Curtis Kendrick Addresses LACUNY Librarians

On October 1, 2004 newly hired CUNY University Librarian Curtis L. Kendrick addressed an audience of more than 100 attendees, most librarians from around CUNY. Mr. Kendrick used the opportunity to talk about his role as University Librarian, and to share some basic tasks that he would be taking on right away.

Mr. Kendrick started off by stating that he had most enjoyed his campus visits, and was looking forward to visiting all of the CUNY campuses during his orientation period. Recent problems with ALEPH were on everyone’s mind, and Mr. Kendrick addressed this right away, saying the current problems were “unacceptable” and “we will do better.” He talked about recent efforts to bring in ExLibris and Oracle to begin reviews of both the system architecture and configuration. Mr. Kendrick made the audience chuckle when he talked about “majoring in Rock and Roll” as a college student at Brown University in the 1970s. He told the audience that the songs, “Shakedown Street” by the Grateful Dead might summarize the state of libraries today in some cases, and “You Can't Always Get What You Want” by the Rolling Stones” the plight of library users.

Mr. Kendrick pointed out that one of his primary roles is to interpret libraries to the CUNY Executive Council of Academic Affairs, the Chancellor and the CUNY Board of Directors, and to convey the importance of libraries to the CUNY system. Kendrick also talked about the “integrated system”, and how CUNY libraries might increase overall affectiveness by embracing a more integrated approach to services. One of the benefits of such efforts, according to Mr. Kendrick, would be better support at the college level to researchers, students, and faculty.

Mr. Kendrick stated that he was concerned about the libraries' declined monograph budget, indicating that over the past few years, the amount of money spent on monographs has declined from 26% to 21%. To address this, he said, CUNY libraries must rely more heavily on one another's collections. Kendrick also spent time discussing information competency. By extending tutorials, implementing methods for assessment and evaluation of information competencies and integrating information competency into the curriculum, the libraries will support library users in becoming discriminating users of information and competent researchers. Mr. Kendrick ended his address by taking questions from the audience.

CUNY Hosts Delegation of Russian Librarians

Russian librarians met their American counterparts during October 5-12, 2003. Four CUNY library faculty, Philip Barnett (City College), Beth Evans (Brooklyn), Maria Kiriakova (John Jay), and George Thorsen (Queensborough) four librarians and a facilitator as part of the Open World Leadership Program in Library Management: openworld.aed.org. The New York program focused on human resources and technology within the context of American libraries. Professor Evans was the program's New York Host Coordinator.
The four visiting Librarians are all administrators in Russian libraries spread across two continents. The facilitator for the delegation, who lives and works in Saint Petersburg, pointed out that her home in Russia is almost as close to New York as it is to her parents' home in Vladivostok, the major Russian city on the Pacific coast. Coincidentally, one of the visiting librarians lives and works in Vladivostok. The other three come from Rostov on Don, Krasnodar in the south of Russia, and Irkutsk in central Siberia.

A fundamental component of the Open World program is daily contact between Americans and Russians. Who can deny the cultural value of having lunch in a pulsating Manhattan deli at noon, climbing to the observation deck of the Empire State Building, or taking the subway from the Bronx to Brooklyn and then to Brighton Beach? It was thrilling to watch the guests experience Macy Madness and Fortunoff Frenzy in a mad dash to fill the holes in their souvenir shopping lists.

CUNY participation in the Open World Program follows a long tradition of university-level, global, institutional partnering begun in 1982. Program partners have included Villanova University, University of Scranton, University of Maryland, Northwestern University, University of Minnesota, Michigan State University, University of Iowa, and University of California, Berkeley.

CUNY Library faculty met their Russian guests at LaGuardia Airport on October 5 and took them to their homes. The delegates lived with their CUNY hosts for one week and participated in a wide range of professional and cultural activities. Among the events was a program at Brooklyn College Library with a panel of speakers from both inside and outside CUNY. CUNY speakers included Professor Barbara Higginbotham (Brooklyn), Chief Librarian and Executive Director for Academic Information Technologies; Professor Jane Cramer (Brooklyn), Government Documents Librarian; and Professors Thomas Surprentant and Claudia Perry of the Queens College Graduate School of Library and Information Studies. Other events included visits to the New York Public Library Research Libraries, Brooklyn Public Library, White Plains Public Library, Yonkers Public Library, the Library at the Downstate Medical Center, Stuyvesant High School Library, and the Library at Scholastic Books. There was also a formal reception at the Brooklyn College Library.

