for presentation will be notified by March 15, 2001. ◇

2000 Research Award

Nominations and Applications

To recognize excellence in research efforts of New Jersey Librarians, the Research Committee of the College and University Section, NJLA, and the New Jersey Chapter, ACRL, seeks nominations and applications for its annual Research Award to honor the best published research completed by a New Jersey Librarian. The Award will be presented at the NJLA Spring Conference, April 29 - May 1, 2001, Atlantic City. All types of research published in 2000 will be considered including books, journal articles, bibliographies, and electronic publications. A New Jersey Librarian must be the author or co-author. Doctoral dissertations and master's theses are not eligible; however, publications based on them will be considered. Seton Hall University Libraries will provide an honorarium to the winner. Individuals may nominate themselves or a colleague. Please submit your **letter of nomination and a copy of the publication** by **February 15, 2001** to the Chair.

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