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## Message from the President

Even though it has now been several weeks since the tragic events of September 11, 2001, the memories and suffering will remain with us all for a long time into the future as our country has never faced a tragedy of such proportions. The Southeastern Library Association wishes to express its deepest sympathies and condolences to those affected by the tragedy. Events such as these put a new perspective on life. We want to reach out to friends, colleagues, loved ones and family members. Our libraries can act as places of refuge, information and community gathering points. We encourage libraries in the southeast and throughout the nation to support activities that help connect people with information and people with people. Libraries are beacons of knowledge and enlightenment and a testimony to the freedoms enjoyed by Americans. Now those beacons will be even brighter as libraries provide the needed information resources to help our communities. Let us play a leadership role as the nation goes through a process of healing.



One of our goals this year was to resume regular publication of *The Southeastern Librarian*. As this will be the third issue published since our Leadership Conference in April, obviously your journal is back as an important voice of the membership of SELA! This issue features additional information on the Leadership Conference.

While this year's Leadership Conference was a great beginning for the 2001/2002 biennium, much needs to be done to build SELA into the effective organization we want it to be. As you know, one of our most important goals is to increase our membership. In order to accomplish this goal, your help is needed. We need to grow as an organization in both members and programs. So how can you help? Encourage your colleagues who are not members to join and participate in SELA. Make copies of the membership form in this issue to distribute to them or suggest that they visit the SELA website for additional information on SELA. Membership forms are available there as well. Of course, if you haven't renewed your membership for this year, use the form to renew.

The 2001/2002 Leadership Directory is now available on the SELA Website at <http://www.seflin.org/sela/>. Be sure to visit the site and download a copy for your use. The Leadership Directory will be updated on a regular basis.

As you know, plans are underway for our meeting with the South Carolina Library Association to be held in Charleston October 24 –26, 2002. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. We are just beginning to work with our colleagues in South Carolina on what promises to be an exciting and informative conference.

**Barry B. Baker**

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## 2001 SELA Leadership Conference a Big Success

The 2001 SELA Leadership Conference, held April 6<sup>th</sup> in Atlanta, was highly successful with 96 paid attendees. SELA president Barry Baker opened the conference with a "State of the Association" address, followed by addresses from Charles Beard, Library Director at State University of West Georgia and Kate Nevins, Executive Director of SOLINET. The remaining morning agenda consisted of committee break out sessions, followed in the afternoon by reports from each committee, section, and roundtable. Members enjoyed a bountiful buffet lunch.

### "State of the Association" -- Barry Baker

In his kickoff address Mr. Baker welcomed SELA members to Atlanta, thanked everyone for attending, and reiterated SELA's goals for 1998-2002 as stated in the strategic plan:

1. Increase membership in SELA
2. Promote cooperation and communication among SELA libraries and librarians
3. Provide quality continuing education and staff development opportunities for its membership
4. Promote a regional identification and culture
5. Raise sufficient financial support to perform its mission and serve as an advocate for adequate funding for libraries in the southeast

He identified keys to success in achieving these goals:

**Get Involved!:** There are many opportunities for SELA members to participate in governance of the organization. Several sections and roundtables have openings for officer positions including: Public Libraries section, Library Education section, Reference and Adult Services section, School and Children's Libraries section, Special Libraries Section, Government Documents Round Table and the Paraprofessional Round Table.

**Try New Ideas:** Be creative. We want to offer professional development and leadership training opportunities for our members to enable them to better meet the challenges facing libraries in this

rapidly changing environment. We need new programs and new projects to accomplish this.

### Improve communication among members:

Every member will soon be subscribed to the new SELA listserv. Use this to inform members of your section, roundtable or committee activities.

### Be a part of the success of our journal:

*The Southeastern Librarian* is resuming a regular publication schedule. There are opportunities for participation by submitting articles or by serving on review and editorial boards. For additional information contact Frank Allen, editor, at fallen@mail.ucf.edu.

Mr. Baker encouraged those in attendance to review the 1998-2002 Strategic Plan and consider ways to promote these goals. He reiterated the success of the 2000 joint conference with the Georgia Council of Media Organizations at Jekyll Island in October, 2000. He urged members to renew their membership and to encourage colleagues to join SELA. Information about membership can be found on the SELA web site at <http://www.seflin.org/sela/member.html>.

### Past, Present and Future -- Charles Beard

Mr. Beard gave a brief history of SELA, beginning with its founding in 1920 when a group of 100 librarians from 10 southern states met in Signal Mountain, Tennessee in an effort to improve library conditions throughout the South. Those founding librarians represented Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. With the intent of nurturing cooperation, resource-sharing and professional friendships at a time when many states within the southeast were suffering severe economic times and could do little to assist their libraries, SELA quickly came to life. Over the decades SELA grew in numbers and prosperity, becoming itself a reflection of the evolving South. SELA sponsored the Southeastern States Library Cooperative Survey beginning in 1946-47. *The Southeastern Librarian* began publication in 1951 and soon began receiving awards for the quality of the publication. In 1972 and 1978 SELA co-sponsored two joint conferences with the Southwestern Library Association. West Virginia

joined SELA in 1973 and was followed by Arkansas in 1980.

The decade of the 1970's was SELA's "golden age." Membership reached a high point in 1974 with 3,611 dues paying members. The Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) provided a \$100,000 grant in 1976 to assist SELA in development and long range planning efforts for all libraries in the region.

