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# *The Southeastern Librarian*

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## **Message from the President**

I am very pleased to announce that we have a theme for the joint conference with North Carolina:

### **A SPLENDID COMBINATION!!: North Carolina Library Association Centennial Conference & Southeastern Library Association Biennial Conference**

It will be held November 9-13, 2004, at the Charlotte Convention Center. The Westin Charlotte Hotel will provide housing and some meeting space for the conference. The Westin is across the street from the convention center so the conference location is almost ideal.

During the week before Thanksgiving, Judith Gibbons, SELA Vice-President-President-Elect; Mark Pumphrey, SELA Conference Committee Co-chair; and I had very productive meetings with NCLA President Pauletta Bracy, NCLA's SELA representative John Via, NCLA's ALA Councilor Vanessa Work Ramseur, and NCLA and SELA members from Charlotte. We met with representatives of the hotel and the convention center to discuss services and meeting spaces available at each site.

The Charlotte Convention Center has reserved space to allow the exhibits, general sessions, and individual breakout sessions to be held there. In addition to those spaces, there are several locations within the center where participants will be able to sit down during breaks or meet officially or unofficially with colleagues and friends. I encourage everyone to look at the convention center's web site to see more details about the facilities <<http://www.charlottecvb.org/>>. A new train trolley is planned that will go from the hotel to the convention center and other locations in the city. A highway trolley system is also available for moving around the city. John Via emphasized the "heavenly beds" at the Westin Charlotte Hotel when we were planning our meeting. They certainly lived up to his description! Judith, Pauletta, and I had the opportunity to test them. I think they'd agree that you have a lot to which to look forward as you make plans to attend the conference. The hotel has only been open a few months, and we were impressed by the service, the food, and the accommodations. Judith and I sampled local restaurants, including some within a block of the hotel, and we were pleased with both the food and the service.

There are a couple of attractions across the street from the convention center that appealed to my librarian's heart. The Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County has a branch in the Wachovia headquarters building called the Check It Outlet. Library patrons can check out books there and pick up books delivered from other branches. The branch is housed in a retail space overlooking The Green, a delightful new park with literary affiliations that should definitely be on everyone's "must see" list. Since they're so close to the convention center they will be nice places to take a break between conference events.

Judith and Mark are working closely with our North Carolina colleagues to develop programs and other conference related events that will truly live up to the theme of the conference. I encourage anyone interested in presenting a program to contact Judith or Mark. Information about the conference will be maintained on the NCLA web site at <<http://www.nclaonline.org/>> so keep checking for the latest update.

--Ann Hamilton

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## Stateside News

### Alabama

#### Alabama Library Association Meets Campaign Goal

From the initial gift of \$6,000 from Dr. Annabel Stephens, Associate Professor and Coordinator of ALLA, the Centennial Scholarship Campaign has met its \$20,000 Goal. The Alabama Library Association (ALLA) initiated a 5-year Centennial Scholarship Campaign in 1999 under the leadership of former ALLA President Dr. Janice Franklin, to raise \$20,000 for the Scholarship and Loan Fund in celebration of the Association Centennial year in 2004. The Association achieved this goal in November and continues to receive contributions. The fund will surpass the goal when the Campaign Committee officially presents the ALLA Centennial Memorial Scholarship at the Centennial Convention in Montgomery, April 20-23, 2004. The scholarship will be awarded annually to residents of Alabama pursuing library and information studies or classes in school library media. It will not be restricted to study in Alabama. The scholarship will be a minimum amount of \$500 with additional money available up to \$1,000 based on contributions to the Scholarship Fund. Application materials will come from the Association Scholarship and Loan Board. For more information about the Campaign, go to the ALLA Centennial Campaign Committee link on the ALLA website <http://allanet.org/www/centcom.htm>

#### Upcoming Annual Conference

The Alabama Library Association will celebrate 100 years of library service in Alabama, April 20-23, 2004 at the Montgomery Civic Center, Montgomery, AL. Reservations cut-off date is March 20, 2004. Theme: "The Alabama Library Association: A Living Legacy-- Celebrates 100 Years of Service With Alabama Libraries". For more information go to <http://allanet.org/www/convention.htm>

### Arkansas

#### Presidential Library Exhibit

The Clinton Presidential Library, currently under construction, presented its third preview exhibit from November 24, 2003 through January 3, 2004, in the Cox Creative Center in Little Rock. The Cox Creative Center, a part of the Central Arkansas Library System's main campus, and

the Clinton Presidential Center are both located in Little Rock's River Market District. The preview exhibit is titled, "America Presents: Books and Gifts from the Clinton Presidency." The exhibit featured gifts from each of the 50 states, inscribed books presented to the Clintons from authors, political figures and celebrities, as well as a special section on Clinton's Elvis Presley collection. The theme of the exhibit last year was titled, "Holidays in the White House." Over 12,800 persons visited the exhibit, which included a look at White House celebrations of Christmas, Hanukah, Ramadan, and Kwanza during the Clinton years. Visitors to the exhibit received a complimentary commemorative former First Cat "Socks", and a holiday card.

#### Award Winners Announced

Winners were recently announced for the 2003 Charlie May Simon Children's Book Award and the 2003 Arkansas Diamond Primary Book Award. The Arkansas State Library, Arkansas Department of Education, and the Arkansas Reading Association sponsored the annual awards. Children in grades four through six voted on the Simon Award. Children in kindergarten through grade three voted on the Diamond Award. *Because of Winn-Dixie* was the winner of the Simon Award; *A Year down Yonder* by Richard Peck was named an honor book. *Salt in His Shoes: Michael Jordan in Pursuit of a Dream* was the winner of the Diamond Award; *Kiss the Cow* was named an honor book.

#### Grand Opening Celebrated

The Saline County Public Library in Benton, Arkansas, held a grand opening for its new library building in mid-August. Principal speaker was Jack Mulkey, Arkansas state librarian. One of the features on the program was the jazz classic "At Last," included because, according to Director Julie Hart, "We've waited a long time for this."

