CDLC Digital Collections, an online collection made up of material from many of our member libraries, is growing rapidly! Currently the website has more than 3,000 images from 18 of the region’s libraries, and several more libraries are waiting to receive training and add their images to the site. Our plan is for the site to continue to grow, revealing some of the hidden gems in our local collections.

CDLC Digital Collections can be explored at http://contentdm.cdlc.org/. Although the web site has been available to the public since October 2008, we unveiled a more attractive and easier to use site at the CDLC Annual Meeting last May. There are several avenues for viewing the collections. The two most popular are a keyword search across collections and using the “Browse Collections” link on the main menu to view materials arranged by contributing library. Libraries of all sizes and types are encouraged to participate in CDLC Digital Collections. Current participants include academic, public and special libraries ranging from Fort Plain Free Library to the New York State Military Museum to Siena College. We are interested in adding a school library to the project, so if you know of a school library that would like to participate, please let us know. Some libraries have partnered with local historians or historical associations for the project. In these cases, the library provides the resources and the professional expertise, and the historian or historical society provides the unique content that is of interest to the public. A good example of this is The Town of Ballston Community Library, which has worked closely with the Town of Ballston Historian to choose material to put on the site, scan it, and provide appropriate metadata. The librarian and the town historian now have an excellent working relationship, and they plan to continue to work together to add useful material to the site.

Because of the growth of CDLC Digital Collections, CDLC has recently changed the way institutions are added to the project. Rather than having a set application deadline, CDLC now accepts applications on a rolling basis. Once a library is accepted into the program, Ilka Morse, Digital Collections Field Trainer, will work with library staff to arrange a mutually convenient time for software installation and basic training.

Libraries that participate in CDLC Digital Collections choose the material for digitization; arrange for scanning of the material, either in-house or by a vendor; and create metadata (catalog information) for the images. They are also expected to have digitized and cataloged 10 one-page items within 60 days of (Continued on page 4)

Images from CDLC Digital Collections

The College of Saint Rose 1925 Basketball Team
Gourd house with miniature furniture - Crandall Public Library Center for Folklife, History & Cultural Programs
“Card Filer’s Freakout” at CDLC
News from the Hospital Library Service and MISP Programs

Editor’s Note: The Hospital Library Service Program (HLSP) is a statewide effort to improve library service to the professional staff of hospitals in New York State. For more information go to http://www.cdlc.org/Programs_And_Services/hlsp.shtml on the CDLC website.

Albany Medical College will be CDLC’s reception site for the Medical Library Association’s latest educational webinar: Cut the Cord: Connecting to our Mobile Users. MLA has promoted that “the goal of this webinar is to familiarize information professionals with current and emerging mobile technologies, innovative initiatives using mobile devices, useful mobile software applications, and funding options for projects using mobile devices.” Participants will receive 2 hours CE credit from MLA, and it is free for all CDLC member library staff. The webinar will be held Wednesday, November 18, 2009 from 2 to 4pm at AMC’s 5th floor Independent Learning Center computer lab. If you would like to register to join us, please contact Christopher Tosh (CTosh@cdlc.org) by November 11, 2009.

Normally by this time of year CDLC has begun its distribution of the Medical Information Services Program (MISP) interlibrary loan subsidies. Due to the economic downturn and its unfortunate effects on state funding, we have not received any of the funds. Until we do receive the funds, we can not even be certain of the amount we will eventually receive. Therefore the subsidy to participating libraries will be delayed until further notice. CDLC will inform all program participants once the funds are available.

Upstate New York Go Local Needs Volunteers

The Capital District Library Council is a contributing partner in the Upstate New York Go Local project, which is in the process of listing the health services for all of upstate New York in the National Library of Medicine’s Go Local database. The Go Local database links the health topics, medical terminology, drug and consumer health information in the MedlinePlus database to local healthcare services and providers in a consumer’s geographic area. It helps consumers to immediately identify which services are available in each specific area for the healthcare topic they are interested in.

CDLC is looking for additional volunteers who can help with our part of the project, identifying and listing the services and providers in the Capital District. If you are interested in joining our effort, please contact Christopher Tosh at ctosh@cdlc.org.

Changes at CDLC

Staffing: With the retirement of long-time employee Madeline Fiedler (see Page 7) there have been many changes at CDLC. Mindful of program changes and budget restrictions, the decision was made to realign duties among existing staff instead of filling the vacant position. As these changes evolve we ask for your help and patience as we continue to provide the great service that you are used to receiving from CDLC. While we have always made it a priority to answer the phones promptly there may now be occasions when we cannot, so please leave messages for us as necessary.

Please note that CDLC will be closed on the following dates: November 26 and 27; December 24, 25 and 31; and January 1, 2010. Also, staffing may be minimal during the week of December 28th.

