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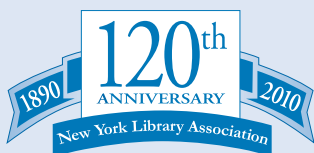
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2010 Legislative Session Recap: Continued Cuts and Movement on Legislative Priorities

by Michael J. Borges

The 2010 Legislative Session came to an end with a whimper in early August with the passage of the last component of the State Budget. Despite the best efforts of library advocates and our friends in the Legislature, the Governor's proposed \$2.4 million or 2.76% cut in Library Aid was approved. This will be the fifth cut in two years and bring Library Aid down to \$84.4 million or below 1998 levels. In addition, School Aid was reduced by approximately \$1.4 billion (although recent Congressional action is expected to restore \$600 million of these cuts), School Library Materials Aid remained the same at \$6.25 per pupil. ALE (Adult Literacy Education) funds were also reduced by \$2 million to \$4.2 million. Fortunately, the \$14 million for public library construction remained untouched.

Two bills supported by NYLA passed both the Assembly and Senate this

Legislative Session. One bill (S.3903 Oppenheimer/A.6154 Paulin) will permit libraries and library systems to engage in cooperative bidding like schools, BOCES, towns and villages. This means that instead of going out to bid individually for products or services libraries and systems will be able to do so jointly thereby saving money through bulk purchasing.

The other bill supported by NYLA (S.7551 Oppenheimer/A.7253A Galef) will allow taxpayers to make a donation on their personal and corporate income tax returns to the "Love Your Library Fund." The Fund was set up in 2004 to disburse fees collected from library vanity license plates to fund the summer reading program.

In addition, the Senate passed two of NYLA's other priority bills—the BOCES-Libraries Internet Partnerships

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INTERVIEW WITH NYLA MEMBER

James G. Neal

by Michael Borges



This summer I interviewed Jim Neal, Vice President for Information Services and University Librarian at Columbia University and newly elected ALA Treasurer.

The interview began with the typical question of why he became a librarian and Jim responded, "Like many academic librarians, I did not initially pursue a career in librarianship. After completing a B.A. in Russian Studies at Rutgers College in New Jersey in 1969, I moved to Columbia University in New York to pursue a Ph.D. in Russian History. In my third year of the program, after a battery of language and oral exams, and ready to prepare for dissertation research, I realized that the teaching faculty path no longer was of interest and that the field of Russian history had limited career opportunities. But as a graduate student constantly studying in Butler Library, I discovered the School of Library Service on the top floors of the building, and realized that here was a path to a career and a job that would provide satisfaction and reward, and would allow me to continue to work in an academic setting."

Within one year of starting his graduate degree in library science at Columbia, he was hired as a Social Sciences Librarian at Queensborough Community College (CUNY). "This assignment gave me the chance to carry out a wide range of professional assignments, collection development, reference, access services, teaching, cataloging, and as a faculty status appointment, inspired me to pursue professional and research activities," continued Jim.

The fiscal crisis that impacted New York City in 1976 resulted in the elimination of his position at CUNY, but he quickly landed on his feet at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana. "It was this assignment that introduced me to

the research university and to the possibilities of library administration," said Jim.

After moving up to an assistant director position, he moved onto Penn State, Indiana University, Johns Hopkins, and then Columbia, where each career move brought increased library and campus leadership responsibilities and expanded involvement with campus computing. He returned to New York in August 2001 to be the Vice President for Information Services and University Librarian at Columbia.

My next question was why did he return to Columbia and to New York, "I was attracted to this position because of the quality of the university and the rigor of the educational and research culture, the tradition in the library of both deep commitment to global and special collections and to technology innovation, the combined responsibility for the library and for key aspects of campus computing, the chance to take advantage of cultural life in New York with money in my pockets, and the proximity to my daughter's family and three grandchildren," responded Jim.

I then asked Jim about his most noteworthy accomplishments and disappointments, "I include in my achievements the successful leadership of several of the nation's most important research libraries, the advancement of expertise in important areas like copyright and scholarly communication, and the level of professional involvement through my speaking, writing, consulting, and association work. Two noteworthy disappointments: not finishing the Ph.D., and not having the time to carry out substantive research on important professional topics," replied Jim.

The questions then turned to his professional association involvement and his long history with ALA. "I became involved in the work

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Executive Director's Report

The Legislative Session ended with a whimper as both houses returned briefly to Albany at the beginning of August to pass remaining part of State Budget. Unfortunately, they left town without passing an amended version of the Education, Labor and Family Assistance (ELFA) Article VII Bill that authorizes or explains how funding for Library Aid and other items are distributed. The Legislature is expected back in the Fall to wrap up unfinished business like the ELFA legislation.

During the summer months, the NYLA staff works to promote the Annual Conference (Nov. 3-6th) to both potential attendees and exhibitors to insure its success by all involved. The Annual Conference represents 60% of NYLA's revenue and a well-attended conference is critical to the financial well-being of the organization. I spend most of the summer finishing up Legislative loose ends (like try-

ing to get the ELFA Article VII bill passed and making sure the Governor signs our Cooperative Bidding and Tax-Check Off bills), as well as writing grants and soliciting sponsorships for various programs, events and initiatives that NYLA undertakes like the Empire State Book Festival, the Center for the Book and some of our professional development workshops.

NYLA will be celebrating its 120th Anniversary this year and we encourage you to send us copies of any old photos or conference programs that we can post on our website and showcase at the Annual Conference. In addition, I hope many of you will contribute to our Scholarship Fund, which will be the beneficiary of our Vitality Event/Scholarship Bash at the Annual Conference in Saratoga Springs. ♦



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Keynote Speaker – John Palfrey, Professor of Law and Vice Dean for Library and Information Resources at Harvard Law School; co-author of *Born Digital: Understanding the First Generation of Digital Natives*.

