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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Marc Meola**

*NJLA CUS / NJ ACRL Chapter President*

Dear Chapter Members,

Can it be only months ago that I was toiling away in a bunker-like basement office with cinder block walls and no windows (it was ugly, but it was home), whereas now I write to you bathed in natural light from my second floor office in our new library? Yes, with a lot of hard work, careful planning and a little luck, we made it into our new building in time for fall classes. Ah so much that is new! New carpet, new chairs, new desks and tables! Ah so much that is old and familiar! Printer problems, burnt out projector bulbs, too many

classes and not enough time! But who can complain? It's not often in one's career that one has the privilege of working in a brand new library.

In our chapter we are also meeting new challenges and dealing with old familiar issues. For much of the summer the executive board has been working through communicating with chapter members through new and old media, from listservs to blogs to newsletters. NJLA has bequeathed to our section a new listserv with the name NJLA-SECT-COL. This new list allows chapter members who are members of NJLA to electronically discuss and announce to their heart's content. This has also meant, however, the phase out of our trusty listserv ACALIBS, created and maintained for 15 years by Jeris Cassel (Rutgers - New Brunswick). **Thank you, Jeris!** For ACRL-NJ members, we have a new listserv, ACRLNJ-L. For information on subscribing see page 6.

What listservs were to the 90s, blogs are to the 00s. NJLA is currently working on setting up a blog for our association. While waiting for the official NJLA blog to launch, I

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wanted to see what all the fuss was about so I set up my own account on Blogger. I created the very unofficial New Jersey Academic Librarian (<http://njacademiclibrarian.blogspot.com/>), a blog of recent news stories relating to NJ higher education. There's a lot of interesting news stories relating to NJ colleges and universities and I hope some of you find this blog useful. I am also serving on the Blog Advisory Board of ACRLog, which is the official blog of ACRL (<http://www.acrlblog.org/>).

Our section newsletter is also in transition. Finding the funds to print and mail the newsletter has been an ongoing issue for the newsletter editors and the executive board. This issue, we are falling in line with many of the other sections of NJLA and issuing an electronic version of our newsletter that will be available by email and through the section web site. We hope you continue to look to the newsletter for news and articles about the section. Also, look for more stories relating to academic libraries in *New Jersey Libraries Newsletter*, the newsletter of NJLA. We are always looking for news and articles, so send your news to us and we'll get it into one newsletter or the other!

*Marc*



## EDITORS' NOTE

**Nicole Cooke &  
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*NJLA CUS / NJ ACRL  
Newsletter Editors*

Greetings Colleagues, and welcome to the Fall 2005 edition of the newsletter!

As our President Marc Meola mentioned in his letter, the newsletter has undergone a few changes. While our content remains the same, we have decided to change our delivery method.

Beginning with this edition, all members of the New Jersey Library Association College and University Section and of the New Jersey Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries will receive the newsletter via email, as a PDF attachment, and the newsletter will be posted on our section website.

This is a trial run for us, and we would like to hear from you, our NJ academic library colleagues. Please let us know your thoughts about this new delivery method.

The Editors would like to again acknowledge **Connie Paul** of the Central Jersey Library Cooperative for her constant support of this section and our newsletter – Connie has been graciously printing the newsletter for over a year.

*Nicole & Pat*

## FOCUS ON PEOPLE

### The College of New Jersey

- **Edward Corrado** has been appointed Systems Librarian at The College of New Jersey, effective 12 January, 2005. Edward was previously UNIX Administrator/Library Systems Manager at Rider University.
- **Linda Dempf, D.M.**, has been appointed Music and Media Librarian at The College of New Jersey, effective 6 July, 2004. Linda recently completed her MLS at Indiana University.
- **Terrence Epperson, Ph.D.**, has been appointed Social Sciences Librarian at The College of New Jersey, effective 1 March, 2004. Terry came to TCNJ from Drexel University, where he had recently finished his MS in Library and Information Science.
- **Shilpa Shanbhag** has accepted an appointment as Physical Sciences and Engineering Librarian at The College of New Jersey, effective 1 July, 2005. Shilpa has been serving in that position in a temporary capacity since 2003.
- **Cathy Weng** has been appointed Head of Cataloging at The College of New Jersey, effective 12 April, 2004. Before coming to TCNJ, Cathy was Head of the Serials Cataloging Unit and Acting Head of the Bibliographic Services Department at Temple University.