ReCap: In an effort to minimize expense and maximize exposure we are now distributing our newsletter electronically. You can also find ReCap on our web page at http://www.cdlc.org/About_CDLC/newsletter.shtml. A PDF version of ReCap will be sent to all of our email distribution lists. As always, we encourage anyone receiving ReCap to share it widely! Anyone desiring a paper copy of ReCap may request one by contacting kcorbett@cdlc.org.
News from CALA and NYSLAA

CAPITAL AREA LIBRARY ASSISTANTS

SAVE THE DATE:  CALA Winter Lunch and Learn Workshop, January 25, 2010.  CALA will be hosting a Winter Lunch and Learn Workshop on leadership and management skills, featuring Evelyn Butrico, Director of the East Greenbush Community Library.  In conjunction with this workshop the CALA Coordinating Committee will be sponsoring a clothing drive to benefit Dress for Success Albany (http://www.dressforsuccess.org - Albany Affiliate).  Watch your mail and email – more details forthcoming!

Poestenkill Library Market Day, Saturday, September 12, 2009.  Members of the CALA Coordinating Committee volunteered their time and contributed baked goods for the Poestenkill Library Market Day on September 12th.  This event, sponsored by the Friends of the Poestenkill Library, is a major community fundraiser that supports a variety of Library needs.  This year’s Market Day featured a café hosted on the library’s porch, with coffee and a variety of delicious baked goods.  CALA volunteers assisted with produce and plants, puzzles, garage sale merchandise and a huge assortment of books, CDs, DVDs, and VHS tapes.  The event raised over $2,000 for the Poestenkill library, and members of the Coordinating Committee hope to volunteer at future Market Day events in support of the Poestenkill Library.  http://www.poestenkilllibrary.org/.


NEW YORK STATE LIBRARY ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION

2009 NYSLAA Conference.  CDLC’s CALA Coordinating Committee acted as local hosts of the 31st Annual NYSLAA Conference.  The Conference was held at Sage College, RPI and Troy Public Library from June 10th through June 12th, and more than 150 library assistants from all across New York State attended the event.  Carol Reppard and Michele Matthews acted as Conference Committee Co-Chairs.  The Committee organized 31 workshops, a welcome mixer, a dinner cruise and a keynote luncheon for participants.  The keynote speaker was Sister Anne Bryan Smollin, CSJ, Ph.D., Executive Director, Office of Counseling for Laity, Albany, New York.  Sister Anne is a noted counselor, inspirational speaker and author of such books as God Knows You’re Stressed, Wings for the Soul and Tickle Your Soul: Live Well, Live Much, Laugh Often.  The Conference featured unique opportunities for continuing education and networking in a supportive setting.  More information about the Conference and about NYSLAA is available on NYSLAA’s website at http://www.nyslaa.org/conference.html.

CALA and NYSLAA information contributed by Jean Guyon, Chair
CALA Coordinating Committee

For more information about CALA contact Kathy Corbett at CDLC.  kcorbett@cdlc.org.
CaDiLaC Online Update

CaDiLaC Online is a program available on the CDLC website which allows the catalogs of 14 academic libraries, 2 special libraries, 3 public library systems, 4 school library systems, one school library, and the New York State Library to be searched through a single interface. Circulation status is displayed for most of the catalogs searched so that users know if materials are available.

The CaDiLaC Online software has been around for many years, and by today’s standards it is clunky, slow, and (we know!) ugly. The Regional Automation Advisory Committee (RAAC) did an assessment of regional automation programs two years ago and determined that, despite its shortcomings, CaDiLaC Online was continuing to provide a valuable service to many libraries in the region, particularly those not able to access OCLC for resource sharing. A search was begun for a replacement that would be faster and more up-to-date. The RAAC Think Tank subcommittee investigated potential suppliers including long-time automation vendors, new open source vendors, and non-library-based programmers. The group thought this would be a simple task, but it was not. No vendor offered a comparable product, though several told us they believed they could create one which might meet most of our requirements. Last spring we determined that a partnership with WALDO would offer the best opportunity for a cost effective new CaDiLaC Online, and we hoped we could begin that last summer. However, delays in implementation of the WALDO consortium’s new library system meant this part of the project could not proceed on schedule. In addition, we learned recently that the vendor of the software we planned to use has changed. Because of the current uncertainties, the Think Tank subcommittee is once again exploring options. We appreciate your patience as we continue this investigative process.

CDLC Digital Collections (continued)

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having the digitization software installed on a computer at the library. CDLC provides the software, CONTENTdm (an OCLC product); training; server space; and the website that makes the images available to the public.

