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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

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*NJLA CUS / NJ ACRL Chapter President*

Dear Chapter Members,

After a long cold winter I look forward to those first tiny snow drop petals that poke their way through the earth, often peeking out from under a light covering of snow. Spring can't be far away! Our thoughts turn to renewal and respite from the hectic pace of a very full academic year. We set aside time to think about our direction for the next academic year. What have we accomplished and where should we be going?

For our chapter, spring is a time to gather in Long Branch at the Ocean Place Resort for the NJLA Annual Conference Luncheon to welcome our newly elected

officers and acknowledge the innovative work and ideas of our colleagues with the *Research Award* and the *Technology Award*. The *Distinguished Service Award* recognizes a colleague whose outstanding contributions to the library profession have enriched academic librarianship in the state. Come and help us to honor these exceptional colleagues.

This year we are honored to welcome **Elizabeth Kirk**, Head of the Entrepreneurial Library Program at the Sheridan Libraries of Johns Hopkins University as our keynote speaker. Her talk, "Charting the Right Course: Thoughts on Mission and Action" is sure to be stimulating and thought provoking as she examines the role of today's academic libraries and librarians in a changing and challenging environment. In response to numerous requests, more time has been scheduled for the luncheon to allow for networking with colleagues. **Luncheon Date and Time: Wednesday, April 13, 12:30pm – 2:30pm.**

Committee Chairs have been hard at work planning a full day of informative programs for Wednesday, April 13. Back by popular demand – The Research Forum.

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New this year – Poster Sessions! Check the NJLA Web Site [www.njla.org](http://www.njla.org) for detailed information about the conference including registration forms, conference program and schedule, and resort information. Register Now! Encourage colleagues to attend. Invite a new (to the state or the profession) librarian. Encourage a library school student to attend. If you haven't attended the conference in a while, come and see what's new. I look forward to seeing you there!

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## FOCUS ON PEOPLE

### Richard Stockton

#### College of New Jersey

- **Jian Wang**, Technical Services Librarian, recently had the following article published:  
Wang, Jianrong, Vera Gao. "Technical Services on the Net: Where Are We Now?" *Journal of Academic Librarianship*, Vol. 30, no. 3 (May 2004): 218-221.

### Rutgers University

- During the second half of 2004, Rutgers librarians **Marty Kesselman**, **Vibiana Bowman**, and **Patricia O'Brien Libutti** each edited a book that addresses

pressing concerns in the library field. Each of the three publications inspired presentations at national and state professional conferences. **Kesselman** co-edited *Global Librarianship: Books in Library and Information Science* (New York, 2004: Marcel Dekker), **Bowman** edited *The Plagiarism Plague: A Resource Guide and CD ROM Tutorial for Educators and Librarians* (New York, 2004: Neal-Schuman), and **Libutti** edited *Digital Resources and Librarians: Case Studies in Innovation, Invention and Implementation* (Chicago, 2004: ACRL).

### Rutgers University – New Brunswick/Piscataway

- **Benjamin R. Beede**, Librarian Emeritus, wrote four articles for the *Encyclopedia of New Jersey*, which was published in summer of 2004. Additionally, Beede's *Index to Contemporary Military Articles of the World War II Era, 1939-1949* was issued by Praeger Publishers on December 30, 2004.

### Rutgers University – Camden

- **Vibiana Bowman** has been selected by *Library Journal* as one of the "Library Movers and Shakers for 2005." According to LJ, this annual list profiles "emerging leaders in the library world... who are innovative, creative, and making a difference." The complete list, with photos and profiles of the winners, will appear in the March 15, 2005 issue. Bowman, currently the Chair of the ACRL Chapters Council, is the former President of NJLA CUS / NJ ACRL.

### Seton Hall University

- **Marta Mestrovic Deyrup** recently presented at the 2005 Vale Users Conference and at the 2005 Educause Conference. Additionally, Deyrup published two articles:

Deyrup, M. (2005). Report on SLAVLIBS Survey on Information Literacy. *Slavic & East European Information Resources* 5(1/2), 41-46.

Deyrup, M. (2005). Intellectual Property and the University: an Interview with Kim Bonner, Director of the Center for Intellectual Property, University of Maryland, University College. *Library Administration & Management* 19(1).

- **Marta Mestrovic Deyrup** is part of a grant funded-project at the Library of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (Beijing, China) on scholarly communication. As part of this project, she and **Martha Loesch** prepared a report on national and institutional policies on open access in the United States.