Language was not an insurmountable obstacle because all but one Russian librarian classified themselves as good to excellent in English. However, an interpreter, Alex Rudshutey, a HEO and the Assistant Director for Systems at the Brooklyn College Library, accompanied the group to professional events. The facilitator, fluent in English, traveled with the group from Russia and assisted with translations at cultural events. Two additional CUNY library faculty, Eva Dimova (Brooklyn) and Inna Shpilka (Queens College), provided interpretation and translation assistance.

The Open World Program is run by American Councils for the Center for Russian Leadership Development. Open World is a nonpartisan initiative of the U.S. Congress and is housed in the Library of Congress. The Academy for Educational Development (AED) supports the local hosting organizations such as the one established for the visit to CUNY. AED is part of the U.S State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The purpose of the AED is “to encourage ongoing international cooperation that transcends traditional barriers between education and the work of practitioners in a wide range of professions and communities around the world.” All those from CUNY who participated in the Library Management Program found it to be enjoyable and informative. They look forward to continued contact and other opportunities to work with their new friends and colleagues from Russia. —Beth Evans and George Thorsen

LACUNY Hosts PSC CUNY Grant Workshop

Attendees received valuable advice about writing proposals during the PSC-CUNY Grants Workshop for Librarians at Hunter on September 24. The event was sponsored by the LACUNY Professional Development Committee. The co-chairs, Lisa Finder (Hunter) and Scott Johnston (Graduate Center) were assisted by Linda Roccoss (Staten Island), previous chair of the LACUNY
Professional Development Committee, and Kenneth Schlesinger (LaGuardia), current LACUNY president. Attendees heard about three interesting projects funded by PSC-CUNY 35 as CUNY librarians/scholars described their grant projects and the application process.

Professor Jennifer Oates (Queens) spoke about her research into the life and works of Hamish MacCunn, the late nineteenth-century Scottish composer. Saad Abulhab (Baruch) told about his development of font-only, system-independent, computerized data management for Arab-based scripts. Professors Valeda Dent (Hunter) and Lauren Yannotta (Hunter) described their experience with a rural community library in Africa. Professor Clay Williams (Hunter), the previous chair of the PSC-CUNY Library Panel, moderated the event, and Professor Gerry Jiao (Baruch) spoke about the current grant cycle, PSC-CUNY 36.

Last year, seventeen library faculty received grants. The Library Panel was allotted $26,000, the same amount available for PSC-CUNY 36. Librarians do not have to apply to the Library Panel if another subject area seems more appropriate, and CUNY librarians have had PSC-CUNY grants funded through such panels as Art, Ethnic and Area Studies, and Music. All the speakers discussed the importance of having a well-researched, detailed proposal. It is particularly necessary to be detailed when itemizing budget requests. Money for research assistants is available, but every effort should be made to employ CUNY students. Because money is also available for travel advances, it is not necessary to pay for such expenses and be reimbursed later. With the expectation that these grants will produce articles or books, journals or publishers should be contacted about potential interest in projects. The speakers stressed that applicants should be clear about their goals and conservative in their estimates of what they can accomplish. Campus grants offices are an excellent resource for assistance in preparing proposals.

Much valuable information on the Research Foundation’s PSC-CUNY Research Award Program site including guidelines, sample applications, and listings of previously funded projects: www.rfcuny.org/PSCCUNY/default.html--Lisa Finder

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**Baruch College Library Inaugurates Information Studies Minor**

A minor in information studies was introduced by Baruch library faculty this fall. All Baruch business students must take a minor concentration in a non-business discipline. Those selecting the information concentration must take Social Informatics and two of the following courses: Electronic Resources and Research Methods for Writers, Information and Society, Principles of Information Retrieval, and Topics in Information Studies. The first course under the latter heading is Economics of Information. The library continues to offer two freshman-level courses: Information Research in Business and Information Research in Social Sciences and the Humanities.—Jerry Bornstein

**Stanton Biddle Featured on ACRL Site**

An interview with Professor Stanton Biddle (Baruch) appeared in the inaugural edition of ACRL’s “Meet Our Members”: www.al.a.org/al/a/acrl/aboutacrl/acrlmembership/acrlmembers.htm#biddle ACRL is featuring prominent librarians each month on its Web site to encourage membership in the organization. Professor Biddle, an ACRL member for over thirty years, observed, “Academic
librarians equip students to influence their environments by teaching them how to synthesize information from a variety of sources into knowledge and power.”

