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Message from the President

Katrina Frazier

The Twenty-First century has presented many challenges and interesting developments for the academic library. The theme of this year's program "**The 21st Century Library: Targeting the Trends**" will further explore this concept. I commend Rosanne Humes, Vice President/President Elect and Chair of our Symposium Planning Committee for her outstanding efforts with planning this year's Symposium. She and the Planning Committee are working tirelessly to make this one of our best symposia. The Symposium will take place on December 5, 2008 at Baruch College, NY. Julie Todaro, ACRL President, is scheduled to give the keynote address.

The ACRL/NY Greater Metropolitan Area Chapter conducted three very successful programs and workshops this spring. Susanne Makgren (Chair) and Kris Wysick (Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect) of the Westchester Section of the Greater Metro Area Chapter co-sponsored ***Clickers in Libraries*** on April 4, 2008, at the Harold L. Drimmer Library, Westchester Community College, Valhalla, NY. Eloise Bellard (Chair) and Debbi Smith (Vice-Chair/Chair Elect) of the Long Island Section hosted ***Marketing Library Resources and Services: Let Them Know What You've Got!*** on May 9th, 2008 at Adelphi University, Garden City, NY. Barbara Bonous-Smit (Chair) and Anne Leonard (Vice-Chair)/Chair-Elect) of the New York City Section organized a successful tour of the New York Botanical Garden Mertz Library on June 13th, 2008. Details on these programs can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our section and group leaders consistently organize a variety of excellent programs. Without fail, they plan programs and activities that are both innovative and thought-provoking. Becoming an active member in an ACRL/NY discussion group provides substantial networking and professional development opportunities. As long as you are a member of ACRL/NY, you are welcome to attend any of the discussion group programs. If you are interested in joining a group, please contact the appropriate leader listed on the ACRL/NY Executive Board section of the website (<http://www.acrlny.org/exbrd.htm>).

We are pleased to welcome Carrie Eastman as the new Chair of the New Librarians Discussion Group. The Chapter is still seeking to fill the vacancy of Legislative Liaison. This Executive Board position offers exciting networking opportunities in addition to an introduction of the legislative process. If you are interested in finding out more about this opportunity, please contact me.

To learn more about ACRL/NY, please feel free to contact me or any of the board members. Check out our website (<http://www.acrlny.org>) or blog and volunteer to work with a group or section leader.

**ACRL/NY 2008 Symposium: The 21st Century Library:
Targeting the Trends**

Friday, December 5, 2008, 8:30 am-3:15 pm Baruch College, 151 E. 25th St, NY, NY

ACRL .NY is proud to present this year's annual Symposium: "The 21st Century Library: Targeting the Trends." This symposium will highlight innovations that transform libraries and engage users. Topics of discussion include gaming, going green, and next generation catalogs. We invite you to come and hear a dynamic group of speakers.

Speakers:

Julie Todaro –ACRL President

Chad Boeninger –Reference & Instruction Technology Coordinator, Alden Library, Ohio U.

Monika Antonelli –Reference /Instruction Librarian, Minnesota State University

Jennifer Bowen –Director of Metadata Management, River Campus Library, University of Rochester

Registration information will be available soon. Please check the ACRL /NY website for Up-to-date information: <http://www.acrlny.org>

Submitted by Rosemary Humes

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Librarians Growing Places!

On June 13, 2008 several ACRL/NY members gathered at the LuEsther T. Mertz Library of the New York Botanical Garden. Stephen Sinon, Head of Information Services and Archives, graciously and enthusiastically guided our group through the library. First we toured the adjacent William D. Rondina and Giovanni Foroni LoFaro Gallery, where the exhibit Darwin's Garden: An Evolutionary Adventure displayed manuscripts, letters, and plant specimens from the library's collection of Darwiniana. Librarians at the New York Botanical Garden curate all exhibits in this exhibition space. We were shown the reference and reading rooms of the Mertz Library, appealing, spacious places to read, study, or browse. We visited the Rare Book and Folio Room and viewed several breathtaking folios of botanical illustrations. The Mertz Library defines a "rare book" as any pre-Linnaean book; that is, published before 1753.

