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President's Message

Marilyn Rosenthal

Greetings to all in ACRL/NY! The Executive Board is currently programming activities for the New York metropolitan area, so we can all look forward to another productive year. The Symposium Planning Committee is hard at work on our annual event and has held three successful meetings thus far. Although the planning is still in the beginning stage, it promises to be a special day. Here are a few other items of interest:

You will have a choice of two functions to attend on Friday, May 4. The Long Island Section will be hosting a workshop, *Librarian Limbo: Campus Status & Other Joys*, from 9 a.m.-noon at Dowling College in the Ballroom of Fortunoff Hall. Discussion will focus on the following concerns: faculty status; tenure, promotion, and review; and union negotiations. Presenters will include Rosemary Feeney and Clare Cohn (New York Institute of Technology); Dan Rubey (Dean, Hofstra University); Gloria Roberson (Adelphi University); and Francie Davis (Dowling College). For further information, please contact Francie Davis, 631-244-3283 / davisf@dowling.edu; or Eloise Bellard, 516-877-3584 / bellard@adelphi.edu. Also on May 4, Stan Silverman, Associate Professor, New York Institute of Technology will be speaking to the Education/CMC Librarians Discussion Group at Hofstra University Library about technology-based

learning. For further information on that function, please contact Harriet Hagenbruch, 516-463-5956.

In conjunction with the New York Technical Services Librarians, on March 9 our chapter once again co-sponsored the annual spring reception in the Trustees Room of the New York Public Library. As always, this meeting provided an opportunity for librarians and information specialists to network informally and for library students to meet future colleagues while learning about a broad array of professional organizations in the metropolitan area. Tammy Wofsey, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect of the New York City Section spoke informally with the group about our association and distributed promotional materials.

It is not too early for anyone to express interest in becoming a member of our Executive Board. This year, we are seeking candidates for the positions of Vice President/President-Elect and Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect of all three geographical sections. Or, you may wish to join the Symposium Planning Committee. If you are interested in participating, you may call me 516-572-7845, or email me rosentm@sunynassau.edu. Personally, my many years of involvement with ACRL/NY have proven rewarding and enjoyable.

If you have any suggestions for ACRL/NY, I
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Symposium 2001 Update:

Learning Outcomes Assessment for Information Literacy

The Symposium Planning Committee of ACRL/NY has chosen the topic for this year's Symposium as *Learning Outcomes Assessment for Information Literacy*. This is a timely issue, particularly since the development of outcomes assessments will be required for Middle States accreditation by 2002. This new demand will impact on library instructional programs as librarians will be expected to work with faculty to integrate information literacy into the academic disciplines.

So far, the planned format of the conference will consist of keynote speakers in the morning who will provide an overview, and a panel of librarians in the afternoon will discuss practical programs that they have implemented. Further details regarding the upcoming Symposium will follow!

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Westchester / Lower Hudson Valley Report

Members of ACRL/NY attended an ACRL/NY Westchester-Lower Hudson Valley Section event sponsored by the WALDO Information Services Committee on Feb. 2, 2001 at Pace University in Pleasantville, N.Y.

The event, entitled 'e-Services in Libraries', was presented by Brian Mikesell of St. Johns University. Brian discussed the constellation of electronic services that should go along with access to electronic information. He discussed e-services from the following perspectives: why e-services, e-services now, future e-services and requirements for success. This was a very timely and interesting presentation that was appreciated by all.

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Vice Chair; Westchester / Lower Hudson Valley Section
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would be happy to hear from you. Here's looking forward to a productive 2001. We hope to see you at our many and varied programs!

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ACRL X : *Crossing the Divide*

Report From Denver

The Association of College and Research Libraries held its 10th annual conference in Denver, March 15-18. Record numbers were reported with 2,089 paid registrants, 496 pre-conference attendees, and 750 first-time participants.

MIT Media Lab professor and technologist Michael Hawley kicked off the event with an opening keynote address entertaining librarians with visions of present and future technological inventions and tales of his travels. Two other keynote speakers were Patricia Limerick (Chair, Center of the American West, University of Colorado at Boulder) and Claire Gaudiana (President, Connecticut College). At the luncheon and closing respectively, they explored first the unique culture and contributions of the West and then the roles of the academy in developing society through its students and of the library in societal improvement.

Other primary speakers included Kenneth Smith, Eller Distinguished Service Professor, University of Arizona; Eileen de los Reyes, Assistant Professor of Education, Harvard University; Michael Ray, Team Systems Director, University of Arizona; R. David Lankes, Director, Information Institute of Syracuse, Syracuse University; Jorge Klor deAlva, First President, University of Phoenix, and President and CEO, Apollo International; and Clifford Lynch, Executive Director, Coalition for Networked Information.

Certainly, the evening at the Denver Art Museum, filled with food, drink, and music, was a highlight, and everyone seemed pleased with the special treat, the Winslow Homer exhibit.

The numerous papers, panels, roundtables, and poster sessions dealt with various themes, including: advocacy; collaboration and partnerships; collections; distance/distributed education; information literacy; leadership and management; and services for users. The overwhelming majority, however, more than three dozen, focused on information literacy.

Certainly, information literacy took center stage as conference participants attended sessions on IL in record fashion. Indeed, following the release of the Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education and because of the need for campuses to respond to mandates from administration to implement programs, attendance at these meetings was packed and standing room only. Sessions varied from the theoretical to the practical, but underlined the need to tailor IL to local needs whether in the form of credit-bearing courses or as librarian/faculty collaborative initiatives integrated across the curriculum.

Library professionals are attempting to highlight IL as a higher education issue, not just a library issue. As such, the full-day pre-conference, *Reaching Students and Faculty*, aimed at helping librarians implement the competency standards, drew a crowd of 120 librarians, administrators, and even accreditors. ?

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Save the Date:

Librarian Limbo: Campus Status & Other Joys
workshop sponsored by ACRL / LI

Friday, May 4, 2001

Dowling College

For more information, see

http://www.nyu.edu/library/bobst/acrl_ny/event.htm

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Membership Update

It is a pleasure to welcome all our new and returning ACRL/NY members. Currently, we are 135 strong from the New York metropolitan area, including Long Island, the five boroughs, Westchester, Rockland, and New Jersey. Membership in ACRL/NY provides opportunities to network, share ideas, and grow professionally. At our annual symposium, dynamic speakers from around the nation present issues of interest to all.

Joining ACRL/NY also entitles each member to take part in one of six special interest discussion

groups: access services, collection development, cultural diversity, education/CMC, electronic resources, information literacy/instruction.

The chapter encourages participation and seeks leadership for several of the groups. If you are interested in such a role, please contact Marilyn Rosenthal, our Chapter President, 516-572-7408 / rosentm@sunynassau.edu. ?

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The strength of our organization resides in its members.

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