

President's Message

It is an honor to serve as the President of the Southeastern Library Association. I look forward to working with each of you on behalf of the Association and the many opportunities that it provides for librarians and libraries.

Certainly, we want to thank Lorraine Summers, our immediate past President, the Executive Board, the Executive Committee and others for their outstanding work during the past biennium. The result of their work and vision for the Association provided some important benchmarks and concepts which will assist us as we move forth during this biennium.

"Building Partnerships for the Millennium" is the theme I have chosen for the biennium. I believe that this theme is timely and is one that will provide the framework for an array of opportunities within the Association.

The five goals for the Association, as established by the Long Range Planning Committee, are excellent ones and represent some very thorough work on behalf of that committee. These goals, listed herewith, are those with which we need to work.

Goal I Increase membership in SELA

Goal II Promote cooperation and communication among SELA librarians and librarians

Goal III SELA will provide quality continuing education and staff development activities for its members

Goal IV Promote regional identification and culture

Goal V SELA will receive sufficient financial support to perform its mission and will serve as an advocate for adequate funding for libraries in the Southeast

Membership, and participation by that membership, are vital to the Association; thus, a strong membership campaign will be implemented. The Long Range Strategic Plan includes a recommendation that a central theme for member recruitment be developed. That committee's suggestion of the theme, "1000 in 2000", is most appropriate and will be recommended to the Membership Committee. Hand-in-hand with membership and membership participation are communication and cooperation. Plans and projects are in place for enhancement of these areas as well.

The most important component of all is leadership on behalf of the Association. This component will be emphasized throughout the biennium. We began this phase with the Leadership Program which featured Julie Beth Todaro. Additionally, we have many outstanding leaders within the Association. We will be calling on them to serve as our mentors.

These are exciting and challenging times for librarians. These are exciting and challenging times for our association as well. By "Building Partnerships for the Millennium", we can accomplish much on behalf of both of these important points.

Again, I look forward to working with you on behalf of our outstanding organization. Remember, "If we work, SELA will work."

Frances N. Coleman

Southeastern Library Association Officers 1998-2000

President: **Frances N. Coleman**
Professor and Dean of Libraries, Mississippi
State University

A member of SELA since 1970, Frances Coleman has served on the Membership and Handbook Committees, Chaired the Resources and Technical Services Roundtable, and was elected to serve as Vice President/President-elect in 1996. She has been a member of the American Library Association since 1970 and has provided leadership for Association of College and Research Libraries, the Mississippi Library Association, the Starkeville (MS) Chamber of Commerce, the United Way, and the Mississippi Women's Political Association.

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Ellen Johnson has been a member of SELA since 1992, the year Arkansas joined the Association. She has served on the Intellectual Freedom Committee. She has served on the Association for College and Research Libraries' Dartmouth Medal and Intellectual Freedom Committees; ALSC's Research and Development Committee; ALSC's Carnegie Award Selection Committee; and a variety of positions in the Arkansas Library Association. Currently she is Chair of the Arkansas Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Committee.

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Barry Baker has been a member of SELA since 1968. He has served as Chair of the Resources and Technical Services Section twice, chaired the Conference Site Selection Committee, and served on the Nominating Committee. He has chaired the American Library Association's University Libraries Section as well as the Membership Committee, Task Force on Nominations Procedures and Leadership Development, Task Force on the Continuing Education Needs of Paraprofessionals, and the Committee on Planning, all within the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services. Barry has also served on the ALA Melvil Dewey Medal Jury, Academic or Research Librarian of the Year Award Committee, and the ALA Conference Program Planning Committee for New Orleans (1986-88), as well as the OCLC Users Council and the SOLINET Board of Directors.

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Since joining SELA in 1987, Bill McRee has served as Representative for South Carolina and was a member and past Chair of the Headquarters Liaison Committee. He has been an active member of the South Carolina Library Association since 1986, including Chair of the Archives and Special Collections Section and past Secretary of the Public Library Section. Bill has been a member of the American Library Association since 1986.

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People

Appointments

James R. Adair has been appointed Director of the American Theological Library Association's Center for Electronic Texts in Religion at Emory University, Atlanta.

Cherry Alexander is now Director of the Library for Tallahassee (FL) Community College.

Phyllis Sue Alpert is the Assistant Director at Miami-Dade (FL) Public Library System.

