Dear Smarties,

Here we are in 2005! MMV is already shaping up to be a fascinating year. Here at SMART the Board is already working to make this an exciting and fulfilling year for all Smarties everywhere.

Looking ahead to May, SMART is planning a continuing education program on collection development. This is the second installment of what we hope will become an annual event. Look for more information coming soon to the SMART web page (http://www.nyla.org/SMART). [Ed. note: Flyer is in this issue!]

The SMART board is also hard at work developing programs for the 2005 NYLA Conference, which is scheduled for October 26 – 29 in Buffalo. Topics on the slate include Cataloging 101, and an update on the work of the AACR3 Steering Committee from Jennifer Bowen, the North American representative. In addition, Dr. Franziska Frey will deliver a program on the preservation and management of digital photos. Dr. Frey is a Professor at the School of Print Media at Rochester Institute of Technology and is a faculty member in the "Mellon Advanced Residency Program in Photograph Conservation" at George Eastman House, International Museum of Photography. As more and more of us begin to enjoy the many benefits of digital photographs, those long-term preservation issues begin to loom on the horizon. Other conference topics include, Preservation on a Shoestring, Born Digital Materials, Open Access Initiative, and Patron File Quality Control.

We’re doing our best to make sure that SMART has something for you in 2005. We rely on your input to shape our course. To provide input or to get involved with SMART, just get in contact with one of the board members. Have a great 2005, I hope to see you soon and often.

Steve Bachman, SMART President

The NYS Legislature has passed an on time budget restoring $4.5 million in library aid. Advocacy efforts have been effective! This is excellent progress, but it’s not enough. As always, our elected officials need to hear from people who care about the future of libraries in New York State. LobbyNet, a fast and easy way to show your concern for NYS libraries is up and running at http://www.nyla.org/index.php?page_id=925. Spread the word!

Governor Pataki once again has proposed the creation of the New York Institute for Cultural Education (NYICE). The new Institute would include the state Archives, Library, Museum and Office for Public Broadcasting. The biggest concern seemed to be that this would remove the State Library from the Education Department. But due to the recent Court of Appeals decision the governor could not create a new entity by simply funding it in the budget. A separate bill would need to be passed to actually create NYICE. The Legislative Committee created a resolution on NYICE (the main point was that the State Library belongs under the Education Department) that has since been approved by NYLA Council and sent to Pataki.
Nominations for SMART Officers

Get involved – run for a SMART position!

There are 3 positions up for election this year: Vice President/President Elect, Treasurer, and one Director-at-Large position. (There is currently a director-at-large vacancy also.)

The Vice-President/President-Elect position is a three-year commitment. The first year s/he coordinates plans for conference programs, the second year serves as President and a member of the NYLA Council, and in the third year coordinates nominations for officers and awards.

The Treasurer maintains and reports on financial records for the Section.

The Director-at-Large position offers a good opportunity to get experience and learn how NYLA Sections work. This is a three year term running until 2007/08.

Send nominations to Ann P. Penwarden, ETS Libraries, Monroe Community College, PO Box 92810, Rochester, NY 14692-8910, email apenwarden@monroecc.edu

The membership will vote to fill the positions this fall. Results will be announced at the Annual Conference.

SMART Fellow Award

Apply now and receive funds to attend the NYLA Conference October 26-29 in Buffalo!

This award recognizes a Technical or Computer Services Librarian who is looking to gain professional benefits from the continuing education and professional contacts with librarians and vendors provided by attendance at the NYLA Annual Conference. The award is given based on the applicant's professional activities in his or her place of employment, on his or her contributions to SMART, and future potential in both of these areas.

To apply, send a letter of application with:

- Name, home address, telephone number, e-mail address;
- Employer, work address, telephone number;
- Brief employment history;
- Statement on how you will benefit from attendance at the Conference;
- Statement that you are a current SMART member; and
- Letter of support from your supervisor or administrator

The application deadline is July 15, 2005.

The award ($250 maximum) is to be applied towards full conference registration and associated lodging, meal, and transportation expenses

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Mentoring

The SMART Mentoring Program is meant to help members just beginning their careers in librarianship as well as more experienced members who are faced with a change in work assignment. The mentors are SMART members who are experienced librarians willing to share their knowledge and expertise.