### Florida

#### Oral History Program

The University of South Florida Oral History Program, an initiative focused on recording and preserving memories of historic Hillsborough County, has amassed more than 100 oral histories on topics ranging from politics and culture to the university's establishment. The program continues to interview people prominent in Florida political life, social justice, the history of USF, and Tampa Bay's economic

development. Oral histories are available on VHS recordings at the USF Tampa Library Media Resources Collection, or via the Internet, and include notable interviews with US Congressman Sam Gibbons; the late Florida civil rights leader Robert W. Saunders, Sr.; former USF President, Betty Castor; and Tampa Mayor, Pam Lori.

### **USF offers Scholarships**

University of South Florida School of Library and Information Science has received an IMLS (Institute of Museum and Library Services) grant to provide scholarships for 28 students who will begin an enhanced distance MLIS program in Summer 2004 and complete the program no later than Summer 2006. Additional information and downloadable applications are now available at <http://chuma.cas.usf.edu/~swohlmut/IMLS/IMLSgrant.html>

### **Renovated and Expanded Collier City Learning Library Opened December 6**

The rededication grand opening celebration for the expanded and renovated Collier City Learning Library (pictured below) was held Saturday, December 6 at the library in Pompano Beach, FL. The \$1.5 million renovation and expansion of the library is a cooperative project of the Broward County Board of County Commissioners, the Broward Public Library Foundation, Jim and Jan Moran, JM Family Enterprises, and Southeast Toyota Distributors. The project increased the library's space from 9,284 to 16,584 square feet and will provide additional areas for programs designed for children, teens and adults, more meeting rooms and a computer lab. The library serves approximately 150 children who are enrolled in daily programs and 500 other local residents, many of whom possess a strong sense of community and neighborhood pride.



### **University of South Florida 50th Anniversary Pictorial History**

The Florida Studies Center, a USF Libraries department serving to promote Arts and

Humanities Education on Florida, is creating a commemorative pictorial history for USF's 50th anniversary. Planned for release in early 2006, the book will involve personnel from all USF campuses. University constituents, past and present, are invited to offer written and pictorial items for possible inclusion. As progress on the book continues, the publicity regarding the collected stories has brought increased awareness to and appreciation for USF's rich history. As a result, Special Collections has received a number of new collections including several dozen photographs and a wide assortment of past university publications and graphic design work. For more information go to <http://www.lib.usf.edu/flasc/>

### **New Tamarac Branch Library Opened in October**

The new \$6.4 million Tamarac Branch Library (pictured below) opened on October 22, the latest addition to the Broward County (FL) Library system funded by the 1999 library bond issue. More than 300 enthusiastic people attended the dedication ceremony. The library is a one-story, 30,000 square foot building constructed on four acres. The facility has a collection of 48,000 items, 50 computers for public use, a 100-seat multi-purpose room, a conference room, a 24-seat computer lab, a story room for children's programs, three tutoring rooms and a quiet study room. Public art and design pieces, created by artist Raymond Olivero, are fresco glass and ceramic tile murals called "Moment in Tamarac: From Whence We Come" and "Moment in Tamarac: To Whence We Go."



### **Georgia**

#### **LaGrange College Plans New Library**

Plans are underway for a new library for LaGrange College. Jay Lucker, former director of the M.I.T. library and consultant on numerous academic libraries, served as a consultant and

wrote the building program. The library committee has been working closely with Jeff Floyd of the Alpha Group regarding site and cost issues. Following the Board of Trustees meeting in October it was expected that requests for proposals would go out to architectural firms. The library is one of several new buildings on the LaGrange College Campus. Loren Pinkerman is the Director of the LaGrange College Library.

### **Blind and Visually Impaired Library Users Gain Access to Online Catalog**

Blind and visually impaired library users in Georgia now have access to an Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC). This OPAC technology allows library users to search an online library catalog for talking books (specially recorded books on tape for the visually impaired), Braille materials and descriptive videos that match their interests. Library users may then place an order for the materials they select and have them mailed to their residence free of charge. The online catalog is compatible with adaptive technology and screen reading software so that blind or visually impaired library users can navigate and use the online catalog with ease. The online catalog is a service of the Georgia Library for Accessible Services (GLASS), a division of the Georgia Public Library Service. GLASS is the library for blind, visually impaired and physically disabled Georgians. The online catalog can be accessed at [www.klas.com/glass](http://www.klas.com/glass).

### **Georgia Public Library Receives AIA/ALA Library Buildings Award**

Clayton County Library System's Riverdale Branch Library is featured in the April 2003 issue of *American Libraries* as one of seven winners of the AIA/ALA Library Buildings Award. Co-sponsored since 1963 by the American Institute of Architects and the American Library Association's Library Administration and Management Association, the biennial program recognizes excellence in library architectural design and planning. The award highlights library buildings that meet the needs of local communities, invite and welcome the community to use and enjoy the library, and communicate the importance of libraries in the life of communities. The recipients of the 2003 awards were formally recognized in June at the 2003 ALA Annual Conference in Toronto. The Riverdale Branch Library, dedicated in honor of Lee B. Philmon, includes unique light fixtures, expansive skylights and an outdoor reading garden. The Atlanta firm Mack Scogin Merrill

Elam Architects (formerly Scogin Elam and Bray) designed the library. They worked around challenges such as a difficult site, the need for a low-maintenance facility and a limited budget. They met these challenges in an award-winning fashion that, according to AIA/ALA judges, created a library that "shows a consistency in design elements, materials, and detailing inside and out."

