

AU library assistant earns certification

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Kathleen Sherman, library accounts and interlibrary loan assistant at Herrick Library, Alfred University, was honored at the New York State Library Assistants' Association's (NYSLAA) annual meeting in Oneonta, NY, earlier this month. Sherman, who has worked at AU since 1990, earned NYSLAA's Certificate of Achievement Level IV. This represents the NYSLAA Certificate Program's highest level of recognition. Although more than 70 participants from seven states have been awarded certificates since the program's inception in 1995, Sherman is the first AU employee to earn certification at this level, said Steve Crandall, director of Herrick Library. To qualify for certification, Crandall explained, candidates must meet criteria in three categories: experience, education and "other." The experience category gives credit for library-related work expertise. The education category gives points for higher education credit hours. The "other" category recognizes such activities as workshops, programs, presentations, teaching, publication, and participation in library association activities. While in this program a Level I certification requires 200 points; a Level IV certification requires 1,000 points. "Kathleen's consistent, dedicated, exemplary service to Herrick Library and Alfred University has enabled her to gain the experience, knowledge and skill that this certification represents," said Crandall.