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### Alabama

#### **Auburn University Acquires Lett Papers**

The Auburn University Libraries Special Collections and Archives Department recently acquired the Dr. Philip W. Lett Collection, which opened to researchers in Fall, 2002. Dr. Lett, a native of Newton, Alabama, graduated from Alabama Polytechnic Institute (now Auburn University) in 1944 with a B. S. degree in Mechanical Engineering. Dr. Lett is internationally recognized as the “father of the M-1 Tank.” Lett began his career in 1950 with the Chrysler Corporation and was promoted to Vice President and Assistant to the General Manager. Dr. Lett retired in 1987. He has served as a military consultant throughout the world and has authored several articles on the defense industry and land-based combat vehicles. The Lett Collection consists of approximately thirty cubic feet of material including: personal and business correspondence, articles on the M-1 Tank and other land-based combat vehicles, articles authored by Dr. Lett, photographs, and engineering models.

#### **Alabama Library Association announces 2003 Award Winners**

- The Alabama Library Association (ALA) has named Sherida H. Downer, Auburn University Library, as the winner of its 2003 Distinguished Service Award. The Distinguished Service Award is presented to a librarian or an individual in a related field in recognition of leadership in a specific and noteworthy project that has resulted in a significant contribution towards the development of library service within Alabama.
- Jerry W. Stephens, Ph.D., Mervyn H. Sterne Library, University of Alabama at Birmingham, has received the ALA Eminent Librarian Award. This award is presented to a librarian or an individual in a related field who has been in Alabama for a minimum of ten (10) years and who, during this time, has made an exceptional and enduring contribution toward the development of library services within Alabama.

- ALA has bestowed upon Rickey D. Best, Auburn University at Montgomery Library, the Humanitarian Award. This award is presented to a person or an organization who has made a substantial contribution toward the development or improvement of a library or libraries within Alabama.

#### **2003 marks 20-year anniversary for LMN**

LMN (Library Management Network) is celebrating their 20th anniversary. LMN is a non-profit organization based in Decatur, Alabama providing library automation and management services to member libraries in thirteen north Alabama counties. LMN began with 22 terminals in 3 libraries in 1983, and has grown to 208 workstations in 27 member library sites. LMN is unique in that members consist of public, academic, and high school libraries. Member libraries utilize LMN for library automation and resource sharing with existing member libraries. LMN offers access to the shared online catalog via the World Wide Web from homes, schools, and businesses to holdings at member libraries consisting of books, cassettes, videos, CDs, DVDs, foreign language materials, etc. For more information go to <http://web2.lmn.lib.al.us/>

### Arkansas

For the third year, The Arkansas Center for the Book at **Arkansas State Library** is sponsoring “If All Of Arkansas Reads the Same Book.” This year’s selection is *All Over But The Shoutin’* by Rick Bragg.

New **Arkansas Library Association** officers include: Dwain Gordon, President (Central Arkansas Library System), Loretta Edwards, Vice President/President-Elect (University of Arkansas Medical Sciences Library), Sandy Olson, Secretary/Treasurer (University of Central Arkansas Library), Barbie James, Past President (Forrest City High School Library), Marilyn Schulte, American Library Association Councilor (Saline County Library), and Ellen Johnson, SELA Representative (University of Central Arkansas Library).

Planning is underway for the next annual conference of the Arkansas Library Association. The conference will be held September 28 – 30 at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

## Georgia

### State University of West Georgia News

Speaker Tom Murphy, former Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives for 27 years, has donated the political papers and memorabilia housed in his office to the State University of West Georgia. The Ingram Library Special Collections/Archives Department will receive the collection. A re-creation of his office will be built on campus, complete with the actual contents including furnishings, photographs, plaques, etc, to make the papers accessible to the citizens of Georgia.

Murphy's papers will join an impressive accumulation of political collections in UWG's Ingram Library. U. S. Congressman Bob Barr recently donated his materials, and previous acquisitions include the entire political collection of former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Newt Gingrich. Other collections include papers from former Congressman Pat Swindall, and legislative collections from Ebb Duncan, Tracy Stallings, Charles Thomas, John Simpson, and Wayne Garner.

### Emory University Acquires Library of Ted Hughes

The Robert W. Woodruff Library of Emory University has acquired the library of the late poet laureate of Great Britain Ted Hughes. At the time of his death in 1998 Hughes was among Britain's leading literary figures and the author of dozens of critically acclaimed collections of poems, including *The Hawk in the Rain*, *Lupercal*, *Wodwo* and *Crow*. His 1998 collection, *Birthday Letters*, chronicled his relationship with his first wife, the poet Sylvia Plath, and was an international bestseller as well as recipient of the Whitbread Book of the Year award. During the course of a distinguished life in letters, he also published many books for children, translations, a monumental critical study of Shakespeare, and other works. This acquisition unites the Ted Hughes library with the poet's literary archive, which Emory acquired in 1997. The Robert W. Woodruff Library offers a competitive annual fellowship for researchers needing support to travel to Emory for work in these and other of the Library's literary collections. More details may be found at:

<http://web.library.emory.edu/libraries/speccolls/>.