## **Louisiana**

### **Work Continues on Tulane University Library Renovations**

The Howard-Tilton Memorial Library at Tulane University embarked on an ambitious, multi-phase project in April 2002 designed to improve physical access to the collections. The first phase, commonly referred to as the Dewey Project, began with the reclassification from Dewey Decimal to the Library of Congress system of all currently received journals. The reclassification of these 1,000 journal titles is scheduled for completion in early 2004. The Dewey Project also aims to reclassify approximately 20,000 Dewey Decimal books that have circulated at least twice in the past decade, as well as books and serials with heavy internal use as identified by faculty and library bibliographers. The reclassification project is scheduled to run through April 2005. In the second phase of the project, materials remaining in Dewey Decimal have been relocated to the Tulane University Libraries Off-site Depository (TULOD), located several minutes from campus. This leased facility, which was renovated between September 2002 and May 2003, employs state-of-the-art air-conditioning and humidity control to protect this older collection from the New Orleans elements. The move of approximately 325,000 volumes was completed over a two-month period between May and July 2003. The third phase of the project is the rearrangement of the Howard-Tilton Memorial Library stacks. This rearrangement was scheduled for completion late 2003.

### **Cajun/Creole Music Collection Grows at Dupré Library**

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette Edith Garland Dupré Library has been awarded a Louisiana Board of Regents Traditional Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$90,487. The project, "To Preserve Cultures and Nurture Generations: Building a Collection of Cajun and Creole Music at the University Library," will use grant funds to acquire commercial recordings of

Cajun, Creole, zydeco and swamp pop music. Equipment for listening and archival purposes will also be purchased. Project directors are Sandy Himel, Reference and Government Information Librarian; Jean Kiesel, Louisiana Room Librarian; Bruce Turner, Head of Archives and Special Collections; Lance Chance, Systems Coordinator; and Barry Ancelet, Head of the Department of Modern Languages at UL Lafayette.

### **LOUISiana Union Catalog Now Available**

LOUIS, The Louisiana Library Network, recently unveiled its new "LOUISiana Union Catalog" to the public at <http://search.louislibraries.org>. The LOUISiana Union Catalog is composed of separate databases using the Z39.50 protocol to search them simultaneously and bring back a list which summarizes the search results. The LOUISiana Union Catalog will enable anyone in the world to search across one, several, or all Louisiana academic library catalogs listed on the Web2 search page. The next release of Web2 will allow users to search Sirsi Unicorn sites using the "native" search indexes of the target catalog. The Louisiana Library Network combines the resources of Louisiana's public and private academic libraries, along with a centralized support staff located on the LSU campus, to produce a dynamic library consortium. For more information go to <http://apl006.lsu.edu/ocswweb/louishome.nsf/index>

## **Mississippi**

### **MLA Announces Award Winners**

The Mississippi Library Association (MLA) is pleased to announce the following award winners for 2003:

- New Members Round Table, Beta Phi Mu Student Paper Competition winners: Linda Ginn and Jingjing Liu. \$100 to each student - donated by the Gale Group and the Beta Psi Chapter of Beta Phi Mu.
- Peggy May Scholarship Award winner: Andrea Kyzar, School Library Media Specialist, St. Martin North Elementary School.



- Peggy May Award winner: Ann Branton, Head of Bibliographic Services, University of Southern Mississippi. (Photo of Ms. Branton on left)

- Outstanding Achievement Award winner: Frances N. Coleman, Dean of Libraries, Mississippi State University
- Friends Awards: Oretia Daugherty, Friends of Lafayette County Library, Oxford; Library Foundation of Hancock County; Doris Stewart, Friends of the George E. Allen Library, Booneville;
- Carroon Apple Award winner: Iris Collins, Librarian, Anniston Ave. Elementary School, Gulfport
- Past Presidents' Award winner: Victoria Penny, Youth Services Coordinator, First Regional Library, Hernando

## **North Carolina**

### **NCSU Libraries Wins \$270,000 NSF Grant**

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has granted \$270,000 to NC State University Libraries to develop InsideWood, an extensive, Internet-accessible wood anatomy research database. The funding for InsideWood covers work at both NCSU Libraries and the College of Natural Resources over a two-year span. InsideWood will build on existing databases, specimen collections, and photographic images at NC State and other institutions. The wood collection at NC State is the largest in the southeastern United States, outside of the Smithsonian Institution. In all, NC State holds 6,916 database records covering extant and fossil angiosperms, extant conifers, and hardwood fibers (these records are available on computer diskette but not over the Internet), 31,919 wood samples, 4,000 microscope slides, and 4,050 photomicrographs collected over the past 114 years. Project researchers will create a Web site with nonexclusive, open architecture to allow for long-term sustainability of the databases for wood identification.

## **South Carolina**

### **War Poster Exhibit Opens at University of South Carolina**

An exhibit entitled "Posters of the Great War" opened September 21 at the University of South Carolina's McKissick Museum. The exhibit features 35 dramatic posters from the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy, Canada, and Austria, which were created by noted artists of the day to garner support for the war effort. The posters on exhibit were selected from a group of

over 100 posters which comprise an important segment of the Thomas Cooper Library's Joseph M. Bruccoli Great War Collection. Major artists represented in the exhibit include Lucien Jonas from France, and Americans Howard Foster Christy, Harrison Fisher, James Montgomery Flagg, and Joseph Pennell. The Joseph M. Bruccoli Great War Collection was established in 1999 by Matthew J. and Arlyn Bruccoli in memory of Professor Bruccoli's father, who fought in the war. The collection now exceeds 3,000 items. Preparation of materials for the exhibit was funded largely through a donation from the Exxon Foundation, with matching donations by Edward Hallman, '50, through the Easterling-Hallman Foundation. A printed catalog/brochure, which is available at the exhibit site, was funded by the Bruccolis. A limited-edition keepsake was handprinted for the exhibit opening by Scott Gwara at the Maxcy Press. A Web version of the exhibit is available at:

<http://www.sc.edu/library/spcoll/hist/gwposters/posterintro.html>

### **USC mounts Exhibit on Computing**

The University of South Carolina's Thomas Cooper Library has mounted a new web-exhibit on the history of computing. The exhibit is entitled "Charles Babbage (1791-1871): the Calculating Engine in the South Carolina College Library." The exhibit is accessible through the Rare Books home-page at <http://www.sc.edu/library/spcoll/babbage/intro.html>. The exhibit was curated by Patrick Scott, put in digital form by Zella Hilton, and edited for mounting by Amy Yarborough.