Three Articles by CUNY Librarians Cited by ACRL

Three articles by CUNY librarians, including one from Urban Library Journal, have been listed in the “Library Instruction for Diverse Populations Bibliography” compiled by the Instruction Section, Association of College and Research Libraries: www.al.org/alacracr bucket/is/publicationsacrl/diversebib.htm.

“Sources of Library Anxiety among International Students” by Gerry Jiao (Baruch) and Anthony J. Onwuegbuzie of the University of South Florida appeared in Urban Library Journal, 11.1 (fall 2001): 16-27. “As one of the few studies . . . on library anxiety among international students,” writes the Instruction Section, “the findings of this study of 125 undergraduates have useful implications for library instruction.”

The bibliography also acknowledges “International Students and the Library: New Tools, New Users, and New Instruction.” Diane DiMartino (Baruch) and Lucinda Zoe (Hostos) contributed this chapter to Teaching the New Library to Today’s Users: Reaching International, Minority, Senior Citizens, Gay/Lesbian, First-Generation, At-Risk and Returning Students and Distance Learners (Neal-Schuman, 2000). The chapter is praised as “an excellent overview of issues pertinent to library instruction to international students.”


LACUNY ILL Roundtable Report

The LACUNY Interlibrary Loan Roundtable, co-chaired by Clementine Lewis (LaGuardia) and Nancy Egan (John Jay), meets to discuss general interlibrary-loan issues and especially those affecting the CUNY colleges. Among the topics discussed during the spring 2004 meeting were issues pertaining to the ARIEL electronic document delivery system, lending of electronic formats and possible copyright implications, the impending demise of OCLC Passport and Microenhancer, lending of videos and other media, record retention policies, and university-subsidized document-delivery services. Traditionally, the Roundtable has met once a semester, but members have recently decided to meet twice a semester. While the meetings have long served as a venue for librarians to exchange information about products, services, and policies, the impact of electronic services and formats has so affected interlibrary-loan operations that members felt it was important to meet more frequently.—Nancy Egan

Publications

Michael Adams (Graduate Center) contributed analyses of “The House of Cobwebs” by George Gissing and “Son of the Wolfman” by Michael Chabon to Masterplots II: Short Story Series (Salem Press, 2004).


Valeda Dent (Hunter) published “Innovation on a Shoestring: An All Virtual Model for Self-Paced Library Orientation on an Urban Campus” in *College & Undergraduate Libraries* 10.2 (2003): 29-43. She is also a reviewer for this peer-reviewed journal.


Qun G. Jiao (Baruch) has co-written *Library Anxiety: Theory, Research, and Applications* (Scarecrow, 2004). The title is the publisher’s first in a series entitled Research Methods in Library and Information Studies. The table of contents is available at www.loc.gov/catdir/toc/ecip047/2003017677.html. Gerry has published more than twenty research articles about the effects of library anxiety.


Josephine Murphy (Kingsborough) has published *Novelli, a Forgotten Sculptor* (Braden, 2003). James Novelli (1885-1940) was a sculptor of public monuments.


Rita Ormsby (Baruch) co-wrote “Is Contracting Out in New York City Tinkering or Reinventing Government?” for the April 2004 issue of *Journal of Public Procurement*.


Irwin Weintraub (Brooklyn) is co-editor of *Global Librarianship* (Dekker, 2004).
Presentations


Sheau-yueh J. Chao (Baruch) spoke about research and documentation of Chinese genealogies on April 17, 2004, at the International Resource Center, Queens Borough Public Library. Her presentation, co-sponsored by the Chinese American Librarians Association, Northeast Chapter, identified major resource collections and stressed the importance of genealogical research in preserving Chinese heritage and family traditions. Janey recently received a CUNY grant to continue her research in the genealogy collections of the Shanghai Library. Professor Chao also presented “Grants for Libraries and Institutions” at LACUNY’s spring membership meeting, June 11, 2004, at the College of Staten Island.


Tony Doyle (Hunter) participated in a discussion of privacy and a panel discussion on “How Much Personal Information Should Companies Be Allowed to Collect?” as part of the May 7, 2004 Information Ethics Roundtable at the Massachusetts College of Library Arts: www.sir.arizona.edu/ier/ier04.htm. He is also an organizer of the 2005 roundtable to take place at Bridgewater State College: www.sir.arizona.edu/ier.