The tour concluded with the opportunity to meet with technical services librarians and tour the closed stacks and technical services work areas.

The Mertz Library is arguably the library of record for print and electronic resources on all gardening, botanical, and horticultural topics. An impressive array of digitization projects are underway, including the Digital Library, digitized rare books from the library's collection, and the Virtual Herbarium, a collection of plant specimen data and images. The catalog and digitized collections can be searched online: <http://library.nybg.org/>. The library also maintains a Plant Information Service for home gardeners. Plant information specialists respond to the public's questions pertaining to gardening in the southeastern New York Region via email, phone, fax, and postal mail.

The Mertz Library is open to all visitors to the New York Botanical Garden. NYBG membership entitles members to use the library and borrow from its collection of circulating books. Any librarian with an interest in botanical subjects or an interest in digitization, preservation, conservation, or metadata would find a visit fascinating.

Submitted by: Anne Leonard



Pictures taken by Jung Cho during the aforementioned trip

Coming Soon! **Mentoring With Colleagues**

Are you looking for others interested in your area of research? Would you be interested in collaborate with someone outside your institution on a research project? Could you benefit from the wisdom of other librarians who have been through the tenure process, have published, or done research in your area?

ACRL/NY is currently investigating viable ways to offer our members additional professional development services. Stay tuned for more information on the "Mentor and Collaboration Forum."

Submitted by Eloise Ballard

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Wiki Wonders

The ACRLNY Executive Board is enhancing communication with our new wiki. We created it using PBwiki, a free hosting site that offers advertisement-free wikis for education. Wikis are great professional development tools. Ours provides a place for collaborative writing as well as posting of announcements, minutes, documents, links and photos. Currently, we are using our wiki to revise the bylaws. As each board member posts her changes to a particular section, everyone is able to view and comment. The history feature of the wiki allows us to compare versions and revert to earlier iterations if so desired. We no longer have deal with multiple versions of a document crossing in our email.

As with all PBwikis, we had the option to make the executive board wiki public or private. Since the contents are sometimes sensitive, we chose to make it private; only those with the password can view or edit the contents. Public wikis are visible to all, but still may not be edited or changed without the correct password. If you have not tried a wiki, check out pbwiki.com and explore the possibilities.

Submitted by Marsha Spiegelman

Long Island Section Hosts Workshop

The Long Island Section hosted a workshop, **MARKETING LIBRARY RESOURCES AND SERVICES: LET THEM KNOW WHAT YOU'VE GOT!**, on Friday, May 9, 2008 at Adelphi University, Garden City, NY.

Some 40 attendees listened to presentations by Darren Chase, Informatics Librarian, Health Sciences Library, Stony Brook University on how to promote and encourage the use of your library's information literacy and instructional programs to faculty; Karen Gisonny, Helen B. Bernstein Librarian for Periodicals & Journals, New York Public Library on how to showcase your collections by organizing reading programs and events built around them; Debbi Smith, Collection Development and Management Librarian, Adelphi University on how to create a marketing campaign to promote awareness of library resources and services, and Joseph Balsamo, Assistant Director of Information Systems, Health Sciences Library, Stony Brook University on how to use statistics of virtual library collections to adjust services to targeted audiences. Participants in the workshop engaged with the speakers with follow up questions, and it was a great opportunity to network with fellow area librarians.

Submitted by Debbi Smith

Clickers In Libraries –A Successful Program

Clickers in Libraries, a program discussing the use of clickers in library classes was held on Friday, April 4th at Westchester Community College in conjunction with the ACRL/NY Westchester Section and WALDO's Information Services. Leah Massar Bloom, Reference Coordinator, Social and Natural Sciences Librarian of Purchase College Library spoke how to get started with clickers. Mari Miller-Lamb, Reference /Instruction Librarian of Long Island University, Brooklyn Campus Library spoke on how clickers did or did not fit into assessment. Betsy Crenshaw, Reference/Health Science Librarian of Long Island University Library spoke on some of the technical challenges associated with clickers. Anne Leonard Instruction / Reference Librarian of New York City College of Technology Library spoke on evaluating clickers for library use. A question and answer session followed. In comments afterwards, participants expressed appreciation for the real world perspective presented by the speakers.