During the 1980's and 1990's SELA continued to accept and deal with new challenges. The fact that SELA was so successful in establishing library cooperation and resource-sharing through the South made it imperative for the organization to continue to establish new goals and accept new roles that would lead to improved library services. Mr. Beard identified several areas that he felt SELA might choose to adopt toward this "end": advocacy for underrepresented groups; implementing a comprehensive training program to develop management and interpersonal skills for library staffs; furthering literacy efforts; continuing to play a social and networking role among library professionals; and career enhancement among library paraprofessionals. He challenged those in attendance to think "outside the box," to focus SELA's resources on solving library problems within the region and through member planning, hard work and energy, to move SELA ahead into a new century with renewed vigor and commitment.

### **Kate Nevins Issues Call to Arms**

Today, I would like to issue a call to arms to all of us, the SELA Leadership. SELA is an organization with a noble history and an uncertain future. SELA has contributed to the development of cooperative programming throughout the southeast, helped develop productive and innovative library professionals, and brought generations of librarians together for networking, programming and action.

However, in recent years, some members have questioned the continued need for SELA. They point out that the focus of much cooperative activity has shifted to states and regional organizations such as SOLINET, that technology supports library interaction and cooperation in ways that do not require meetings and

associations, and travel to meetings outside the region is easier and cheaper than years ago. In this environment, is SELA still necessary?

As a long-time SELA member, I answer that question with a resounding "yes." But this will only be with the commitment of the SELA membership to make it so. I challenge the SELA leadership and membership to:

1. Articulate the mission and purpose of SELA in a way that is meaningful to the regions' libraries. The emphasis could include cross-state cooperation, mentoring of new librarians, and building relationships. Broad based discussions could help articulate SELA's mission for today's libraries.
2. Translate the mission and purpose into goals and actions. We must ask, "What is the Association, through each committee, task force or program doing to support the mission?" It must be seen that SELA will actively work to support the needs of its members.
3. Reach out to the library profession in the region. We need to enfranchise more libraries and paraprofessionals in the association. Outreach to those who are not members and opportunities to participate actively in the association are ways to make SELA strong.

In closing, I would like to suggest several areas where SELA can make a very real contribution to the state of our profession.

First, strengthen the next generation of library professionals. This includes recruiting people into the profession, mentoring new librarians, and providing opportunities to develop a range of skills. Second, issues of intellectual property rights and the legislative agenda will have a profound impact on librarians in the near future. SELA provides an excellent forum for regional action and support. Third, SELA should consider the major continuing education needs of library staff as technology, policy and library programs evolve.

It's a busy agenda. Let's get started!!

## 2001 Leadership Conference Reports

### Reference and Adult Services Section (RASS)

The Section is considering a newsletter to let the section members know what is taking place, especially anything pertaining to the joint meeting with the South Carolina Library Association at the 2002 conference in Charleston. A possible reference librarian luncheon is being discussed for the conference. Also in Charleston, we will co-sponsor with the Southeastern Library Instruction Round Table a panel discussion consisting of librarians from many different types of libraries. The discussion will focus on information literacy and practical suggestions for helping our users incorporate such skills to satisfy their information needs. Volunteers are welcome, especially to assist in planning conference activities. Please contact the section chair, Naomi Sutherland, as soon as possible if you are interested in volunteering or have any questions or suggestions regarding the Section. She may be reached at 423.757.2673 or via email: [Naomi-Sutherland@utc.edu](mailto:Naomi-Sutherland@utc.edu). Other officers are Catherine M. Jannik, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, and Nancy Noe, Secretary/Treasurer, both of Auburn University's Draughon Library.

-- Naomi Sutherland

### Conference Site Selection Committee

The Committee met and discussed details of the upcoming conference in 2002. This will be a joint conference with the South Carolina Library Association held in beautiful downtown Charleston, October 24-26. The conference hotel will be the Westin Francis Marion, with overflow rooms at the Holiday Inn and Embassy Suites. This promises to be a great meeting in a wonderful location. Preliminary work is underway on the 2004 meeting. Any state association interested in sponsoring a joint meeting with SELA should contact George Stewart ([gstewart@bellsouth.net](mailto:gstewart@bellsouth.net)).

--George Stewart

### Intellectual Freedom Committee

The Intellectual Freedom Committee had a positive and productive meeting. Materials

including ALA's "Libraries and the Internet Toolkit" were distributed by the chair. Several members also brought articles. An enthusiastic discussion on various intellectual freedom topics ensued. The group developed a number of ideas for programs. The committee looks forward to its next meeting and welcomes visitors.

--Ellen Johnson

### Planning and Development Committee

Reviewed and revised the Committee charge and duties:

- Reviewed the 1998-2002 Long-Range Plan.
- Discussed procedures for development of a new Long-Range Plan for 2002-2006, including the possibility of bringing in a consultant.
- Identified the need for an assessment instrument or process for obtaining data from other SELA committees and officers on progress toward completion of goals and objectives outlined in the 1998-2002 Long-Range Plan.
- Recommended that progress on goals and objectives contained in the 1998-2002 Long-Range Plan be reported to the membership of SELA and to the Planning and Development Committee on a regular basis.
- Discussed options for a Leadership Development Program for SELA.

Activities for 2001/2002 include:

- Collect strategic plans from other state library associations.
- Collect conference program information from other library associations.
- Determine the current status of other regional library associations.
- Investigate activities of other library associations & groups in regard to leadership development.
- Establish a process for gathering input from Officers and Committees in SELA for the 2002-2006 Long-Range Plan.

