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The Power of SUNY Libraries--Webinar Series Completed

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"Tuesdays with Maureen" Webinars Set for June. Okay, these webinars are actually entitled The Power of Tuesday. The alternative title is simply a tongue-in-cheek reference to the ever-popular 'Tuesdays with Morrie' and an homage to SUNYConnect Project Manager Maureen Zajkowski. :-)

"The hour-long [Power of Tuesday webinars](#), to be delivered via Elluminate at 10 a.m. every Tuesday in June, will explore the future directions of SUNY libraries as we plan our [system-wide strategic directions](#) for the next five years."



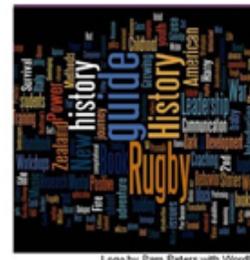
June 2010 saw "The Power of Tuesday" [webinar series](#) as another aspect of of SUNY library strategic planning efforts. The series was a group endeavor involving major SUNY library groups -- the SUNY Council of Library Directors ([SCLD](#)), the SUNYConnect Advisory Council ([S.A.C.](#)), [SUNYLA](#), and SUNY's Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS).



Thanks to all involved in planning, organizing and presenting the five part series.

Numerous cooperative efforts were highlighted with the notion of presenting ideas and seeking input on how to advance those collective goals. Projects and initiatives highlighted included:

- [SUNYOne](#) - diversifying the SUNY library collection via a purchase on demand pilot program;
- cooperative acquisitions and [cataloging services](#) between SUNY university centers and sister SUNY institutions;
- collective licensing of [electronic resources](#);
- the Information Delivery Services project ([IDS](#)) and Getting It System Toolkit ([GIST](#)) software development.



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Diversifying
SUNY Collections
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In addition, presentations discussed librarian involvement in [online courses](#), [digital library initiatives around SUNY](#) and the Library Access Working Group [report](#) (part of the SUNY strategic planning process).

"At the heart of many of these issues is how we organize ourselves to take advantage of the diversity of our university library system while still serving the unique needs of our constituencies. How do we shed the unnecessary and retain the vital? How do we build on

our strengths and address our weaknesses? How do we reduce costs while improving services? What is the right balance between centralization and localization?

These are tough questions and their answers require us to think differently, perhaps even, dare I say, boldly. We need creative solutions, we need new thinking, and we need to hear innovative perspectives. Nothing less will serve us well."

(Cerise Oberman, Dean of Library and Information Services, SUNY Plattsburgh, June 1, 2010 webinar introduction)

Thanks to the many individuals and library staffs that made time in busy schedules to participate in the [webinars](#). Sessions included polling questions to get a sense of the group on relevant aspects of the current topic. Campuses were asked to respond to strategic questions presented at the end of the sessions. This input will be reviewed, summarized and presented to SCLD, S.A.C., and SUNYLA representatives working on the updated SUNY [library strategic plan scheduled to be completed](#) during January 2011.



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