### **Raritan Valley Community College**

- **Julie Maginn**, Circulation/Serials Librarian, presented a poster session at the 2005 VALE Conference. The presentation was entitled "VALE Reciprocal Borrowing: Getting the Word Out."

### **New Jersey City University**

- **Sheila Kirven**, Education Services Librarian, Congressman Frank J. Guarini Library, has co-authored a chapter entitled "Education Sites from around the World" in the recently published book, *Digital Resources and Librarians: Case Studies in Innovation, Invention and Implementation* (Chicago, 2004: ACRL).

Kirven also published a review of the book, *Just the Right Words: 201 Report Card Comments: Short Narrative Comments, Word Lists, and Sentence Starters That Cover any Situation, Let Parents Know How Their Kids Are Doing-And Save You Time* by Mona Melwani. The review appears in the September 2004 issue of *Education Reviews-Brief Reviews*, an online journal.

### **Caldwell College**

- **Lynn Randall**, Executive Director of Jennings Library, will be an evaluator for Middle States in April, visiting D'Youville College in Buffalo, New York.

### **Montclair State University**

- **Nicole Cooke**, Evening Reference Librarian, recently had an article published in the *Journal of Library & Information Services in Distance Learning*. Cooke is currently pursuing a second master's degree in adult education, via distance learning, with Penn State University.  
Cooke, N. (2004). The Role of Libraries in Web-Based Distance Education An Account and an Analysis of the Impact of Web Technology on Distance Learning - What Remains Unchanged, What is Changing? *Journal of Library & Information Services in Distance Learning*, 1(4), 47-57.

### **William Paterson University**

- **Ray Schwartz** joined the library as Systems Librarian and **Margaret Aventus** joined the Reference Department.
- **Jackie Hill**, Periodicals and Documents Librarian for 18 years, retired January 1, 2005.
- **Judy Matthew**, formerly Reference and User Education Librarian, became Periodicals and Documents Librarian upon Jackie Hill's retirement.  
**Nancy Weiner**, Reference/Distance Education Librarian, assumed the duties of coordinator of User Education.
- **Amy Job**, Cataloger, was presented with a Provost's Faculty and Staff service award for 2004/05.
- **Pamela Theus**, Assistant Director for Resource Management, presented *Migration Matters* at the Charleston Conference on Acquisitions in November, 2004, and she presented at the

Acquisitions Panel on *Funds, Ledgers and Fiscal Year End Closing* at the Endeavor Mid-Atlantic Users Conference, October, 2004.

### **Drew University**

- **Jan Wanggaard**, Reference/Government Documents Librarian, retired in December, 2004. Ms. Wanggaard worked at Drew University for twenty-four years, beginning as the Government Documents Assistant in 1980 and becoming the Reference/Documents Librarian in 1989, after receiving her MLIS from Rutgers in 1987. She has long been active in the Documents Association of New Jersey and the Rutgers Omicron Chapter of Beta Phi Mu.
- **Elizabeth Patterson** was appointed Reference/Government Documents Librarian, beginning January 3, 2005. Dr. Patterson holds a Ph.D. in Nineteenth Century Studies from Drew University, and an MLIS from Rutgers. She brings with her experience gained at the Connecticut Group and pre-professional experience in documents at Drew University.
- **Jim Farrugia** began working as Drew's first Systems and Electronic Resources Librarian in February. Farrugia came from the University of Maine, where he is completing his Ph.D. in the Department of Spatial Information Science and Engineering with a research focus on semantics on the Web. Previously, he worked as a programmer with Ovid Technologies and Sirsi, and as a Science Reference Librarian at Johns Hopkins University.
- **Linda E. Connors, Ph.D.**, Associate Librarian, recently published two articles and presented a paper, "Moral Values in Post-Napoleonic Periodicals—The British Experience," at the 2003 meeting of the Society for the History of Authorship, Reading and Publishing (SHARP).