Farewell Luncheon Speaker – Marilyn Johnson, author of *This Book Is Overdue: How Librarians and Cybrarians Can Save Us All*. Marilyn Johnson is a humorous, insightful, and provocative speaker who inspires library audiences from coast to coast!

NYLA Scholarship Bash at Saratoga City Tavern

NYLA will be taking over three floors at the multi-storied Saratoga City Tavern, where you can have close encounters with an interesting crew: magician, psychic, henna painter, caricaturist, and tarot reader. All proceeds support the NYLA Future Librarians' Scholarship Program.

Inaugural Celebration featuring NYLA Murder Mystery Theatre!

Join us for the farewell address of the 2010 NYLA President, Kathy Miller, the presentation of NYLA's major awards, and the induction of 2011 NYLA President Marcia Eggleston. The celebration will also include a "Murder Mystery Theatre" performance, involving actors and attendees in a whimsical whodunit.

Authors Galore! – Here are some of the authors appearing at our ticketed events:

PLS Author! Author!

Lee Child, who has spent most of the past few months on *The New York Times* best-seller list with his latest novel, *61 Hours*. This year's event will take place at the spectacular National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame.

RASS Noted Author Luncheon

Scott Spencer, author of nine novels, two of which—*Endless Love* and *A Ship Made of Paper*—were nominated for the National Book Award.

YSS Empire State Award Luncheon

Cynthia DeFelice, winner of the 2010 Empire State Award for Excellence in Literature to Young People.

Workshops for Tough Times

- Frontline Advocacy: Every Voice Makes a Difference, featuring ALA Past-President Camila Alire
- Advancing Your Library's Agenda: The Power of Personal Persuasion
- Increasing the Relevancy and Value of Your Library through Marketing and Branding
- Marilyn Johnson's *This Book Is Overdue*
- Campaign Planning and Advocacy, with Libby Post
- Your Piece of the Funding Pie

Register now at www.nyla2010.org!

Madison-Oneida School Library System Supports Online Learning for Member School Librarians

by Diana Wendell, Madison-Oneida BOCES School Library System Director

Over the past two years, the school library systems in New York State used their LSTA grant funds to collaboratively offer continuing education programs to their members across the State. These included traditional workshops with Allison Zmuda and Kathleen Baxter as well as distance online classes.

Responses to all of the workshop were very positive and especially so for the online classes. Simmons College, Boston was the choice for the distance learning experiences. In the Madison-Oneida School Library System area (located between Syracuse and Utica) eight librarians participated in these classes. They included school librarians from Camden, Canastota, Rome, and Vernon, Verona, Sherrill school districts as well as the librarian from the New York State School for the Deaf. Topics for the classes covered diverse subjects from game design to GOOGLE maps to graphic novels.

(Statewide approximately 250 school librarians participated; each region could register between 25 and 29.)

Pat Miller, Librarian at the New York State School for the Deaf completed the Simmons "Discovering Game: Game Design for Librarians" continuing education course. Ms. Miller reported that the main emphasis of the course was not playing games but rather teaching students to design games. They designed games first on paper. This was much harder than anticipated. Later in the course, they attempted to make their first online game using a shareware program from M.I.T. called Scratch. One of the assignments was to align the teaching of online game design to students using either the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) or New York State Standards. During April, Ms. Miller began showing Scratch to a few selected elementary and middle school students. All found

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The New York Library Association was designated the NY Center for the Book by the Library of Congress in January 2010, and one of the initiatives of the Center for the Book is Letters About Literature.

The Letters About Literature is a national reading and writing promotion program that encourages students in grades 4-12 to write letters about how a particular book, short story, poem, or essay that they have read impacted their lives or elicited strong feelings. The letter should be written as though the student is writing to or having a conversation with the author of the literary work. The author can be living or deceased and cannot be part of a class reading assignment.

There are three Levels of Competition: Level 1 – Grades 4-6, Level 2 – Grades 7-8, and Level 3 – Grades 9-12. The letters from each Level of Competition are sent to a national clearinghouse and screened there before being selected to be sent back to a panel of state judges.

The panel of state judges will select one winner and three runners-up (or honorable mention) in each level or age group. The state winners will receive a Target \$50 Gift Card (provided by the Library of Congress National Center for the

Book) and potentially other prizes (if we are able to secure sponsors from state organizations or associations.) The state winners and runners-up will be honored at the NYS Writers Hall of Fame Gala on Friday, April 1, 2011, in Albany.

State winners are then forwarded to a national panel of judges who select six national winners (two per level) and twelve national honorable mention winners. The national winners will receive a \$500 Target Gift Card, plus each will secure a \$10,000 Reading Promotion Grant in their name for his or her community or school library so that others can experience personal relationships with authors and the stories they tell. The national honorable mention winners will each receive a \$100 Target Gift Card, plus a \$1,000 Reading Promotion Grant in their name for his or her community or school library.

We are currently recruiting judges for the state panel, and the contest starts August 1, 2010, and all letters must be received by the national clearinghouse postmarked by December 10, 2010. For more information, please contact Ellen Rubin at erubin@embirestatebook.org and check out the Letters About Literature web site at www.lettersabout-literature.org. ♦

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(S.4634/Oppenheimer/A.8673 Gunther), which would allow libraries and library systems to contract with BOCES for telecommunication services like internet, and the Public Library System Eligibility for Local Government Efficiency Grants (S.6875 Oppenheimer/A.10412 Bing) which would allow public library systems to apply for local government efficiency grants to study and implement cost savings measures. Unfortunately, both of these bills did not make it out of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee.