Mounir Khalil (City) presented the poster session “Bibliotheca Alexandrina: Ancient and New Library of Alexandria” at the 70th International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Conference, Buenos Aires, August 24-25, 2004: www.ifla.org/IV/ifla70.

Steven Kowalik (Hunter) presented “Taming a Titan at Hunter College” as part of the session “Countdown to ARTstor: An Update on the ARTstor Test Phase,” at the 22nd Annual Conference of the Visual Resources Association in Portland, Oregon, March 2004: www.vraweb.org.


Rita Ormsby (Baruch) moderated “Sustainability Reports and the Global Reporting Initiative” at the Special Libraries Association annual conference in Nashville, June 7, 2004. Rita’s article about this program will appear in the fall 2004 issue of the SLA Business and Finance Bulletin: www.slabf.org/bulletin.html. She also wrote an item about a tour of the Vanderbilt University Television News Archive for the SLA-NY newsletter.
Edward Owusu-Ansah (Staten Island) presented “Navigating Information, Facilitating Knowledge: The Library, the Academy, and Student Learning” at the Fourth Frankfurt Scientific Symposium in October 2004: www.stub.uni-frankfurt.de/messe/symposium2004/abstracts.htm.

Linda Roccos (Staten Island) organized, with Professor Eric Ivison, history, a fall 2003 CUNY Faculty Development Program entitled “Teaching Antiquity: Material Culture as a Resource for CUNY Faculty”: www.library.csi.cuny.edu/siias/seminars.

Marie Cimino Spina (LaGuardia) presented “Using the E Word” at the Seventh Annual Teaching and Technology Conference, Baruch College, March 26, 2004. The presentation involved ethical considerations related to plagiarism and the need to teach methods of evaluating information. On October 29, 2003, she presented, with Scott White (LaGuardia), “Beating the Cheating: Practical Partnering for the Prevention of Plagiarism” as part of a Faculty Colloquium on Professional Development at Lehman.

Awards & Grants

Jennifer Oates (Queens) received the 2004 Ralph Vaughan Williams Fellowship, which funds a North American scholar researching the composer in Britain for six weeks. Jennifer was also co-winner of the Music Library Association Gerborth Award, supporting music research by librarians, and also received a PSC-CUNY grant to continue her research on Scottish composer Hamish McCunn (1868-1916).

Saad Abulhab (Baruch) has received a PSC-CUNY Grant to continue work on his patented type style that facilitates the rendering of Arabic text by computer systems. He received U.S. Utility Patent No. 6,704,116 for his Mutamathil type style. “A Tool Designed to Help Students Get to Know Arabic, a Difficult Language, Both Backward and Forward,” an article about Mr. Abulhab, appeared in the March 15, 2004 New York Times.

Valeda Dent (Hunter) and Lauren Yannotta (Hunter) received a PSC-CUNY Grant to conduct research in Kitengesa, Masaka, Uganda for “A Rural Library in East Africa: A Study of Its Use and Users.” They lived and worked for seven weeks in the summer of 2004 in this small village, with no electricity or running water. The Kitengesa Community Library was started in 2002 by Kata Parry, a Hunter English professor, with donations and a grant from the UN One Percent Fund. Valeda and Lauren are compiling a detailed user profile and are working with Professor Parry to present this library as a model for other rural libraries in Africa. More information is available at www.kitengesalibrary.org.


Marie Cimino Spina (LaGuardia) received a grant from LaGuardia’s Professional Development Committee to support “Short Takes on Literature,” a reading and discussion group she developed to encourage recreational reading and to stimulate close contextual reading among students, faculty, and staff. Students who participate in these analyses of short stories receive a certificate, and those involved in three or more discussions earn a collection of short stories purchased with the assistance of the grant.

Di Su (York) received a PSC-CUNY award for “Electronic Material: An Inevitable Issue.”

The Hostos Archives received, in July 2004, a $9,173 Documentary Heritage Program Grant from the New York State Archives. The grant supports a project, supervised by archivist William Casari, to identify, survey, and plan for the systematic collection of records documenting the first decade of Hostos Community College.
Professional Activities & Exhibitions

Michael Adams (Graduate Center) and Mariana Regalado (Brooklyn) have been, since 2003, co-conveners of the Metro Bibliographic Instruction Special Interest Group: www.metro.org/SIGs/biblio.html. They also served as guest editors of a section entitled “The Many Faces of Information Competence” for the fall 2003 issue of Academic Exchange Quarterly: www.rapidintellect.com/AEQweb/fal2003.htm.