Brette Barclay was named Reference Librarian at the Thomas Cooper Library, University of South Carolina, Columbia.

Terry Brandsma is the Information Technology Librarian at the University of North Carolina/Greensboro's Jackson Library.

Laura G. Burtle is now Assistant Head for Library Instruction in the Information Services Department, Georgia State University.

Rod A. Bustos has been appointed Systems Librarian at Georgia State University's Pullen Library.

John J. Callahan III has assumed duties as Director of the Delray Beach (FL) Public Library.

Martin Cerjan has been named Associate Director of the law library at Vanderbilt University in Nashville (TN).

Alma Creighton is now Systems Liaison Librarian for the University of South Carolina Libraries, Columbia.

John Cuthbert has been named Curator of the West Virginia and Regional History Collection and Head of Special Collections at West Virginia University's library.

David Durant has been appointed Reference Librarian at East Carolina University in Greenville (SC).

Amy Dykeman has been named SOLINET's Manager of Library Products & Services.

Barbara Stites Goodwin has been appointed Executive Director of the Southwest Florida Library Network (SWFLN).

Gail Heimer has been named Electronic Services Librarian at the University of Alabama/Tuscaloosa Libraries.

Robert C. Heterick has been appointed to SOLINET's Board of Directors. Heterick is Chairman of the Board of the Blacksburg Electronic Village, a public/private partnership designed to bring the benefits of networking to rural southwest Virginia.

Elizabeth Hogue is now Humanities Reference Librarian at the Old Dominion University Library in Norfolk (VA).

Duke Horstemeyer was re-elected chairman of the West Virginia Library Commission; his term will expire June 30, 2001.

John P. Hughes has been appointed Science Liaison/Reference Librarian for the Pullen Library, Georgia State University.

Andrew Ingram has joined the library staff of the University of North Carolina/Chapel Hill as Systems Librarian/Assistant Head of Library Systems.

Elizabeth A. Jones is now Branch Manager for the Louisa County Branch of the Jefferson-Madison Regional Library (VA).

Zahra Kamarei has been named Brauer Librarian at the University of North Carolina/Chapel Hill.

Marv Kaminsky is Reference and Instruction Librarian at Jackson (TN) State Community College.

Thomas Keene is the new Systems Librarian at the New Port Richey (FL) Public Library.

Mark Kennedy has been appointed Head of Information Services at West Virginia University's Health Sciences Center Library.

Janice Lewis has been appointed Coordinator of Instructional Services at Joyner Library, East Carolina University, Greenville (NC).

Brian Long is the new Public Services Librarian for the New Port Richey (FL) Public Library.

Joanne Gard Marshall is now Dean of the School of Information and Library Science at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Chris Marszalek is the new Director of the East Lake (FL) Community Library.

Tina Mason has joined SOLINET as a Preservation Field Service Officer.

Charles R. McClure has been selected as the first Francis Eppes Professor of Information Studies at the School of Information Studies, Florida State University.

Frances O'Brien is the new Dean of the West Virginia University Libraries in Morgantown.

Lou Paolilli is the new Director of the Palm Harbor (FL) Public Library.

Eva Perry has been named Coordinator of Services to Children and Young Adults for the Chattanooga-Hamilton County (TN) Bicentennial Library.

Carolyn E. Poole has been appointed Assistant Director of Libraries at Pasco-Hernando (FL) Community College, West Campus.

Peggy D. Rudd, Chief of the Bureau of Library Development, State Library of Florida, has been selected to head the Texas State Library and Archives Commission as Director and Librarian.

Phyllis L. Ruscella has been appointed Associate University Librarian for Public Services at the Pullen Library, Georgia State University.

Mary H. Sawyer is now Head of Access Services at the Earl Gregg Swem Library, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg (VA).

Tammy S. Sugarman is now Humanities Liaison/Reference Librarian at Georgia State University's Pullen Library.

Wilba Swearington is Director of Louisiana State University Medical Center Libraries in New Orleans (LA).

Lamar Veatch has been appointed Director of the Alabama Public Library Service.

Jonathan Peter Wark is the new Librarian for Dare County (NC).

Vera J. Weisskopf is Director of the James Earl Carter Library at Georgia Southwestern University.

John G. Zenelis recently assumed the position of University Librarian at George Mason University in Fairfax (VA).

Timberville, VA, is the 1998 recipient of the Progressive School Media Award given by Winnebago Software Company and the Virginia Educational Media Association.