### Literary Archive of Anthony Hecht Acquired by Emory University

The Special Collections and Archives of Emory University has acquired the literary papers of Anthony Hecht, considered by many to be one of the finest contemporary American poets. Hecht's second collection of poems, *The Hard Hours* (1967), received the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry in 1968, and subsequent collections have earned numerous honors and awards, including the Prix de Rome, the Bollingen Prize (1983), and the Eugenio Montale Award for lifetime achievement in poetry (1983). Other published collections include *Millions of Strange Shadows*, *The Venetian Vespers*, *The Transparent Man*, *Flight Among the Tombs*, and *The Darkness and the Light*.

### KLAS Brings Better Library Services to Blind and Physically Disabled

Implementation of a new library automation system by the Georgia Library for Accessible Services (GLASS) is streamlining operations at the regional GLASS library in Atlanta and 13 sub-regional libraries for the blind and physically disabled around the state. Administered by the Georgia Public Library Service, GLASS provides the visually impaired and physically disabled with library services in the form of talking books, special playback equipment and Braille materials. Patrons who are not able to visit one of the 14 libraries in person may obtain talking books and other materials through the mail.

The new automation system, Keystone Library Automation System (KLAS) from North Carolina-based Keystone, Inc., streamlines and automates many library functions such as materials and machine inventory control, magazine subscription tracking, order and request processing, mailing card generation, and reporting and evaluation functions. KLAS is designed to be easily accessible with adaptive technology so that staff or library users with visual impairments can use the technology.

One of the biggest benefits of KLAS is that Georgia now has a statewide collection of materials for the blind and disabled, rather than 14 separate collections. This shared union catalog allows GLASS and the sub-regional libraries to provide expanded choices and quality library services to their users. For more information go to <http://www.public.lib.ga.us/lbph/>. Funding for KLAS comes from a federal Library

Services and Technology Act grant from the Institute for Museum and Library Services.

## **Kentucky**

### **Annual Conference Update**

Plans are underway for the Kentucky Library Association's Annual Conference in Louisville, October 8-11, 2003. This year's theme will be "Libraries in Defense of Freedom" and will focus on access to government information, freedom of information, right of privacy, digital copyrights, intellectual freedom, challenged books, the digital divide, and fair use. First Lady Laura Bush has been invited to speak at the conference.

### **Library Public Awareness Efforts**

A Public Awareness Leadership Institute, consisting of four training sessions in different locations across Kentucky, will be held over the next several months. Participants will include library directors, staff, trustees, and Friends. Goals of the institute are to assist local communities in developing a local public awareness project for their library and to cultivate leadership skills. The Public Awareness Leadership Institute is a project funded by the Federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA/IMLS).

### **Thomas Fountain Blue Resolution**

At the SELA Leadership Conference, Kentucky representatives presented for endorsement and support the Thomas Fountain Blue Resolution. The resolution was unanimously endorsed by the SELA Executive Board. SELA's endorsement for the resolution will be added to those entities already in support. The resolution is scheduled to go before the American Library Association Board in petition to become a proclamation from ALA. The Blue Resolution, researched and authored by Renette Jones, follows:

#### **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION OF REVEREND THOMAS FOUNTAIN BLUE**

*WHEREAS, Reverend Thomas Fountain Blue became the first formally trained African American librarian in the state of Kentucky in 1905 and went on to influence librarianship in Kentucky, in the South, and across the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, Reverend Blue supervised the establishment of the second public library in Kentucky that was exclusively for African Americans, located in three rooms of a house in Louisville, Kentucky in 1905; and*

*WHEREAS, Reverend Blue was the first African American to manage public libraries with an entire African American staff, and this was done within the first Carnegie Colored Libraries that were located in Louisville, Kentucky in 1908 and 1914; and*

*WHEREAS, Within the Louisville Western Colored Branch Library in 1912, Reverend Blue led the establishment of library education for African Americans in the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, The Louisville library training program resulted in the inclusion of African Americans in the public libraries workforce, with the initial impact being in the South and later spreading to other states in the U.S.; and*

*WHEREAS, Reverend Blue was the first African American to be placed on an American Library Association program in June 1922, when he spoke in Detroit, Michigan at the 2nd Annual Work With Negroes Round Table. The topic was the training of Negro librarians; and*

*WHEREAS, The Louisville library training program was used as a prototype for the establishment of academic library training exclusively for African Americans, beginning in 1925 at Hampton Institute in Virginia, which gave rise to the American Library Association accrediting library programs for African Americans; and*

*WHEREAS, Reverend Blue established the 1st Conference for Colored Librarians at Hampton Institute, March 15-18, 1927, and assisted with the 2nd Negro Library Conference held at Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee, November 20-23, 1930; and*

*WHEREAS, The Louisville Carnegie Colored Libraries were seeds that grew beyond the borders of Kentucky and the United States, and these libraries served as the prototype for establishing the Carnegie Non-European library service in South Africa in 1928; and*

