SELA NEWS:

SELA/COMO Joint Conference

The 2014 GA COMO/SELA Joint Conference will be held October 1-3, 2014 in Augusta, Georgia at the Augusta Convention Center. For further information regarding the conference please refer to the SELA website at http://selaonline.org/

Charles E. Beard Award

The Southeastern Library Association is accepting nominations for the SELA Charles E Beard Award (formerly President's Award). The purpose of the award is to honor an individual outside the library profession who has made a significant contribution to the development or promotion of libraries in the Southeast. The President's Award was established by the Executive Board of SELA in March, 1988. The Charles E. Beard Award Committee is appointed by the President of SELA and shall include members from a variety of states in SELA.

Criteria and Guidelines

1. The award is given to an individual outside the library profession who has made a significant contribution to Southeastern libraries in one or more states.
2. The award will be made to one person in a biennium, typically at the SELA conference. If no suitable nomination is received, may be omitted for that biennium.
3. Nomination must be made by an SELA member. The recipient need not be a member of the association.

Deadline for submission of nomination: August 27, 2014.

Required information: Persons nominating an individual should forward a resume of the nominee including professional/business and association activities, membership in civic organizations, writings if pertinent, single events and or other honors received. The person making the nomination will include a short statement outlining the nominee's major contribution(s) to the Librarianship in the Southeast. Supporting documentation such as articles in local, statewide and national press, brochures, correspondence, letters of commendation, etc. are welcome and encouraged.

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Rothrock Award

The Southeastern Library Association is seeking nominations for its prestigious Rothrock Award to be presented at the joint 2014 Georgia Council of Media Organizations/Southeastern Library Association Conference in Athens, Georgia in October. The purpose of the award is to honor a librarian who has contributed substantially to librarianship and library development in the southeast during their career.

Although nothing in the award criteria states that the award winner must be a SELA member individuals making the nominations must be SELA members.

The award criteria and nomination process is available at http://selaonline.org/about/rothrockaward.htm.


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SELA's Mentoring Program
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If you are an experienced librarian or just starting out, the SELA Mentoring Program can assist you. Sign up for the Mentoring Program and become a mentee.

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The SELA Mentoring Program was designed and developed to help members of SELA seek guidance in the field of librarianship. In any area of librarianship you are involved in or wish to become involved in, there are experienced individuals (mentors) who can help you reach your goals.

The SELA Mentoring Program is looking for mentors to offer assistance to others seeking advice in their current situation or future careers.

As a member of SELA, you have joined an organization whose membership includes experts and professionals (mentors) who are waiting to help you with your career development.

To get a better understand of the SELA Mentoring Program, checkout our web site –

http://selaonline.org/membership/mentoring.htm

If you have any questions feel free to contact me at any time.

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LIBRARY NEWS:

North Carolina

David S. Ferriero, Archivist of the United States, delivers commencement address at NC State University

On May 10, 2014, David S. Ferriero, the archivist of the United States, delivered the commencement address at North Carolina State University. During the commencement ceremony, Chancellor W. Randolph Woodson also conferred an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree on behalf of NC State.

As the tenth archivist of the United States and as head of the National Archives and Records Administration, Ferriero is appointed by the President and is responsible for safeguarding and making available to the public the records of the federal government. These responsibilities include managing 13 presidential libraries and preserving and securing national treasures such as the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and Bill of Rights, the deck logs for the USS Constitution during the War of 1812, hundreds of slave narratives, as well as billions of other historic documents, photos, films, recordings, maps and electronic records.

Appointed in November 2009, Ferriero has led significant initiatives to commit the National Archives to the principles of open government, making access to federal records under his watch more transparent and easier for citizens to obtain. Adopting social media and welcoming “citizen archivists” into the agency’s processes, he has pioneered powerful new ways to share our national treasures with broader and wider audiences.

Ferriero previously served as the Andrew W. Mellon Director of the New York Public Libraries, where he helped lead the integration of four separate research libraries and 87 branches into one system. He has also held top positions with academic libraries at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Duke University, where he raised $50 million to transform the libraries and gained a national reputation for exploring new instructional technologies.

“cannot think of anyone more appropriate for inspiring our students and faculty than David Ferriero,” says Susan K. Nutter, Vice Provost and Director of the NCSU Libraries. “His job is, quite simply, to preserve the story of America and its people, and his transformational methods of engaging citizens in our national life remind us all of the fundamental goals that universities are dedicated to pursuing.”

Ferriero earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees in English literature from Northeastern University in Boston and a master’s degree in Library and Information Science from Simmons College in Boston. He served as a naval corpsman with a Marine unit during the Vietnam War.

UNC Latino Oral History Initiative awarded $240,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities

A Latino oral history initiative at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has been awarded $240,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities. “New Roots: Improving Global Access of Latino Oral Histories” is a collaborative initiative of the Latino Migration Project, The Southern Oral History Program and the University Libraries. The initiative was established in 2007 to document demographic transformations in the U.S. South by collecting stories of migration, settlement and integration in North Carolina. The collection receives...