Special thanks to Senator Suzi Oppenheimer for her efforts on behalf of the library community. She advocated strongly on our behalf in regards to the restoration of Library Aid and was successful in passing four of our bills. I also want to thank Assemblymember Amy Paulin for her continued advocacy and Assemblymember Jonathan Bing (Chair of the Libraries Committee) for making a last ditch effort to get library legislation passed in the Assembly.

The Legislature is expected to return in September to complete unfinished business, like the passage of the Education, Labor and Family Assistance (ELFA) Article VII bill, that includes language that authorizes the distribution of supplemental system aid and allows the SED Commissioner to grant waivers for public library systems and central libraries that do not meet their local maintenance of effort requirement (systems or libraries that suffered a reduction in local funding could be penalized and lose up to 25% of their state aid).

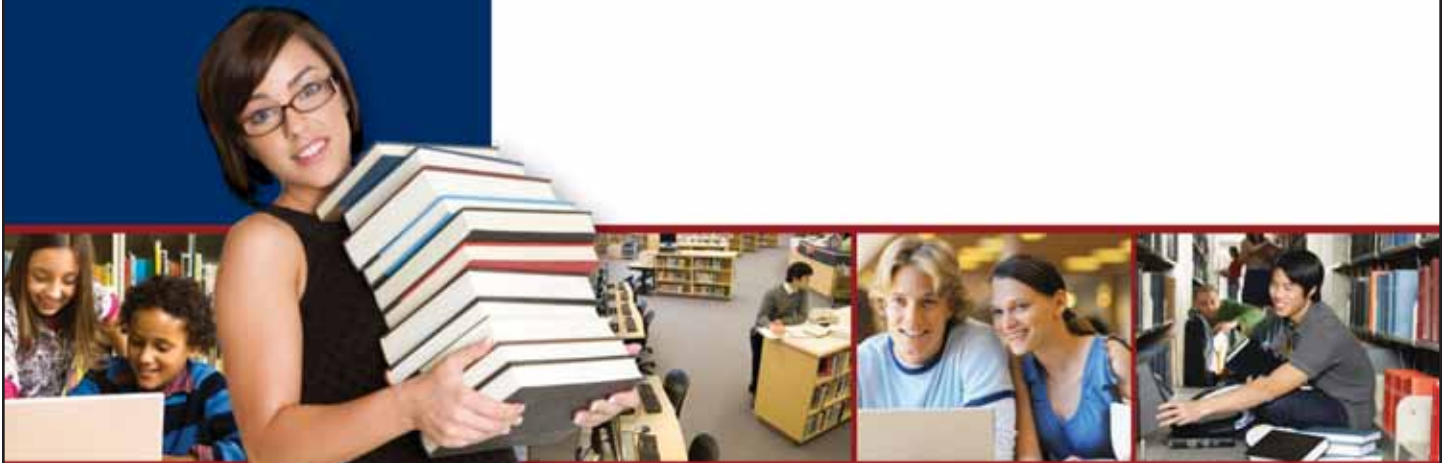
Although this year may look bad, it could have been much worse and next year could be much worse as the state is facing an estimated \$15 billion budget deficit in the 2011-2012 fiscal year (as opposed to this year's \$9.2 billion deficit). Thanks again to all the library advocates who contacted their state legislators on NYLA's budget and legislative priorities. Stay tuned and involved! ♦

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Members on the Move



Albany Public Library successfully completed the \$29.1 million Branch Improvement Plan in June with the opening of the last of five new and renovated libraries in just eight months. APL has experienced a 19 percent increase in circulation and a 27 percent increase in door count.

Meribeth Advocate has been named Interim Director of the Mid-Hudson Library System.

Liana Alaverdova, former Brooklyn Public Library Assistant Division Chief, was promoted to the library's Division Manager of the Education & Job Information Center.

Krista Briggs, Young Adult Specialist from Canton Free Library, received the SPIRIT Award from the St. Lawrence County Board of Legislators' IT Committee for the use of technology in innovative ways. Krista featured the Twilight Tournament that was held between Canton Free Library teens and those from other libraries in the North Country Library System, using Meebo and Instant Message technology. Her program received an Honorable Mention.

Tim Burke, former Deputy Director of the Albany Public Library, has been appointed Executive Director of the Upper Hudson Library System.

Liza Duncan, Principal Librarian for Technical Services and Systems at the New York State Library, is the recipient of the 2010 American Library Association Government Documents Round Table's Bernadine Abbott Hoduski Founders Award for outstanding contributions to the field of government information access. Ms. Duncan was recognized for her work in guiding the State Library's massive work of scanning hundreds of thousands of pages and downloading thousands of "born digital" New York state government documents.

The Friends of the Merrick Library has instituted a weekly book sale Wednesdays from 1:30 to 8pm. The money raised is put towards the Museum pass program of the Merrick Library, enabling patrons to visit local and city museums for no charge.

Lauren Gilbert, former Information Services Manager at the Cold Spring Harbor Library and Environmental Center, has been appointed the Head of Community Services at Sachem Library.

Fred Gitner, Assistant Director for New Americans Program/Special Services & International Relations, Queens Library, has been named a Chevalier in the Ordre des Palmes Academiques by the French Ministry of Education in recognition of his longstanding contributions to the promotion of French language and culture in the United States.

Sari Grandstaff, former librarian at Saugerties Senior High School, is participating in an E3 Learning Project through a grant received by the Ulster-Dutchess-Orange-Sullivan County BOCES. Her team will be creating an online course to teach research skills to high school students. The online course will be made available to all member schools of the participating BOCES.

Arianna Grassia, January graduate of the LIU MLS program, has been appointed Middle/High School Library Media Specialist in the Hastings-on-Hudson, NY school district.

Cassie Guthrie, former director of the Seymour Library, has been appointed the new Executive Director of the Pioneer Library System.

