A Message from the ASLS President

As we all make plans for the fall semester remember to mark your calendars for the annual NYLA Conference October 20 - 23, 2004 in Rochester, New York. This year's theme is "Connect to Your Community, Your Colleagues, Your Career". The ASLS board, ASLS committee members and ASLS session presiders have worked behind the scenes to bring NYLA members a great line up of ASLS sponsored sessions. Throughout this newsletter you will find information about our regular sessions and our New York State library school sessions. You can also visit the NYLA webpage http://www.nyla.org to view the full NYLA conference program.

As you review the conference program and make your plans please make note of:

- The ASLS Membership Meeting - Thursday, October 21, 2004, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm at Barrister's Pub on 36 West Main Street, Rochester. This year our membership meeting will be extra special as we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of ASLS, formerly CULS! Come and meet the current ASLS board and ASLS committee members, meet old friends, make new friends and share ASLS stories and memories.

- The ASLS Booth - This year our booth theme will incorporate and commemorate the 50 year mark for ASLS! Along with celebrating our anniversary, our booth always offers a great opportunity to visit and network with ASLS and NYLA members. The booth is staffed by ASLS Board members, ASLS committee members and ASLS members so please let the chair of our Membership Committee (Carol Anne Germain cg219@cnsvax.albany.edu) know of your interest in volunteering to staff the booth.

- ASLS sponsored sessions - This year ASLS is again sponsoring two tracks of sessions that cover a wide variety of topics. As you make plans to attend a regular ASLS session or an ASLS New York State Library Education Track session please consider volunteering to be a room monitor. Some of the responsibilities of monitors include distributing materials used by speakers and counting attendees.

- Poster sessions - Poster sessions were first held at the NYLA conference in 2002. This year poster sessions continue to be a strong part of the conference, offering yet another avenue for colleagues to share information. Be sure to visit the posters which this year will be incorporated into the main trade show hall.

If you're interested in becoming more involved in ASLS - whether as an active member or as a board member - please contact any member of the board or appropriate committee chair with questions, comments, and ideas related to ASLS and NYLA. If you haven't visited the ASLS pages on the NYLA website please take a moment to do so. You’ll find the ASLS mission statement, directory of board members, committee chairs, board meeting minutes, newsletters and more. For 2004 we have a new team with new members of the ASLS Board of Directors and new committee chairs. To find ASLS "online" visit http://www.nyla.org and under the "About NYLA" menu choose "Sections".

Thank you for a great 50th year and special thanks to our board members, individual committee members, conference planners, newsletter staff and our supportive ASLS membership.

Jane Verostek
ASLS President
NYS Library School Developments Highlighted in Conference Programs

The Library Education Track of programs at the NYLA Conference this October is shaping up to be quite exciting due to both staff changes in our library schools and the exciting library school research that will be shared.

Early this summer, Gisela von Dran became Director of the MLS Program at Syracuse University when Jana Bradley took a new position at the University of Arizona. We anticipate that von Dran’s talk will chart new directions in information science and technology at Syracuse.

Tula Giannini recently became acting director of Pratt’s School of Information and Library Science when former director Marie Radford accepted a position at Rutgers University. Pratt’s program, featuring Profs. Radford, Giannini, Linda Cooper (Pratt) and Jerome Meyers (Brooklyn Public Library) will examine the growing numbers of virtual users in today’s libraries.

Do librarians need a credentialing degree between the masters and the doctorate? Michael Koenig, Dean of the Palmer School, Long Island University, will discuss continuing library education at the post masters level with an emphasis on what the Palmer School is doing. He will be assisted by Jerry Nichols of the Suffolk County Library System.

The Queens College Graduate School of Library and Information Science continues the credentialing discussion when Marianne Cooper, D.L.S. director, discusses its new certificate programs. Claudia Perry will discuss the “new media” that librarians are expected to know, the emerging digital and multi-media resources that are of potential application in libraries. Colleen Cool will round out this program with a discussion that helps us better understand the information seeking behaviors of our patrons.

Deborah Anderson, from the University at Albany’s School of Information Science and Policy, will discuss the growing number of high school students who are homeschooled and the differences that this makes in providing in-depth, upper-level information for older students. Anderson’s colleagues, Carol Doll and Joette Stefl-Mabry, take up school library media programs, the role of bibliotherapy in schools, information literacy models, and other relevant topics.

George D’Elia and June Abbass, School of Informatics, University of Buffalo, will discuss their analysis of the Internet use on library participation of over 4,000 students, grades 5 through 12.

