Lilium michauxii Poir. Carolina lily. From the inaugural exhibition featuring the work of pioneer ecologist B. W. Wells.
Mary Chimato became head of the NCSU Libraries’ Access and Delivery Services on January 2, 2007. Chimato provides leadership for key public services that enable users to access the many resources of the Libraries. She manages circulation, reserves, current periodicals, interlibrary loan and document delivery, stack maintenance, and media services. She will also lead efforts to explore new service models and exploit emerging technologies to enhance services for students, faculty, and other researchers.

Chimato brings a strong background of leadership and management from her previous position as head of access services for the Health Sciences Center Library, State University of New York at Stony Brook. There she developed and implemented an electronic reserves system and contributed to the redesign of the library Web site, incorporating popular Internet tools such as podcasts, blogs, and wikis. Her public services background also includes experience as a reference librarian in Drexel University’s Florence A. Moore Library of Medicine and teaching experience in formal library instruction programs, including informatics instruction and support for evidence-based practice in nursing.

She is a member of the Medical Library Association and is active in several regional professional associations. She has served as a panelist and co-presenter on a variety of topics in the field of access services and is co-author of “Building Community Relationships: How the Library Can Make it Happen,” published in the Journal of Hospital Librarianship in 2006. Chimato holds an M.S. in library and information science and an M.S. in information systems from Drexel University, with a B.A. in history from the State University of New York at Stony Brook.
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