-- Carol S. Brinkman, Chair

## University and College Library Section

The SELA Leadership Conference this past April in Atlanta was an exciting and active event. The UCL Section met under the guidance of Chair, Diane N. Baird, Middle Tennessee State University, and amidst all the activity planned their contribution for the 2002 SELA/SCLA Conference in Charleston, SC.

Two programs are now being planned. UCLS will sponsor a repeat of the popular "New Voices" program that was so successful at the 2000 Conference. The mission of "New Voices" is to offer professional development opportunities for librarians with less than five years' professional experience. A call for papers will go out several months before the conference. A review panel from across the region will judge submissions and select two papers to be presented at the session. Last year's selections can be read in *The Southeastern Librarian* 48(4)/49(1), Winter/Spring 2001, 17-26.

The second program being planned by UCLS is a joint effort with the South Carolina Library Association. This program will be based on the use of technology for library instruction, particularly Web courseware such as WebCT and Blackboard.

The UCLS is pleased to be working on two such important programs for the SELA membership; one that will encourage the growth and development of new professionals and one that will provide insight into a current trend in library instruction. See you all in Charleston.  
-- Elizabeth Doolittle

## Membership Committee

The 2001 Southeastern Library Association Leadership Conference held April 6 in Atlanta was a wonderful success. Much of the time was spent in individual committee and roundtable meetings. As chair of the Membership Committee, I was very pleased that several members of my committee were able to attend. It was also exciting to see that the enthusiasm evident in the general meeting was also present in the Membership Committee.

While the Membership Committee is specifically charged with recruiting new members and retaining old members, I would like to remind SELA members that recruitment and retention are two responsibilities with which everyone can participate. Doubling our membership can be accomplished if each current member recruits only one new member. SELA has "turned the corner." Please help to keep the momentum going. An unofficial target number for membership mentioned at the leadership conference was eight hundred by the October 2002 conference.

During the Membership Committee meeting we brainstormed about ways/opportunities to publicize SELA and recruit new members. Many of the ideas that the committee developed are things with which all SELA members can assist.

SELA now has two traveling exhibits. These can be requested for use at activities such as state conferences. Members of the committee will be working with their state liaisons to request the exhibit for their respective state conferences. Every effort will be made to have the exhibit staffed with the state's SELA members to give out membership brochures and talk to people about SELA. Membership brochures can be requested from Lauren Fallon (lfallon@solinet.net) at SOLINET. I encourage everyone to keep a few of these on hand. In addition to having the SELA display set up at state conferences, it was also suggested that a state conference activity for SELA members be planned. Other leading suggestions include a membership survey; networking/cooperating with other groups such as the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) and ALA; taking advantage of all opportunities to inform others about SELA (i.e. new employee orientations, one on one, and speaking with students who will soon be librarians), a job placement center at SELA conferences; and a link to the SELA web page from each state association web page.

Help keep the momentum going – remember eight hundred by 2002! If you have suggestions or questions, please feel free to contact me, Cheryl Ballard, at cballard@bruno.cba.ua.edu.  
-- Cheryl Ballard

## Stateside News

### Alabama

"Real librarians, real experiences and real actions" best describes the 2001 Alabama Library Association's convention April 10-13 in Montgomery and reflects why the theme "Alabama Libraries Build Communities" was chosen. The keynote speaker Lorraine Johnson-Coleman, African-American folklorist and author of *Just Plain Folks* and *Larissa's Breadbook*, connected with her audience, as she shared stories about her family and community in the rural South. Seth Hammett, speaker of the Alabama House of Representatives, received the Public Service Award for promoting the Alabama Virtual Library (AVL). His vision of "equity, economy and excellence for Alabama citizens and students" was instrumental in obtaining the funding for the AVL and its more than 50 databases. The Eminent Librarian Award was presented to Dr. Shirley Spears, director, B.B. Comer Memorial Library, Sylacauga, Alabama. B.B. Comer is one of only four libraries in the nation to receive a 2000 National Award for Library Service from The Institute of Museum and Library Services. This award honors institutions which "demonstrate the power of libraries as the cornerstones of community life." Sandra Nelson, national consultant, speaker, trainer and writer, caught the attention of Alabama public library board members as she explained their roles as community and library leaders. Karen Hyman, nationally known speaker and writer, spoke about the 21<sup>st</sup> century library and the twelve strategies for a "connected world." Dr. Jane B. Robbins, dean of the Florida State University School of Information Studies, presented "Information Literacy." A tour of the Rosa Parks Library and Museum, Montgomery, Alabama, served to reinforce the continued importance of building communities.

The Gala Reception sponsored by Gale in honor of Rebecca Buckner Mitchell, president of the Alabama Library Association, provided a collegial atmosphere to enjoy successes with one another. The following additional awards were made: *Merit Award* to the Mountain Brook Library Foundation *Distinguished Service Award* to Dr. Janice Franklin of Alabama State University Library; *Humanitarian Award* to Danny Stewart of Pell City Public Library; *Alabama Library Roll*

*of Honor* to Harold Katz, board member of the Guntersville Public Library from 1965 to 2000.