Dottie Hiebing, serving as Executive Director of the Metropolitan New York Library Council (METRO) for fifteen years, has announced

her retirement within the next twelve months. This timing positions the METRO Board to complete a nationwide search for a new executive director and implement a structured transition plan.

Jessica Kerr, MLS, was hired as Librarian I at the Woodstock Public Library District.

Annette E. Kovic recently joined the staff of the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library as Head of Adult Services and Reference.

Dr. Kanu Nagra, Borough Of Manhattan Community College, received two CUNY research grant awards for E-metrics: An Annotated Bibliography and A Study of the Effectiveness and Pedagogy Using Bundled Electronic Textbooks in Mathematics.

Lonna Pierce, MacArthur Elementary School Librarian, won a \$3,000 Foundation Grant from the Binghamton City School District Foundation for "A Medieval Feast," programming associated with her 2010-2011 library theme, Read Through History.

Ike Pulver, Director, along with Brendon Kozlowski, Dan Hubbs, and Teri Blasko contributed to the Saratoga Springs Public Library's Honoring Saratoga Veterans project, a partnership with the New York State Military Museum. The project won first prize in a contest sponsored by The History Channel, IMLS, and the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities to coincide with the program America: The Story of Us. The project makes selected video recorded interviews from the museum's Veteran Oral History Project available on the library's website. The library will share the \$5,000 prize with the museum.

Jean Reidy, Somers Library Trustee, has been named the 2010 recipient of the NYS Library Trustees Association Velma K. Moore award. For almost seventy years, Jean has worked for the betterment of libraries. At age 91, she serves on the Somers Library Board of Trustees, where she has been an active member for forty years and President for seven. Jean says that "I will continue to advocate for libraries for as long as I can. I need to relate the importance of libraries on our lives."

Ken Riccardi, Librarian at Rice High School in Manhattan, recently received a \$3,280 technology grant from the Kinder Morgan Foundation. Ken was also the keynote speaker at the New York County Lawyers Association Conference on cyber bullying.

Ellen Rubin retired in June from her position as Library Media Specialist at Walkkill Senior High School. She had been with the Walkkill Central School District, in Ulster County, for 23 years.

Julia Schult won second place in the American Library Association's Library Advocacy Day video contest for A Day in the Life of the Baldwinsville Public Library. Julia's entry can be viewed at: <http://vimeo.com/12019176>

Amanda (Miryam-Khaye) Seigel has been appointed Librarian in the Dorot Jewish Division, The New York Public Library. She was also selected as a 2010 Fellow at Klez Kanada where she will be teaching and lecturing on Yiddish music and theater.

Deb Sgambelluri has been appointed Youth Services Library Assistant at the Greenwich Free Library. She is currently pursuing an M.S.I.S. at SUNY Albany.

The Somers Public Library along with the Somers Primrose School has been awarded a Westchester Library Association 2010

School/Public Library Cooperation Award for the First Grade Field Trip to the Public Library project. This project marks a deepening collaboration between school and public library and supports common goals of developing purposeful, lifelong literacy learners and encouraging children to become life-long readers and patrons of their public library—sending a strong message that the school, public library, parents and teachers together all support students’ reading efforts.

Becky Wright-Sedam has been named director of the Greenwich Free Library.

Allison Wheeler, Director of the St. Lawrence-Lewis School Library System, is the recipient of the 2010 Distinguished Service Award from the School Library Systems Association of New York State (SLSA).

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of the American Library Association in 1976 and I have now been at 70 consecutive ALA conferences. During these 35 years, I have worked in the divisions (ACRL and LAMA), served on the Council and the Executive Board, and most recently, on the Budget Advisory and Review Committee (BARC),” stated Jim.

I asked him about the challenges facing ALA and its relationship with state chapters like NYLA and he replied, “The financial challenges being faced by ALA, combined with the opportunities to extend ALA products and services to current members and to new markets, focused my attention on the Treasurer assignment. The Treasurer post is for three years, perhaps offering opportunity for sustained leadership, and is more predictable in terms of the time and meeting activities. ALA has three core and mature businesses: publishing, conferences, and membership, increasingly supplemented by fundraising and investment revenue. The challenge will be to sustain these essential financial strengths while developing new business strategies. ALA must pursue a sustained partnership with state chapters like NYLA, looking for opportunities to grow together and to share expertise and capabilities in areas like professional continuing education, advocacy, public policy, and programming.

I asked Jim what he was currently reading and he replied, “Job responsibilities and professional activities have continued to undermine professional and recreational reading, but I always have a couple books in progress. Currently, I am working my way through the Larsson trilogy, and because I remain very interested in Ayn Rand, I am reading the Anne Heller biography Ayn Rand and the World She Made.” ♦