## **Tennessee**

### **Tennessee State Library & Archives Celebrates Anniversary**

A reception to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the formal opening of the present State Library and Archives building in 1953, and the 150th anniversary of the creation of the State Library in 1854, was held September 28 at the Tennessee State Library and Archives building in downtown Nashville. The program featured remarks by State Historian Walter Durham. Exhibits featured early Tennessee documents, the African-American experience, Tennessee in World War II, and the history and services of the State Library and Archives.

In 1953, the Tennessee State Library and Archives building, directly across from the capitol, was formally opened. The building was

constructed as a memorial to the men and women of Tennessee who served in World War II. The floor of its central lobby, Memorial Hall, features the Great Seal of the State in marble. Military insignia for all branches of the U.S. military adorn the doors. It houses the largest and best collection of Tennessee resource material in the state, as well as a state-of-the-art preservation and photography lab, administrative offices of the statewide public libraries and local archives programs, and the Tennessee Regional Library for the Blind or Physically Handicapped. The Tennessee State Library was founded in 1854, five years after the Tennessee Historical Society. It began its life in the old Davidson County courthouse, but spent most of the next one hundred years in the State Capitol. In his 1845 plans of the Capitol, eminent architect William Strickland included a room for the original State Library. This exquisite room, opposite the Senate Chamber on the second story of the Capitol, has a frescoed ceiling, a spiral staircase and a bronze and brass chandelier. It served as the State Library for a century, and has since been restored to its original beauty and dignity.

## **West Virginia**

### **Marshall University Receives Donation**

Nelson S. Bond, veteran science fiction/fantasy writer, has donated his papers to Marshall University. Bond published 257 stories in 68 different magazines between 1935 and 1958 and over the past half-century wrote 7 books of short fiction. His stories have appeared in more than 100 anthologies. Nelson is possibly best known, however, for his radio and television scripts. During the 1943-44 radio season, he wrote 46 half-hour crime dramas for ABC's Hot Copy, plus a smattering of scripts for The Dr. Christian Show, Author's Playhouse and Curtain Time. In subsequent years he would write scripts for The Black Book, Ford Theatre, Make Believe Time, The Sheriff Show, Mystery on the Air, Dimension X, Mollie Mystery Theatre, Escape, and other classic radio shows. In 1946 his script on Mr. Mergenthwirker's Lobbllies became the first play ever aired over a television network. And, in his 95th year, he continues to write. He recently published a book entitled The Far Side of Nowhere and is completing work on another monograph, Other Worlds Than Ours, due for publication in 2004. Nelson Bond is a graduate of Marshall University (class of 1935).



# Outstanding Southeastern Author Awards Nomination Form

**Purpose:** To recognize authors in states of the SELA for current works of literary merit.

**Criteria:**

- Authors must be native born or bona fide residents of a SELA state at the time the work was written or published.
- Works must be chosen based on literary merit.
- Two awards may be given; one in fiction and one in non-fiction.
- In each category works must have been published within five years prior to December 31 of the year preceding the biennial conference.
- The person making the nomination must be a member of SELA.

**Process:** Submit nominations on this form, along with accompanying material – not to exceed four pages per entry, reason for nomination, book reviews, biography, etc. – to the committee chairs by **May 14, 2004**. Copies of the nominations will be distributed to all committee members.

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Title of work \_\_\_\_\_

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Fiction \_\_\_\_\_ Non-fiction \_\_\_\_\_

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Attach reason for nomination with document and limit documentation for each nomination to three pages or less.

## People News

**Stephanie Ali** has joined the SOLINET staff as HBCU Library Alliance Program Administrator. In this role Ms. Ali will administer the HBCU Leadership Grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The grant supports a one-year planning effort to develop a leadership program for the library deans and directors of the 103 Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Ms. Ali joins SOLINET with experience in non-profit and HBCU organizations. She is a junior at Georgia State University, where she majors in business administration

**Carolyn Argentati** has been named associate vice provost and the Donald E. Moreland Deputy Director of Libraries at North Carolina State University. Argentati, who had been the Associate Director for Public Services at the libraries, will keep her responsibilities in public services while taking on significant new responsibility for developing and implementing the strategic vision of the research library for the 21st century. As deputy director, Argentati will focus on leadership and coordination of the internal work of the libraries.

**Tone' Aultman** was recently hired as Library Associate in the Multimedia Room of the Earl K. Long Library at the University of New Orleans.

Pullen Library at Georgia State University has appointed **Elizabeth L. Bagley** to the position of Associate University Librarian for Public Services. Bagley will be responsible for leading the public services operations and initiatives of the library. Bagley brings to the Georgia State community nearly 20 years of experience in the library field. She joins the university from Roberts Library at Dalton State College, where she served as library director since 2000 and successfully led a \$5 million library renovation. Previously she served for seven years as library director at South Georgia College, Douglas. Bagley has worked for libraries within the University System of Georgia (USG) for 11 years and served as chair of the USG Regents Academic Committee on Libraries (RACL) and Georgia Library Learning Online (GALILEO) Steering Committee.

**Camilla B. Baker**, Assistant Professor and

Coordinator of Library Instruction comes to Reese Library of Augusta State University (GA) from Canisius College in Buffalo, NY. At Canisius she was most recently Head of Reference Services, Coordinator of Library Instruction and Coordinator of Evening and Weekend Public Services. She is a graduate of the Emory University Division of Librarianship and Agnes Scott College.