### Montclair State University

- **Suxiao Hu**, Cataloging Librarian at Sprague Library, Montclair State University has returned from a Fall 2004 sabbatical leave in China. She is happy to report that her translation into Chinese of Saul Bellow's novel, *Ravelstein*, (which included her introduction to the book) was published by Yilin Press, a major publisher in China, in November,

2004. As well as her work on *Ravelstein*, Su finished the translation of a second book, *The Great Fire*, by Shirley Hazzard which will be published by Yilin Press later this year.

Su did not forget her library roots while in China. She met with various library colleagues and was invited to make a presentation on library management and technology to the library staff at Nanjing Finance and Economics University, China. In addition, she compiled a resource guide to the Nobel Prize in Literature, which highlighted a variety of English language reference sources available in Sprague Library.

### Caldwell College

- **Mary Ladany** presented "Mary Oliver's Poetry" at the Conference on Christianity and Literature's Northeast Region annual meeting on October 22, 2005, at Caldwell College. Her talk was taken, in part, from work done for her master's thesis from Caldwell College.
- **Lynn Randall** served as a workshop speaker facilitator at the Middle States Association's conference for new team chairs and evaluators on October 5, 2005, in Philadelphia.
- **Lynn Randall** has been elected as Chair of NJLA's Past Presidents' Committee.

### Brookdale Community College

- The Bankier Library has recently welcomed two new librarians to their staff. **Amy Clark** has been appointed to the position of Instructor / Liaison to the Business Division, and **Steven Chudnick** has been appointed to the position Instructor / Liaison to Technologies, Sciences and Math Divisions.

## Bergen County Community College

- The Sidney Silverman Library hired **Mark S. Thompson** for the new position of Assistant Director for Patron Information Services. He came to BCC from Union County College where he had been the Assistant Director.
- **Joan G. Cohen** was promoted to Associate Professor and **Joan Dalrymple** to Assistant Professor.
- **Annemarie Roscello** (previously known as Mascarenhas) presented at LOEX in Louisville on "Online Library Tutorial: Assessment Made Easy".

## Gloucester County College

- In conjunction with Drew University Reference Librarian **Sarah Oelker**, Gloucester County College Library Director **Jane Crocker** will be presenting at the Virtual Reference Desk Conference, which will take place on November 14-15, 2005, in San Francisco. Crocker and Oelker, who are both members of the VALE Reference section, will present their paper entitled *Serving Students Through Q&ANJ*.

## Union County College

- **Fran Kaufmann** is the library's new Assistant Director. Fran brings a wealth of experience to UCC and has worked at Seton Hall, College of St. Elizabeth and Upsala, among other colleges. Fran has a MLS from Drexel and a recent MA in history from Rutgers-Newark.
- **Mike Banick** is the library's new Head of Reference. Mike has a MLS from Rutgers and a MBA from Monmouth University. Mike has worked at Sayreville Public library and Monmouth University.

- **Scott Rummier** the library's new Head of Technical Services and Systems, and has both a MLS and a MFA. He recently worked at Iona College.
- **Fran Kaufmann**, Assistant Director, presented *Poster Power: Planning and Production for Effective Poster Sessions* at the Wisconsin Library Association Annual Conference on October 26, 2005, in LaCrosse. The presentation was sponsored by Wisconsin Association of Academic Librarians and was based on a workshop developed by Fran and **Mary Mallery**, Associate Dean of Technical Services at Montclair State University. Kaufmann and Mallery presented their program in November 2004 at Monmouth County Library and at the American Library Association Annual Conference in Chicago in June 2005. **Mary Mallery** also created a website for the Poster Session with pictures and a resource guide <http://www.njla.org/njacrl/ALA05PosterPower.html>

## New Jersey City University

- Along with several other university colleagues, **Grace Bulaong**, Director of the Guarini Library, developed the Information Literacy Rubric that has been published in *Developing Research & Communication Skills* (published by Middle States in 2003) and in *Assessing for Learning: Building a Sustainable Commitment Across the Institution* (a 2004 publication written by Dr. Peggy Maki, former Director of Assessment, American Association for Higher Education).

The rubric is based on ACRL *Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education* and was revised after campus feedback. The rubric is available online on the New Jersey City University Congressman Frank J. Guarini Library home page "Information Literacy at NJCU": <http://www.njcu.edu/Guarini/Instructions/Info%20Lit%20Rubric%20w%20URL%201-2.doc>

## Camden County College

- Reference Librarian **Alfred Fry** is one of seven librarians in the country selected by the American Library Association's Office for Information Technology Policy to be trained as a "Copyright Scholar" for 2006. Individuals selected will receive free training (beyond basic copyright), graduate and become Copyright Scholars.