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Danielle Gifford	Eric Trahan	Emily Clasper	Veronica Coffey	Carrie LaGree	Katharine St. Laurent
Julie Anne Korpi	Barry Warner	Zachary Hicks	Elizabeth Cohen	Benjamin Lainhart	Shannon Stalter
Jennifer Manley	Donna Weiler	Jill Hurst-Wahl	Corey Condello	Nicole LaMoreaux	Abigail Stambach
Carol McCrossen	Angel Wright-Sackett	Karen Kanopa	Dana Conroy	First Name Last Name	Paul Steinberg
Tracy Priest		Laura Kapnick	Jason Cookingham	Zachary Laurence	Leonardo Stezano
Adele Puccio	RASS	Julie Anne Korpi	Queila Cordero	Alice Leach	Christine Storz
Beatrice Pulliam	Barbara Alonso	Frances Lengua	David Cox	Monica Lester	Julie Sul
Angela Wallace	Martha Campbell	Ted Sherman	Whitney Crispell	Elizabeth Lohmeyer	Penny Sweeney
	Justin Cronise	Tim Sicurella	Jennifer Daddio	Flordalisa Lopez	Info Swets
PLS	Susan Dalmas	April Steenburgh	Spencer Davis	Ryan Luce	Jennifer Taft
Emily Amodeo	M. Rini Hughes	Rebecca Steere	Meghan Davison	Mason Lugt	Sarah Terman
Anne Audet	Anna Kancza	Elisabeth Tappeiner	Jason Dean	Katrin Maier	Mark Thorson
Richard Bennett	Julie Anne Korpi		Regina DeMauro-Axel	Abdulaziz Malkandari	Susan Thurnbeck
Priscilla Berggren-Thomas	Adam Lisbon	YSS	Nina Dembin	Anthony Marrocolla	Carmela Uroz
Susan Brissette-Cass	Jennifer Mazzu	Alexandria Hiam	Sarah Derven	NoahJon Marshall	Meghan Wakeman
Paulette Browne	Carol McCrossen	Chinasa Izeogu	Parinda Desai	Erin McCann	Laura Wark
Laurie Burns	Tracy Priest	Anna Kancza	Jaclyn DeStefano	Alison McCarthy	Rebecca Weintraub
Roseanne Butler-Smith	Jennifer Schlossberg	Kathleen Kellenberger	Deanna DiCarlo	Mary McCarthy	James Weis
Nicole Carner	Rebecca Steere	Julie Anne Korpi	Stephanie DiChiara	Kathryn McCauley	Danyelle Westbrook
Melanie Carnes	Elisabeth Stern	Jennifer Lombardo	Gina DiSarro	Jennifer McCreery	
Jessica Castaldo	Holly Wilson	Marygrace Luderitz	Nicole Dittrich	Sarah McVicar	
Concetta Chiarolanza		Dawn Marmor	Anne Drozd	Catherine Medeot	
James Christophersen	SLMS	Carol McCrossen	Ralph Englander	Sylvie Merlier-Rowen	
Emily Clasper	Melissa Balk	Jeanne McDermott	Claire Enkosky	Michael Meyer	
John Cohen					



A School Library on Wheels

by Michael J. Borges

A school district in Queens that serves special needs students established a one of a kind bookmobile called the “Wonder on Wheels” to serve their unique library patrons in six different locations. This may be the only school district in the state that operates a bookmobile to serve its geographically diverse and disabled student population.

The bookmobile was started several years ago when the School Leadership Team was trying to figure out how to provide a library to 6 different sites that were part of the same school. Many of these students would have no access to a library if there were no library available at their facility. The leadership team received financial assistance from Queens Borough President Helen Marshall to purchase the bookmobile and equip it with a collection of books, DVDs, Playaways, CDs, and computers. The NYC School Library System assisted the school district with developing the initial collection. The school district has continued to seek and receive support by writing grants and working with community agencies.

The bookmobile serves three in-patient sites, an adult facility for the disabled, an intensive day-treatment site and a K-12 day treatment site. Mariann Giordano is the teacher in charge of the bookmobile. She works with a paraprofessional to schedule their visits to each site. They usually stay four days of the week at their larger sites, with the 5th day at the smaller, specialized sites. Every student in all six sites gets to visit the library every two weeks.

The bookmobile now has a collection of about 5,000 titles for K-12. The library teacher reads stories, guides students in research projects, collaborates with the teachers at each site, and helps both students and teachers find just the right resources to meet their needs and interests. ♦

NYLA Council and Section/Roundtable

Election Results *CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE!*

NYLA Council

President Elect 2011/President 2012 **Matthew Bollerman**

Treasurer-Elect 2011/Treasurer 2012-13 **Christine McDonald**

Councilors-at-Large 2011-2013 . . **Deborah Emerson & Ellen Rubin**

ALA Councilor 2011-2014 **Rocco Staino**

Congratulations to our newest NYLA Council members. Thanks to all those who served as candidates, and to all those who participated in the voting process.

Section Elections 2010

Congratulations to the 2011 Section Board members listed below

ASLS Board

Vice President/President-Elect **Elaine Lasda Bergman**

Secretary/Web Liaison **Jill Tarabula**

Treasurer **Jill Dixon**

Directors **Sheryl Knab, Marcy Strong, Erin Rushton**

LAMS Board

Vice President/President Elect **Tim Burke**

Secretary **Patricia Kaufman**

PLS Board

Vice President/President-Elect 2011 **Susan L. Considine**

Treasurer **Evelyn Butrico**

Director **Susan Currie**

RASS Board

Vice President/Programmer **Kelly Yim**

First Year Director **Karen Vermut**

Treasurer **Tom Fortin**

Noted Author Luncheon Chair **Wendy Quinn**

SLMS Board

Vice President / President Elect 2011 **Pauline Herr**

Secretary **Michelle Miller**

Treasurer **Patty Martire**

Coordinator Region IV **Beth Davis**

Coordinator Region VI **Sue Kowalski**

Coordinator Region VII **Jennifer (Charlie) Kelly**

YSS Board

Vice President/President Elect 2011 **Joyce Laiosa**

First-Year Director **Cathy Henderson**

Secretary **Ann-Marie (Helldorfer) Cicchinelli**

Roundtable Elections 2010

Congratulations to the 2011 Roundtable Board members listed below

NMRT Board

Voice Newsletter Co-Editor **Jennifer Burke**



Section News

ASLS Regan Brumagen, President

Although we are still feeling the heat of summer, plans for the NYLA Annual Conference in Saratoga Springs are well under way. ASLS will be sponsoring some interesting and timely programming at this year's conference. We'll be covering topics from digital resources to instruction to management and personnel concerns.

Among the offerings will be speaker Mary Chimato, currently with North Carolina State University, who will present on job performance and managerial strategies as she talks about "How to Be the Bad Guy without Being Bad." On the library outreach and instruction front, Nicki Lerczak, of Genesee Community College, will present a program on embedded librarians, a topic of great interest currently to information literacy and outreach librarians.

