**Message from the ASLS President**

“A university is just a group of buildings gathered around a library.” (Shelby Foote - Source: unknown)

“Most people think mistakenly that writers are people who have something to tell them. Nothing I think could be wronger. If I knew what I wanted to say, I wouldn’t write at all. What for? Why do it, if you already know the answers? Writing is the search for the answers, and the answer is in the form, the method of telling, the exploration of self, which is our only clew [sic] to reality.”


Shelby Dade Foote, Jr., Novelist and Historian. Born November 17, 1916 - Died June 27, 2005. Foote is best known for his trilogy, *The Civil War: A Narrative* and is also known for writing with a pen and inkwell.

Shelby Foote’s words and work are of great value - especially to those in the library field - and his words allow us a moment to pause and reflect on why writers, literature, reading and libraries are an essential part of life. As we move day by day through our library jobs it is important to reflect on the positive work we do.

The Academic and Special Libraries board, committee, and section members all make a difference through their work at individual libraries and collectively for ASLS and NYLA. If you’ve been thinking that you would like to become more active in the library profession, you may want to consider becoming more involved with ASLS - and there are a number of ways to “make a difference” and get involved:

♦ Join an ASLS committee;
♦ Put your name forward for next year’s slate to become a board member;

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**HIGHLIGHT YOUR LIBRARY AND A SPECIAL BOOK at this year’s ASLS Booth**

The 2005 NYLA conference theme is Libraries: Cornerstone of the Empire State. The ASLS booth will be made up of fake book building blocks. On the spines will appear the names of New York State academic and special libraries and their choice of a representative book or other library-related resource. For example, the University at Albany Libraries might select *Its Up to the Women*, by Eleanor Roosevelt, since it was their 2 millionth volume. To be included in the exhibit, please send the name of your library and book or resource selection to: shranjec@monroecc.edu; or send via snail mail to: Stephanie A. Hranjec, DCC Library, Monroe Community College, 228 East Main Street, Rochester, NY 14604.
Incumbent Officers and Slate for 2005-2006 ASLS Leadership

The Board of Directors of the Academic and Special Libraries Section of NYLA is pleased to present the ASLS membership with the following proposed Slate of Officers for the 2005-2006 operating year.

Incumbent officers include:

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Any additional nominations for the vacant positions must be received by the nominating committee by August 31, 2005. Please send nominations to:

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Don't forget to vote for ASLS leadership!

Look for the ballot in your Fall Newsletter.

...From the ASLS President

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♦ Help plan the ASLS booth at the NYLA conference;
♦ Suggest ideas for conference programs;
♦ Come to the 2005 NYLA Annual Conference “Libraries: Cornerstone of the Empire State” October 26 - 29, 2005 in Buffalo, New York. (The latest version of the conference program can be found on the NYLA website);
♦ Be a moderator at one of the ASLS - NYLA conference programs;
♦ Volunteer to staff the ASLS booth at the NYLA conference;
♦ Join us at the NYLA Conference. Attend the ASLS Membership Meeting on Thursday October 27th from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Adam's Mark Tiffany Rose Room to learn more about the Academic and Special Libraries Section of NYLA by meeting current ASLS members and the ASLS board. Enjoy hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and take this opportunity to network, talk about ASLS activities and professional opportunities and make new connections.

If you’re interested in becoming more involved in ASLS please contact any member of the board or appropriate committee chair with questions, comments, ideas, etc. related to ASLS and NYLA. Visit the ASLS website to learn more about us - the ASLS mission statement, directory of board members and committee chairs, board meeting minutes, newsletters and more! To find us online visit the NYLA website at http://www.nyla.org and under the “About NYLA” menu choose “Sections” and then choose ASLS - Academic and Special Libraries.
Current ASLS Leadership

In the column to the right you see listed the Board of Directors of the Academic & Special Libraries Section of NYLA. According to the bylaws of the section the Board is comprised of the President, Vice President/President Elect (who is also the conference program planner), Past President (who is also chair of the Nominating Committee), the Secretary/Web Liaison, the Treasurer, and four Directors. In addition to the Board the following individuals currently provide leadership for ASLS:

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Legislative Committee, Jean Sheviak, Chair
Capital District Library Council
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Library School Track, Rachel Baum, Coordinator
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Legislative Committee Report

Efforts coordinated by the NYLA Legislative Committee are beginning to pay off! Thanks to support from library staff, users, and the media across the state, as well as the tireless efforts of people like NYLA Executive Director Michael Borges and Assembly Library Committee chair Sandra Galef, state library funding cuts proposed by the Governor were restored by the Legislature. NYLA Lobby Day on March 15 was a great success, as Legislators lined up to have their pictures taken for READ posters and to get John Avlon to sign copies of his book, Independent Nation: How Centrists Can Change American Politics. Check out http://www.nyla.org/index.php?page_id=1037 to see READ posters done for Senator Hugh Farley and Assemblywoman Galef as well as the list of legislators that participated.