Logan County (KY) Public Library's director, **Linda Kompanik**, has been awarded the Outstanding Library Service Award by the Kentucky Library Association / Public Library Section. The honor is awarded to librarians whose work has enhanced library service across the Commonwealth.

Gene D. Lanier, Professor in the East Carolina University School of Education's Department of Broadcasting, Librarianship, and Educational Technology, was honored as a champion of intellectual freedom and added to the Roll of Honor of the Freedom to Read Foundation and the ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom in a special ceremony at the American Library Association's Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia.

Elisabeth Logan, Associate Professor in the School of Information Studies at Florida State University, is the 1998 recipient of the Institute for Scientific Information's Outstanding Information Science Teacher Award.

Helen Moeller, Director of the LeRoy Collins Leon County (FL) Public Library is the 1999 recipient of the American Library Association's Melvil Dewey medal. The award recognizes recent creative professional achievement in library management, training, cataloging and classification, and the tools and techniques of librarianship.

Samuel F. Morrison, Director of the Broward County (FL) Library, has been named the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library & Information Sciences' 1999 Distinguished Alumnus.

Betty Nance, Tennessee Library Association Executive Secretary, and her husband Ralph received the Fessor Boyce Award from David Lipscomb University in Nashville (TN). The award is presented annually to the person(s) exhibiting enthusiastic support and service to the University.

In recognition of her significant contributions to improvement of life in the city, **Suzanne L. Ormond**, Board Chair of the New Orleans (LA) Public Library, recently received the 1998 Medal of Honor from New Orleans Mayor Marc Morial.

Les Pourciau, University of Memphis, received the 1999 Distinguished Alumni Award from the School of Library and Information Science, Indiana University.

R. N. Sharma, Director of the Drain-Jordan Library at West Virginia State College, received the 1998 Benjamin Franklin Award by the Publishers Marketing Association of the United States.

Kendon L. Stubbs, Deputy University Librarian at the University of Virginia, is the 45th recipient of the University's Thomas Jefferson Award. The award honors an individual who exemplifies in character, work and influence the principles and ideals of the University's founder. Stubbs is the first librarian to receive the award since the late Harry Clemons in 1956.

Amanda Taylor, Director of the Concord (LA) Parish Library, was awarded the Sam Walton Business Leader Award by the Ferrite Chamber of Commerce. The award, established in 1995 to recognize outstanding community leaders throughout the United States who are committed to striving for excellence in customer service, was sponsored by the Wal-Mart Foundation and the Ferriday Wal-Mart store.

Awards

Wanda Johnston Bahde, consultant and trainer, will receive the 1999 EBSCO Community College Learning Resources Leadership Award at the 1999 American Library Association Annual Conference in New Orleans. The award is sponsored by the Association of College and research Libraries' Community and Junior College Libraries Section and EBSCO Information Services.

Erskine Barbarin, a 33-year employee of the New Orleans Public Library, has been awarded the Louisiana Civil Service League's Charles E. Dunbar Award. He is one of 12 winners from around the state and New Orleans Public's sixth winner in 11 years.

Ron Chepesiuk, Head of Archives and Special Collections at Dascus Library, Winthrop University (SC), is the recipient of the John Ames Humphry/OCLC/Forest Press Award. The International Relations Committee of the American Library Association presents the award to an individual for significant contribution to international librarianship. The award will be presented at ALA's 1999 Annual Conference in New Orleans.

Miriam Drake, Dean and Director of Libraries at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, was awarded an honorary Doctor of Library Science degree from Simmons College in Boston. The degree honors "the impact she has made on higher education and the field of library and information science."

Libraries Southwest, Inc., honored former Louisiana State Librarian **Sallie Farrell's** lifetime achievement in the library profession with the first Lynda Carlberg Memorial Award.

Jeffrey Gifford of the Clearwater (FL) Public Library is one of two recipients of the Public Library Association's New Leaders Travel Grant. The grant, donated by GEAC Inc., supports professional development of public librarians new to the field by making possible their attendance at major professional development activities.

Lucia Gonzalez, author and children's librarian at the Miami-Dade (FL) Public Library, was awarded the Jean Key Gates Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of South Florida's School of Library and Information Science Alumni Association.