The Alabama Library Association recognized its authors with the 2001 *Author Award* for Fiction given to Sena Jeter Naslund; the *Non-Fiction Award* given to Homer H. Hickam; and the *Juvenile/Young Adult* award given to Han Nolan. Jaunita Owes, director of the Montgomery City-County Library, chaired the convention.



In other Alabama Library Association Convention ceremonies, the Birmingham Public Library was recognized for excellence in library service. The Association and the Alabama Public Library Association honored the library for achievement of the *Blue Ribbon Level* of Alabama Public Library Standards. *Blue Ribbon Level* achievement signifies that the Birmingham Public Library has met or exceeded the seventy-one criteria that constitute an outstanding public library.



The Birmingham Public Library has joined up with Hand-in-Paw, an animal-assisted therapy organization, to announce a pioneering new *Sit, Stay, READ* literacy program with a "pawsitive" theme. *Sit, Stay, READ* was designed to help reluctant readers improve their skills in an innovative way – with help from a special group of four-legged animals. This summer these programs took place at the Avondale Regional Branch Library and the North Avondale Branch Library of the Birmingham Public Library System. Hand-in-Paw's certified handler and animal teams served as literacy mentors for children identified by specialists as reluctant readers. Conducted in branch libraries near schools, *Sit, Stay, READ* creates a non-threatening learning environment that helps youngsters focus on possibilities rather than limitations by eliminating the embarrassment of many group-reading situations. It's a program shown to improve children's literacy skill in an effective manner. The program also helps reduce the child's fear of animals and builds confidence and trust between the child and the animal.

The Alabama Library Association is celebrating its Centennial with a five-year fundraising drive, culminating in 2004 with its 100th anniversary. The Association welcomes your support in making a tax-deductible gift to the Centennial Campaign. All donations go to the scholarship and loan fund and will be used to help finance a deserving student's library education. So get out your checkbooks and mail your gift to the Association. For details see <http://allaonline.home.mindspring.com> or call (334) 262-5210.

## Arkansas

The Arkansas State Library and the Arkansas Library Association have joined together in a statewide public relations campaign, incorporating the ALA "@ your library™" logo. The \$200,000 campaign, funded by the State Library with LSTA funds, kicked off in October 2000.

During National Library Week, the campaign placed advertisements in all Arkansas newspapers and sponsored an online trivia contest with a major radio company with several stations. The campaign theme, "Information. Recreation. Inspiration" is based on the Melvil Dewey quote: "A librarian's function is to give the public in the quickest and cheapest way information, inspiration, and recreation."

The public relations committee of the state association is working with a graphics designer to create materials that can be used for several years. Posters, bookmarks, calendars, brochures, and a custom trade show exhibit featuring the new campaign graphics will be introduced at the association's annual conference, Oct. 21-22, in Little Rock. The campaign is also placing a year's worth of nonprofit service announcements on the state's three public radio stations.

## Florida

The design and construction contract for Jacksonville's \$150 million library construction/renovation program has been awarded to Heery International of Atlanta. The centerpiece of the work will be a new 300,000 square foot main library downtown, estimated to cost \$95 million. The balance of the funds will go

toward construction of six new libraries and renovation of six other libraries in the city. The downtown library is expected to be completed mid-2003.



Ruth and Jack Eckerd (founder of the Eckerd Drug chain) have provided a \$2 million challenge grant to kick off a capital campaign for the new Greater Clearwater main library. The new 90,000 square foot library has a total project cost of \$20.2 million and is expected to be completed by September, 2003. Robert A. Stern, renowned architect and Dean of the Yale University School of Architecture has been named the design architect. Funding authorities hope to raise \$5 million in private donations for the project.

## Georgia

Pullen Library celebrated the scholarly and creative achievements of Georgia State University faculty on April 17, 2001, in the House Salon of the Student Center. University President Carl Patton and University Librarian Charlene Hurt welcomed the GSU community and other guests to the exhibit and reception in honor of faculty authors whose works were published during 2000. In their remarks both Dr. Patton and Ms. Hurt congratulated the faculty on their scholarship, creativity and productivity. This year's exhibit of the work of faculty authors featured not only monographs but other formats as well, including periodical articles, compact discs, book chapters and musical scores. A printed bibliography of 1,082 entries of publications with an imprint of 2000 and authored by GSU faculty members was compiled and presented to them. A web version is available for examination through the library home page at <http://www.library.edu>.

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On June 4 & 5, 2001, 220 University System of Georgia librarians and library staff members convened in Athens at the University of Georgia for the annual GIL Users Group Conference. "GIL" is an acronym for GALILEO Interconnected Libraries, the second phase of the highly successful GALILEO initiative. GIL is an online catalog and library management system for USG libraries that links every collection in the University System. GIL uses Endeavor Information System's Voyager software. Since the summer of 1998, Endeavor staff members and USG library staff members have been working to migrate USG library catalogs to Voyager. The final USG library catalog went "live" on May 18, 2001, a milestone that enables the University System of Georgia to have a web-based online union catalog of the six million books in the USG library collections. Attendees at this year's conference celebrated GIL's achievements with cake and punch to commemorate the occasion (see photo). For more information about the GIL initiative, please visit the GIL web site at <http://gil.usg.edu/>



The Thomas B. Murphy Holocaust Center, located in Ingram Library at the State University of West Georgia, was officially dedicated on June 21, 2001. The mission of the Center is to train teachers in methods of developing tolerance and promoting cultural understanding in the classroom by providing workshops and seminars and by acting as a clearinghouse for research materials. Dr. Richard Voyles is the director of the Center.



