A Message from the ASLS President

Elaine Lasda Bergman, ASLS President

Elections
Thank you to all who voted in the recent NYLA and ASLS elections. Welcome to new board members Treasurer Jonathan Coe, Secretary Melissa Langridge and Board Director Valerie Forrestal (the full results of the election are found elsewhere in this newsletter). I am also very pleased to report that our proposed amendments to the ASLS Bylaws were approved. Special thanks to Jill Dixon and Justin Kani, who worked with me to update the language about elections procedures. Despite using electronic voting for several years now, the elections procedures in the bylaws referred to an old paper balloting system. The bylaws changes voted upon this year formalize the existing practice of electronic voting, and bring the bylaws in line with modern times.

Organizational Dues Restructuring
You may be interested to learn that NYLA as a whole is considering changing the dues structure for organizational members to allow for a more granular stratification of dues assessments based on organizational size, and to provide greater benefits for organizations which join NYLA. Specifically, each organizational member will be allotted individual memberships that may be used by that organization’s staff. Currently our organizational members are primarily libraries and library systems, but there may be other organizations (e.g., the New York State Higher Education Initiative) which are interested in organizational memberships as well. It is hoped that this change, if approved by the general NYLA membership at our annual conference, will facilitate greater participation and increase membership of NYLA. Such benefits will trickle down and improve ASLS as well. For more information on the organizational dues restructure, see: http://www.nyla.org/max/4DCGI/cms/review.html?Action=CMS_Document&DocID=840&MenuKey=membership

Conference Booth
Speaking of the Annual Conference (September 25 – 28, Niagara Falls Convention Center), wait until you see our ASLS Booth! NJ Wolfe of FIT is our Booth Chair this year and he has assured our booth will capture the theme of this year’s conference – Libraries Spark Imagination! Please be on the lookout for a request for people to staff the booth in the next couple of weeks.

ASLS Membership Meeting
The ASLS Membership meeting will be held on Thursday, 9/26 at 9:00 AM. Instead of our usual reception, it will be an “unconference” session – open dialog and sharing related to advocacy within our organizations. How do you advocate for yourself, your library, students, institution? Come join the discussion!

As always, please contact me if you would like to get involved with ASLS – there are always both short and long term volunteer opportunities available for people who are interested in participating. Have a terrific end to your summer and hope to see you in September!
Here are the results from the recent ASLS elections. Thank you to all who voted and congratulations to the new people who are joining the board next year!

**Justin Kani – Vice President/President Elect and Conference Programmer**  
Justin has most recently served as our Secretary/Webmaster for the past two years, and was also the co-chair of our booth committee for last year’s conference. He is a librarian and instructor at Bryant and Stratton College in Albany.

**Melissa Langridge – Secretary**  
Melissa is new to the board. She is the User Education Coordinator at Niagara University Library in Niagara Falls.

**Jonathan Coe – Treasurer (special election)**  
A newcomer to the board, Jonathan is the head of Reference and Circulation Departments at Niagara University Library in Niagara Falls. He will serve out the remainder of the current two year term for Treasurer.

**Blake Carver – Director**  
Blake is currently Past President of ASLS. He is the Technical Librarian for the New York Power Authority in Niagara Falls. He is also the operator of LISNews.org and LISHost.org.

**Valerie Forrestal – Director**  
Valerie is another newcomer to the board. She is the Web Service Librarian and Assistant Professor at the College of Staten Island, City University of New York.

**Bylaws change**  
A ballot initiative to codify existing electronic elections processes was also passed unanimously.
Treasurer’s 2013 Report

Academic and Special Libraries Section
New York Library Association

Beginning Balance—4/1/2013 $16,158.30

REVENUES

Dues allocation April $499.72
Dues allocation May $455.49
Dues allocation June $107.47

TOTAL REVENUES $1,062.68

EXPENSES

Board Meeting 6/21/13 $364.50

TOTAL EXPENSES $364.59

Closing balance 6/30/2013 $16,856.48

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ASLS is sponsoring some great conference sessions this year! Some of the ASLS sessions focus on: Open Access Publishing, Maker Spaces, Curating Big Data and some Very Special Libraries. These are just a few of the topics that you will have the opportunity to learn about at Niagara Falls in September. And don’t forget about the ASLS Continuing Education session on digital repositories. Be sure to join us!