CDLC Digital Collection libraries include:

Phase One:
- Albany Institute of History and Art
- Bethlehem Public Library & Bethlehem Historical Association
- Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library
- College of Saint Rose, The
- Crandall Public Library
- Dudley Observatory
- Guilderland Public Library & Guilderland Historical Society & Town of Guilderland
- Nassau Free Library
- Schenectady County Community College
- Schenectady County Historical Society
- Schenectady Museum

Phase Two:
- Capital District Library Council – CDLC
- Fort Plain Free Library
- Hudson Valley Community College
- Mechanicville District Public Library
- Middleburgh Library
- New York State Military Museum
- Siena College
- Town of Ballston Community Library

Phase Three:
- Albany Law School Library
- Altamont Free Library
- Galway Public Library
- Maria College
- Pember Library
- Saratoga Springs Public Library

To find out more about joining CDLC Digital Collections, please contact Susan D’Entremont, Digital Project Manager at 518-438-2500 or susan@cdlc.org.
Standish Library Celebrates Ten Years

Siena students could probably fill several bookshelves with stories of the late night study sessions, group meetings and comfortable catnaps they’ve had inside the J. Spencer and Patricia Standish Library since it opened 10 years ago.

“The library is really a second home for students who use it as a way to study, read and reflect,” said Library Director Gary Thompson during the Standish Library 10 Year Anniversary Celebration on October 7, 2009. “If I didn’t go there I wouldn’t get some things done because it’s hard to do it in my room,” said freshman Conor Jones. Since it opened, more than 2.5 million people have used the Standish Library to do everything from search the bookshelves to surf the internet.

It is also an ideal place for students to gather for individual and group study sessions. After all, it is called “Club Standish” for a reason. “There’s spaces you can get stuff done on your own and there’s also spaces to do group projects,” said junior Chelsey Russell. Thompson said the Standish Library provides support for all of the programs in the schools of business, science and liberal arts and embodies the College’s commitment to academic excellence.

“The library, when it opened, certainly was a symbol of a new day for Siena,” Thompson said. He said the Standish Library will also become a place to preserve the College’s history. And like a literary classic, Thompson said the Standish Library is getting better with age. He said plans are in place to renovate the archives and create spaces to display photos and documents that date back to the inception of Siena College.

Watch for an article on the celebrations that took place to commemorate this anniversary in the fall issue of Siena News (http://www.siena.edu/siena_news).

From News From the Dome, October 14, 2009

Beta Phi Mu
International Library & Information Studies Honor Society

Are you a member of Beta Phi Mu but not affiliated with the local chapter? We’d like to get to know you!

Beta Phi Mu was founded in 1948 by a group of leading librarians and library educators to recognize and encourage scholastic achievement among library and information studies students. Eligibility for membership in Beta Phi Mu is by recommendation of the faculty from an American Library Association accredited professional degree program. A local chapter, Beta Beta Iota, was formed several years ago at the University at Albany Department of Information Studies. Currently the chapter sponsors a travel grant for University at Albany Department of Information Studies students or recent graduates to help them attend a professional conference or meeting.

Any member of Beta Phi Mu is welcome (and encouraged!) to affiliate with our local chapter. Cost for lifetime chapter membership is only $20. For more information please contact one of the current Beta Beta Iota executive board members: Ronald Pollock (pollockr@uhls.lib.ny.us), Jane Kessler (JKessler@uamail.albany.edu), Carla Bengle (ebangle@hotmail.com), Deborah Andersen (dla@albany.edu), Jean Sheviak (jsheviak@cdlc.org).
Local Library Staff & Supporters Receive Awards

The Board of Regents and the New York State Archives have selected Albany County Clerk Thomas Clingan (husband of MVLS Director Carol Clingan) to receive the 2009 William Hoyt Annual Archives Award for Advocacy. This award recognizes Clingan as a strong and eloquent voice in support of New York's records and archives and cites his work as Albany County Clerk and Chair of the State Archives Region Three Advisory Committee. The award also commends Clingan for his continuing attention to the needs of the county clerks as well as to the broader needs of government records throughout the State helping New York's records community understand the importance of, and need for, legislative advocacy to improve its programs. Tom is one of the driving forces behind the Capital Region Archives Dinner.

Catherine M. Dwyer, Government Documents Librarian, University at Albany, is the 2009 recipient of the NYLA/GIRT Mildred Lowe Award for outstanding contributions to government information librarinesship. The Mildred Lowe Award honors librarians who have made significant contributions to government documentary librarianship, access to government information, and/or the encouragement of document use in New York State libraries. It is given in memory of Mildred Lowe, Dean of the Library School at St. John's University and a tireless advocate for public access to government information.