Through the collaborative efforts of the directors of the three regional Georgia libraries, Vera J. Weisskopf (GSW's James Earl Carter Library), Jane B. Hendrix (Lake Blackshear Regional Library), and Jerry Stovall (South Georgia Technical College's Library) and their library staffs, a wide-ranging cooperative agreement was developed and officially went into effect January 1, 2001. The purpose of the agreement is to provide optimal access to information resources and services for the students and citizens of Sumter, Crisp, Dooly, and Schley counties, GA.



Dr. Harold Isaacs, Professor of History & Political Science at Georgia Southwestern State University, has donated his extensive collection of Third World Studies materials to the James Earl Carter Library. The Dr. Harold Isaacs Third World Studies Collection was officially dedicated at a reception in his honor held at the JEC Library on April 10, 2001. In 1983, Dr. Isaacs founded the Association of Third World Studies and in 1984, published the first issue of the Journal for Third World Studies. Shown in photo from left to right: Jesse Hunt (grandson of Dr. Isaacs), Vera J. Weisskopf (Director of the JEC Library), Harold Isaacs (donor and GSW professor), Doris Isaacs (wife of Dr. Isaacs), Kent Sole (GSW professor emeritus), Claudia Black (Library Access Services Supervisor).



## Louisiana

Louisiana Library Association Newly Elected Officers are:

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The 2002 LLA Conference will be held March 5-8, 2002 at the Radisson Hotel, Baton Rouge. This year's theme will be "Reflect and Focus". The conference is proud to feature keynote speakers John Berry (ALA President) and Clifford Stoll (described by the Texas Library Association as "Beyond Fantastic").

Mississippi Governor Ronnie Musgrove (seated in photo) signed a proclamation in observance of *National Library Week* April 1-7, during a Legislative Day Reception held at the Eudora Welty Library in Jackson. Pictured with Governor Musgrove (from left) are Dr. Russell Burns, Mississippi Library Commission (MLC); Henry Ledet, Mississippi Library Association President; Jo Ann A. Reid, MLC; Frances Coleman, co-chair of Mississippi Library Association and former SELA President; Dr. Glenda Segars, chair of MLC; and Emma Ainsworth, chief of staff of MLC.



## Mississippi

The University of Southern Mississippi (USM) Libraries' Special Collections Digital Program announces the online release of correspondence and civil rights posters from the Joseph and Nancy Ellin Freedom Summer Collection. The Ellins, ivy-league educated teachers from New York City, came to Hattiesburg, Mississippi, in 1964 to work in the Freedom Schools established as a part of the Mississippi Freedom Summer Project. The letters describe the Ellins' daily activities and concerns as civil rights workers, their relationships with local black citizens, and their attempts to promote grass roots support for civil rights among their friends and relatives back home. The posters from the Ellin collection are public relations publications of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). The finding aid for the Ellin collection (with hyperlinks to the digital items) is available at: <http://www.lib.usm.edu/~archives/m323.htm>. The digital files from the Ellin collection, along with the rest of USM's digital archives, are searchable from <http://anna.lib.usm.edu>.

## North Carolina

With the Internet changing faster than you can click a mouse, a few years can be a long time for a Web site to go without a facelift. So the Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County (PLCMC) decided it was time to redesign its six-year-old site – not merely for cosmetic improvement, but as a more efficient way for millions of on-line patrons to use the library's web services. On Aug. 1, 2001 the site <http://www.plcmc.org/> – debuted with its new look.

Helene Blowers, Director of Web Services at PLCMC, whose team accomplished the redesign, listed these enhancements to the new PLCMC site:

- New and improved site index, making it easier for web users to locate specific areas of interest.
- New "For Kids" and "For Teens" sections that highlight homework help resources,

reading and book resources, and fun sites to visit.

- Expanded offerings of online resource and research tools (bringing the total to more than 50), including the newly added "New Book of Knowledge," "Lands & People Online" and "New Book of Popular Science."
- The "History of PLCMC" in streaming video format.
- Easier access to the PLCMC online catalog and enhanced help screens for accessing information on renewing books online, viewing a patron's record and placing a book on hold.
- A "Beyond Books" section that showcases library services far beyond its book collections.

In 1995, PLCMC became one of the first public libraries in the U.S. with its own Web site. Today, in addition to its main information site ([www.plcmc.org](http://www.plcmc.org)) the library has developed and maintains nine specialty sites offering Web users everything from children's reading suggestions and book reviews (at [www.bookhive.org](http://www.bookhive.org)) to consumer health information (at [www.healthlinkplus.org](http://www.healthlinkplus.org)) and local history archives ([www.cmstory.org](http://www.cmstory.org)).



The long-awaited presentation of the new Children's Learning Center design took place June 25th at the Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County before an audience of more than 100 people, including young people who had provided ideas for the facility. As part of the occasion, Kenneth D. Lewis, chairman & chief executive officer of Bank of America Corp., announced that the CLC will be named for Charlotte civic leaders Joan and Joseph B. Martin III. The 107,000-square-foot Children's Learning Center (CLC) is a partnership between the Library and Children's Theatre of Charlotte. When completed in 2004, the CLC will be an integral part of Charlotte's burgeoning cultural district, which already includes the Main Library, Museum of the New South, Afro-American Cultural Center, Blumenthal Performing Arts Center, Mint Museum of Craft + Design, Tryon Center for Visual Art and Spirit Square. The

Center will be constructed using \$27 million that Mecklenburg County voters approved in 1999. In addition, a private, \$12 million endowment campaign is underway to help fund CLC programming.