Odile Heisel, librarian at Plains Elementary School in

Presentations

John David Marshall, Professor Emeritus, Middle Tennessee State University Library, Murfreesboro, was the 1999 Mary Ball Holmes Lecturer on April 15 at Bethel College (TN). Marshall is a 1950 graduate of Bethel College and a former student of Mary Ball Holmes who, at age 90, attended his lecture, "The Wit and Wisdom of Sir Winston Churchill". He is the first of Mrs. Holmes' former students to be invited to give the Holmes lecture.

Retirements

Fred Borchuck, Dean, University Libraries, Eastern Tennessee State University, will retire at the end of the current academic year.

Kathryn Johnson, formerly Head of Reference at the John B. Cade Library at Southern University in Baton Rouge (LA), has retired.

Mattie J. Mosley, professor of Library Science at Louisiana State University, Shreveport, recently retired after more than 30 years' service.

David Reich, City Librarian for Lakeland (FL) Public Library, retired in January, 1999.

Carolyn Robison, Associate University Librarian at Georgia State University, retired in October 1998.

Dorothy Schirtzinger, Library Journal's 1996 Librarian of the Year, has retired as Director of the Lee County Library System, Fort Myers, FL.

Ann Baker Ward retired from the North Carolina State University Libraries after more than 30 years of service.

Deaths

Debora Abramson, former Assistant State Librarian for Louisiana, died on January 7, 1999 at age 96. She worked at the State Library from July 1929 through December 1969.

Sam Fustukjian, Director of the University of South Florida Tampa Campus Library since 1990, died on March 1, 1999. He had been in a coma for several months following heart surgery.

Faye Hood, Director of the Jackson Parish (LA) Library since 1972, died January 9, 1999 following a brief illness.

Sandra Mannchen, Library Assistant IV at the Tennessee State Library & Archives, died on December 8, 1998.

Phyllis Ortutay, Director of Dare County (NC) Libraries, died on December 17, 1998.

Judith D. Webster, Head of Acquisitions and Processing at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, died December 14, 1998.

SELIRT Conference Report

Stacey Nickell
Paducah (KY) Community College

The Library Instruction Roundtable of SELA (SELIRT) sponsored a panel discussion on "Evaluating Web Resources" at the Southeastern Library Association - Arkansas Library Association Joint Conference last fall. The panelists included Necia Parker-Gibson (University of Arkansas - Fayetteville), Phillip Jones (Central Arkansas Library District), and Rachel Byrd Shankles (Lakeside, AR High School Library). Each panelist discussed how this perennial issue is handled from their perspective academic, public, and school media settings.

Necia Parker-Gibson led the discussion by describing ABLE, an acronym she uses to help students remember evaluation criteria when analyzing web information. ABLE stands for

A	Appropriate
B	Believable
L	Literate/logical
E	Effective

In order to reach students, Necia compares the Internet to a shopping experience. The Internet is a flea market, where one can always find something though it may take some time. The search engines are analogous to shopping malls; they are gateways to shopping sources, such as department stores. The library and library homepages act more like specialty shops where one can be assured of quality.

The next panelist, Phillip Jones, outlined his observations on teaching evaluation skills with the public library user. Information sources have changed from print to CD-ROM to the Internet; however, evaluation criteria are similar for all resources. He observed that users tend to use only the first 10 articles in a hit list. Methods for teaching evaluation criteria at the Central Arkansas Library System include Internet classes; handouts and bookmarks; posting criteria and providing links on the library homepage; and point-of-use instruction.

Rachel Byrd Shankles, a school media specialist, utilizes blocking software to block inappropriate web sites from students. In teaching evaluation criteria to her students, she finds the need to set limits, including:

- Students can use only two Internet sites for their research
- Web sites must have an established/revision date and link to author
- Web sites should come from .gov and .edu domains
- The Internet is used for educational purposes only; no chatting, e-mail or games

Through a Goals 2000 class, Rachel also works to teach parents about the Internet so that they can guide their child's surfing.

Questions from the audience included details of Internet class offerings from each institution and Internet use policies. In addition to the handouts supplied by panelists, audience members who teach evaluation criteria distributed materials.