If you wish to participate as a mentor or a mentee, contact: Maggie Horn, SUNY Office of Library & Information Services, State University Plaza Albany, NY 12246, email: hornma@sysadm.suny.edu

Spring Workshop

See the enclosed flier for details about SMART’s spring Workshop on Collection Management!
SMART conference programs for the 2005 NYLA Conference Oct. 26-29 in Buffalo

Rudi Weiss Memorial Lecture:  AACR3—What’s next?
A thought provoking session on new developments in cataloging with regard to AACR3. Participants will also learn how these changes relate to FRBR.
Speaker: Jennifer Bowen, Sibley Music Library, Eastman School of Music

Preservation on a Cheap Shoestring
Learn how to manage a preservation program in these financially challenged times.
Participants will gain tips and tricks for preserving collections with limited monetary resources.
Speaker: John Dean, Olin Library, Cornell University

The Repository Frontier: DSpace & Beyond
Most digital content still resides outside the managed information environment; institutional repositories can help change that—but what’s the library’s role in the “repository frontier”? What are your options?
Speaker: John Townsend, NYS Higher Education Initiative

Born Digital
Many materials librarians deal with were created in electronic format— they were “born digital.” Come learn about issues concerning collection development, preservation and archiving—just to name a few!
Speaker: Jill Hurst-Wahl, Hurst Associates

Cataloging 101
Back by popular demand, a review of the basics of cataloging with a question and answer period.
Speaker: Maggie Horn, SUNY Office of Library & Information Services

Digital Photos – Don’t Lose Them
Digital photos—they’re great... but the media they’re on may not be as durable as the old technology—photographs! So, how do we store them so we can have them forever?
Speaker: Franziska Frey, School of Print Media at RIT

Quality Control of Patron Files & Records
Accurate, consistent patron information is essential to running a good library circulation system. This program addresses the issue of how to implement QC into these systems.
Speaker: Jerry Kuntz, Ramapo Catskill Library System

SMART Membership Meeting
The membership meeting will conduct official business and planning for the 2006 conference. The light-hearted entertainment for which SMART is known will also be featured. Don’t miss out on the fun!

Some notes from ALA Mid-Winter
It seemed that the acronyms on everyone’s lips were FRBR and AACR3. The Serials Section meeting devoted a large amount of time to both. The Cataloging & Classification Committee: Description & Access (CC:DA) meetings and functions were focused on those topics almost to the exclusion of all else. The draft of Part 1 to AACR3 was released to the members of CC:DA for discussion and comment in December and lively debate ensued at Mid-Winter. While the Committee managed to fulfill its charge and return concrete recommendations for refining the draft, along the way many larger issues were raised, from concerns about the drafting process, to concerns that it was making too great a change (or too little), that it held too little FRBR (or too much). If you are interested in some heavy but interesting reading, the combined comments of the BIBCO, CONSER, and PCC participants have been released online at http://www.loc.gov/catdir/pcc/archive/aacr3-pt1pcc.pdf. We will be very fortunate in the fall to have Jennifer Bowen, the ALA representative to the JSC, presenting on AACR3 and FRBR in this year’s Rudi Weiss Memorial Lecture.
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Nomination for the SMART Professional Achievement Award

The purpose of this award is to recognize the outstanding professional achievements of a current or former member of the Section on Management of Information Resources and Technology. A recipient shall have been a member of the Section for a minimum of three years and shall have made outstanding contributions in one or more of the following areas: acquisitions, cataloging, circulation, collection management, conservation/preservation, serial control, or automation. The recipient selected by the Section’s award committee will receive a plaque and award of $100 to be presented at the NYLA Awards Ceremony at the annual conference.

Please enter below the name, title, and address of a librarian who meets the criteria stated above. Briefly describe, in an accompanying letter, the candidate’s contributions.

**Nominee’s name, title, and address:**

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Please enter below your name and address:

**Nominator’s name, title, and address:**

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Send this form, your letter of nomination, and any supporting documentation by July 15, 2005 to:

SMART Professional Achievement Award,
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Application for the
SMART Professional Development Award for Technical Services

The purpose of this award program is to help support groups of technical services staff that meet for professional development or continuing education. Awards of $25-$50 will be made to be used for meeting expenses, materials, or preparation.

Requirements:
• The application must be from a primary SMART member, who is also a member of the group that is applying. A primary member is a NYLA member who chooses SMART as the first section on their application or renewal.
• The meeting must be free to members of the group and have a professional developments or continuing education purpose.
• The awardees will be required to acknowledge the support of SMART to members of their group and to provide a short report on their meeting to SMART.

The SMART board will make decisions on what will be awarded at the first board meeting of the year. Awards will be announced in the spring newsletter.

Name of the group: _______________________________________________________________

Name, title, address, and contact information of the person making the request:

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Are you a primary SMART member? _____ yes _____ no

Amount requested: _____ $25 _____ $50

If awarded, make check payable to: _______________________________________________

Meeting plans and/or purpose (attach additional sheets if necessary):

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Send to: SMART Professional Development Award,
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