A Message From the NYLA Conference Chair

The NYLA Conference is just getting better and better! I hope you have sent in your registration. The programs this year will have lots of content of interest to members of ASLS. Here are some highlights to whet your appetite:

* A series of sessions by faculty and students from the Schools of Library and Information Science in New York State. Dave Harralson has coordinated an outstanding line-up of speakers to tell us about recent research at each of the schools.

* The Rudi Weiss Lecture features Anthropologist David Hakken discussing the ethnology of knowledge technologies. Not sure what this means? Then come Thursday at 1:30pm to find out!

* Plagued by plagiarism? A session on Friday at 8am for K-12 librarians on detecting and preventing plagiarism will have practical advice for higher education too.

* The Poster Sessions on Saturday morning will be terrific again this year. There are nearly 20 posters planned with a wide range of topics to appeal to everyone.

* Of course the ASLS sponsored programs should not be missed - see Page 5 of this newsletter for more information.

Saratoga Springs is a wonderful conference town. Hope to see you there.

Jean Currie
South Central Regional Library Council
NYLA Conference Chair, 2003

You Are Invited!

The ASLS Annual Membership Meeting

will be held during the NYLA Annual Conference on Thursday, November 6th, 5:00 - 6:30 pm.

Join us at Lillian’s Restaurant, 408 Broadway, Saratoga Springs (Just a short walk from the Convention Center)

Light refreshments will be served.
ASLS Award Winners Announced

The ASLS Board of Directors is pleased to announce the following 2003 ASLS award winners. We express our thanks to all winners and nominees for their contributions to the profession.

David M. Harralson of Utica College has been selected to receive the ASLS/NY3Rs Spirit of Librarianship Award. Through his collegiality, leadership, support, intelligence and hard work, Dave personifies the “exceptional and unique spirit” which this award is meant to recognize.

Dave came to librarianship rather late, after a long and distinguished career as a Professor of English at Utica College. Having been asked to assume the leadership of the Utica College Library, and in spite of the fact that he already held a doctorate in English Literature, Dave returned to graduate school to earn his MLS degree.

In addition to providing excellent leadership to the Utica College Library, Dave willingly sought an active role in his new profession. He has been very active in NYLA, serving at various times and roles on NYLA Council. He has taken a particular interest in making ASLS a more vital and active organization, and in making NYLA more relevant to the academic libraries in New York State.

Through his active leadership of the Central New York Library Resources Council he has become well known and respected by librarians of all types throughout Central New York. Congratulations, Dave!

The ASLS/Ridley’s Book Bindery Student Internship Grant for 2003 has been awarded to the New York State Supreme Court Library in Binghamton, the central law library for the ten-county Sixth Judicial District. Over the last two years all of the court libraries within New York State have begun migrating to an online system - Dynix’s Horizon Sunrise, locally called LION. The Office of Court Administration’s Office of Legal Information has emphasized adding previously uncataloged libraries and chambers collections to the database.

The intern for the project will, under the supervision of Judy A. Lauer, Pr. Law Librarian, use CatMe to verify and update holdings on OCLC, update existing records in LION, import records to LION, and do some original cataloging. The student will gain hands-on technical services experience using OCLC, CatMe, and the cataloging and serials modules of an automated library system, as well as have the opportunity to observe a very special type of small public library. Congratulations to Judy for securing this grant, and our thanks to Ridley’s Book Bindery for their continued support of this award.

Adina Mulliken is the recipient of the ASLS NYLA Conference Scholarship. Adina has been a Reference Librarian and Subject Specialist in Social Work and Allied Fields at Syracuse University since September 2002. She is interested in NYLA because she feels it is especially important to learn about local and statewide institutions and resources, and knows that meeting public, university, and special librarians from around New York State will be very helpful in that respect. As a member of the Academic and Special Libraries Section she has had email correspondence with several NYLA members in order to learn how she can become involved, and has volunteered to help with the ASLS booth at the conference.

Adina plans to utilize her library experience and motivation to become involved and to make ASLS a useful part of her career. While working part time at Kean University in Union, NJ, Adina completed her MLS in December 2000. She became a full time Reference Librarian at Kean and attended New Jersey Library Association conferences, where she was a participating member of the Reference section.

Outside of work, Adina is an active member of Sierra Club, which often overlaps with library issues. For example, she has been attempting to invite a speaker about the Patriot Act and the NY Environmental Terrorist proposed legislation to speak at a Sierra Club event. Congratulations to Adina, and welcome to NYLA and ASLS.