Stateside News

Alabama

During the recent legislative session, the Alabama legislature appropriated \$3,000,000 for the Alabama Virtual Library. Libraries and schools funded for direct access to the Alabama Virtual Library (AVL) are constituents of the Alabama Department of Education (public K-12 school systems); Alabama State Department of Postsecondary Education (public two-year colleges); Alabama Commission on Higher Education (colleges and universities which belong to the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries); and the Alabama Public Library Service (public libraries). The AVL Council, charged to implement and manage the Alabama Virtual Library, held its organizational meeting on July 8, 1999. The Council's goal is to provide access to some full text and bibliographic databases before the end of September. For updates, see davisref.samford.edu/alala/avl.htm.



Arkansas

The Central Arkansas Library System (CALs) has received two grants totaling over \$150,000 to increase public access to the Internet and to assist in providing facilities for training area librarians in emerging computer technology. The grants were awarded by the Gates Library Initiative.

The 1999 Arkansas General Assembly approved an Institutional Library Holdings Supplemental Appropriation of \$4,000,000. The legislature and Department of Higher Education earmarked the money for acquisition of materials by state-supported academic libraries.



Florida

Public libraries in Florida will receive approximately \$5 million in grants to purchase computers, Internet access and technical training for libraries in low-income communities, thanks to The Gates Learning Foundation. The foundation, one of two philanthropic foundations created by Bill Gates and his wife Melinda Gates, awarded the grants. Jack Farris, member of the senior executive team for the Foundations, presented the award to Secretary of State Kathryn Harris and Mary Jane Little, president of the Florida Library Association, during the Florida Library Association annual meeting in St. Augustine.

The University of Miami Library, in partnership with Florida International University Library and the Historical Museum of Southern Florida, received a 1998 Library of Congress/Ameritech National Digital Library Grant of \$137,188 for "Reclaiming the Everglades: South Florida's Natural History, 1884-1934." With this support, the three institutions will digitize approximately 10,000 images, letters, documents, and pages of printed text that document the evolution of the Florida Everglades. Upon completion, the partnership will merge a series of separate yet interrelated collections into a single resource for students, scholars, researchers, and other individuals. The grant is one of seven 1998 awards following a peer review process that considered sixty-eight submissions.



The main campus of the Halifax Medical Center in Daytona Beach features a new library devoted to providing easy, one-stop access to cancer information. The Josephine Field Davidson Cancer Resource Library offers a wide variety of materials on cancer and how to best cope with the disease, as a patient, a relative, a friend, or a colleague.

In addition to the collection of print materials, the library maintains a collection of videotapes which may be viewed on-site or borrowed. For more information, contact the library at (904) 254-4000, extension 6872.

Guidelines for Submissions to The Southeastern Librarian

1. *The Southeastern Librarian* (SELn) seeks to publish articles, announcements, and news of professional interest to library staff in the Southeast. Articles need not be of a scholarly nature but should address professional concerns of the library community. SELn particularly seeks articles that have a broad southeastern scope and/or address topics identified as timely or important by SELA sections, round tables, or committees.
2. News releases, newsletters, clippings, and journals from libraries, state associations, and groups throughout the region may be used as sources of information.
3. Manuscripts should be directed to Debra Sears, SELn Editor, State Library of Florida, R.A. Gray Building, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0250. E-mail: dsears@mail.dos.state.fl.us or fax: (850) 488-2746.
4. Manuscripts should be submitted in duplicate on plain white paper measuring 8½" x 11." Manuscripts should be 8-10 pages double-spaced, including text and references. Computer disks will be requested on publishing notification. Please contact the Editor for further information.
5. The name, position, and professional address of the author should appear in the bottom left-hand corner of a separate title page.
6. Authors should use the author-date system of documentation. The editors will refer to the latest edition of *The Chicago Manual of Style*. The basic form for the reference within the text is as follows: (Hempel 1990, 24)
The basic form for articles and books in the reference list is as follows:
Hempel, Ruth. 1990. "Nice Librarians Do!" *American Libraries* 21 (January): 24-25.
Senn, James A. 1984. *Analysis of Information Systems*. New York: McGraw-Hill.
7. Photographs will be accepted for consideration but cannot be returned.
8. *The Southeastern Librarian* is not copyrighted. Copyright rests with the author. Upon receipt, a manuscript is acknowledged by the Editor. Following review of a manuscript, a decision is communicated to the writer. A definite publication date is given before publication. Publication can be expected within twelve months.
9. Ads for elected offices, other than those within the Southeastern Library Association, may be purchased. The appearance of an ad does not imply endorsement or sponsorship by SELA. Please contact the Editor for further information.