*WHEREAS, The American Library Association, the state of Kentucky, and many other states are*

*faced with the challenge of recruiting, educating, and retaining African American librarians; therefore, be it*

*RESOLVED, that the American Library Association recognizes the leadership role of Reverend Thomas Fountain Blue in laying the foundation for the continued presence of African American libraries, library students, and library employees in all types of libraries within the United States and abroad; and be it further*

*RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be given to the Kentucky Library Association, Louisville Free Public Library, Jerry E. Abramson - Mayor of Louisville, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, Kentucky Association of Blacks in Higher Education, Kentucky Alliance of Black School Educators, Special Libraries Association/Kentucky Chapter, Southeastern Library Association, Library Administration and Management Association, the Black Caucus of the American Library Association, and the Library and Information Association of South Africa.*

### **Kentucky Department for Library and Archives (KDLA) Launches @yourlibrary Web Site**

As part of its continuing public awareness initiatives, KDLA has launched an "@yourlibrary" web magazine. The site is directed primarily to public library staff and trustees, and is meant to be a resource for the public library community. Much of it is based on the series of statewide forums KDLA conducted last year. Over the next year, each "issue" of this website will focus on one of our public libraries' basic values (as determined in the forums): democracy, life-long learning, neighborliness, technology, and pride. The site is supported in large part by IMLS (Institute of Museum and Library Services), under the provisions of LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act). For more information see: <http://www.kdla.net/@yourlibrary/main.htm>

### **North Carolina**

#### **NC State Libraries Receive Award**

The North Carolina State University Libraries have received the 2003 American Library Association (ALA)/Information Today "Library of

the Future" Award for a Web-based, technology-enhanced and graphically attractive Library Online Basic Orientation program (LOBO). The program helps students use library services quickly and effectively. The cash award of \$1,500 honors an individual library, library consortium, group of librarians or support organization, for innovative planning for, applications of, or development of training programs about information technology in a library setting.

### **South Carolina**

#### **USC Film Library Receives Grant**

The University of South Carolina's Film Library has received a film preservation grant of \$502,537 including \$251,268 from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). The grant will be used to preserve 200,000 feet of early sound Movietone Newsfilm from nitrocellulose film to 35mm safety film. The project, which is part of the NEH "History of Talking Pictures," will preserve approximately 225 edited newsreel stories and associated outtakes, together with supplemental paper documents from the first two years of sound-on-film newsreel production, a period widely regarded as pivotal in the development of film technology and news reporting. In addition to the NEH funds, the Film Library will contribute \$101,269 in salaries, supplies, and indirect costs. USC's office of research will provide the remaining \$150,000.

#### **USC Receives John Burroughs Collection**

The University of South Carolina's Thomas Cooper Library recently received a collection of materials pertaining to the American nature writer John Burroughs (1837-1921). The collection, which includes over 100 volumes by Burroughs as well as original photographs and memorabilia, was presented to the library by Prof. G. Ross Roy. It is called the *W. Ormiston Roy Collection of John Burroughs* in honor of Professor Roy's grandfather. The elder Roy knew Burroughs and served as a consultant on the landscaping of Burroughs's estate in the Catskills. Burroughs is increasingly recognized as a pioneer in raising consciousness of conservation issues. As a follower of Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau, and friend of Walt Whitman, he also has a significant role in American literary history.

## **Tennessee**

### **Library Gets New Assistant Director**

The Chattanooga-Hamilton County Bicentennial Library in Chattanooga, Tennessee is pleased to announce that Barry Bradford has been selected as the new Assistant Library Director. Mr. Bradford joined the Chattanooga library system in 1993 as Head Librarian for the Ooltewah/Collegedale Branch Library. Most recently he served as the Head of the Fine Arts Department for the main library. He obtained his MLIS degree from LSU in 1991. He also holds a BA degree in History and a Master of Divinity degree. Before working at the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Bicentennial Library, he served as the Branch manager for the Latter Memorial Library, a branch of the New Orleans Public Library system.

## **West Virginia**

### **Shepherd College Library Renovation**

Scarborough Library, Shepherd College, Shepherdstown, West Virginia will complete renovation in August, 2003 of its original building. The Scarborough construction includes a 45,000 square foot addition to the 1960s building, housing both The Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies and the Library. Senator Byrd's papers from his 50 years in public service will reside in the Center. For additional information, contact Dr. Rachel A. Schipper, Dean of Libraries and Information Sciences.

### **Marshall University Receives Gift**

Marshall University Libraries have received a donation of art glass, a collection valued at \$500,000, from Wilbur E. Myers. The collection, entitled the Wilbur E. Myers Gallery of Glass, comprises nearly 400 pieces representing the best of art glass from around the world from such recognized glass houses as Fostoria, Steuben, Tiffany, Wheeling, Fenton, and Bruckunier. Special display cabinets, designed by master craftsman John Kellner, surround the collection with glass enclosures on two sides, showing the collection in its best light. Mr. Myers has collected glass for over 40 years. For additional information, please contact Barbara Winters, Dean of Libraries, Marshall University.