Don’t forget to vote for ASLS leadership! See page 6-7 for details.
Treasurer’s Report
2nd Quarter, 2003

The 2nd Quarter of 2003 brought ASLS nearly $1,200.00 in membership dues leaving a positive cash flow after covering expenses for 2 separate issues of the newsletter and travel for meetings.

It was decided at the last Executive Board meeting on 8/22/03 that the Treasurer’s Reports will be presented for the most recent quarter rather than presenting the most up-to-date financial data. This will facilitate uniformity and continuity in the reporting.

Beginning of Quarter Balance (4/1/03) $11,282.76

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**VISIT THE ASLS BOOTH AT THE NYLA CONFERENCE**  
**YOUR TICKET TO SARATOGA**

- Learn more about ASLS.  
- Sign up for an ASLS Committee.  
- Enter our raffle.  
- Chat with colleagues.  
- Use the ticket below to enter our special drawing for free tickets to Saratoga attractions.

And for a laugh, see our display of crazy, impossible reference questions.  
We’ve all gotten them:

* Do you have a color photograph of George Washington?  
* Do you have a list of all the books written in the English language?  
* I need a copy of Booker T. Washington’s birth certificate…  
(for more examples see http://home.hawaii.rr.com/kingcharles/Library/weirdqst.htm)…

“Ah, I’ve got a million of those,” you say? Well, we would like to add them to our display at the Academic and Special Libraries Section Booth at the New York Library Association Conference in November. We need to hear from YOU – give us your strange, your impossible, your downright bizarre questions and we will display them at our booth!

E-mail your wacky reference questions to: elasda@uamail.albany.edu

We look forward to hearing from you!

ASLS Conference Booth Committee  
Elaine Lasda, Courtney Seymour, Alina Mullike, Carol Anne Germain

P.S. HAVE YOU HEARD THESE?:

- What kind of beer did the Vikings drink when they came over on the Mayflower?  
- Do you have any photographs of dinosaurs?  
- Do you have any audio books on sign language?

*************RAFFLE TICKET*************

DEPOSIT THIS TICKET AT THE ASLS BOOTH IN SARATOGA  
and enter to win FREE TICKETS!!!!!

Fill out the form below and drop it off at the ASLS booth to be entered into hourly drawings for free tickets to Saratoga museums and attractions including the National Museum of Dance, National Museum of Racing and more!

Name___________________________________  Institution__________________________

Saratoga (local) phone__________________________
Is your library’s web page accessible to all?

Do you know how to determine if your library’s web page is accessible to all?

20 randomly chosen websites from New York State libraries were recently analyzed for accessibility and not one received full approval. Was one of them YOUR website?

Website Accessibility - What It Means and How to Achieve It

A full-day CE workshop, sponsored by ASLS, will be presented at the NYLA Annual Conference. The workshop is designed to answer these questions and more:
- The importance of accessibility
- Accessibility design and legal issues
- Assistive technologies

Register now - space is limited!

See the NYLA Bulletin, Volume 51, No. 2, Summer 2003
Or http://www.nyla.org/content/user_1/nyla_conf_regform_03.pdf for complete registration information.

ASLS Programs at the NYLA Conference: November 5 - 8 in Saratoga Springs

ASLS is sponsoring the following sessions at the 2003 NYLA Conference:

Glimpsing the Future: Ready for a YottaByte world where we carry the contents of a large library in our wallets? This multimedia presentation relates technology developments to their impact on libraries and reading.

Hidden Treasures of Saratoga: Representatives from The National Museum of Dance & Hall of Fame, The National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame and The Tang Teaching Museum and Art Gallery at Skidmore College come together to share highlights of their collections/museums.

Marketing Special Libraries: Tips and tricks used to market special libraries to specific patron groups.

Digitizing Special Collections: How digitizing has been done, either in-house or outsourced; how cataloging was handled; and how patron use has been affected.

Wireless Libraries and Circulating Laptops: The experiences of the Canisius College “Lending Laptops in a Wireless Library” program including the outcomes of the program and the realities of such a program.

From Competencies to Competence: Ideas for integrating information literacy competency standards into your library instruction with a focus on exciting strategies and techniques that librarians are using to achieve this goal.

New This Year! ASLS is also sponsoring the Library Education Track featuring presentations by LIU’s Palmer School, Pratt Institute, the University at Albany, the University at Buffalo, St. John’s University, and Syracuse University. Professors from these library schools will discuss their latest research, plus you will have the opportunity to reestablish your relationship with your library school.