The Legislative Committee held a mini lobby day on June 7th so that we could talk with legislators about other legislation of importance to libraries. Those include bills supporting library construction, a loan forgiveness program for librarians who work in high need areas, improving the process of voter approval of public library funding, and requiring school library media specialists in elementary schools. The legislators we visited told us that they are hearing our message – so let’s keep up the good work!

One success from last year’s legislative efforts is now visible on New York’s highways. A Love Your Library custom license plate is now available from the Department of Motor Vehicles. $25 of the annual fee supports summer reading programs throughout the state. You can order online at http://www.nydmv.state.ny.us/org.htm or call 1-518-402-4838.

Jean K. Sheviak
ASLS Legislative Committee
Spring into action . . .
and YOU could WIN a FREE 2005 NYLA Conference Registration!

Calling all members! Encourage a new person to join NYLA and you and your new recruit have the chance to win a free 2005 NYLA Annual Conference registration.

Here are the contest rules:
All current NYLA members are eligible to recruit new members for this contest. Multiple entries are allowed. For each person that you recruit, you get an additional chance to win!
Once you have identified a new member for NYLA, have them fill out a NYLA membership form. For the purpose of the contest, the new member must not have previously been a NYLA member. They also cannot be signing up as a Student, as those applications are processed by and sent directly to ALA.

Membership forms are available on-line at www.nyla.org. Across the top of the new member’s form, write, “I was recruited by:” and insert your name. All membership forms for the contest need to be received at the NYLA office by August 31st, 2005.

On September 1st, one membership form will be randomly drawn from the entries received. Winners will be notified and announced. Both the new member AND the recruiter will win a Full Program registration to the 2005 NYLA Conference. Full Program Registration includes a badge, entry to all programs, membership meetings, the general session and address and the trade show on October 27-29, 2005 at the Adams Mark Buffalo Hotel. The winners will also receive free registration to either one full day or two half day NYLA Continuing Education Programs offered on Wednesday, October 26, 2005. Meals, transportation, lodging and all miscellaneous costs are not included.

Planning on attending the conference, whether or not you win? Don’t worry! Go ahead and register for the conference and if the winners have already paid for the 2005 Conference, we will process a refund. If the winner is unable to attend the event, they may submit a written request to the NYLA office by October 1st and designate another NYLA member to attend the 2005 Conference in their place.

Reach out and encourage a colleague or library friend to join NYLA TODAY! This contest is part of NYLA’s Membership Committee membership drive and we need your support!
Tips for New Librarians

Getting to Know About Awards, Grants, and Other Funding Sources

As a new librarian you will find yourself looking for grants, awards, and other venues for funding professional projects. But how do you prepare a grant/award application? Certainly there are many how-to books, Web sites and articles. However, an excellent way to learn more about the process is by participating on a review board (it is also a nice addition for your resume). Below are a few opportunities to learn about reviewing awards and grants with contact information (and there are plenty more):

- ALA Jury Volunteer form (for over 15 different committees) http://www.ala.org/ala/governance/recognition/juryform.htm
- ASLS Nominations Committee (several awards and internship selection) http://www.nyla.org/index.php?page_id=296
- National Endowment for the Humanities (this is BIGGER – you may want to wait) http://www.neh.gov/prism/default.htm
- NYLA Awards Committee (awards and scholarships) Contact NYLA president for appointment information http://www.nyla.org/index.php?page_id=68
- U.S. Department of Education
  - Office of Postsecondary Education http://webprod.cbmisweb.com/edfrs/logins/wope_Readerlogin.cfm
  - Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives http://www.ed.gov/about/acts/list/fbci/reviewer.html

Cut this out and pass it along to a new colleague

Positioning Your Library for the Financial World: Finding Grants and Writing Grants

A Continuing Education Workshop sponsored by ASLS (.3 CEU credits awarded)

This workshop is designed for participants to learn how to make their libraries increasingly viable in today’s economic climate. The presenter will provide information on sources of grant funding and key strategies for writing fundable grants. Participants are encouraged to bring ideas or projects for which they need financial support. How to finance a project using multiple sources will also be covered.

Presenter: Dr. Gail M. Staines, Executive Director of the Western New York Library Resource Council
Location/Time: The Adams Mark Hotel; Wednesday, October 26, 2005, 2:00 pm -5:00 pm.

Register via the NYLA Conference Registration Form (http://www.nyla.org/content/user_1/2005-Registration_Form.pdf)
Look for These ASLS Sponsored Programs at the 2005 NYLA Conference in Buffalo!

