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## Lewis Carroll in Greenwich Village

The Syracuse University Library Associates held their Spring Luncheon on May 11 in the Schine Student Center. The featured luncheon speaker was Morton N. Cohen, professor emeritus at the City University of New York.

Dr. Cohen was born in Calgary, Canada and grew up on the north shore of Massachusetts. He holds a BA degree from Tufts University and MA and PhD degrees from Columbia University. Cohen has written or edited some 14 books, including biographical works on H. Rider Haggard, Rudyard Kipling and Lewis Carroll. He has held a Guggenheim Fellowship, two fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities, and two Fulbright Fellowships. For two years he worked at Christ Church, Oxford, and for two years in the 1960s, he was a visiting professor in English at Syracuse University. In 1996 he was made a fellow of the Royal Society of Literature.

During his presentation, Dr. Cohen discussed his rela-

tionship with Lewis Carroll's family and his work on Carroll's diaries and letters – particularly, how he dealt with the sudden appearance of a huge “new” collection of Carroll's letters just as he was ready to go to press with his two-volume edition of the letters.



## Bonnie Ryan Honored for Her Research on Harriet Tubman

In recognition for her work on Harriet Tubman, Bonnie Ryan has received a teaching fellowship from Washington College, Chestertown, Maryland. In June, Bonnie will take a leave of absence from her duties as reference librarian and bibliographer for Anthropology, African and African American Studies. As Jesse Ball DuPont Scholar at Washington College, Bonnie will teach archaeology and will pursue her research on Harriet Tubman. Funded by the DuPont Foundation, the Minority Scholars Program is intended to bring diversity to small campuses.

In the fall, Bonnie will teach a course in historical archaeology, and in the spring, she will teach African American archaeology. Besides teaching, Minority Scholars make presentations based on their research and bring speakers to campus.

In addition, Bonnie will be project supervisor/researcher for the Harriet Tubman birthplace located south of Chestertown in Cambridge, Maryland. Bonnie's work on the Tubman birthplace is funded by a Maryland State Historical Trust grant and by Washington College. This summer, Bonnie will run the Archaeological Field School at the Tubman site, lecture, and supervise archaeology students.

Bonnie, who received her MA in archaeology a year ago, acted as site supervisor for the Harriet Tubman Home for the Aged in Auburn from 1998 to 2000. She curated “Intimate Circles,” a Bird Library exhibition and catalog based on the letters of Central New York abolitionists. When Bonnie returns from Maryland, she will have completed much of the research for her doctoral dissertation on Harriet Tubman. Congratulations to Bonnie on this recognition of her accomplishments.

*Wendy Bousfield, Reference Department*

## In Brief

... news about our staff



**Carol Cavaluzzi's** (Science and Technology Library) third grandchild arrived on May 8 – her first grandson - Daniel Scott Prucha. He weighed 8 pounds 3 ounces and mother and baby are doing fine. Carol was there to witness the event, which happened pretty quickly. Carol was off being a grandma for the rest of that week, and was on vacation the following next week as well. But she is now back to accept our congratulations.

This spring, **Christina Leigh Deitz** (Media Services Department) became the first participant in the Job Shadowing program at Syracuse University Library. Christina spent three half days working alongside of Peter Verheyen of the Special Collections Department. As part of her experience shadowing the Special Collections Pre-preservation and Access Librarian, Christina helped sew, and bind, three 18th century architecture books. She also attended a department meeting and helped take down and pack the Guild of Book Workers traveling exhibition, which had been showcased on the first and sixth floors of the library.

Christina found the shadowing experience to be both enjoyable and enlightening. She hopes to be able take advantage of the program with a different department in the future.

**Harold H. J. Erickson**, a former Syracuse University Library staff member, passed away at age 69 on November 3, 2000 of complications from diabetes. He was the librarian of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas from 1965 – 1990.

Archives and Records Management is happy to announce that one of their work-study students, junior **Irina Livshits**, has been named a Remembrance Scholar for 2001-2002. The Remembrance Scholarship was established by Syracuse University to honor and remember the 35 SU students tragically lost through an act of terrorism which resulted in the crash of Pan Am Flight 103 in Lockerbie, Scotland on December 21, 1988.

Each year, 35 Remembrance Scholarships are awarded to full-time undergraduate students on the basis of distinguished academic achievement, citizenship, and service to community. We're proud to have Irina as one of these accomplished Remembrance Scholars.

**Dorcas MacDonald** (ILL) will be heading to Virginia in

June for her daughter Jennifer's wedding. Jennifer will marry John Wicker on June 23. Jennifer works as a financial aid counselor at Syracuse University and is taking graduate courses in social work. She and John will live in Richmond, Virginia.

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## Personnel News

**Pat Hunt** transferred from the Science and Technology Library to Maps and Government Information on May 10.

**Marilyn Miller**, who had been working in the Reference Department as a temporary reference librarian since November, left May 10 to return to Georgia where she will be Library Director at South Georgia College in the University System of Georgia.