## **AROUND THE STATE**

### **Rutgers University**

- Special Collections and University Archives just received notice of a \$20,000 grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission, which will enable the unit to undertake the New Jersey Railroads Bibliography Project. With the grant Special Collections staff can complete *Railroads and New Jersey: A Bibliography of Contemporary Publications, 1812-1900*, exhaustively compiled by Special Collections curator emeritus **Donald Sinclair** yet left uncompleted upon his death in August. **David Kuzma** will serve as the principal investigator of the project, whose estimated completion date is March 2006.
- Federal government analyst, law school professor, and eighteen-year president of Rutgers University (1971-1989) during a period of tremendous growth, **Edward Bloustein** (1925-1989) was known as a man of words - an eloquent speaker, a thoughtful writer, and an engaging leader. So it is fitting that one legacy President Bloustein leaves at Rutgers is his collection of hundreds of English language dictionaries of historic scope and breadth, recently donated by his daughters Elise and Lori to the Libraries' Special Collections and University Archives.

The Bloustein Dictionary Collection features a copy of one of the first known published English language dictionaries, a bilingual Latin-English word list entitled *Thesaurus Linguae Romanae et Britannicae* published in 1573 by Thomas Cooper. A multilingual dictionary with authors' quotations for further elucidation, *The Guide into Tongues* by John Minsheu, was published less than 50 years later and is also represented in the Bloustein collection.

## Drew University

- Thanks to the efforts of **Jennifer Woodruff Tait**, Methodist Librarian, Drew University is one of seven schools receiving grants from the American Theological School Association's Cooperative Digital Resources Initiative, Phase Three, for digitization projects. The \$5,000 grant will subsidize the digitizing of Drew's extensive collection of letters by John and Charles Wesley.

## New Jersey Statewide Reference Center

- The first edition of the "The Statewide Quarterly" newsletter, a publication from the New Jersey Statewide Reference Center has made its debut. With the introduction of this newsletter, the Statewide Reference Center staff will strive to publish informative and engaging articles on topics of interest to all members of the reference community in New Jersey. The newsletter can be accessed at the following address:  
<http://njref.camden.lib.nj.us/quarterly1a.pdf>  
The staff at the center is committed to providing excellence in service and welcomes your comments on this issue and requests on topics of interest for coming issues. Please send all feedback on the following form:  
<http://njref.camden.lib.nj.us/feedback.htm>

## Montclair State University

- The cataloging department has recently finished adding the microfiche series *The Library of American Civilization* to the library's online catalog. The library has owned this set of primary source material, comprised of over 4,500 titles of 19th century American publications, for many years, and before the online catalog, access to individual titles was available through the card catalog. Now, after many years, access is again possible in the online catalog.

# SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS AND OTHER PRIVACY ISSUES

Librarians understand their obligation to protect users' privacy and confidentiality to promote freedom of inquiry. We have another obligation with the personal information we collect: to prevent the misuse of that information. The New Jersey State Legislature took a simple, but important, step to make higher education a better steward of a ubiquitous form of personal information – the Social Security number – when it passed PL 2005, ch. 28. This act prohibits, among other things, public or independent institutions of higher education from displaying social security numbers on student ID cards. This law is to go into effect 365 days after enactment.

One thing this law may do is remind us to conduct an audit of how we protect the confidentiality of personally identifiable information (PII) and our users' privacy. If you are looking for a helpful tool for such a review, consult ALA's *Privacy Tool Kit*:  
<http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/iftoolkits/toolkitsprivacy/Default4517.htm>.

The Kit makes clear that PII is created in many ways, not just those associated with the use of circulation and interlibrary services. PII is created when a patron uses an "Ask a Librarian" service, a proxy server to gain off-campus access to databases, or a computer station to access the web. PII is found in back-up tapes and log files of integrated library systems and proxy servers. With the many ways in which PII is created – many of which are associated with the new technologies we use or which we provide – using the Tool Kit to review your privacy policy (samples of which are included in the Privacy Tool Kit) and to conduct a privacy audit (also covered in the Tool Kit) might be one of the best things you can do for your users.

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# UPDATE ON REPRESSION OF LIBRARIES IN CUBA

The situation of Cuba's independent library movement is an issue which is gathering momentum within the world library community. In an innovative contribution to the worldwide human rights movement, since 1998 approximately 250 independent libraries, dedicated to the goal of providing public access to uncensored information, have been established throughout Cuba. The volunteers who maintain these uncensored libraries in their homes have been the target of a campaign of persecution by a government which refuses to tolerate dissent in any form. Dependent on donations of uncensored books from supporters abroad, including foreign governments and support groups, Cuba's independent librarians have been subjected to a campaign of harassment, intimidation, death threats, police raids, confiscations, eviction, physical assaults, and lengthy prison terms.

