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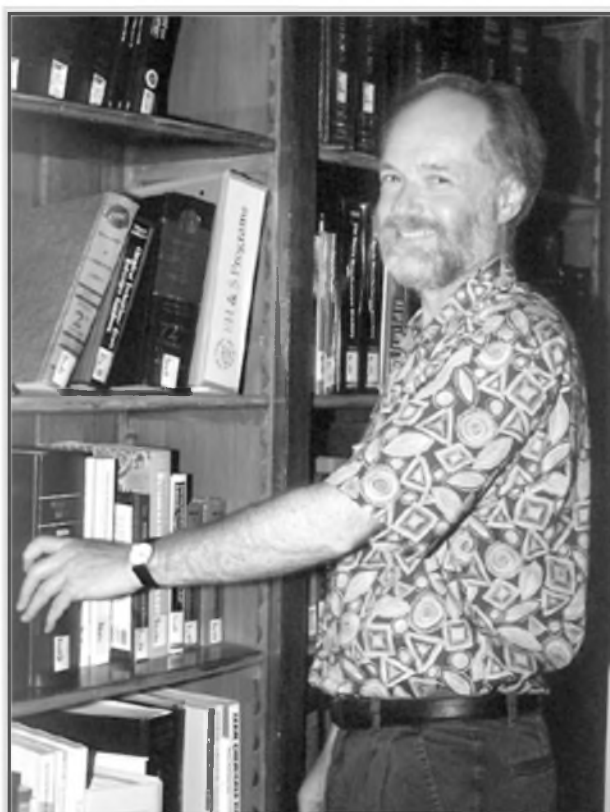
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Schlabach Named Geneva Librarian

By Peter Seem

GENEVA, NY: Martin Schlabach assumed the position of librarian for the Geneva Library at Cornell University's New York State Agricultural Experiment Station on August 1. Schlabach held the position on a temporary basis since October, 1999. "Marty's tenure at Cornell has been marked by a passionate commitment to service. With his appointment to the directorship of the Geneva Library, the Geneva community will benefit greatly from his commitment to service, his loyalty and his strong intellect," said Janet McCue, director of Mann Library, Cornell University's primary library, in Ithaca. "During his 13 years in the Cornell library system, Marty has spearheaded many technology-related projects, from the introduction of the Mann Library Gateway in 1991 to analyzing new techniques for delivering reference service to remote users."

Schlabach, who lives in Newfield, NY, decided to return to school for Library Science while living in Rochester, several years after graduating from Franconia College, in New Hampshire. "I was trying to decide what I wanted to do, and I recognized that I like connecting people with people and people with information," he said. He received his M.S. from the School of Information and Library Science at SUNY Buffalo in 1987 and, in August of that year, began to work for Mann Library.



Martin Schlabach, new director of the Geneva Experiment Station library.

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"My responsibilities are the day-to-day operation of the Geneva Library and making sure it does its best to meet the information needs of the Station community," said Schlabach. He will spend three days a week in Geneva, and two in Ithaca, where he continues to be in charge of the Entomology Library at Cornell.

Schlabach sees improved material sharing with other Cornell libraries as one way to alleviate Geneva's remoteness. Exploring electronic resources, he believes, can play a big part in making that happen. While Geneva researchers cannot have immediate access to Mann Library's printed material, when an Ithaca library subscribes to an electronic journal those resources become as available to Geneva as they are to researchers on Cornell's main campus.

"The library is open from eight to five. With electronic resources, it is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week," said Schlabach.

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