Digital Repositories:

Want to learn about digital repositories? How to create, maintain, market digital repositories? Then we have a continuing education (C.E.) opportunity for you!

NYLA's Academic and Special Libraries section is offering a C.E. session on Digital Repositories at its annual conference in Niagara Falls. If you are attending the conference, consider attending this half-day C.E on 9/25 from 2:00-5:00.

Can't attend the full conference? No problem - you can still register for the Digital Repositories workshop.

This workshop addresses key issues surrounding the creation, maintenance, and cultivation of digital repositories. Drawing on the latest literature, case studies, and personal experiences, speakers lead a discussion that covers planning the digital repository, selecting a methodology for its establishment, populating it with content, marketing it to the library's constituencies, and meeting the various challenges and questions along the way. Participants have the opportunity to bring their own experiences to bear, as well as engage in group discussions regarding how to get the most out of a digital repository.

Presenters:
Jim DelRosso is the Digital Projects Coordinator for Cornell University's Hospitality, Labor, and Management Library, where he is responsible for such projects as DigitalCommons@ILR, the digital repository for Cornell's ILR School. A digital librarian since 2009, Jim is also the President for the Upstate New York Chapter of the Special Libraries Association, and has served as the Communication & Social Media Chair for the SLA's Academic Division.

Amy Buckland is the eScholarship, ePublishing & Digitization Coordinator at McGill University Library, where she is responsible for scholarly communication, publishing initiatives, and making rare items from special collections available to the world through digitization. She loves information almost as much as Fluevog shoes, and thinks academic library-land is ripe for a revolution. You can find her online at informingthoughts.com and in most social networks as Jambina.


By Jean Sheviak and Karen Gardner-Athey
The Shea Learning Center
By Regina Vertone

Opening its doors in late August 2013, the Russell Sage College James Wheelock Clark Library will be transformed into the Shea Learning Center. Funded by a generous bequest from Lucile Rosenfeld Shea, who attended Russell Sage in 1937 and 1938, the historic library building will be transformed into an academic and technological learning center.

From January 2013 through July 2013, the Troy Library staff has still provided library and reference services in the Education Building. Other library staff were relocated to Roy Court. All of the Troy library books were relocated to the Albany Armory and the Troy library periodicals were held in Robison Hall, which is the Troy campus physical education facility. Sage library patrons could still access Troy books and journal holdings with our Document Delivery service; they would place an Interlibrary Loan request in ILLiad. For books, library staff would pull and have the books sent via courier to the other campus. For journals, library staff would scan and deliver articles electronically to Sage patrons.

Throughout the semester and summer, renovation updates were documented on the Sage Libraries blog: http://blogs.sage.edu/libraries/. Additionally, the Sage Libraries can be found on Facebook where photo albums of renovation changes were posted regularly. On the Sage Library website (http://library.sage.edu/), there is a Shea Learning Center page that details what the finished building will look like (http://www.sage.edu/shea-learning-center/)

In August 2013, library staff will begin to move back into the Shea Learning Center. This renovated building will also house other key campus resources, including: Academic Services, Career Planning, Disabilities Services, Donnelly Center for Undergraduate Research, Information Technology, Sage Online and Center for Teaching and Learning. The majority of library staff members will be located on the basement, first and second floors. The third floor is designated for Academic Services and other departments. While we are sharing this building with other departments, the library presence will be felt on all floors.

Library books and services will be found on all floors of the building. In the Basement, the Archives will be housed in its own protective space for research along with the library archivist. Upon entering the first floor, people will be greeted by the circulation staff at the “Knowledge Bar” front desk and a café will be on the right hand side. A reference desk will be adjacent to the Knowledge Bar. The rest of this floor will have study rooms and an extended computer space for student work. The second floor contains group study spaces consisting of classrooms, seminar rooms and instructional technology rooms, plus the Donahue poetry collection room. The third floor will provide academic support and tutoring with Academic Services, Career Planning and Disabilities Services, and more study spaces.

While the Troy Sage Library is still the heart of the new Shea Learning Center, these changes are symbolic of how today’s college students need and view resources. The bright, interactive, open learning commons will enhance social interaction and ease of working with multiple departments in helping with their educational and research needs.
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