## Seton Hall University

- **Richard E. Stern** gave a demonstration of in-person co-browsing at the reference desk at the LIDA (Libraries in the Digital Age) on the beautiful island of Mljet in Croatia. A photo of the demo appears in *Information Today*, July/August 2005, page 28.

## The County College of Morris

- **John M. Cohn** and **Ann L. Kelsey**, LRC Director and Associate Director respectively at County College of Morris, have written a new book just published by Neal-Schuman Publishers in New York. *Staffing the Modern Library: A How-To-Do-It Manual* (No. 137, 2005) outlines a comprehensive approach to "staffing" by expanding the concept to include workers, vendors, and service providers who perform tasks outside the physical confines of the library. The book looks at changing job competencies and skills, planning the move to competency-based staffing, and how to effectively use contracted services to accomplish critical library functions.

## AROUND THE STATE

### Camden County College – Blackwood

- From October 10 – December 16, 2005, the Blackwood Campus Library is hosting a traveling exhibit by the New Jersey State Museum entitled *Caught in the Crossfire: Churches, Taverns and Revolution in New Jersey*. The exhibit explores the roles played by these two essential institutions and suggests insights into the sacred and secular spirit of the time when our nation was founded. Featuring a selection of images, documents and reproduction artifacts, this exhibit was developed to observe the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Revolution.

### Union County College - Cranford

- MacKay Library is nearing the end of its renovation. The library is currently in phase two with all operations housed on the newly renovated second floor while the first floor is being completed. The new third story added to the library building is also complete. This new floor houses thirteen new classrooms. The completion of the library renovation and the opening of a new Information Commons is expected early in 2006.

### The College of New Jersey

- TCNJ's new library opened on August 29th, 2005, to rave reviews from all who ventured within. Designed according to the "library as

place” aesthetic, the interior is full of people-pleasing amenities such as rich cherry wood cabinetry and big comfy chairs. The 134,000 square foot facility includes Internet access and power connections at every carrel and study table, 24 large group-study rooms, a 105 seat auditorium, and a late night study area. Wireless access and a cafe are also to be part of the Library. Catch breathless Library Dean **Taras Pavlovsky** while he's between meetings and he'll be quick to tell you that there has been a more than 200% increase in users from last year. For more information please see:

<http://www.tcnj.edu/%7Eccr/update/05august/NewLibraryOpens.html>



### The County College of Morris

- The Learning Resource Center at County College of Morris has teamed up with the Women’s Center and Visual Arts faculty to plan a digitized presentation on the “Rosie the Riveter” phenomenon during World War II. The presentation, on the LRC’s website, will include digitized textual material, still images of art work, photos, and objects, oral histories, other multimedia-based resources, and links to informational sites on the Internet. Work on the site is schedule to begin in 2006.

## NEW LISTSERVS

The NJLA College and University Section now has two listservs, **NJLA-SECT-COL@njla.org** for members of NJLA College and University Section, and our newest list, **ACRLNJ-L@LISTSERVS.SHU.EDU** for members of ACRL who live or work in New Jersey.

NJLA members will be automatically subscribed to NJLA-SECT-COL. Members in good standing of ACRL as of September 2005 who live or work in New Jersey have been added to ACRLNJ-L .

If you are out of state but work in NJ and are using your home out of state mailing address for ALA communication, you have not be added to the list. See instructions below.

### ACRLNJ-L@LISTSERVS.SHU.EDU

- To subscribe send email to [listserv@listservs.shu.edu](mailto:listserv@listservs.shu.edu)
- In the BODY of the message, put: subscribe acrlnj-l (nothing required in the subject at all)
- To unsubscribe send email to [listserv@listservs.shu.edu](mailto:listserv@listservs.shu.edu)
- In the BODY of the message put: unsubscribe acrlnj-l (nothing required in the subject at all)
- To send mail to the list, send email to **ACRLNJ-L@LISTSERVS.SHU.EDU**

Questions can be directed to NJLA CUS / ACRL NJ Membership Chair, Christopher Lee at [leechria@shu.edu](mailto:leechria@shu.edu)

## CONFERENCE PLANNING

### ACRL announces theme for 13th National Conference

“Sailing into the Future - Charting Our Destiny” will be the theme of ACRL's 13th National Conference. The conference, to be held in Baltimore, March 29 - April 1, 2007, will explore the changing nature and roles of academic and research librarianship.