New Section! Colleagues Corner

The New York Academy of Medicine Library's Grey Literature Report was awarded the 2008 Louise Darling Medal for Distinguished Achievement in Collection Development in the Health Sciences by the Medical Library Association. The Grey Literature Report is a bi-monthly publication alerting readers to new grey literature publications in health services research and selected public health topics. For more information about the Grey Literature Project please visit us at http://www.nyam.org/library/pages/grey_literature_report".....**Marsha Spiegelman**, Reference /Instruction librarian and Richard Glass, Math/Computer Sciences professor at Nassau Community College presented "Gaming and Learning" at the 2008 Computers in Libraries Conference as well as "Games and Web 2.0: A Winning Combination for Millennials" at the 2008 SUNY Conference on Instructional Technologies. Their article, "Incorporating Blogs into the Syllabus: Making Their Space a Learning Space" appeared in the *Journal of Educational Technology Systems*....**Lisa FINDER**, Co-Editor of *Urban Library Journal* is issuing a call for proposals for the Winter 1008-09 issue. Go to <http://lacuny.cuny.edu/ulj/> for more information.... **Susan Werner**, Informatics Librarian, at the Health Sciences Library received the 2008 Stony Brook University Community Service Award for her Caring Crafters group who created over 200 lap blankets for residents of the Long Island State Veterans Home. This was the result of a two year project that involved numerous faculty, staff, and students from the entire Stony Brook University campus....**Elizabeth M. Mezick** will be advanced to the rank of Associate Professor at Long Island University....**Stephanie (Sara Leah) Gross**, has been installed as a co-chair of the AJL Mentoring Committee for 2008-2010 at the annual conference. The Mentoring Committee of the Association of Jewish Libraries endeavors to pair mentors and mentees on a variety of skills and concerns in the library field, including Judaica and non-Judaica. This past year, the conference venue was at the Marriott Cleveland East from June 22-25th. Plans for the future are to involve members in all 50 states of the US as well as chapters abroad....Congratulations to **Eloise Bellard** Reference Librarian/Coordinator of Instructional Services at Adelphi University. In June Eloise was awarded tenure and promoted to the rank of Associate Professor. An active member in ACRL/NY since 2000, Eloise is currently Vice Chair of our Long Island Section and the new Information Literacy Discussion group leader.... **Sheau-yueh J. Chao** is the recipient of Baruch's Sixth Annual Award of Faculty Recognition for Research and Creative Achievement, March 20, 2008. **Sheau-yueh J. Chao** is also the recipient of the 2008 PSC-CUNY 39 Research Award for writing book about the history and genealogy of the Yuan Shih-kai (the First President of China) family in China. This is a joint grant collaborated with Professor Kachuen Gee from Lehman College. The money will be used for travel to conduct interviews for recording oral histories of the surviving Yuan descendants living in China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan and researching Yuan genealogies available at Chinese genealogical libraries.

Submit to Colleagues Corner!

Got a promotion? Found a new job? Published? We want to know! Send all good professionally related news to Mari Miller-Lamb, Newsletter Editor at Mari.Miller-Lamb@liu.edu.

Guidelines: Under 100 words, separate Word attachment, 12 pt, Times New Roman. Subject line of email should be "Colleagues Corner." Item should appear **exactly** as you want it to be read. Editor reserves the right to edit for brevity and grammar.

Submit to the Newsletter!

Don't be shy! If your section/group is doing something why don't you write it up for the Newsletter?

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We thank you for your past support and depend on your membership to provide outstanding events of interest to all academic librarians.

Bellinda Wise
Membership Secretary
Submitted by Belinda Wise

