A Message from the ASLS President

Elaine Lasda Bergman, ASLS President

It is hard to believe the 2012 Annual Conference is less than four months away! I know for me, the time will seem to fly by. The Academic and Special Libraries Section has a terrific and engaging slate of conference programs this year, which our Vice President, Patti McCall, has written about in this issue. Speaking of Patti, we are both excited for her and a little sad, as she has accepted an academic librarian position in Florida. Although she will still help out with this year’s conference, we will have to let her move on and become active in the Florida library community.

As you may know, NYLA Executive Director Michael Borges resigned earlier this year, and the NYLA Council is currently in the process of vetting and selecting a new Executive Director. In the meantime, Jeremy Johannesen, the Deputy Director is serving as Interim Director. Rest assured, I am doing my best to represent the needs of academic and special librarians as the search for a replacement to Michael continues.

ASLS is always looking for members who are interested in participating in board and leadership activities. This could be something as large as accepting a position on a board, to sitting on a committee, to shorter term opportunities such as writing an article for this newsletter! Please contact me if you are interested in a greater role in ASLS, and I can give you more information about the time and commitment required for various opportunities.

I hope all of you are able to enjoy your summer. Looking forward to seeing everyone in the fall!
ASLS Program Lineup for the 2012 NYLA Conference and Trade Show

The ASLS Board has been working hard planning informative, interesting AND relevant programs to enlighten you in Saratoga this November. Our first session will start with Dana Longley from Empire State College who will share helpful strategies for building and promoting instructional opportunities for those often hard to reach distance learners.

Elaine Lasda-Bergman will present “Bibliometrics 101” to teach us how to use new resources to track citations and measure scholarly output using a variety of tools including Google Scholar and Scopus. Chris Miller of Cornell will show us that by using the principles of improvisational comedy, employees can transform the workplace into a creative and innovative environment. My sources tell me this is a program you will not want to miss.

ASLS and SMART have teamed up yet again to bring back the perennial favorite panel discussion Emerging Trends in Technology panel discussion. This year’s double session will include panelists Nicole Engard, Jenica Rogers, and Polly Alida-Farrington. To ensure a seat, get there early!

From high fashion to baseball to evidence based reasoning, join Tim Binga from the Center of Inquiry Libraries, Tim Wiles of the Baseball Hall of Fame, and NJ Wolfe of the Fashion Institute of Technology will tell us about their very unique (and fun!) collections.

We also look forward to seeing you all Friday from 5:30 to 7:00 for the joint ASLS/RASS reception. It’s a chance to unwind, catch up with old friends, make new ones, and talk about the geeky things that only another librarian can appreciate with such enthusiasm. Stay tuned for the final conference program to up to date information on dates, times, and locations for all these programs.

I want to thank my ASLS and NYLA colleagues for the opportunity to work with such awesome people for the past ten years. This year’s conference will be bittersweet for me as I move on. I doubt the Florida Library Association will be as much fun as NYLA. If you are not actively involved with ASLS, or any other area in NYLA, I encourage you to volunteer. You’ll have fun, learn a great deal, and probably make friendships that extend beyond the library.

-Patti McCall

ASLS Vice President/Conference Programmer
# Treasurer’s 2012 Report

## Academic and Special Libraries Section

### New York Library Association

**Beginning Balance—January 2012**: $17,397.39

### REVENUES

- **Dues**: $3,000.00
- **ASLS/NYS 3Rs Grant (Reim—3Rs)**: $750.00

**Total Revenue**: $3,750.00

### EXPENSES

- **Awards**: $1,500.00
- **Ballots/Mailings/Website**: $100.00
- **Travel and meetings**: $800.00
- **Conference Out**: $1,000.00
- **Internship**: $1,500.00
- **NYSLAA Sponsorship**: $150.00
- **Grants to NYLA**: $250.00
- **Miscellaneous**: $250.00
- **Spring Conference Expenses**: $2,500.00

**Total Expenses**: $8,050.00

**End Balance/Variance**: $13,097.39

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The theme of the 2012 Academic Librarians Conference was: *The Future is Now! Creatively Reaching and Teaching in Academic Libraries*. Academic librarians from across the state gathered at Syracuse University from June 12-13 to hear experts speak on topics ranging from demonstrating value and building relationships to 21st century literacies to game-based learning. Keynote speakers included Roy Tennant and Dr. David Lankes, who discussed the implications of a data-driven world. As a special bonus, conference registrants also had the option of attending the annual NYSHEI meeting for free! The NYSHEI meeting was held on June 12 at Syracuse.

**Academic Librarians 2012** was co-sponsored by the NY 3Rs and NYLA-ASLS.

By Marcy Strong
Tips For New Librarians: Tenure: Working Toward a Lifetime Appointment

Tenure is a process, not a checklist.

Tenure acknowledges the growth in your professional development and affirms the work you have accomplished along the way. This work demonstrates your ability to be professionally productive throughout your library career.

Tenure is NOT an easy process.

So, if you have taken on a tenure track position, there are several tips that will help you to become successful.

Know what is expected:
- Read the college and library handbook. This information will inform you about the requirements necessary to receive tenure.
- Ask tenured librarians about the criteria so you fully understand expectations.
- Inquire about reviewing past dossiers of successful candidates. This will provide important insight into the process.
- Talk to colleagues about their experiences – you can learn from their strategies.
- Pay attention at department/library term renewal and tenure meetings (may go by another name). Take notes on what other librarians identify as important components for tenure recognition.

Define what you want from your career:
- Sketch an outline of what you want from your career over the next 5 to 7 years. Highlight how these professional desires connect with your tenure obligations.
- Review this list with a mentor and/or supervisor to get their input.
- Reflect upon whether you still want to take on the tenure process – you need to be confident that this really is a part of your career goal(s).

Participate in tenure-related activities:
- Serve on a board that focuses on the governing and review aspects of tenure and promotion.
- Attend workshops and other educational initiatives that offer information on this topic.
- Volunteer to be a reader for another junior librarian who is preparing their dossier.

Organize your efforts:
- Keep track of your completed projects, publications and presentations.
- Work on your dossier regularly (once a month) to make sure it is up-to-date. A quality dossier demonstrates:
- Effectiveness in librarianship
- Significant scholarship endeavors
- A strong record of service
- Evaluate your progress with your supervisor and/or mentor.

Start right away – this is a lengthy process and not a sprint at the deadline!
Though in the end, it is worth every minute!

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