Conference programs will emphasize the need for academic and research librarians to anticipate and prepare for transformations in the profession, and will encourage innovative ways to create and implement change. Conference theme tracks include: Attracting and Thriving; Collaborations; Content, Collections, and Access; Teaching and Learning; The Environment for Libraries; and Libraries and the Imagination.

The Call for Participation will be issued this fall and will invite quality proposals for presentations including contributed papers, panel sessions, workshops, preconferences, poster sessions, and roundtable discussions. The Call for Participation will be included in the November issue of C&RL News and will be posted on ACRL's National Conference Web site: [www.acrl.org/baltimore](http://www.acrl.org/baltimore). Questions? Visit [www.acrl.org/baltimore](http://www.acrl.org/baltimore) or e-mail [acrl@ala.org](mailto:acrl@ala.org).

### All Together Now: Taking the Lead in Collaboration and Innovation

As we begin another academic year, it is time to look ahead to the next VALE / NJ ACRL conference on

January 5, 2006.

The Planning Committee met on July 27, 2005, to set things in motion, choosing a theme (“All Together Now: Taking the Lead in Collaboration and Innovation”) and organizing subcommittees. Conference co-chairs this year are **Joan Getaz**, Camden County College, representing the VALE Executive Committee, and **Marc Meola**, TCNJ, representing NJ ACRL.

Thanks in advance for your participation. It is your enthusiasm that drew a record 190 NJ academic librarians to this conference last year!

## AWARDS SEASON

The NJLA College and University Section / ACRL New Jersey Chapter presents several annual awards and we would like to solicit your nominations for outstanding New Jersey academic librarians and library research.

- **Nominations and Applications for 2005 Research Award**

To recognize excellence in research efforts of New Jersey Librarians, the Research Committee of the NJLA College and University Section and the ACRL New Jersey Chapter 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 Annual Conference on April 26, 2006, at the Ocean Place Conference Center, Long Branch, NJ. All types of research published in 2005 will be

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<http://www.njla.org/njacrl>

considered, including books, journal articles, bibliographies, and electronic publications. A New Jersey librarian practicing or professionally active in the New Jersey library community must be the author or co-author. Doctoral dissertations and master's theses are not eligible; however, publications based on them will be considered.

Individuals may nominate themselves or a colleague. Please submit to the Chairs a letter of nomination that specifies evidence and significance of original research. A copy of the publication in either electronic or hard copy format should accompany the nomination.

**Submissions are due on Monday, February 6, 2006, to the committee chairs:**

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• **Nominations and Applications for 2006  
Technology Innovation Award**

The NJLA College and University Section/ACRL-NJ Chapter Technology Innovation Award honors a librarian or group of librarians for innovative use and application of technology in a New Jersey academic library. The award may be given either in recognition of a specific project, or for ongoing delivery of innovative technology applications. The purpose of the award is to recognize distinguished leadership in developing new technologies for academic libraries.

We invite nominations for the 2006 Technology

Innovation Award. Please follow the posted guidelines at: <http://www.njla.org/njacrl/techinnov.html>

**The deadline for receipt of nominations is February 1, 2006.**

The 2005 Technology Innovation Award Winner was **James Robertson**, Assistant University Librarian, New Jersey Institute of Technology for his project, "Next-Gen Integrated Library Systems". You can view his PowerPoint presentation on this trailblazing project at: <http://www.library.njit.edu/staff-folders/robertson/presentations/njla-tech-award-2005.ppt>

2006 Technology Innovation Award nominees will demonstrate their projects and answer questions on March 17th at the Scholarly Communications Center, Rutgers University Libraries from 9AM to 2PM.

Winner(s) of the NJLA CUS/ACRL-NJ Technology Innovation Award will give a presentation on their project(s) at the 2006 NJLA Annual Conference on April 26th at the Ocean Place Conference Center in Long Branch, NJ.

• **Nominations and Applications for 2006  
Distinguished Service Award**

Do you know a librarian whose contribution to academic librarianship in New Jersey deserves recognition? The College and University Section of NJLA invites nominations for the 2005 Distinguished Service Award. The award will be given to a librarian who has contributed distinguished service to or achievement in the profession, especially within the New Jersey academic community. This is not limited to persons who might have received national recognition. It is intended to honor any person who by his or her outstanding contributions has directly enriched the librarianship of higher education in New Jersey.