YOU are invited
to the ASLS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, October 21, 2004
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Join us at Barrister’s Pub, 36 West Main Street
Just a short walk from the Convention Center

Hors d’oeuvres will be served
### Academic and Special Libraries Section of the New York Library Association

**Mid-Year Budget Report 2004**

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The first half of 2004 saw dues revenue comparable to last year’s. Expenses included the Student Employee Recognition Award ($100), the Ridley Internship ($1,000) and miscellaneous expenses including $250 for lobby day, and $400 to NYLA to fund a breakfast meeting for the leaders of library schools in the state. One board meeting was held by conference call instead of in-person, which reduced travel costs.

Elaine Lasda  
ASLS Treasurer

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JLAMS Looking for Articles

JLAMS (The Journal of Library Administration and Management Section) is a Library Administration and Management Section electronic journal published semiannually by LAMS, NYLA’s newest Section. The journal is inviting library and information professionals to submit articles on a broad range of library topics written from a practical/management perspective. For example, a document on information literacy in children's services would be considered if useful for designing or improving services and of interest to administrators. JLAMS is soliciting original articles which will be subject to peer review, as well as shorter (1000 - 2000 word) articles which will be reviewed by the editors. Additional Referees are also sought. For further information contact Richard Naylor, JLAMS Editor, at naylorr@uhls.lib.ny.us or see the JLAMS web site at http://www.nyla.org/index.php?page_id=813

ASLS/Ridley’s Internship Grant Awarded

The ASLS/Ridley’s Book Bindery Student Internship Grant has been awarded to the F. Franklin Moon Library of the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. The library has been teaching an information literacy course for credit since 1974 and the course content and print materials are revised annually. The goal of this internship is to take the existing course and create a web version with all the modules and tutorials. This version will allow a number of opportunities not currently available. Some of the potential benefits mentioned in the grant application are:

- To provide an opportunity for anyone to easily see the syllabus online.
- To provide an acceptable alternative for students wishing to receive credit for this work if they cannot take a scheduled class.
- To provide students at a distance the opportunity to learn this material.
- To provide a constant source of review for students after they have completed the formal class for credit.

Congratulations to the F. Franklin Moon Library! Look for a report on this project in a future ASLS

And the Award for Best Performance in a Classroom Goes to...Teaching as Performance...with Classroom Tips from a Performing Teacher...Carla List.

Any teacher can attest to the need for a sense of theatre when standing in front of a group. Even with 45 minutes of a 50-minute session devoted to hands-on activities or active learning exercises, those remaining five minutes must involve some public speaking/performing by the librarian. Carla List will discuss performance strategies based on the inherent theatricality of the classroom.

See Carla’s performance at the NYLA Conference! Showtime is Saturday, October 23, 8:30 am - 9:45 am.
Library Education Track Changes Hands

“NYLA needs to offer academic librarians more!!” “What’s going on at New York State’s library schools?” These two oft-heard comments were the impetus for ASLS forming the Library Education Track of programs at the NYLA Conference in 2003.

Dave Harralson, Director of Utica College’s Gannett Memorial Library, coordinated the track in 2003 and 2004, but with his recent retirement, the reins need to be assumed by others. ASLS is lucky to have two fresh and imaginative people willing to coordinate the Library Education Track for the coming year.

One coordinator will be Dr. Gail Staines (gstaines@wnylrc.org), the Director of the Western New York Regional Library Resources Council in Buffalo. Her academic background and her work with the 3Rs -- long-time partners with ASLS and NYLA -- make her a natural choice to help coordinator this track. The other coordinator is Rachel Baum (rrbaum@uamail.albany.edu), Assistant Dean, School of Information Science and Policy, the University at Albany. Due to the staffing changes and the various emphases of the library schools, Rachel will be valuable in helping ASLS organize these programs.

The e-mail addresses of both Gail and Rachel have been included above so that you can share any ideas you may have about making these interesting programs even more valuable for NYLA members.

Editor’s note: Many thanks to Dave Harralson for getting this new program track off the ground. Be sure to see the article earlier in the Newsletter about Library Education Track sessions offered at this year’s NYLA Conference!

Digitizing, archiving, preserving, access! How can you make your collection more accessible to the public and share what you have with the world?

DIGITIZE IT!

Stop in on Friday, October 22nd, from 10:00 am - 11:15 am, for the Digitizing Special Collections program offered by ASLS.

Marianne Buehler from the Rochester Institute of Technology and Pamela O’Sullivan of the Central Library of Rochester and Monroe County will share the processes they implemented in digitizing portions of their library collections.

GLIMPSING THE FUTURE
The ASLS Annual Favorite with Dave Cossey
Saturday, October 23rd, 10:30 am!

What do TinkerToys and Barbie have in common? Why does much British-made pottery from the early 1800’s display American images? What’s a good place to go for a walk after a busy day of conference sessions and meetings?