The Center features library facilities, including an early childhood education center, juvenile collection and teen center; performance facilities, including 550-seat and 250-seat theaters; a storytelling venue, blue-screen production studio, exhibit halls, classrooms and art studios, a gift shop, a meeting room and administrative and theater support spaces. In addition, a large, multi-story public space contains interactive exhibits and serves as a gathering area and reception venue.



The North Carolina Library Association (NCLA) will host a job placement center at the NCLA Biennial Conference in Winston Salem, October 3-4, 2001. Job seekers who wish to take advantage of this service must register for the conference but do not have to be NCLA members. Registration information is available on the NCLA conference web site at <http://www.nclaonline.org/conference/>.

## South Carolina

Proceeds from the University of South Carolina Music Library's Dorothy K. Payne Endowment were used this year to purchase 58 ozalid scores by the Italian composer Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco (1895-1968). All of the scores are inscribed by the composer. Thirty-two of the items are "Greeting Card" scores which are short pieces for various instruments based on the name of an individual, usually a composer or performer. Castelnuovo-Tedesco relocated to the United States from his native Florence in 1939 and became well known as a composer of orchestral, dramatic, chamber, and film music. Among his students were Henry Mancini, Andre Previn, and John Williams. The new collection of Castelnuovo-Tedesco scores was featured at a reception honoring Dr. Payne, professor and former dean of the USC School of Music, held at the Music Library on June 21. At that time, music librarian, Jennifer Ottervik announced that the new items, combined with materials already in the

library, have formed the largest Castelnuovo-Tedesco collection in the world.



USC's South Carolina Library has received a major addition to its Carlisle Floyd Collection. Comprising one of the library's most significant twentieth-century collections, these materials document the life and works of Carlisle Floyd, the Latta native who has come to be considered one of the few masters of American opera. His musical drama, *Susannah*, is regarded as the most enduring work yet written by an American for the lyric stage.

Floyd presently resides in Tallahassee, Florida, following a twenty-four-year residency as the M. D. Anderson Professor in the School of Music at the University of Houston and co-director of the Houston Opera Studio.

The new materials include 2.5 linear feet of libretti, stage bills, reviews, letters, and photographs which detail the performance of his works nationally and internationally for almost half a century. Of special interest is material relating to the production of his revision of *The Passion of Jonathan Wade*, an opera that is set in Columbia, South Carolina, and of his most recent work, *Cold Sassy Tree*.



The University of South Carolina's Thomas Cooper Library has received a major collection of materials pertaining to American novelist and poet, Ernest Hemingway. The collection was acquired through donations from the family of Maurice Speiser (1880-1948) of Philadelphia and from Edward Hallman of Atlanta, a 1950 graduate of the University. Mr. Speiser, who was Hemingway's friend and legal advisor for many years, amassed the collection and left it to his son, Raymond, who continued to add appropriate items.

The collection, which is appraised at \$1.7 million, includes numerous first editions of Hemingway's works, as well as typescripts, issues and articles from newspapers and magazines, and correspondence between Maurice Speiser and many 1920s writers and artists. Among these are, besides Hemingway, William Faulkner, Lillian Hellman, D.H. Lawrence, Henry Miller, Carson McCullers, Ezra Pound, John Steinbeck, Leonard

Bernstein, Aaron Copeland, George and Ira Gershwin, Gian-Carlo Menotti, Eugene Ormandy, Serge Prokofieff, Paul Robeson, Arnold Schoenberg, Leopold Stokowski, Igor Stravinsky, Marc Chagall, and Constatin Brancusi. An exhibit of materials from the collection will be mounted in the fall.

## Tennessee

Tennessee Library Association Officers for 2001/2002 are:

President: Faith Holdredge, Director, Caney Fork Regional Library, Sparta, TN

VP/President Elect: B.P. Ponnappa, Dean of Learning Resources and Director of Library; James H. Quillen College of Medicine, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City

Treasurer: Lynn T. Lilley, Library Media Specialist, McGavock High School, Nashville

Past President: Tena Litherland, Webb School of Knoxville

Executive Secretary: Betty Nance, Nashville

## People News

**Irmin Allner** became Head of Reference at Florida State University effective August 3, 2001. Dr. Allner comes to FSU from West Virginia State College. Dr. Allner holds a PhD and MLS from Syracuse University, and a MA in German Language and Literature.

**Sarah Bell** started as Reference Librarian I at the Virginia Beach Central Library on March 16. She earned her MLS at the University of Maryland. Previously Sarah has been a Reporting Analyst with MCI WorldCom in Denver, and Newport News, VA.

Georgia Southwestern State University's James Earl Carter Library recently welcomed **Jon C. Darby** to its staff. Jon received his BA in History from Auburn University-Montgomery and his MLS from The University of Alabama. He assumed his duties as Reference/User Services

Librarian and coordinator of Instructional Program including Distance Learning in July.

**Kathy Davies**, MLIS joined the Medical College of Georgia library faculty in June as Education Services Coordinator. She was formerly Outreach and Education Coordinator at the Greater Midwest Region of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. She has a BS (Biology) and an MLIS from the University of Southern Mississippi.

