A Message from the ASLS President

Elaine Lasda Bergman, ASLS President

I hope everyone has gotten what they needed out of this summer – whether it was to be productive or to relax. It has been a busy summer for me, and many of the ASLS Board. Our section was a co-sponsor of the ASLS/NY3Rs Academic Librarians Conference in June, which many of you attended. A big thank you to Debby Emerson, Regan Brumagen, Marcy Strong, Justin Kani and the other ASLS members who worked hard to make this event a success.

Like many of you, I am beginning to ramp up for the fall academic semester, and that includes the NYLA Annual Conference, to be held November 7 – 10, 2012 in Saratoga Springs, NY. You will find in this newsletter a rundown of our terrific programs. Please contact me if you are interested in volunteering to be a room monitor or help out with the conference.

Also, take a look in this issue for the candidate biographies for the election of your board officers for next year. I urge you to keep an eye out for emails announcing the ballot is open for voting.

Finally, as you may know, ASLS has two awards for outstanding contributions to librarianship: The ASLS Excellence in Library Innovation Award and the ASLS/New York State 3Rs Special Project Grant. This is also a year in which we hand out the Dewey Fellowship Award. Please take the time to peruse the articles in the newsletter and look for more information about how to nominate someone (that someone could be yourself!).

Best wishes for the fall and I look forward to seeing everyone in September!
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

EXCELLENCE IN
LIBRARY INNOVATION AWARD
Presented to an ASLS member who is creative, innovative and visionary in the field of Academic or Special Librarianship.

ASLS/NYS3RS
SPECIAL PROJECT GRANT
This grant enables an academic or special librarian to pursue a special project. This project must benefit the recipients’ professional development as well as the strategic mission of the institution.

DEWEY FELLOWSHIP AWARD
Nominees must have five or more years of experience as a librarian, a record of accomplishment in librarianship, and be actively involved in advancing the library community.

Do you know a worthy candidate? It may be yourself!
For information on applying, see:


Deadline: September 30, 2012
### Treasurer’s 2012 Report

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Academic librarians from around the state gathered at Syracuse University on June 12th and 13th to participate in the biennial Academic Librarians Conference. This conference, jointly sponsored by the Academic and Special Libraries Section of NYLA and the NY3Rs, focused on the topic *The Future is Now: Creatively Reaching and Teaching in Academic Libraries*. Hosted by the Syracuse iSchool, the event kicked off with a reception at Hinds Hall where students and faculty welcomed attendees and showed off their innovative facilities. Syracuse professor R. David Lankes gave an entertaining opening keynote, where he spoke about “the Good, the Gad and the Great.” You can find his presentation at http://quartz.syr.edu/blog/?p=1600. The evening concluded in the dorms, where several attendees gathered for wine and a viewing of *The Librarian: Curse for the Judas Chalice*, a film best viewed with other librarians.

The next day began early with a breakfast and morning keynote, provided by Roy Tennant, who spoke about “the once and future academic library.” Roy’s thoughtful comments set the tone for the day, which focused on trends for the 21st-century library. The remainder of the day was divided into three panels: Demonstrating value and building relationships, 21st century literacies, and Gaming to learn. Speakers from around the state, the country, and Canada spoke about engaging with faculty and students, communication, reaching students through different literacies and using gaming strategies in academic libraries. Caryl Ward, from Binghamton University, has provided a more in-depth conference summary, which can be found at http://www.nyla-asls.org/AcademicLibrariansConference/.

We had the pleasure of working with Mary-Carol Lindbloom, Debby Emerson and Regan Brumagen to help develop conference topics and solicit speakers and donors. It was a wonderful opportunity to take a step back and look at the landscape of issues affecting academic libraries and then to narrow it down to topics and speakers closest to us and our libraries. We hope you enjoyed the conference and please keep Academic Librarians 2014 on your radar!

By Marcy Strong
and Justin Kani
The ASLS elections will be happening very soon! Be sure to watch for your electronic voting email. Here are your candidates for this year…

Vice President/President Elect

Karen Gardner-Athey
Karen is an active member of NYLA and ASLS starting 11 years ago. She served as a Director on the ASLS Board several times in the past and is currently the ASLS Liaison to the NYLA Continuing Education Committee. She is a Library Systems Training Implementation Specialist for the State University of New York (SUNY) Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS), where her primary focus is library system support and training for SUNY librarians. She received her MLS from UCLA and a MS from Syracuse University.

Treasurer

Susan Deer
Susan has spent the past 17 ½ years at the New York State Historical Association (NYSHA) Research Library in Cooperstown, NY; currently as Associate Librarian, Head of Tech Services. The library staff provides access to research collections and services to: staff of the Fenimore Art Museum and The Farmers’ Museum; students, faculty and staff of the Cooperstown Graduate Program in History Museum Studies; NYSHA members; scholars; junior/senior high school students; local history buffs; and genealogists. I have served, since 2004, on the Advisory Committee on Information Technology & Services (ACITS) for the South Central Regional Library Council (SCRLC). I appreciate the library voice NYLA projects into the NYS political arena, and more particularly, the opportunity ASLS provides for info exchange on issues geared toward special and academic libraries.