Our Rochester hosts have a lot to boast about! Come to “Hidden Treasures of Rochester” on Thursday, October 21st at 1:30 pm and get the scoop on local collections. Plan a fun visit and a walking tour to enhance your visit to Rochester!
ASLS Leadership

It’s hard to believe that a year has gone by and it’s time to look at ASLS leadership for 2004-2005! Enclosed in this newsletter you will find a ballot on which to vote for officers and directors to fill our vacant positions. Within this newsletter you will find bios and statements for those individuals who have volunteered to fill the open positions. The remainder of the Board for 2004-2005 is comprised of the following incumbent Officers and Directors:

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For Vice President/President Elect:  
Kathleen Gundrum  
Kathleen Gundrum, a Director on the ASLS board since 2002, is Manager of Member Services at Nylink, a statewide library organization based in Albany. In her role at Nylink, Kathy has the opportunity to interact with librarians and library staff in many capacities, and has a broad understanding of the current and future concerns of libraries and library staff.

With Nylink for more than six years, Kathy formerly served as a reference/electronic resources librarian at Sojourner Truth Library at SUNY New Paltz. While earning her M.L.S. at the School of Information Science & Policy at the University at Albany, Kathy worked in the editorial department of a weekly newspaper where she introduced online databases and advocated for the importance of such tools in a special library environment.

For Treasurer:  
Elaine Lasda  
Treasurer candidate Elaine Lasda is a librarian at the Healthcare Association of New York State and at the State University of New York at Albany. She has been an active member of ASLS since 2002, when she was first elected to the ASLS board as a Director. For the 2003 NYLA Conference in Saratoga, NY, Elaine coordinated a program on Marketing for Special Libraries.

Elaine states: “I have learned a lot in the months I have served as appointed Treasurer, completing Sheri Webber’s term when she was no longer able to serve. I have been a member of NYLA for 7 years, and active in ASLS since 2002, when I served on the Board of Directors. If elected, I will continue to serve ASLS and NYLA as a whole by (Continued on page 7)
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keeping accurate track of our income and expenditures, and by showing leadership on the board as we prepare for the annual conference.”

For Director:

Lisabeth Chabot
Lisabeth Chabot was named College Librarian at Ithaca College in August, 2003. She spent the previous 25 working in college libraries in Virginia, both in technical services and public services. While in Virginia, she served on the State Council for Higher Education’s Library Advisory Committee (the group which provided advocacy for the Virtual Library of Virginia project), the LSTA Advisory Council, and as President of the Virginia Library Association. Current memberships include the Standards Committee of the College Library Section of ACRL and the Data Collection for Library Managers Committee of LAMA. Her areas of professional interest include assessment, advocacy/outreach, and user-centered service development. Lis holds a B.S. from Miami University and an AMLS from the University of Michigan.

In her statement of interest for this position Lis noted: “In view of the current economic climate and continuing evolution in technology, it is essential that libraries of all types collaborate in order to advance services, resources, and professional development. NYLA provides an excellent forum for leveraging and enhancing the library community’s knowledge and advocacy skills. I would welcome the opportunity to play an active role in these endeavors.”

Lorie Wies
As a Technical Services Librarian, Lorie sometimes found herself feeling hidden in the “back room.” She noted that she has way too much energy and enthusiasm to satisfy herself with such an existence and she has a strong desire to be an active participant in her profession. Lorie remarks, “In both the NYLA and the ASLS mission statements, I perceive a value and a vision that I eagerly embrace.”

After a twenty year career in social services, Lorie moved into the library field. She held temporary appointments as Reference/Bibliographic Instruction Librarian, Interlibrary Loan Librarian and Acquisitions/Periodicals Librarian at Union College before being named Acquisitions/Periodicals Librarian at Union in 2002. In addition, she is a Local History Librarian in the Saratoga Room at Saratoga Springs Public Library. For the 2003 NYLA Conference in Saratoga Springs, she served as Chair of the Vitality Fund Event and also as co-chair of the NMRT Booth.

Lorie states: “I offer myself as a candidate for the position of Director on the ASLS Board. To the Directorship, I bring not only my enthusiasm for the library profession but my experiences from having served in administrative capacities and in committee chairs for statewide organizations during my previous career path. I look forward to an opportunity to again serve in a dynamic professional organization.”

N. J. Wolfe
N.J. Wolfe has been at the Gladys Marcus Library of the Fashion Institute of Technology, New York, NY as professor and library director since 2002. Prior to this position he served as library director of the Sidney Silverman Library and Learning Resource Center at Bergen Community College in Paramus, NJ. N.J. began as a school librarian, and his 25-year career has included positions at New York University Medical Center, the Health Sciences Library at Columbia University, the New York Academy of Medicine, and Ohio State University.

N.J. 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 New Jersey Chamber of Commerce. From 1998 to 2000, he served as trustee and president of the Maplewood Public Library Board.
Come to the ASLS Booth at the NYLA Conference for the CULeSt Birthday Celebration!!!