**Nancy White** will begin work as a serials cataloger on May 24. Nancy has worked in the Serials Department for five years.

At approximately the same time, **Betsy Easson** will move from periodicals receiving into serials receiving. Betsy has worked in the Serials Department for two years.

**Maya Gupta** (Fine Arts) left SUL on May 4 and **Mari- anne Hanley's** (Media Services Dept.) last day at the Library was May 8.

Two new employees started on May 16: **Charlene Martin** in Media and **Benjamin D. Little** in Fine Arts.



## Remember!

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## SUL Family Graduates

Many Library staff members saw relatives receive their degrees this May. Best wishes to all of them and to their proud families.

Congratulations to Christina Belle daughter of **Julie Belle** of the Reference Department who graduated on Sunday, May 13 from Syracuse University with a Bachelor of Science degree in speech communications. Christina will be pursuing a job in the New York City area.

Mark Alan Cohen, son of Nancy Cohen (Administration), also graduated from Syracuse University this May with a bachelors degree in sociology.

**Mia Fleegel** (Maps and Government Information) is proud of two daughters who recently received degrees. Her daughter, Kathryn K. Fleegel (Katie), graduated from the SU School of Management last week with a major in accounting and a minor in economics. She has accepted a position as an auditor with PriceWaterhouseCoopers in New York City beginning on September 17. She was a work-study student in the Reference Department at E. S. Bird Library during her freshman and sophomore years.

Another daughter of Mia's, Laurie Ann Fleegel (Laurie), graduated Sunday, May 20 from Quinnipiac University in Hamden, CT with a major in occupational therapy and a minor in psychology. She was a summer worker in Administration and BSD at Bird Library for 2 summers while she was in college. She will be doing a three-month internship in Quincy, Illinois and a three-month internship in Tucson, AZ before she begins her job search in New York City.

**Valarie Massulik's** (Serials Dept.) sister-in-law, Stacey Massulik, is graduating from SUNY Potsdam with a BA in biology. She will be working for a professor of biology in a lab at SU this summer. This fall she will begin working on her PhD in the biology program at SU. She has received a stipend and will be a teaching assistant.

**Ellen O'Shea** of the Reference Department has a daughter, Kerry, who graduated May 14 from Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia. Kerry has a dual degree in English and elementary education. She will student teach in the Haverford School District in the suburbs of Philadelphia in the Fall of 2001.

Chuck Zimmer, the son of **Marie Swearingen** (Empire Express) graduated from the SU School of Management. He will pursue his graduate degree this fall at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School near Chicago.



*Lewis Carroll collection donors, Newell and Kay Rossman (left), enjoy the Library Associates Spring Luncheon with feathured speaker Morton Cohen (center), and Professor David Tatham, Interim President, and Cleota Reed.*



## Celebrating Diversity Through Conversation and Cuisine

“*Spring into a good time*” was the theme for a recent multi-cultural food fest that the Reference Department enjoyed together on Thursday, May 17. This special time with co-workers proved to be a wonderful way to celebrate diversity within the department, and was also an opportunity to share a little about each other culturally and otherwise.

The fine cuisine included ginger cookies from a recipe passed down from a grandparent, venison meatballs, a Thai and Ukrainian dish (prepared at 4 in the morning!), Italian pizelles, herb tea, and salsa, to name a few of the homemade delicacies. And for dessert? A wealth of calories was shared among the staff, courtesy of a five-pound Hershey bar meant to serve fifty people which was won in a random drawing conducted by the SU Bookstore in May!

*Cynthia Needham, Reference Department*



Betty Reid was taken away in chains from the Syracuse University Library on May 15. She was arrested and taken by limousine to Armory Square for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. She called several staff members who kindly paid her bail and collected \$300 for MDA.

*Dorcas MacDonald, Interlibrary Loan Department*

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## *Library Staff Calendar*

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## Syracuse University Library

### From the Suggestion Box ...

**Category** Reference Question  
**Affiliation** Graduate  
**Date of Suggestion** 11/25/2000  
**Date Received** 11/28/2000

## Q.

There are a couple of things I would find very useful: 1. A list of all the journals that SU carries (by library). 2. A way to preview a list of the articles and book reviews of these journals. My research interests are multidisciplinary. Journals across disciplines would be useful. Searching by subject, title, author does not allow me to explore the breadth of what is being discussed in the fields.

## A.

Thank you for your recent suggestion. At this point, we do not have a printed listing of the Library's journal subscriptions; we rely on the SUMMIT Local Catalog for access. I realize that this does not quite do what you need it to do. The Library does offer a service called CARL UnCover (and its companion CARL Reveal) that will automatically send you the table of contents of new journal issues as they are published. The service is available on <http://libwww.syr.edu/research/database/reveal.htm>. When you first sign up for the service it may take you some time to choose the journals you are interested in, but once you set up your account the rest is automatic. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

*Pamela Thomas, Reference Department*