At Georgia State University, **John Hughes** has moved from the Information Services Dept. to Acquisitions into a new position, Electronic Serials Librarian. **Teri Vogel** joined the library faculty as the Reference/Liaison Librarian for the Sciences. **Tim Zou**, formerly of Butler University in Indiana, has been appointed Department Head of Access & Media Services.

**Amy Gonzalez** has joined the reference staff at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. Ms. Gonzalez was most recently a reference librarian at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. She received her MLS from the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg.

**Sue Harper** began working as a Library Information Specialist II at the Virginia Beach Central Library on March 16. Prior to that she was employed as a teacher by Virginia Beach Public Schools. She is currently pursuing a Masters in Education with an endorsement in Library Science at Old Dominion University.

**Richard H. Harrison** has joined the reference staff at the University of Central Florida, Orlando. He was most recently reference librarian and Library Instruction Coordinator at University of Alabama at Birmingham. Mr. Harrison received his MLS from Peabody College, Vanderbilt University.

**Charlene Hurt** University Librarian, Georgia State University, has been appointed to the SOLINET Users Council Committee on Membership Principles.

**Althea Jenkins** has been appointed Director of the Florida State University Libraries, effective August 1. Dr. Jenkins, a native of the Tallahassee area, earned a bachelor's degree from Florida A & M University and her MLS from FSU. Ms. Jenkins earned her doctorate at Nova University. Since 1991 she has served as Executive Director

of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) in Chicago.

**Brian Kooy** has accepted the position of Instruction Librarian at Ingram Library, State University of West Georgia. He is a recent graduate of the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Alabama and was formerly Circulation Department supervisor.

**Jennifer J. Little** has joined the staff of the University of South Carolina Aiken Library as Reference/User Education Librarian. She received her MLS from the University of Albany. She was previously employed with Taylor University in Upland, Indiana.

**Hal Mendelsohn** has joined the reference staff at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. He was most recently a reference librarian at Louisiana State University at Eunice. Mr. Mendelsohn received his MLS from San Jose State University.

**John O'Shea**, Special Collections Librarian, Augusta State University, attended the 34th Georgia Archives Institute from June 11 - June 22, 2001 at the Carter Presidential Library in Atlanta. The Institute is sponsored by the Georgia Department of Archives and History, the Jimmy Carter Library, the Society of Georgia Archivists, and the Atlanta Regional Consortium for Higher Education.

**Steve Scheuler** has been appointed Assistant Professor of Library Science and Reference Librarian at Valdosta State University, GA.

**Lorraine Summers** Assistant Director of the Division of Library and Information Services, Florida Department of State, retired July 31. She had been Assistant Director since 1978 and a Department of State staff member since 1971. In addition to serving as President of the Southeastern Library Association from 1996-98, Lorraine was President of the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies, a member of the governing Council of the American Library Association, and both a board member and Secretary for the Florida Library Association and the Southeastern Library Network. She also mentored many young leaders of the profession as a mentor at the Snowbird Leadership Institute in Utah.

**Gary Swint** has been appointed Executive Director of the East Central Georgia Regional Library, Augusta. He was previously Audio-Visual/Talking Book Librarian for CGRL

**Terrie Sypolt** has joined the reference staff at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. Ms Sypolt was most recently the Reference and Information Technologies librarian at King College in Bristol, Tennessee. She received her MLS from the University of Pittsburgh.

**Deidre Wright** was appointed Assistant Department Head of Circulation/Interlibrary Loan at Eckerd College, July 13th. Ms. Wright Earned her MLS from Florida State University and an MS in Education from the University of Southern California.

**Elaine Yontz** has been appointed Associate Professor in the Master of Library and Information Science program at Valdosta State University.

**Roy Ziegler** became Head of Collection Development, Florida State University, in August. Mr. Ziegler comes to FSU from Middle Tennessee State University. He holds an MLS from the University of Missouri-Columbia and an MA in English from Central Missouri State University.

## General News across the Southeast

### Elinor Swaim Honored

Elinor Henderson Swaim was honored twice at the annual meeting of the Friends of the Rowan Public Library, Salisbury, NC, on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2001. John Via, North Carolina Library Association representative to SELA, presented Ms. Swaim with the 2000 SELA President's Award, given to an individual outside the profession who has made a significant contribution to libraries in the Southeast. Library Director Phillip Barton presented her with the Friends of the RPL 2001 Friend of the Year Award for her invaluable service to Rowan Public Library.

## 2002 SELA Conference Date Set

With: South Carolina Library Association

Date: October 24–26, 2002

Site: Charleston, South Carolina

Possible Pre-conference: October 23rd

Check the SELA website for future announcements:

<http://www.seflin.org/sela>

## The Southeastern Librarian Welcomes New Editorial Board Members □

SELA is pleased to announce that Catherine Lee, Library Director at Wesleyan College, Macon, GA, and Phyllis Ruscella, Associate University Librarian for Public Services, Georgia State University, Atlanta, have joined the editorial board of *The Southeastern Librarian*. Both have extensive editing experience. Catherine currently serves as editor of *CLS Newsletter*, and sits on the editorial board of the *Journal of Off-Campus Library Services* (electronic journal). Phyllis served over eight years as editorial board member for *Research Strategies* and is currently the editor of her library's bi-monthly newsletter for faculty. They will be involved with manuscript and copy editing, and long-range planning for the journal.  
-- Frank R. Allen

## ASERL Elects New Board of Directors

Members of the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL) recently elected new members to its Board of Directors. Serving on the 2001-2002 Board are:

President: Stella Bentley, Dean of Libraries, Auburn University, AL

President-Elect: Connie McCarthy, Dean of University Libraries, College of William and Mary, VA

Past President: Paul Gherman, University Librarian, Vanderbilt University, TN

Secretary-Treasurer: Barbara Dewey, Dean of Libraries, University of Tennessee-Knoxville

At-Large Members: Jennifer Cargill, Dean of Libraries, Louisiana State University; Jerry Stephens, Dean of Libraries, University of Alabama at Birmingham; John Ulmschneider, Executive Director, Virginia Commonwealth University Libraries

Bill Conniff, Panhandle Library Access Network, FL; Loretta O'Brien-Parham, Hampton University, VA; Emma Bradford Perry, Southern University and A&M College, LA; Natalia Smith, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Alice Stephens, Alabama Public Library Service; Brad Ward, Northeast Florida Library Information Network.

## SOLINET News

SOLINET (Southeastern Library Network, Inc) has created a Public Library Advisory Committee, meeting for the first time this past Spring, to provide input and feedback on SOLINET services. Members are: Cynthia Cobb, Lee County Public Library, FL; Marion Francis, Jackson/Hinds Library System, MS; Mary Kay Hooker, Atlanta Fulton County Public Library, GA; Linda Krantz, Rockbridge Regional Library, VA; David Paynter, New Hanover County Public Library, NC; Steve Schaefer, Uncle Remus Public Library, GA; Joe Stines, Tampa Hillsborough County Public Library, FL; Lamar Veatch, Alabama Public Library Services; and David Warren, Richland County Public Library, SC.



SOLINET announced the winners of its Outstanding Library Programs Awards at its May 4<sup>th</sup> annual meeting. This year's winners were:

### *Continuing Education and Staff Development Award:*

University Libraries, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; for outstanding programs in supporting the full range of training needs for over 150 faculty and classified staff

*Preservation and Electronic Information Award:* Special Collections Digital Program, University of Southern Mississippi Library; for excellence in providing online finding aids and full-text searching of its unique archival collections

### *Multi-type Library Cooperation:*

Kentucky Virtual Library; for resource sharing, database offerings, and statewide courier support for public libraries, colleges and universities, special libraries and K-12 schools across the state.

Serving as judges for the 2001 Awards were:

## Southeastern Institute on Collaborative Library Leadership

Thirty librarians, representing ten Southeastern states and the Virgin Islands, attended a weeklong institute on collaborative leadership held in Atlanta, May 7-11, 2001. The institute, administered by SOLINET and supported by the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), was designed to develop and enhance leadership among library staff engaged in consortial or collaborative activities. Pictured below, the participating librarians were: Maureen Womack and Elizabeth South from Alabama; Vince Mariner, Beth Watson, Daniel Wright, Andrea Carter, Marian Deeney, Phalbe Henriksen, and Charles Mayberry from Florida; Catherine A. Lee, Debbie Thrasher, Gilda Stanbery-Cotney, and Ann Hamilton from Georgia; Alisa Carmichael and Christopher Loudon from Kentucky; Gerald F. Patout from Louisiana; Keith Coleman from Mississippi; Mark Bernstein and Rebecca Johnston from North Carolina; Mary Smalls, Sarah Gable, and Gloria Kelley from South Carolina; Marie F. Jones, Kathryn Pagles, and David Atkins from Tennessee; Christopher Millson-Martula, Izabela Cieszynski, Valerie Thomson, and Janet Crowther from Virginia; and Linda R. Barr from the Virgin Islands.



## Calendar

(Dates subject to change)

- Oct 2-5 NCLA 54<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference; Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem, NC <http://www.nclaonline.org/conference/>
- Oct 11-13 South Carolina Library Association annual conference, Columbia, SC
- Oct 12-14 Southern Festival of Books, Nashville, TN
- Oct 17-19 Mississippi Library Association Annual Conference, Jackson, MS
- Oct 17-20 Kentucky Library Association/ Kentucky School Media Association Annual Joint Conference, Owensboro, KY
- Oct 18-19 Virginia Library Association Annual Conference, Richmond, VA
- Oct 18-20 Tennessee Association of School Librarians Conference 2001, Paris, TN
- Oct 20-23 Arkansas Library Association annual conference, Little Rock, AR
- Oct 29-31 West Virginia Library Association Conference, Canaan Valley Resort and Conference Center, WV
- Oct 31-Nov 2 Georgia Library Association Annual Conference, Jekyll Island, GA
- Oct 31-Nov 4 Charleston Conference: Issues in Book and Serials Acquisition. Charleston, SC
- Nov 14-16 Information Strategies 2001, Ft. Myers, FL  
<http://library.fgcu.edu/Conferences/infostrategies/index.html>
- Jan 15-18, 2002 ALISE conference, New Orleans, LA
- Jan 18-23, 2002 ALA Midwinter Meeting, New Orleans, LA
- March 5-8, 2002 Louisiana Library Association conference, Baton Rouge, LA
- March 26-28, 2002 Tennessee Library Association annual conference, Nashville, TN
- April 8-11, 2002 Florida Library Association Conference, Daytona Beach, FL
- April 9-12, 2002 Alabama Library Association Annual Convention, Huntsville, AL
- Oct 24-26, 2002 Joint SELA Conference with South Carolina Library Association, Charleston, SC

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