**Charles E. Beard**, Director of University Libraries at the University of West Georgia, recently presented the opening keynote address, "Advocacy is Everyone's Responsibility" for the Washington D. C. Public Library Staff Development Day 2003. Beard also presented an advocacy workshop, "The ABCs of Advocacy" prior to the concluding keynote address by Ralph Nader.

**Bradley Brazzeal** has been appointed Assistant Professor/Instructional Services Librarian at the Mississippi State University Libraries. Brazzeal completed a Masters in Library and Information Science from Louisiana State University in December, 2003.

**Martha Bryant**, is Instructor and Electronic Resources Librarian at Reese Library of Augusta State University, (GA). She comes to this position after eleven years as a school media specialist in North Augusta, SC and Aiken, SC. She received her master's from the University of South Carolina's School of Library and Information Science and her undergraduate degree from Clemson University.

**Jessica Buehring** has joined the library faculty at Mississippi State University Libraries as the Assistant Professor/Science Reference Librarian. She received a MLS from Indiana University in December, 2002.

At its 2003 Annual Meeting, the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL) acknowledged the contributions of **John Burger** (pictured on page 10) by honoring him with the title of Executive Director, the first in the organization's history. Mr. Burger had served as ASERL Program Manager since May 2000, when the organization voted to hire its first full-time staff to manage ongoing operations and coordinate new program development. A native of New York, he



earned a degree in Communications and Media from the University of Scranton in Pennsylvania. He has led communications and marketing efforts with nonprofit and for-profit organizations.

In 1998, he joined the Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET) as assistant program manager for Community Planet, a joint venture to create a system for improved access to online collections of community information.

Two librarians have joined the Clayton College & State University faculty at the CCSU library. **Yalonda Carson** and **Joan Taylor** both began work as Public Service Librarians on November 1, 2003. Carson holds an MLS from North Carolina Central University and will serve as Instruction Coordinator. Taylor holds an MSL from Clark Atlanta University and will serve as Database/Web Coordinator.

**Elizabeth Cooper** has been appointed Anthropology Librarian for the General Libraries of Emory University. Her previous experience includes seven years at American University in Cairo, Egypt and two years at the San Antonio College Library, Alamo Community College District. She earned her M.A. in Middle East Studies at American University in Cairo, M.L.I.S. at the University of Texas in Austin and a B.A. in English at Texas A&M University.

**Laurel Crump** is the new Director of Information and Access Services at the Jane Bancroft Cook Library, University of South Florida. Ms. Crump, previously from Southern California's DeVry University, will supervise the Circulation and Reference areas. The Jane Bancroft Cook Library is a shared services facility for the University of South Florida and New College of Florida.

**Karen Davidson** has joined the Mississippi State University Libraries faculty as an Assistant Professor, with a joint appointment in the Reference Department and in the Government Documents Department. She was previously employed at the California Baptist University Library in Riverside. Davidson has a Masters of Education degree from the University of Georgia and a MLIS from San Jose State University.

**Mary C. McMahon Dawson** recently was named Archival Assistant for Special Collections at Georgia State University Library. McMahon Dawson served as the library's project archivist for the Johnny Mercer Collection since July, 2003. Previously, she was a reference assistant at Rutgers University, NJ, where she earned her MLIS.

**Beth Elmwood** was recently hired as a Library Associate in the Reference Department of the University of New Orleans' Earl K. Long Library.

**Stephen Enniss** has been appointed Director of Special Collections & Archives for the General Libraries of Emory University. Enniss has served as Curator of Literary Collections and Adjunct Professor of English at Emory for six years and as Manuscripts Librarian & Literature Bibliographer at Emory for five years. He received his Ph.D. and M. A. in English from the University of Georgia, M. Ln. in Library Science from Emory, and A.B. in English from Davidson College.

**Christine Ferguson** has been appointed Electronic Resources/Serials Librarian at Furman University. She was formerly Serials Librarian at Mississippi State University.

**Robert Fowler** has joined the Mississippi State University Libraries faculty as Assistant Professor/Monographic Cataloger. Prior to moving to Starkville, he worked on the library cataloging staff at the University of Southern Mississippi (USM) for five years. He received a MLS from USM.

**Morna J. M. Gerrard** recently was promoted to the position of Women's Collections/Processing Archivist at Georgia State University Library. She has worked at the University Libraries since 1999, most recently as Archival Associate.

Gerrard obtained an M.L.I.S. from Clark Atlanta University (2003), and an M.A. in history from Edinburgh University, Scotland (1989). Her professional memberships include the Academy of Certified Archivists, the Society of American Archivists, and the American Library Association.

After fifteen years as leader of Emory Libraries, **Joan Gotwals** retired as vice provost and director of libraries in August 2003. Gotwals led the library to national recognition for its major research collections, inviting physical facilities (including a major addition to the central library, a new Music and Media Library, a Mathematics and Science Library, and the renovation of a grand reading room), and innovations in digital services. She has seen the libraries' holdings in Emory's Special Collections dramatically increase in the areas of modern English language literature and African-American collections and become recognized as among the finest in the world. Prior to coming to Emory, Gotwals spent 26 years in the library system of the University of Pennsylvania, where she earned bachelors and master's degrees, and a Ph.D. in political science. She became Deputy Director of Libraries in 1981.

**Jill Grogg** is the new Assistant Professor/Serials Librarian at the Mississippi State University Libraries. Grogg was previously an instructional services librarian at MSU. She received a MSIS from the University of Tennessee and a Master of Arts in English from the University of Mississippi.

**Rebecca L. Hamilton** (pictured above on right) of Baton Rouge has been appointed as Associate State Librarian at the State Library of Louisiana. Hamilton oversees the State Library's development division, which provides leadership and management assistance to the state's 65 public library systems and manages state and federal grants to public libraries. She succeeded Gary Rolstad, who retired after 11 years as Associate State Librarian. Hamilton served as Director of the St. Mary Parish Library for the past two years. She was previously employed as Assistant Director of the Audubon Regional Library, which serves West Feliciana, East Feliciana and St. Helena parishes; the Terrebonne Parish Library; and the St. Mary

Parish Library. Prior to this position, Hamilton was a library associate at the West Baton Rouge Parish Library.