Stateside News

The National Film Preservation Foundation (NFPF) has awarded a grant to Emory University to preserve the Yerkes Primate Research Collection. Created in the 1930s, the research films document one of the first scientific centers devoted to the study of primate behavior, psychology and language acquisition using chimpanzees and apes.

This year, the NFPF awarded seventeen grants for the preservation of films in ten states. The other recipient in the Southeast is the University of South Carolina's Newsfilm Archives; newsreel excerpts of early women aviators will be preserved with the grant's support.



Louisiana

After three years, the expansion and renovation of the State Library of Louisiana's building has been completed. More than 50,000 square feet were added to the existing 90,000 square foot building, increasing seating space for library users and stack space in the general and special collections. A new entrance and landscaping reflect the incorporation of the State Library into the Capitol Complex Master Plan. The nearly \$9 million project was the first major renovation for the structure, which was built in 1958.


The building was officially dedicated in a ceremony on March 30, 1999.



South Carolina

The University of South Carolina in Columbia has established The Joseph Heller Archive. The Archive documents the detailed crafting of six major books in extraordinary detail, showing the creative interaction between one of America's most distinguished contemporary novelists and the publishing process. Over 150,000 pages of notes, outlines, research drafts, edited typescripts, proofs, correspondence, and reviews are included in the holdings. Highlights include the first handwritten 100-page draft for *Something Happened*; manuscript and edited typescript from Heller's dramatization of *Catch-22*; five early screen collaborations dating from the

1950s; and file boxes of the distinctive index cards Heller used to plot his novel *God Forbid* (later retitled *God Knows*). Additional information is available at www.sc.edu/library/spcoll/amlit/heller.html.



The Thomas Cooper Library, University of South Carolina, has risen to 52nd place in the 1997-98 Association of Research Libraries (ARL) membership criteria index. ARL members represent the largest and most prestigious college, university and public libraries in the United States and Canada.

The index is based on five quantitative data elements including number of volumes held; gross number of volumes added; number of current serial subscriptions; total library expenditures; and total number of professional and support staff.

Rising from 54th place to 52nd, University of South Carolina now tops Notre Dame, SUNY-Buffalo, Connecticut, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Louisiana State, Brown, Tennessee, Purdue, MIT, Ohio, and Florida State.



Tennessee

The Special Collections Department of the McWhorter Library, University of Memphis, has acquired the personal and professional papers of Dr. Benjamin Hooks of Memphis. The materials document Dr. Hooks' early days as a lawyer working to overthrow Jim Crow in Memphis, to his tenure as head of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), his service as a Federal judge, and his tenure as the first African American member of the Federal Communications Commission. Additional information may be obtained from Ed Frank, Curator of Special Collections (Efrank@memphis.edu).

Virginia



Mainstream Loudon, the grassroots organization which fought in support of their First Amendment rights regarding free access to Internet resources in the public library, has been named winner of the 1999 John Phillip Immroth Memorial Award for Intellectual Freedom. The award is presented annually by the Intellectual Freedom Round Table of the American Library Association.

The Immroth Award Committee recognizes the great efforts of Mainstream Loudon and members of the Loudon community in supporting freedom of access to Internet resources. "Mainstream Loudon stands as a model to the rest of the country in showing how a group of concerned citizens can organize themselves and their community to fight in support of their First Amendment rights", said Immroth Committee Chair Tom Budlong.

The Immroth Award, which includes a citation and \$500, was presented at the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans.



West Virginia

Marshall University's new John Deaver Drinko Library opened last October. Heralded by Governor Cecil Underwood as "the centerpiece of a \$75 million investment in computers, telecommunications equipment and fiberoptic transmission lines that promises to make Marshall one of the most technologically sophisticated universities in the country", the 4-story facility houses University Libraries, Computing Services, Telecommunications, the Center for Instructional Technology, and the Office of Information Technology. The building is organized around dynamic, integrative themes.

Services include collection access, user education, extension services, information delivery, electronic services, CD-ROM indexes, multimedia copiers and scanners, and a help desk. More information about the library, including statistics, floor plans and a complete floor-by-floor tour, see www.marshall.edu/drinkolib/.

Jack Gantos, author of the Rotten Ralph series and one of five finalists for the 1988 National Book Award in Young People's Literature, discussed his writing life and read from his works for a standing-room only crowd at the Bridgeport Public Library in January. The program was sponsored by the National Book Foundation's "Pleasures of Reading" program in conjunction with National Book Month.