We have a whole host of programs dealing with technology. You'll have the opportunity to learn how to optimize web sites to attract patron use from Elena MacGurn of The Johnson Graduate School of Management Library. ASLS will also be sponsoring "Implementing New Technologies for Reference Services," with Margaret Smith and Alexa Pearce from New York University, which will cover strategies for planning, marketing, and assessment of new digital reference services. And Karin Wikoff of Ithaca College Library will offer strategies for supporting databases and digital resources, including troubleshooting and access issues, with her presentation, "Providing Support for Electronic Resources."

In addition, you can hear about how, in these difficult economic conditions for libraries, you can still offer creative and exciting programming for your patrons. Lisa Forest, of Buffalo State College, will offer strategies for low-cost yet interesting workshops and events, in "Creative Programming for the Frugal Librarian." Finally, Sheridan Harvey, from the Library of Congress, will cover "Women's History Resources at the Library of Congress." Learn about LOC's extensive resources from a librarian who knows the collection in depth.

These relevant and interesting programs are just a small slice of the total programming offerings at the annual conference. We hope you will attend and take advantage of the opportunity to increase your own professional knowledge and competencies as well as share your successes and strategies with other librarians from around the state.

LAMS Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, President

Librarians as Content Creators Wanted for JLAMS

I was recently reminded by LAMS cofounder Patricia Kaufman, director of the Mahopac Library, that our section is one of only two that appeals to librarians from all types of libraries. And isn't that the embodiment of the strength of NYLA? By all types of libraries working together, pooling knowledge and sharing what works, all libraries can become stronger – more viable, visible, and vital.

Please consider submitting an article to *JLAMS*. Since 2004 LAMS has been providing New York librarians with access to articles on a wide range of practical and theoretical topics through our peer-reviewed journal, *JLAMS*. We are still looking for articles for our Fall issue and invite our gentle readers to develop, express, and share their ideas in journal article form. If you have an idea for an article, contact our editor,

Richard Naylor, at Naylor@ColonieLibrary.org. Our publishing process accommodates not only journal-savvy professors with numerous articles but also students and practitioners through prepublication feedback and communication. For further information and to check out previous articles, visit: http://www.nyla.org/index.php?page_id=813.

Richard's Picks: Richard identified some past articles that have really stood out since *JLAMS'* inception:

Don't Cut It Alone: A Team-Based Approach to Surviving a Budget Cut, by Michael J. Aloi. 2008-09, Vol. 5, No. 1, p. 17.

A Survey of Public Library Trustee Attitudes Toward Consolidation, by Rebekkah Smith Aldrich. 2007-08 Vol. 4, No. 2.

Nurturing New Leaders by Demonstrating Quality Leadership, by Rachel Singer Gordon. 2004-05 Vol. 1, No. 2, p. 23.

The "Jobs Librarian": challenges to establishing job information centers in public libraries, by David Grimes. 2004-05 Vol. 1, No.1. p. 19.

If you are looking for something a little different, we have a list of articles on the website at: http://www.nyla.org/index.php?page_id=922. *JLAMS* is indexed in Ebsco's *Library, Information Science & Technology Abstracts* and Google Scholar.

LAMS will be conducting a survey of members later this year. We want to hear about your challenges and triumphs to help us create opportunities that meet your needs. If you have ideas you'd like to share right away, please feel free to email me at any time: rsmith@midhudson.org.

PLS Matt Bollerman, President

The Public Libraries Section is pleased to announce the results of our recent elections. Sue Considine of Fayetteville Free Library was elected as Vice President / President-Elect; Evelyn Butrico, East Greenbush Community Library, as Treasurer; and Susan Currie, Tompkins County Public Library, as First Year Director. Many thanks are due to [Brian Hildreth](#), [David A. Howe Public Library](#), and [Wanda Bruchis](#), Mid-York Library System, for participating in the election.

We're looking forward to another great NYLA conference this year. We will be having our Author! Author! event on Thursday, at the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame. Our featured author will be Lee Child. Join us for this wonderful annual event. For our full lineup of programming, please see the NYLA Annual Conference Preliminary Program or visit www.nyla2010.org.

PLS offers four Continuing Education/Post MLS awards each year to members. Eligible programs include workshops, for-credit courses, or continuing education. Apply today! Deadlines are October 1, December 1, February 1, and June 1. Award amounts range from \$50 to \$250. For more information, please visit www.nyla.org/pls.

RASS Hong Yao, President

RASS is pleased to welcome our newly elected Board members: Vice President / Programmer: **Kelly Yim**, New York Public Library Treasurer: **Tom Fortin**, Queens Library Noted Author Luncheon Chair: **Wendy Quinn**, AMRI First Year Director: **Karen Vermut**, Queens Library

RASS is still accepting applications or nominations for the following award and scholarship grants. For eligibility and application forms, please visit: http://www.nyla.org/index.php?page_id=857.

RASS Outstanding Public Service Award

This award was created to recognize library staff members who provide direct public service and the reference and/or adult services area. The award covers full registration for the Annual Conference plus \$200 toward conference expenses. **Deadline: August 28, 2010**

RASS Continuing Education Grants

RASS is pleased to offer Continuing Education Grants to members attending workshops, courses, or continuing education programs. Grant amounts range from \$50 to \$250 and may be used to pay tuition, registration, travel, or other expenses. Grant recipients are selected by the RASS Executive Board upon the recommendation of the Continuing Education Grant Committee.

Completed applications should be either emailed or faxed to Award Chair Ellen Stipo at ellen.stipo@queenslibrary.org or fax 718-523-3946.