Board member - 1 year

Debby Emerson
Debby is currently Executive Director at the Central NY Library Resources Council, a multi-type library system representing all types of libraries in a four-county region in Central NY. I have been involved with NYLA for many years and have maintained membership in ASLS, LAMS and RASS as well as several of the roundtables. In fact, I'm a former ASLS president and currently represent ASLS on the NYLA Membership Committee. I would be honored to serve as an ASLS Director and would do my best to communicate with our members and support academic and special libraries in the state of New York. Academic and special libraries need a strong voice in NYLA, and with 12 years of experience in library systems and another 14 years in academic libraries I am confident that I can be an effective representative for my colleagues.

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Board member 2 years (pick two)

Jill Dixon
Jill has served as the ASLS Treasurer since 2010 and a member of NYLA since 2007. She is the Acting Director of Public Services at Binghamton University Libraries.

Sarah A Maximiek
As a long term and active NYLA member, I look forward to an opportunity to actively serve ASLS and its members. I have been active in NYLA since I was in library school, serving as President of RASS and SMART, as well as being active in NMRT and on the NYLA Information Freedom Committee. I have found NYLA to be very beneficial for my career, but as a long-time academic librarian, I have always sought to place more issues that are of a concern to academic librarians on the table at NYLA. I am working as an Associate Librarian/Subject Librarian for Political Science and Public Administration at Binghamton University Libraries, and in any time left over, I take an interest in digital reference services and instructional technologies.

Suz Massen
Suz has held the position of Chief of Public Services at the Frick Art Reference Library of The Frick Collection in New York City since 2009. She previously held the positions of Assistant and Associate Reference Librarian for Electronic Resources at the same institution where she is currently employed. Suz has a Bachelor of Arts in Art History from Binghamton University, State University of New York, and a Master of Library Science from the University at Albany, State University of New York. She recently completed her Master of Arts in Art History at Hunter College, City University of New York. Suz is active in the Art Libraries Society of North America at the local and national levels. She is entering her second year as a NYLA member and is participating in its Leadership and Management Academy. Suz is looking forward to becoming more involved with NYLA as an organization and to meeting more of her colleagues from across New York State.

Angela Thor
Angela currently serves as the Medical Circuit Librarian (MCL) for the Central NY Library Resources Council (CLRC). She serves the information needs of Rome Memorial Hospital, Oneida Healthcare, and Community Memorial Hospital as well as providing backup services to CLRC member hospitals. Angela is also a member of the Ask24/7 Medical Specialists team, assisting with health and medical information. She is a new member of the National Network of Medical Libraries Special Advisory Group (NN/LM SAG) and also serves on CLRC’s Hospital Committee. In the past, Angela has worked in Academic special libraries from Science & Engineering to Marine Studies to Funeral Services and has done freelance proofreading.
Spotlight on Columbia-Greene Community College

The Reference & Circulation Librarian is nestled among the bucolic hills of Columbia County, Hudson, NY. It operates under the State University of New York system, one of its 64 campuses throughout the state. The library’s primary goal is to support the College’s educational mission. In doing so, it provides important resources and services to students and the community through its collection of approximately 80,000 volumes, 100 online subscription databases, information literacy instruction to numerous classes, free interlibrary loan service, and wireless internet access. In addition, revolving thematic book displays and faculty poetry readings enhance the intellectual offerings. An ample, two-story brick building, the library’s green metal roof peers from the tall trees surrounding it. Under the energetic leadership of Library Director Geralynn Demarest, a seasoned 24-year veteran of the College, learning flourishes.

As one enters the glass doors of the library, the large, curved reference and circulation desk hosts friendly staff poised to assist students and patrons in the bright lobby. A bank of computers for research and standing terminals for catalog search give way to an airy, well-lit reading room complete with periodicals, leisure reading collection of books and audio CDs, DVDs, and a substantial atlas and reference collection. Comfortable furnishings invite students and community patrons alike to linger and enjoy their reading. Natural light floods the large windows, curtained by pink, potted geraniums. This space hosts information literacy classes as well. A large staircase lined with quilts ushers those seeking the library’s circulating collection up to the second floor. Study carrels, surrounded by additional plants, enhance the learning environment and support students’ intellectual growth.

By Tracy Salvage, Reference & Circulation Librarian, Columbia-Greene Community College Library

(Tracy Salvage has been an academic librarian for nine years. She received her MLS from the University at Albany and the Library Management Certificate from NYLA’s Leadership & Management Program).