Paraprofessional Roundtable Conference Report

Meralyn Meadows
Stanley County (NC) Public Library

During the 1998 Southeastern Library Association - Arkansas Library Association Joint Conference the Paraprofessional Roundtable (PART) held a business meeting which included a brainstorming session. As a result, PART developed three strategies for the 1998-2000 biennium:

1. Increase membership.
2. Increase visibility and public relations. This effort will include establishment of a column in newsletter issues of The Southeastern Librarian and organized outreach to the paraprofessional organizations within each SELA member state.
3. Establish a "moving program" to be titled, "PART ON THE MOVE". PART will research and create a program which will include a script, displays, brochures and perhaps a video. The program will be available upon request to state organizations for use as a stand-alone program. The program will be developed so that a borrowing state association can provide its own facilitator or a PART-furnished speaker can present the program. PART hopes to have this project in place in time for the next SELA conference schedule.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, Donna Washko from the University of Central Arkansas was elected Chair of PART for 1998-2000.

During the conference, PART also sponsored "You Can Lead Your Staff to Water...", presented by Sherryl Robinson. The program explored the concept that leadership in the library includes motivation, direction, encouragement and empowerment for staff.

For more information about the Paraprofessional Roundtable, contact Donna Washko (e-mail: donnaw@ccl.uca.edu) or Meralyn Meadows (e-mail: mmeadows@ncsl.dcr.state.nc.us).

Paradoxical Commandments of Leadership

1. People are illogical, unreasonable, and self-centered.
Love them anyway.
2. If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives.
Do good anyway.
3. If you are successful, you win false friends and true enemies.
Succeed anyway.
4. The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow.
Do good anyway.
5. Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable.
Be honest and frank anyway.
6. The biggest men with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the
smallest men with the smallest minds. Think big anyway.
7. People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs.
Fight for a few underdogs anyway.
8. What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight.
Build anyway.
9. People really need help, but may attack you if you help them.
Help them anyway.
10. Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth.
Give the world the best you have anyway.

-- Author unknown

[Editor's note: Thanks to past SELA president Charles Beard, who shared this at the SELA Leadership Conference in May.]

Calendar

- September 21 - 24** North Carolina Library Association Biennial Conference
"Imagine the Future"
www4.ncsu.edu/~bcchang/ncla.html
- September 25 - October 2** Banned Books Week
"Free People Read Freely"
www.ala.org/bbooks/
- October 3 - 5** West Virginia Library Association Annual Conference
<http://wvnxaxa.wvnet.edu/~WVLA/index.htmlx>
- October 9 - 12** Arkansas Library Association Annual Conference
"Celebrating Our Past, Embracing Our Future"
<http://pw2.netcom.com/~ronruss/Conf3.html>
- October 13 - 15** Kentucky Library Association Annual Conference
"Kentucky Libraries: Virtually Speaking"
www.kylibasn.org/fallconference.htm
- October 13 - 15** Virtual Reference Desk Annual Conference
"Reference in the New Millennium: The Evolving Role of the Information Professional"
www.vrd.org/conferences/VRD99/PAGE_B.html
- October 20 - 22** Georgia Council of Media Organizations Joint Conference
"Surfing into the New Millennium"
www.lib.gsu.edu/gla/events/comoxi/COMO99.htm
- October 20 - 22** Mississippi Library Association Conference
"Libraries: Tradition and Innovation"
nt.library.msstate.edu/mla/confer.html
- October 28 - 30** Virginia Library Association Annual Conference
"Values and Visions for the 21st Century"
www.vla.org/
- November 15** Deadline for The Southeastern Librarian
(Winter journal issue)
- November 15 - 21** Children's Book Week
"Plant a seed...Read!"
www.cbcbooks.org
- December 1 - 4** South Carolina Library Association Annual Conference
"Quality + Service = South Carolina Libraries in the New Millennium"
E-mail: nbelk@infoave.net
- December 15** SELA Nominating Committee:
Deadline for slate of officers for 2000-2002 biennium (to be submitted to SELA President and Editor of The Southeastern Librarian)
- January 14 - 19, 2000** American Library Association Midwinter Meeting
San Antonio, TX
- January 20 - 22** Special Libraries Association Annual Conference
St. Louis, MO
- February 15** Deadline for The Southeastern Librarian
(Spring newsletter issue)
- SELA Nominating Committee:
Deadline for submission of biographical material and photos of each candidate on 2000-2002 slate of officers to Editor of The Southeastern Librarian