This repression began to peak in March, 2003, when about 22 of the libraries were raided, resulting in the seizure and court-ordered burning of their collections, and prison sentences of up to 26 years for the librarians.

The persecution of Cuba's volunteer librarians has been condemned by a broad range of human rights groups, including Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, Pax Christi, International PEN and Reporters Without Borders. The most recent opposition to the repression in Cuba has been led by Eastern European library associations, which have expressed anger and outrage at the systematic attacks made upon Cuba's volunteer librarians. A number of articles documenting and condemning the repression have been published in the international press. Most outspoken of all has been Nat Hentoff, America's foremost journalist on civil liberties.

Organizations such as the Friends of Cuban Libraries, of which I am the co-chair, are inviting libraries and organizations to take action in defense of intellectual freedom by sponsoring one of Cuba's independent libraries. Sponsorship can involve material aid, but even expressions of moral support for our Cuban colleagues will help these brave defenders of intellectual freedom, the most basic principle of librarians in free societies. Please contact the Friends of Cuban Libraries to find out what you can do to aid this cause.

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## MEMBERSHIP HAS ITS PRIVILEGES

Have you ever wondered why you receive this newsletter? If you are a member of ACRL national and live in New Jersey, you are automatically a member of the ACRL New Jersey Chapter and receive a copy of this newsletter. Or you are a member of the NJLA College and University Section. There are many more members who belong to ACRL national, probably about 300. The latest information from NJLA shows that there are about 140 members of the College and University Section. Some librarians, but not enough are members of both organizations. We are delighted that there are so many librarians who belong to ACRL national, but we would like to increase the number of people who are members of **both** associations in order to strengthen advocacy for academic libraries in New Jersey.

If you are a member of ACRL national, you might be thinking, "Why should I join NJLA?" Here are some very good reasons:

1. **A strong state library organization sends a powerful message to the governor and state legislators.** Your membership supports strong advocacy for academic libraries in New Jersey. The new \$6 million Knowledge Initiative is a direct result of the advocacy, leadership and hard work of NJLA, the State Library, and VALE. Academic libraries will now have an expanded role in economic development as providers of information resources in high-end science, technology, medical and business databases to New Jersey's entrepreneurs, small business owners. In addition, New Jersey academic libraries and their users, faculty, researchers and students will directly benefit from this initiative.
2. NJLA College and University Section offers great opportunities to network with and get to know your peers in other New Jersey academic libraries. **Connections count and NJLA, CUS is the place to make them.**
3. **Develop your leadership skills** by chairing a committee or planning a program.
4. Exchange information on the NJLA, CUS listserv, a new list **open only to members of the College and University section.**
5. Professional membership dues are **tax deductible.**
6. **Receive the NJLA newsletter** four times a year and find out what's going on in libraries around the state

For a limited time only, NJLA is offering a special membership incentive to **First Time Members**. If you join now, your membership will be extended to June 30, 2006. The membership year runs from July 1 to June 30 so the earlier you join, the longer your membership extension. To take advantage of this special offer, contact the NJLA office at 609-394-8032 and ask about the special first time member offer.

## **EFFECTIVE PRACTICES CLEARINGHOUSE**

The Association of College & Research Libraries' (ACRL) Effective Practices Committee is accepting submissions for its web-based clearinghouse for effective practices in academic libraries. The Effective Practices website can be found at [www.acrl.org/effectivepractices](http://www.acrl.org/effectivepractices). The clearinghouse will document practices from all areas of academic libraries; we're looking for examples of procedures or tools that have been developed (for example) to streamline workflow, solve problems or improve services.

Effective practices can be submitted at [www.acrl.org/effectivepractices](http://www.acrl.org/effectivepractices). Practices are then reviewed to see if they meet the criteria listed above. Once accepted, ACRL will post the practice on the web site and send the submitting library a letter acknowledging its contribution to the Effective Practices clearinghouse.

As more effective practices are submitted and the clearinghouse grows, academic librarians looking for ideas to improve specific practices in their own libraries or just shopping for good ideas will be able to browse by category and search by keyword. Please take a look at the effective practices already on the page and consider submitting your own effective practice. If you have questions, feel free to contact Gordon Aamot, Chair of the Effective Practices Committee at [aamot@u.washington.edu](mailto:aamot@u.washington.edu) or 206-616-6431.

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