**Jamie Hansen** has been hired as Special Collections Cataloging Librarian for the University of South Florida Libraries. Most recently, Ms. Hansen was the Director of South Carolina's Saluda County Library. Her previous special collections experience includes several years with the University of South Carolina.

**Judith Haydel** has joined the Reference Department at Dupré Library, University of Louisiana at Lafayette. She holds a Ph.D. in Political Science, a Master's Degree in Public Administration, and a Master's Degree in English, all from the University of New Orleans. She taught Political Science at UL Lafayette for two years and at McNeese State University for sixteen years. She received an MLIS from LSU in June 2002.

**Becky Hebert** joined the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM) Southeastern/Atlantic Region as the Specific Populations Coordinator in September, 2003. The mission of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM) is to advance the progress of medicine and improve public health by providing all U.S. health professionals equal access to biomedical information and by improving the public's access to health information. Becky most recently was the systems librarian for the Ascension Parish Library in Louisiana.

**Jake J. Houle** recently was hired as Public Relations Specialist at Georgia State University Library. Houle has served the library in that capacity on a temporary basis since April, 2003. Previously, he was Assistant Director of Public

Relations at William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, Minn. Houle obtained a bachelor's degree in 1996 from Macalester College, St. Paul.

Louisiana State Librarian **Thomas F. Jaques** received the 2003 Outstanding Alumnus Award from the Louisiana State University School of Library and Information Science. The award was presented at the annual banquet of the Beta Zeta Chapter of Beta Phi Mu. Pictured below are (left to right) Dr. Michael Carpenter, faculty adviser for the group; Jaques; Dr. Beth Paskoff, dean of the LSU School of Library and Information Science; and Dr. Robert S. Martin, director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, who was the featured speaker. Jaques has served as State Librarian for the past 28 years. Under his leadership, the State Library initiated the nation's first statewide automated database and interlibrary loan network on laser disc, which was recently upgraded to a web-based system. Through his efforts to secure telecommunications discounts for libraries through the Public Service Commission, Louisiana was the first state to provide free Internet access to patrons at every public library. Jaques initiated a program of state aid to public libraries and implemented a statewide delivery system for the interlibrary loan system.



**Debbie Landi** has been appointed Special Collections Librarian and University Archivist at Furman University. Formerly, she served as Public Services Archivist at the University of Missouri and Curator of the Mississippi Collection at University of Mississippi.

**Deborah Lee** has been appointed Associate Professor/Coordinator of the Library Instructional Services Department and the Corporate and Statistical Research Center at the Mississippi State University Libraries. Lee was previously a

Reference Services Librarian at MSU. She received a MS in Library and Information Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a MS in Business Administration from Mississippi State University.

**Chang C. Lee** retired in August 2003 after twenty years at the University of Central Florida (UCF) Library. A journalism major from the National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan, Lee earned his Master's degree in Library Science and his Ph.D. in Education from Florida State University. Lee came to UCF as the Head of Circulation in 1983. In 1986 he became the Special Collections Librarian. He has also been a professor of Chinese Language and Civilization at UCF since 1985. Dr. Lee (pictured below) has published 55 papers relating to education, Chinese language and culture, library science and archives; made numerous presentations and consultations; and served as a consultant for several college libraries in Taiwan. He has been one of the executive editors of the *Journal of Educational Media and Library Sciences* since 1985. Dr. Lee served as the president of the Chinese American Library Association (a division of ALA) from 1988-1989. He was presented with the Leadership in Diversity Award at the Asian American Heritage Council in May 2002.



**Leah Levkowitz** was hired as Library Associate in the Serials unit of the Technical Services Department of the Earl K. Long Library at the University of New Orleans.

**Mia Martin** has joined the UNO Earl K. Long Library as Evening and Weekend Supervisor in the Circulation unit of the Access Services Department.

**Linda Matthews**, director of the Special Collections and Archives Division in the Robert

W. Woodruff Library at Emory University, has been appointed vice provost and director of University Libraries beginning September 1, 2003. Matthews joined Emory as a reference archivist in 1972. She earned her bachelor's degree from Winthrop College in South Carolina, and her master's and Ph.D. degrees in history from Duke University. She also earned a master's in librarianship from Emory. She had been director of Special Collections since 1982.

**Carla Y. McClellan** recently was hired as Human Resources Coordinator at Georgia State University Library. McClellan earned a B.B.A. degree in finance from Georgia State University in 1997. McClellan brings to her new position more than 15 years of experience in the field, including 13 years of service at Southern Mills, Inc., an industrial textile manufacturer, where she served most recently as superintendent.

**David C. McQuillan**, map librarian at the University of South Carolina's Thomas Cooper Library, has been elected to his fourth two-year term as chair of the Geography and Map Libraries Section of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). In his twelve years with IFLA, McQuillan has served three times as chair of the G&M Section, 1995-1997, 1997-1999, and 2001-2003.

A respected librarian, editor, and rare book expert, **Bernard F. McTigue** focused his efforts on enhancing and building special and rare book collections at research libraries in a career spanning nearly thirty years. He died August 26, 2003, in Raleigh, N.C., at the age of fifty-seven of an aneurysm. McTigue was head of Special Collections at the North Carolina State University Libraries, a position he held since 1999. Before joining the NCSU Libraries, McTigue served as director of the Division of Special Collections and University Archives at the University of Oregon and as chair of the Department of Special Collections, Smathers Libraries, University of Florida. From 1974 to 1990 he worked at the New York Public Library, first as curator of the Arents Collections, then as curator of the collection and keeper of rare books.