For detailed information on the ASLS-sponsored programs see the NYLA Bulletin, Volume 51, No. 2, Summer 2003 or the conference section of the NYLA web site at http://www.nyla.org/index.php?page_id=70.
Please support ASLS and NYLA by participating in the election of Officers and Board Members for 2003-2004. Enclosed in this newsletter you will find a ballot on which to vote for a Vice President/President/Past President, and a Director to serve from 2003 - 2005. On the following page you will find bios and statements for those individuals who have volunteered to run for these positions. The remainder of the Board for 2003-2004 is comprised of the following incumbent Officers and Directors:

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On the ballot you will also find a place to vote for amendment of the Bylaws as presented in detail on Page 2 of the Spring 2003 ASLS Newsletter, Issue #35. You can view the complete article on the NYLA website at this URL: http://www.nyla.org/content/user_9/ASLS35.pdf. The proposed amendment will separate the position of Secretary/Treasurer into two positions: Secretary/Web Master (2 year term) and Treasurer (2 year term).

It is important that we hear from the ASLS membership on these important issues. Please return your ballot postmarked by September 30, 2003. For your convenience you can fold the ballot with the address facing out, secure with tape or staple, stamp, and mail.

Please feel free to contact any of the Board Members listed on page 3 of this newsletter if you have questions about the election process, or if you would like to volunteer for any ASLS committees.
Statements and Bios for 2003-2004 Board Candidates

For Vice President/President Elect:

David Chatham, Nazareth College
Dave Chatham moved to New York in 2000 to assume the position of Director of the Lorette Wilmot Library at Nazareth College of Rochester. He serves on the planning committee for the 2003 NY3Rs/ASLS Biennial Conference for Academic Library Directors. An active participant in the Rochester Regional Library Council, Dave joined RRLC and NYLA colleagues for the 2003 Legislative Day and rally on the capitol steps. He previously directed the libraries of a small community college, a branch campus of a large university, a state college, and a private comprehensive college.

Patti C. McCall, Albany Molecular Research
Currently I am the Corporate Librarian at Albany Molecular Research, Inc (AMRI) a chemistry-based drug discovery and development company. I also enjoy working part time as an Adult Services Librarian at the East Greenbush Community Library. I am serving as chairperson for the SMART membership committee and the webmaster/newsletter editor for the Hudson Mohawk Library Association. Previously I was the Network Administrator/Records Management Coordinator for the Town of Guilderland as well as Serials/Acquisitions librarian at SUNY Cobleskill. As a new special librarian I have questions about managing serials, managing clerical staff, increasing visibility of the library in the corporate setting, leasing or buying journal content, and copyright issues. As Vice President for ASLS I hope to address such issues, and other concerns of special librarians, through programs at the NYLA annual conference.

For Director:

Debby Emerson, Rochester Regional Library Council
I am pleased to be a candidate for ASLS Director. I hear it is a wonderful group of people to work with, and if elected I look forward to meeting and working with the ASLS members. I have a long and varied library background, which would be helpful to me in this position.

For the past two and a half years, I have served as Assistant Director for the Rochester Regional Library Council. This position has given me the opportunity to look at libraries from a broader perspective and become aware of issues affecting all types of libraries. I wear several hats, and enjoy the variety. My responsibilities include planning and implementing RRLC’s highly regarded professional development program, managing special projects, oversight of regional resource sharing, and writing the grants that fund all these activities.

Before working at RRLC, I spent twelve years at Monroe Community College in Rochester. I served as Reference/Instruction Librarian and then as Head of Research and Instruction Services. I especially enjoyed working with students and developing collaborative relationships with faculty. I was also active in the faculty governance organization, which proved to be a good way of increasing library visibility on campus.

I am currently working with RASS as co-chair of that section’s Noted Author Luncheon. I look forward to continuing and expanding my involvement with NYLA. If elected as an ASLS Director, I am ready to go to work for the group and do what I can to support academic and special libraries in New York State.

N.J. Wolfe, Fashion Institute of Technology
In August 2002, N.J. Wolfe came to the Gladys Marcus Library of the Fashion Institute of Technology, New York, NY as professor and library director. Prior to this position he served as library director of the Sidney Silverman Library and Learning Resource Center, Bergen Community College, Paramus, NJ. He has also had professional positions at Columbia University, New York University Medical Center, and Ohio State University.

Mr. Wolfe received a Master of Science in Information Studies from Drexel University in 1985. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Education, from Kutztown University in 1978. His professional and civic memberships include the American Library Association, the Medical Library Association and Maplewood Chamber of Commerce. From 1998-2000, he served as trustee and president of the Maplewood Public Library Board.
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ATTENTION: ASLS Ballot Enclosed