**ConnectNY: Sharing Academic Resources**
Panelists discuss ConnectNY- a cooperative venture allowing academic libraries across the state to share access to their catalogs and streamline delivery of materials, resulting in faster turnaround for library users! **Speakers:** Mary Cahill, Interlibrary Loan Librarian, Union College; Bart Harloe, University Librarian, St. Lawrence University; Sandy Hurd, Director of Strategic Markets, Innovative Interfaces Inc.

**Good Marketing Starts with Listening**
Awareness of customer needs is the first step towards good marketing. Speakers will address methods of listening to library users and describe practical approaches for gathering and responding to user feedback. **Speakers:** Margaret Wells, Director, Public Services, Arts & Sciences Libraries, University at Buffalo; Dr. John Ellison, Department of Library and Information Studies, University at Buffalo; Barbara Whitney Petruzzelli, Assistant Library Director, SUNY New Paltz

**Correctional Facility Library Issues**
Learn about unique correctional facility library issues like strict procedures, lack of Internet access and censorship. Dilemmas and trends will be addressed, and materials for inmates and their families will be recommended. **Speakers:** Judy Doyle, Senior Librarian, NYS Department of Correctional Services; Jean Clancy Botta, Supervising Librarian, NYS Department of Correctional Services; Tom Stuart, Senior Librarian, Mid-Orange Correctional Facility; Patricia Covley, Institution Services Manager, Buffalo & Erie County Public Library

**The Future is in Your Hands: PDAs and Ipods**
Handheld devices have become ubiquitous on college campuses. Wireless connectivity is enhancing the use of these devices for education and research. Our panelists will discuss implications for PDA and IPOD use in libraries. **Speakers:** Dean Hendrix, Senior Assistant Librarian, University at Buffalo Health Sciences Library; George Cook, National Consulting Engineer, Apple Computer

**Hidden Treasures of Buffalo**
Frank Lloyd Wright, Gorky, Pollock, Warhol, Mozart - name dropping? You bet! Just a few of the names found in Buffalo’s library/museum treasures! Our panel of speakers will highlight these wonderful collections. **Speakers:** Suzanna Tejada, Albright-Knox Gallery Library; Jessica Tanny and Karen Morse, University at Buffalo Archivists, Christopher Kelly, Karpeles Manuscript Library

**Going Digital & Making It – Academic Libraries**
Digital is happening and libraries need to meet the challenge. Two perspectives will be examined. A large university system describes a collaborative project and a small university library describes their digitization of rare materials. **Speakers:** Carole Ann Fabian, Director of the Education Technology Center and Vice President for University Libraries, University at Buffalo; Paul J. Spaeth, Rare Books Librarian and Director of the Library, St. Bonaventure University

**Not Just Another Acronym: IMLS and you (ASLS Library Education Track)**
A panel of educators will explain how IMLS projects and partnerships impact the definition of the 21st century librarian, and the recruitment of new people to the field. **Panel:** Tula Giannini, Acting Dean, Associate Professor, School of Information Science, Pratt Institute; Deirdre C. Stam, Director, New York Center for the Book, and Associate Professor, Palmer School of Library and Information Science, Long Island University

**Glued to the Screen: Library Online Learning (ASLS Library Education Track)**
Is distance education for you? Find out what it's like to get a library degree, certificate of advanced study, or just some new skills using your computer and the Internet. **Speakers:** Bruce Kingma, Associate Dean, School of Information Studies, Syracuse University; Kay Bishop, Associate Professor, University at Buffalo

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**ACADEMIC LIBRARIES 2005**

The Information Commons – Adapting to the Culture of Net Generation Students
November 10 -11, 2005; Saratoga Courtyard by Marriott in Saratoga Springs, NY

“Many academic libraries are creating new learning spaces, often called Information Commons or Learning Commons. They address the needs of the campus to have a physical environment that provides high-end technology (network access, software, digital information resources), as well as staff that can assist with a wide range of support for faculty and students as they use and create learning and information products. In addition to addressing technology and support needs, the configuration of spaces in Information Commons generally reflects the trend towards social learning that appeals to Net Gen students. Through provision of various types of group space for discussion, production of multi-media projects, and presentation practice, Information Commons become a popular place for academic work in a social context.” (Joan K. Lippincott, Ph.D., Associate Executive Director, Coalition for Networked Information, and presenter at Academic Libraries 2005)

Come join your academic library colleagues throughout the state, learn about a library environment targeted to the Net Gen students, and enjoy beautiful Saratoga Springs in the late Fall. Hold the date and stay tuned for additional information from ASLS and your NY3Rs Council, including additional presenters as planning continues.

Planning Committee: John Hammond, Northern NY Library Network (john@nnyln.org); John Shaloiko, Southeastern NY Library Resources Council (shaloiko@senylrc.org); Carol Anne Germain, SUNY Albany (cg219@albany.edu)

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SAVE THE DATE!!!

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Where: Saratoga Courtyard by Marriott in Saratoga Springs, NY
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