**Marcus Moreno**, a teen from Pleasant Plains, Arkansas, won the American Library

Association's "Drive to Read@ your library" contest. Moreno's winning essay was about heroes as seen in the T'Chin confederacy in Hilari Bell's novel, *A Matter of Profit* (Harper Collins, 2001). Moreno and his sponsor, Midland High School librarian Karen Wells, won a trip to the Daytona 400 in Florida. While in Daytona, they met racing driver and "Drive to Read" spokesperson Ward Burton.

**Marie Morris Nitschke** has retired after 35 years in the General Libraries of Emory University. Marie began at Emory as Documents Librarian, moving on to reference and research services for most of her career. She specialized in American History as a part of her collection management responsibilities after earning her Ph.D. in American History at Emory in 1987.

**Justin Otto** has been appointed Economics Librarian for the General Libraries of Emory University. He earned a Masters of Library and Information Science from the University of Washington in June 2003, and his MA and BA in Economics from Washington State University. He taught economics at Washington State and worked as a graduate reference assistant in the Foster Business Library at the University of Washington. He has also worked as a financial assistant for KMS Financial Services, Inc.

**Patricia Murray Preis** (pictured below) has been re-appointed to a five-year term as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the State Library of Louisiana. Preis has served on the State Library Board since 1988. She has been actively involved with the Tensas Parish Library for over 20 years and served as a trustee on the Tensas Parish Library's board.



The Mississippi Library Commission (MLC) is pleased to announce that Governor Ronnie Musgrove recently appointed **Pamela Pridgen** (photo below) to serve a five-year term on the Board of Commissioners of the Mississippi Library Commission. Pridgen is currently the director of The Library of Hattiesburg, Petal & Forrest County. She succeeds Frances Coleman of Starkville as the librarian representative.



**Camilla B. Reid**, comes to Augusta State University, (GA) as Assistant Professor and Associate Director of the Library. Her prior library management experience includes eight years as Coordinator for Public Services and Coordinator for Library Administration at the Medical College of Georgia. She is a graduate of Samford University and the School of Library and Information Science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**Lorel Reinstrom** has been hired as Special Collections Cataloging and Music Librarian for the University of South Florida Libraries. Prior to her new position, Ms. Reinstrom worked for the USF library system as a Special Projects Cataloger.

**Deborah Rhue** recently joined the University of New Orleans Earl K. Long Library as the new Science Reference Librarian.

**Sharon Robinson** has joined the University of New Orleans Earl K. Long Library as the Head of Circulation in the Access Services Department.

**Charles Rozier**, trustee for the Southwest Georgia Regional Library System, received the 2003 ALA/ALTA Trustee Citation Award at the

ALA Annual Conference. During each ALA Annual Conference, up to two trustees are presented with citations in recognition of distinguished service to library development. The awards, established in 1941, symbolize and honor the best contributions and efforts of the estimated 60,000 American Citizens who serve on library boards.

**Scott Salzman** has re-joined Furman University as Systems Librarian. He has held previous positions at Mankato State University and Carleton College.

**Jason M. Schultz** has been named Communication Liaison/Reference Librarian at Georgia State University Library. Schultz most recently served as African studies librarian at the Melville J. Herskovits Library of African Studies and reference librarian at Northwestern University Library, Evanston, Ill. He obtained an M.A. in African Studies and an M.S. in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, in 2002.

**Lyle Tate** is the new Serials Specialist at the Mississippi State University Libraries. Tate previously worked as a staff member in the Access Services Department at MSU. He received a Bachelor of Arts in English from Mississippi State University.

**Kaya Townsend** has joined the University of South Florida St. Petersburg campus library. For the next year, Ms. Townsend will be working in reference and will participate in student outreach and outcomes assessment projects.

**Elizabeth Urbanik** has been appointed Assistant Professor/Serials Cataloger at Mississippi State University Libraries. Urbanik was previously a monographic cataloger at MSU. She received a MLS from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**Vonda Ward** (pictured below, next page) has been named as Literacy Services Coordinator for Broward County Library Learning Services. She succeeds Janet Hansen, who recently retired from the position after 32 years of service. Ms. Ward is a native of Broward County, Florida. She received a B.S. in Journalism, Public Relations from Florida A&M University (1987) and joined Broward County Library in 1995 as the Learning Games Coordinator at Collier City

Library, where she taught basic skills to children and adults. In 1998, she was promoted to Each One Teach One Coordinator, making her responsible for over one thousand tutors and students. Most recently, she has worked as Literacy Coordinator for the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center.



**Maurice York** has joined the General Libraries of Emory University as Team leader for Circulation and Reserves as of August 1, 2003, after earning his MS in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. While there he served as a graduate assistant in the University Laboratory High School Library providing reference and instruction services. Previously York served as Head of the Reserves Department in the Stevenson Library at Bard College and worked in conservation at the Northwestern University Library.

Coming to Orlando for the 2004 ALA Annual Conference?  
Plan on attending...

**“Assessment in Libraries: Practical Approaches for  
Creating a Continuous Assessment Environment”**

**When:** Friday, June 25, 2004

**Sponsor:** SELA and FACRL (Florida Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries)

**Why:** This popular one-day workshop develops the concepts of creating workable assessment plans based upon national standards and an institution's individual mission statement.

**Presented by**

\* Dr. Bill Nelson, Library Director at Augusta State University

\* Dr. Bob Fernekes, Information Services Librarian at Georgia Southern University

The presenters have served on the ACRL College Libraries Section (CLS) Standards Committee, which Dr. Nelson currently chairs. Both have been appointed to the new ACRL College and Research Libraries Standards Task Force, where the CLS, ULS, and CJCLS sections are working together for a common set of standards for all academic libraries. Nelson and Fernekes have also co-authored a text on the subject, titled *Standards and Assessment for Academic Libraries: A Workbook* (ACRL, 2002).