Fifth grade students at Radez Elementary School have been awarded the 2009 Laura and Robert Chodos Award for Excellence in Student Research Using Historical Records. Congratulations to Mrs. Laura Gagnon, library media specialist, and Mrs. Pratt, 5th grade teacher, for leading the class in this collaborative, inquiry based project. Using historical records from the National Archives, the New-York Historical Society, and tombstones from the George Warner family plot in Warnerville Extension, the students developed a film documentary depicting the Battle of Cobleskill in 1778. According to the judges, it was easy to see that the students embraced their roles, enjoyed dressing for the time period, and were fully engaged in background research required for this project. Researching and interpreting historical records brought local history alive for these students.

Carol Anne Germain, Networked Resources Education Librarian, University at Albany, received the 2009 Ingenta Research Award from the American Library Association’s Library Research Round Table. The award recognizes the significance and quality of Carol Anne’s doctoral research in “Maintaining Persistent Scholarship: An Analysis of the Accessibility Rate of Cited Electronic Resources within Doctoral Dissertations” and provides funding support.

Trudi E. Jacobson, Head, User Education Programs, University at Albany, was awarded the 2009 Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Instruction Section’s (IS) Miriam Dudley Instruction Librarian Award. The award honors Miriam Dudley, whose efforts in the field of information literacy led to the formation of IS. The honor recognizes a librarian who has made a significant contribution to the advancement of instruction in a college or research library environment.

Michele Matthews, Library Specialist in the Folsom Library at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), was awarded the 2009 Craig Koste Award at the 31st Annual New York State Libraries Assistants’ Association (NYSLAA) Conference (see page 3). The award is given to the person whose life best characterizes what NYSLAA stands for as an organization: professionalism, selfless involvement, and superior performance. A general member of NYSLAA since 1991, a member of the Certificate of Achievement Program (CAP) Review Board for five years and the Review Board Coordinator of CAP for two years, Michele has been an active Association member volunteer for almost 20 years and an enthusiastic promoter for the Association and professional development in general. Michele has been a member of the Capital Area Library Assistants (CALA) for over 20 years. She has served several times as secretary and chair of the coordinating committee and has been successful in finding many of the speakers for CALA’s twice-yearly workshops that are held at Capital District Library Council (CDLC) headquarters.

Regina Vertone of the Schools of Nursing at Albany Memorial and Samaritan Hospitals was awarded the Northeast Health Management Development Silver Certificate in September 2009.
News From CDLC Members

PEOPLE
Mary Casserly, University at Albany, was named Dean and Director of Libraries effective September 1, 2009. She has served as Acting Dean and Director since March and was previously the Assistant Director for Collections and Assistant Director for Collections and User Services.

Rae Clark, Senior Librarian in Technical Services at the NYS Department of Health, Dickerman Library retired on October 28, 2009, after 42 years of service.

Long-time CDLC employee Madeline Fiedler, Administrative Manager, retired June 30, 2009 after more than 20 years of creative and dedicated service to the Council. Madeline is greatly missed by the council for her wonderful ability to keep administrative tasks under control, for organizing and streamlining the CDLC Archives, for her always cheerful attitude, and for her baking extraordinaire.

PLACES
The Adirondack Community College (ACC) Library purchased LibGuides software to create library webpages. It is a great out-of-the-box customizable product, very easy to use. Students and faculty are appreciating our new look using LibGuides.

The ACC Library welcomes a partnership with the ACC Center for Reading and Writing (CRW). The Library will open up space in the reference area on the main floor to the CRW. There will be three small tutoring rooms, an open tutoring workspace with smart tables, and a comfortable lounge area. The plan calls for lots of glass and visibility to welcome students.

The Library on the Sage Colleges' Albany Campus underwent a major renovation this past summer. The $1.3 million project, funded by a bequest from a Sage alum, and the Alden Foundation, involved the top 3 floors of the building. The work features an office suite for the career development, HEOP, disabled student services, and tutoring functions, handicapped restrooms throughout, full air conditioning, new windows, and a cybercafe, not to mention full wireless access. Sage invites you to come visit or check out the Flickr pix at http://library.sage.edu!

IN MEMORIAM
Ursula Hatfield Poland died October 5, 2009. Ursula was born in Duesseldorf, Germany and went to England in her early teens. She came to the U.S. in 1947 lived in Albany from 1956 on. After receiving her master's degree in library science from the State University of New York in Albany in 1964 she became librarian of the Albany Medical College Library, retiring from that position in 1987. She was an active member of the Medical Library Association and received its highest award, the Marcia C. Noyes Award, in 1986. She was also a member of the Upstate New York and Ontario Chapter of the Medical Library Association, the Special Libraries Association and the New York Library Association. For many years she was a member of the CDLC Board of Trustees. The family invites all friends to a memorial service Friday, November 20, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. at Emerson Hall, First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany, 405 Washington Avenue, Albany. Contributions may be made to the Endowment Trust Fund of the First Unitarian Universalist Society of Albany, Schaffer Library of Health Sciences, Albany Medical College, Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood or WAMC.