SLMS Fran Roscello, President

SLMS has had a very successful spring and summer. Our spring conference, "School Libraries: Where All the Pieces Fit," chaired by Melissa Bergin and held at the Crowne Plaza in Albany, was a huge success. Participants were motivated by school library guru Ross Todd from CISSL (Center for International Study in School Libraries) and heard AASL President Cassandra Barnett explain the new national school library standards. The venue was perfect for this size conference, the workshops were right on target, the vendors were responsive, and the participants learned a lot and had a good time. Thanks to all the hard work from the SLMS affiliate ENYSLMA.

Our second successful event was the SLMS Leadership Retreat held the first part of August at Cornell. "Learning 4 Life: Think, Create, Share, Grow" was presented by national speakers Sara Kelly Johns, Cathie Marriott, and Fran Roscello. The day and a half retreat with about 100 participants was hands on, showing how to infuse the AASL national standards into individual school library programs. The program also connected to the NYS Learning Standards and the School Library Media Program Evaluation instrument from the NYS Education Department. The retreat is a time for SLMS leadership, school library system directors, and school libraries to work with national workshop leaders and rejuvenate before the start of the school year.

SLMS Board has been working hard to realign their Board meetings, focusing on action and discussion items. By streamlining the Board meetings, we hope to be more action oriented and have time for focused discussions while being fast, fun, and flexible

SMART Marcy Strong, President

SMART congratulates our two new Directors-at-Large. Mary Lindner, our former Mentoring Chair, has concluded her term but agreed to stay on the board. Mary is a cataloger and reference librarian at the Patricia Standish Curriculum & Education Library at The College of Saint Rose

in Albany. We will also be welcoming Deidre Lisio, Collection Management Services Librarian at Albany Public Library. Deidre has also taught the cataloging and classification class at the University at Albany College of Computing & Information. Congratulations, Mary and Deidre! SMART would also like to thank Kelly Kranick of WSWHE BOCES for her contributions during her term as Director-at-Large.

Although it feels too early to start thinking about fall, we know the annual NYLA conference is just around the corner and SMART has been hard at work on some great programs. Emerging technologies, print/purchase on demand, digitization, and Librarything are just a few of the exciting topics that SMART will be bringing to Saratoga Springs. Don't miss our flash talks session and the chance to hear about cool technology projects that SMARTies across the state are involved in!

YSS Sarah Sachs, President

The Youth Services Section of NYLA congratulates the winners of its 2010 Election: First Vice President/President-Elect Joyce Laiosa, Voorheesville Public Library; First Year Director Cathy Henderson, Greece Public Library; and Secretary Ann-Marie Helldorfer Cicchinelli, William K. Sanford Town Library. We appreciate the commitment that all our candidates have made to YSS. Members interested in serving on a YSS committee for 2010-2011 are encouraged to contact First Vice President/President Elect [Rosanne Cerny](mailto:Rosanne.Cerny@rcerny1@nyc.rr.com) at rcerny1@nyc.rr.com.

Your next opportunity to gather with YSS members will be at the NYLA Annual Conference in Saratoga Springs, Nov 3-6, 2010. Thursday morning's annual YSS Membership Meeting will feature author/illustrator Peter McCarty. Other YSS programs will explore the online summer reader program, teen success stories, library marketing, table talks, and *Mixing in Math: Cheap Fun and Simple*. Register as well for the Empire State Award Luncheon, where we will honor Cynthia DeFelice for her body of work.

Finally, if you like to plan ahead, save April 29, 2011, for the YSS Spring Conference at the Holiday Inn Rochester Airport.



New York Council for the Humanities

The New York Council for the Humanities would like to congratulate the following libraries recently awarded Together sites as part of the Together—Book Talk for Kids and Parents program: Fallsburg Library, Galway Public Library, Guilderland Public Library, Irvington Public Library, Sherburne Public Library, South Huntington Public Library, Washington Heights Branch Library (NYPL), Westbury Memorial Public Library, and White Plains Public Library.

GASB Impact On Public Libraries That Provide Post-Employment Benefits

by Ron Guzior

There is no easy answer to the question of whether a library (library systems, library districts, municipal and school district libraries, non-profit libraries, etc.) must follow and apply Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 45, Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (GASB 45) relating to the reporting of “Other Post-Employment Benefits” (OPEB). The first question to be answered is “does the library actually provide post employment benefits to retirees?” If the answer is that no benefits are provided to retirees, then no further work or accruals are required. If the answer is that benefits are provided to retirees, then further questions must be answered to determine if additional work is required to determine if the library must report OPEB under GASB 45.

The next question is whether the library is part of a local government or school district in New York State (e. g., fund or component unit). If the answer is yes, then the next question is whether the local government has opted to be audited and prepares its statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), including GASB 45.

In June of 2002, the New York State Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) advised local governments and school districts that implementation of GASB 34 (GAAP Financial Reporting) is encouraged but will not be required to meet General Municipal Law reporting requirements to the OSC. If a local government is required to or chooses to be audited and prepares its statements in accordance with GAAP, it must implement both GASB 34 and 45 to receive an unqualified (clean) opinion. School districts are required by the State Education Department (SED) to provide GAAP financial statements.

That means, if the library is associated with a NYS local government that prepares financial statements in accordance with GAAP or a school district, the library’s financial statements must also be prepared in accordance with GAAP, including GASB 34 and 45. Conversely, if the library is associated with a NYS local government that does not prepare financial statements in accordance with GAAP, the library’s financial statements do not have to be prepared in accordance with GAAP and, therefore, GASB 45 does not need to be implemented.

If the library is not associated with a NYS local government or school district (e.g., not-for-profit library), then they must choose whether they need to be audited and prepare their statements in accordance with GAAP. These libraries choosing to prepare their own financial statements in accordance with GAAP, will implement Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 106, Employers’ Accounting for Postretirement Benefits Other Than Pensions, issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (currently known as Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 715-60).