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ALA to Support Librarians' Travel to Book Fair

With a grant of \$5,000 from The U.S. - Mexico Fund for Culture (Fideicomiso para la Cultura Mexico/USA), the American Library Association has established a program to send up to 200 American librarians to the Guadalajara Book Fair, November 27-December 5, 1999. Eligible librarians must work in the area of Spanish language acquisition and/or are working to build their Spanish language collection to better serve their communities and clientele.

For information about participating, contact the ALA International Relations Office at (800) 545-2433, ext. 3201, or by e-mail to intl@ala.org.

ARL Residency/Internship Database Available

The Association of Research Libraries' Office of Leadership and Management Services has developed a Research Library Residency and Internship Database. The database is a web-based registry for descriptions of residency programs and internships in academic and research libraries as well as library and information science educational programs. (Residency programs are defined as post-master's positions in libraries that expose new professionals to library-specific programs and to academic and research librarianship.)

The database can be accessed at www.arl.org/careers/residencies.html.

Preservation and Disaster Recovery Resources

The Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) has announced the availability of the third edition of its publication, *Preservation of Library and Archival Materials: A Manual*. The manual consists of a series of 51 technical leaflets, including "Emergency Salvage of Wet Books and Records" and "Worksheet for Outlining a Disaster Plan". The online version is available at www.nedcc.org. Printed copies are expected to be available for purchase in September 1999. For purchasing information, contact Gay Tracy at tracy@nedcc.org or call (978) 470-1010 ext. 217.

New National Award for Library Service

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) recently announced a new National Award for Library Service. The award will celebrate outstanding American libraries that make significant and exceptional contributions to their communities. The award will be made by the Director of the IMLS with the advice of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS).

The principal criterion for selection is the library's community service; achievements such as attracting new audiences, establishing programs which address current social or economic issues, and fostering collaborations with other community organizations should be highlighted.

Nominations for the year 2000 will be accepted from June 1 through November 20, 1999. Any individual may submit a nomination, and nominations for all sizes and types of libraries are encouraged. Additional information is available at the IMLS website, www.imls.gov, or by calling the Institute of Museum and Library Services at (202) 606-8637.

AskA Starter Kit Available

The AskA Starter Kit: How to Build and Maintain Digital Reference Services, published by the ERIC Clearinghouse on Information & Technology, enables organizations and individuals to create Internet-based question and answer services (e.g., "AskA Scientist", "AskA Librarian", etc.). This handbook is written primarily for libraries, professional associations, government agencies, academic institutions, and organizations that specialize in a specific subject.

Six self-instructional modules guide readers through the common steps involved in creating and managing digital reference services: surveying the environment; creating a digital reference plan; training staff; testing the service; launching the service; and evaluating service quality.

For more information, see www.vrd.org/StarterKit/SKPress.html.

New LITA Guides

The Library and Information Technology Association (LITA), a division of the American Library Association, has published two new books in the LITA Guides Series.

Digital Images of Photographs: A Practical Approach to Workflow Design and Project Management, by Lisa Macklin and Sarah Lockmiller, is a comprehensive approach to management of digital imaging in libraries and archives from archival negatives to metadata cataloging and Web-based access.

Getting Mileage Out of Metadata: Applications for the Library, by Jean Hudgins, Grace Agnew and Elizabeth Brown, is an overview of state-of-the-art metadata cataloging and current metadata standards.

Additional information is available at the LITA Web site, www.lita.org.

Placement Service at NCLA

A placement service will be available during the 1999 North Carolina Library Association Biennial Conference in Winston-Salem. The service, to be located in the Benton Convention Center, will be available to NCLA members as well as non-members. For more information, e-mail Gerald Holmes, NCLA Recruitment and Placement Committee (gerald_holmes@uncg.edu).

Year 2000 for Librarians

Look for "Year 2000 for Librarians" at the State Library of North Carolina's web site (statelibrary.dcr.state.nc.us/hottopic/y2k/y2k.htm). The offerings include information about the Y2K Problem, a "To Do" list to help managers and staff think through the Y2K problem in relation to their library, sample Year 2000 plans and much more.

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