Clementine Lewis (LaGuardia) was co-chair of LaGuardia’s Opening Sessions Program on September 1, 2004: www.lagcc.cuny.edu/openingsessions/2004. Professor Lewis is also chair of LaGuardia’s Committee on Professional Development and was a general editor of A Handbook for New Faculty and Staff: Introducing LaGuardia.

Jennifer Oates (Queens) founded, with four other scholars, the North American British Music Studies Association (NABMSA) and served on the program committee for the organization’s first conference: “Britannia (Re-) Sounding Music in the Arts, History and Culture of Great Britain,” Oberlin College, June 18-19, 2004. Jennifer serves as Webmaster and chair of the NABMSA Publications Committee. She also joined the Music Library Association Electronic Reference Services Subcommittee in 2004.

Beth Posner (Graduate Center) serves as co-convener of the Metro Interlibrary Loan Special Interest Group: www.metro.org/SIGs/ill.html.

Kenneth Schlesinger (LaGuardia) has been elected Board President of Independent Media Arts Presentation (www.imappreserve.org), serves on the Executive Board of Theatre Library Association (tlalibrary.unt.edu), and is LACUNY President for 2004-2005.

Caroline Fuchs (Graduate Center) organized an exhibit in the Mina Rees Library about the Erie Canal using maps and other materials from the 18th Century Reading Room and the Seymour B. Durst Old York Library. She created the exhibit with Madelyn Kent, curator of the Old York Library, and Charles Tannebaum, owner of the 18th Century collection.

Appointments & Promotions

Monica Berger (City Tech) has been promoted to Assistant Professor. She has also earned an MA in liberal studies from the Graduate Center.

Jerry Bornstein (Baruch) has been appointed Deputy Chief Librarian for Public Services. Formerly the Graduate Services Librarian, Jerry will lead the Access Services, Graduate Services, and Information Services divisions.

Douglas Duchin (Baruch) has been appointed Deputy Chief Librarian for Collection Management with responsibility for cataloging, acquisitions, serials control, collection development, and the library’s outreach to academic departments.

Njoki Kinyatti (York), Head of Collection Development, was promoted to Associate Professor in September 2004.

Louise Klusek (Baruch), formerly a Business Librarian, is Head of Reference and Assistant Head of Information Services.

Kenneth Schlesinger (LaGuardia) has been promoted to Associate Professor.

Sharon Swacker (City Tech) has been promoted to Professor.
Di Su (York) was named Head of Circulation and Reserve in January 2004.

Tess Tobin (City Tech) has been promoted to Associate Professor.

Paul Abruzzo (LaGuardia) was appointed Research Adviser/Reference Consultant in March 2004.

Dawn Amsberry (LaGuardia) was appointed Head of Collection Development in September 2003.

Consuella A. Askew (Medgar Evers) was named Chief Librarian on September 1, 2004. Professor Askew has an MLS from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and is working on a Ph.D. in higher education administration at Florida International University. She comes to Medgar Evers from the Association of Research Libraries and the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Library Alliance (HBCU), where she was project coordinator for a planning grant entitled “Strengthening Libraries at HBCUs.”

Barbara Bonous-Smit (Queensborough) has been appointed Assistant Professor/Coordinator of Interlibrary Loan/Reference Librarian.

Jung Min Cho (Queensborough) has been appointed Instructor/Technical Services Librarian.

Remi Castonguay (LaGuardia) was appointed Coordinator of Instructional Resources and Training in March 2004.

Maria Isabel Fernandes (Queensborough) has been appointed Assistant Professor/Evening Reference Librarian.

Jane Brodsky Fitzpatrick (Graduate Center) was appointed Instructor/Acquisitions Librarian in February 2004.

Charles Keyes (LaGuardia) was appointed Extension Services Librarian in September 2003.

Anne Leonard (City Tech) was appointed Instructor/Reference Librarian, and Coordinator of Resource Sharing in September 2003.

Songqian Lu (City Tech) was appointed Assistant Professor/Information Technology Librarian in September 2003.

Chris Mavergames (City Tech) was appointed Instructor/Multimedia Resources Librarian, and Webmaster in September 2003.

Michael Miller (Queens) was appointed Assistant Professor/Coordinator of Access Services in July 2004.