For those libraries that implement GASB 45 or ASC 715-60, an actuarial valuation should be performed at the following minimum frequency:

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RECOGNIZING VALUE – ENCOURAGING GROWTH

“I have a great passion for libraries, for what they are and what they stand for. I feel my participation in LSSC will allow me to learn new methods, procedures, and techniques to share my love for the library with others.”

Michael Stanaland,
Minden, LA

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Biennially for OPEB plans with a total plan membership of 200 or more, both active employees and retirees currently receiving or eligible to begin receiving these benefits.

Triennially for OPEB plans with a total plan membership fewer than 200.

A sole employer with fewer than 100 total plan members also has the option to apply a simplified "Alternative Measurement" as explained in the Statement instead of obtaining an actuarial valuation.

More information for libraries associated with NYS local governments or school districts is available on the OSC website in a July 2005 bulletin sent out to local governments. ♦

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it to be an engaging experience. Ms. Miller stated "if we want our students to be thinkers and not just regurgitators of facts, designing games is a great way to go. I will use the skills and knowledge from this course forever. So might our students."

Due to the highly positive response to the LSTA-funded online classes, the Madison-Oneida School Library System offered mini-grants to our area school librarians this summer for participants to take additional online classes through Simmons College. Seven school librarians have registered to take courses on topics ranging from instructional design, GOOGLE Apps and game design. ♦

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Gillispie, Lucas B., Michele Parker, and Florence Martin. "Game play is important for learning" LEARNING & LEADING WITH TECHNOLOGY 2010 Aug.: 28-30.

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From the President...

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on a task force that was looking at Harvard's libraries and he wrote in his blog:

"The library system plays a central role in the intellectual life of our community, both as physical spaces and as resources of teaching and scholarship. The 1200 or so library staff at Harvard, as I've come to learn, are simply extraordinary in terms of breadth and depth of talent."

Hear numerous authors including: Lawler Kang (Passion at Work: How to Find Work You Love...), Lee Child (Jack Reacher series of thriller novels), Scott Spencer (Endless Love, Waking the Dead), Cynthia DeFelice (novels and picture books for young readers), Patricia O'Gorman (Dancing Backwards in High Heels: How Women Master the Art of Resilience), James Loewen (Lies My Teacher Told Me) and others.

Learn from library experts from around the country, including ALA Past - President , Camila Alire speaking about advocacy for all types of libraries [note: including academic libraries]; Maureen Sullivan, consultant and Simmons College professor; Sheridan Harvey, Women's Studies, Library of Congress; and Michael Stephens, Dominican University.

Note our timely topics: Muslims in Your Community and Your Library; Who Am I on the Internet? Greening Your Library; Emerging Tech Trends for Librarians; Recruiting Latinos into Librarianship; Keeping Up with Comics Beyond Core Collections; Survive a State Financial Audit; School Library Media Program Evaluation Rubric.

Meet with NYS Education Commissioner David M. Steiner.

Visit the Annual Trade Show – discover what's new in library equipment, technology, and services.

Enjoy fun events like the new Scholarship Bash: The (Library) Time Traveler's Life and the Murder Mystery Banquet.

And end with our own librarian advocate, Marilyn Johnson, author of This Book is Overdue: How Librarians and Cybrarians Can Save Us.

In short, the NYLA Annual Conference is a great way to kick off a new career or re-energize your old career, link up with potential employers [note: unemployed librarians get a special conference rate of \$50], have fun, and support NYLA, your organization, the voice of the library community. 60% of NYLA's revenues derive from the Conference; it is critical for NYLA's future that there is good attendance.

So, come to the Conference, please stay at the Conference hotels (NYLA must commit to a certain block of rooms to lower costs), and enjoy Saratoga Springs.

I will see you there, won't I? Who's taking me to the Race Track?

Go Green! Email events@nyla.org if you'd like to receive this publication electronically

From the President...

See You at the Races

By the time you read this, I hope you will have registered for the 2010 NYLA Annual Conference, being held this year in Saratoga Springs (YES!), November 4 – 6. I highly recommend this conference and this location. Why?

Well, let me list the 10 top reasons:

10. Food. Saratoga restaurants are some of the best north of Manhattan. Okay, I know that might offend some of my Hudson Valley friends, but please, try them and prove me wrong.
9. Shopping. You can shop 'til you drop in Saratoga all within walking distance. Saratoga is a nice "little" town with some high end shops. And some funky ones, too.
8. Starbucks near the Conference Center. Maybe not your top priority, but it definitely is to me.
7. Mineral baths and the full spa treatment. Saratoga Springs, get it?
6. Mrs. London's. Yumm.... I know I already mentioned restaurants, but don't miss the desserts here.
5. Caffe Lena (America's oldest continuously operating folk coffeehouse). The Race Track. I've never been to either. Will you go with me?

4. A great library. Of course.
3. Beautiful parks.
2. All your friends will be there.
1. And of course...an exciting, interesting, educational and fun-filled Conference.

Okay. It may look like I put the Conference last, but I just wanted to entice you first to Saratoga. If you read the list carefully, you'll see the Conference is actually Number 1. After all, what could be better than:

- networking with friends and colleagues
- educating yourself about new programs, services, and technologies
- advancing your career
- learning about the latest offerings from library vendors ... all in a very pleasant, welcoming, attractive location?

Here are some highlights (with apologies to those not listed – everything looks good at this conference):

Start with your choice from a menu of eight pre-conference workshops, designed to meet your professional development needs with topics ranging from Black Belt Librarians to the Zen of Web Design.

Then enjoy lunch and our keynote speaker, John Palfrey, author of "Born Digital". John, who teaches at Harvard, was



Kathy Miller