Previous recipients have included:

Marian Grosch, Felix Hirsch, William Dix, John Beard, James McCoy, Marian Siegeltuch, Grace Schut, Jay

## HAS OUR GOVERNMENT BECOME MORE SECRETIVE?

Lucker, Arthur E. Jones, Raymond Frankle, Donald Sinclair, Virginia Whitney, Hendrick Edelman, Patricia Reeling, Charles Cummings, John Cohn, Daniel O'Connor, William Noe Field, Norma Yueh, Sister Anita Talar, Amy Job, Caroline Coughlin, Stan Nash, Norman Horrocks, Maureen Gorman, Jody Caldwell, Jeris Cassel, Anne Ciliberti, Marianne Gaunt, Richard Sweeney, Joan Getaz, Jane Crocker and Norma Blake.

**Nominations must be received on or before February 1, 2006**, and include the following information:

- Name and contact information of nominee
- Nominee's present position
- Nominee's education background
- List or describe the noteworthy contribution of the nominee in one or more of the following areas: service in professional associations (committees, etc), innovation in library service management, achievements in collection development and management, contribution to the literature of librarianship, other factors such as excellence in teaching, consistent dedication to the deeds of New Jersey academic libraries and the librarians who serve them
- Nominator's name and contact information
- Nominee's vita (if at all possible, as this is very helpful)

**Please send nominations to:**

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Has our government become more secretive? The answer is yes, according to a recently released report. In September 2005, OpenTheGovernment.org released its second annual *Secrecy Report Card* (available at <http://www.openthegovernment.org/otg/SRC2005.pdf>).

Among some of the report's highlights:

- In 2004, for every dollar the federal government spent in declassifying secret documents, it spent another \$148 keeping other documents secret, a \$23 increase from 2003. In contrast, from 1997 to 2001, the federal government spent \$20 to keep documents secret for every \$1 it spent declassifying them.
- Almost 2/3 of federal advisory committee meetings were completely closed to the public; more were partially closed.
- The "state secrecy" privilege is being used by the executive branch 33 times more than it was used during the height of the Cold War.
- In 2004, there were 1,754 secret surveillance orders approved by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court. None were rejected. Throughout its history, the court has only rejected 4 government requests for a surveillance order.
- In 2004, 15.6 million documents were stamped as secret, a record number, at a cost of \$7.2 billion.

The pattern of increased government secrecy is not limited to the federal government. According to the OpenTheGovernment report, 62 new state laws expanded secrecy in government in 2004; only 38 laws promoted open government.

The report also notes that Congress is being more vocal in its efforts to make government more open.

**Luis Rodriguez**

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NJLA CUS / ACRL NJ Legislative Representative

# NJLA 2005 CONFERENCE COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY SECTION LUNCHEON

*Submitted by Frances Kaufmann  
Immediate Past President of NJLA CUS / ACRL NJ*

At our Annual Conference Luncheon we were proud to honor our colleagues for distinguished service and to acknowledge their innovative work and ideas.

- Jim Robertson, NJIT Assistant University Librarian won the Technology Innovation Award for his presentation, *Next Generation Integrated Library Systems*.
- The winner of the Research Award was Marty Kesselman, Life Sciences Librarian Chang Science Library, Rutgers University, co-editor and chapter author of *Global Librarianship*, published by Marcel Dekker, 2004.
- Norma Blake, New Jersey State Librarian was presented with the Distinguished Service Award.
- Elizabeth Kirk, Head, Entrepreneurial Library Program, Sheridan Libraries, The Johns Hopkins University was the keynote speaker at the Annual Luncheon, Her topic was "*Charting the right course: Thoughts on mission and action*". She spoke about the context for academic librarians making sound decisions about non-traditional activities and being able to shepherd them from idea to success.



*Frances Kaufmann, 2005 NJLA CUS President; Martin Kesselman, Rutgers U., Recipient of the 2005 NJLA CUS Research Award; James Robertson, NJIT, Recipient of the 2005 NJLA CUS Technology Innovation Award; Norma Blake, NJ State Librarian, Recipient of the NJLA CUS Distinguished Service Award; Elizabeth Kirk, Johns Hopkins U., NJLA CUS Luncheon Speaker; Marc Meola, The College of New Jersey, 2006 NJLA CUS President.*