Jennifer Oates (Queens) was appointed Assistant Professor/Head of the Music Library in September 2003.

Steven Ovadia (LaGuardia) was appointed Web/Extended Services Librarian in September 2004.

William Perrenod (LaGuardia) was appointed Systems/Electronic Information Resources Librarian in September 2004.

Alexandra Rojas (LaGuardia) was appointed Reference Librarian in March 2004.
Susan Sciammarella (Queensborough) has been appointed Assistant Professor/Information Literacy Librarian.

Scott Sheidlower (York) was appointed Assistant Professor/Evening and Weekend Librarian in September 2004.

Retirements

Ngozi P. Agbim (LaGuardia) retired as Chief Librarian September 30, 2004. Professor Agbim began her LaGuardia career as a reference librarian in 1971. She also supervised the circulation department and initiated the library’s instruction program. She was appointed Chief Librarian in 1976. During her tenure, the library’s book collection increased to over 115,000 volumes, the periodical collection to more than seven-hundred titles, and the media collection to over ten-thousand items. The instruction program has grown to more than one-hundred classes a semester, and there is also a three-credit library course.

Obituaries

Lee Sellers

Lee Sellers, Associate Professor (retired), Hunter College Libraries, passed away on October 10, 2004. Lee joined Hunter in 1988 as Assistant to the Chief Librarian and Collection Development Officer, following a distinguished record as Chief Librarian of Wilberforce University and Director of the University of Connecticut, School of Social Work Library. During his tenure at Hunter, Lee also served as Director of Information Services, Head of the Social Work Library, and Special Projects Librarian. An active member of ALA and the Black Caucus of ALA, Lee received an MSW from University of Denver, MSLS from Clark Atlanta University, and was a doctoral candidate at the University of Pittsburgh. Lee retired to Ohio in January 2000. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to his mother, Mrs. Lucille Sellers, at 11 North Arch Street, Newark, OH 43055.

Yvonne S. Bennett

Professor Yvonne Suzette Bennett, a longtime Medgar Evers librarian, died of cardiac arrest on August 17, 2004, at her family’s home in Glen Burnie, Maryland. She was 59 years old. Born on February 25, 1945, in Baltimore, Maryland, Yvonne attended Baltimore Public Schools, graduating in 1961 from the Western High School, where she distinguished herself as a member of the school’s water ballet team. After receiving her bachelor’s degree from the University of Maryland, Yvonne became the first full-time librarian at the Curtis Bay Elementary School in a suburban community near Baltimore. It was there that her love of books and her desire to introduce the love of literature to children was honed. She left Curtis Bay after a year to pursue graduate work at Atlanta University’s School of Library and Information Services. After receiving her MLS, Yvonne began working at the fledgling Langston Hughes Community Library and Cultural Center of Queens Borough Public Library. There she helped to involve the larger community in the library’s programs through activities that exposed the patrons to local and nationally known literary artists. After several years with the Queens library system, Yvonne accepted an appointment as a librarian at the newly established Medgar Evers College of the City University of New York, a position she held until her death. In 1970, she was among a group of librarians who decided to confront discrimination and racism within the library profession by founding the Black Librarians Caucus of Queens. Later, under the name the New York Black Librarians’ Caucus, the group expanded its scope to include the concerns of African American librarians and other library supporters throughout the New York metropolitan area. Always a powerful force within the organization, Yvonne served on and chaired many committees and task forces over the next thirty-four years and was president in 1993-1997.
Professor Bennett was also an active member of LACUNY, especially in the areas of bibliographic instruction and information literacy. It is appropriate that the last time many LACUNY members saw Yvonne was when she attended the 2004 LACUNY Institute at Baruch College. The Institute’s theme, “The Teaching Library: Issues and Road Maps,” was central to her concerns. Yvonne is survived by her oldest brother Raymond Jones; her niece, Tina Jones Gwynn; her nephew, James R Wilson, Sr.; two grandnephews; one grandniece; and several cousins. She leaves many friends who will remember her many kindnesses and her easy, laughter; and their children who will remember her generosity, which was most often manifested in gifts of books for their personal libraries. In memory of Professor Yvonne Bennett, her love of literature, and her love for children, bookshelves and children’s books will be purchased and donated to the dialysis centers of two institutions with which she was affiliated. Donations should be sent to Ms. Joan E. Cole, 152-72 Melbourne Avenue, Flushing, NY 11367.