Details will be posted on the SELA website <http://sela.lib.ucf.edu/> as they come available. Look for complete information in the spring issue of *The Southeastern Librarian*.



## **Ginny Frankenthaler Memorial Scholarship in Library Science**

The Ginny Frankenthaler Memorial Scholarship in Library Science is made possible through the generosity of The Frankenthaler Memorial Fund, Inc. Mrs. Frankenthaler believed that our free library system is the basis for a good life and that the greatest gifts a human being can have are good memories and education, both of which are supplied free by our public library system.

The purpose of the scholarship is to recruit beginning professional librarians who possess potential for leadership and commitment to service in libraries in the Southeastern United States (see below).<sup>1</sup> The scholarship provides financial assistance toward completion of the graduate degree in library science from an institution accredited by the American Library Association.

The \$2,000 scholarship is awarded annually. The recipient of the scholarship is notified in June with funding to begin with the fall school term. The scholarship will be paid to the recipient in equal installments at the beginning of each term of the school year. The presentation of the scholarship award is made at the Biennial Southeastern Library Association Conference.

To apply for the scholarship, submit to the Committee Chair:

1. Official application form (see following page – feel free to photocopy)
2. Letter of acceptance from a library school accredited by the American Library Association
3. Three letters of reference sent directly by the individuals to the chair of the committee; If possible, these persons should include: 1) a professor under whom you have studied, 2) a former employer, preferably a librarian, and 3) any person who can attest to your professional or academic ability
4. Official transcripts of all academic work sent directly from each institution of higher education to the chair of the committee

The recipient of the scholarship must:

1. Be a graduate of an accredited college or university or completing the senior year at such an institution
2. Be accepted as a student in a degree program accredited by the American Library Association
3. Be ready to begin the program of study no later than the fall term of the year in which the scholarship is awarded
4. Indicate the intention to complete degree requirements within three years. If the degree is not completed in this length of time, the money awarded must be returned with interest.
5. Maintain a B grade point average throughout the program and submit grade reports to the committee chair at the end of each term
6. Commit to working for a minimum of one year after graduation in a school, public or academic library in states that are included in the Southeastern Library Association<sup>1</sup>. If, after graduation, the recipient does not work for one year in a school, public or academic library in one of the states listed, the recipient must pay back the amount of the scholarship, including interest. Repayment must be made within a two-year period.

All applications are due by the deadline of **May 1, 2004**. See the application form following. Selection will be based on the application and supporting documents. Factors that will be considered in making the award include academic excellence, potential for leadership, commitment to library service, and financial need. Other considerations being equal, residents of Liberty County, Georgia or Southeastern Georgia will be given preference. Mrs. Frankenthaler was a native of Liberty County Georgia. Members of the Frankenthaler family are ineligible to receive scholarships.

<sup>1</sup> Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

## Application for Ginny Frankenthaler Memorial Scholarship In Library Science

Mail by **May 1, 2004** to: Chair, Frankenthaler Memorial Scholarship,  
SELA c/o SOLINET, 1438 W. Peachtree Street, NW,  
Suite 200, Atlanta, GA 30309-2955

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: (h) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (w) \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Education: List all schools of higher education attended. Attached if needed.

| Institution with Address | Dates Attended | Major and Minor Fields of Study | Degrees and Dates |
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List any academic and/or professional honors you have received:

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### Employment History:

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What library school do you plan to attend? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Will you be receiving other student aid, scholarship or assistance?  Yes  No  
 If yes, please specify including amount.  
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Month/Year school term begins \_\_\_\_\_  
 Month/Year expected completion of degree \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you plan to work in the Southeastern United States?  Yes  No  
 State your reasons for wanting to be a librarian and your ultimate professional goals. **(Compose your response on a separate sheet and submit with the application.)**

**I certify that the information provided on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.**

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 Signature of Applicant Date

## Nominations Sought for SELA Honorary Membership

The SELA Honorary Membership Committee is accepting nominations for honorary membership in the Southeastern Library Association. This designation is conferred upon living individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the Association or to library development in the Southeast.

**Criteria:**

1. Honorary membership should be conferred for significant contributions to librarianship in the Southeast. The honor:
  - a. May recognize persons elected to leadership positions in the Association
  - b. May recognize persons who have made other contributions to librarianship in the region.
  - c. Should be based upon regional rather than state or local contributions to the profession.
2. The designation should recognize the contribution of an individual per se, rather than an individual representing the accomplishments of many.
3. The person should be of such caliber as to reflect honor upon SELA by this designation.
4. Honorary membership should be conferred as a result of a contribution of more than passing importance and local or limited achievement. It should not be conferred because of momentary enthusiasm.
5. The person may be a librarian or a person in a related field.
6. Only a living person should be considered for honorary membership.
7. No more than five honorary memberships should be awarded in any biennium.
8. Membership entitles the recipient to a life membership in the Association, with no further payment of dues.
9. Should no qualified individual be nominated or approved by the committee no award will be made.
10. The person making the nomination must be a member of SELA, but the nominee need not be.

Submit nominations along with any supporting biographical material, to any member of the Honorary Membership Committee by **April 24, 2004**.

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| Nominee: _____                       | Nominee phone/email: _____ |
| Nominee Address: _____               |                            |
| SELA Member making nomination: _____ | Phone/Email: _____         |
| Signature: _____                     | Date: _____                |

## News from Around the Southeast

### Solinet Launches New Training Catalog

SOLINET has redesigned its print catalog so that it informs the readers of everything available to them – but in less space – and points them to the “Workshop” section of the SOLINET website for more detailed information. This launch is the first of SOLINET’s efforts to distribute information more affordably and with fewer consequences to the environment while retaining the familiarity and usefulness of print. For more information go to [http://www.solinet.net/workshops/workshops\\_home.cfm](http://www.solinet.net/workshops/workshops_home.cfm)

### ASERL, SOLINET, and HBCU Library Alliance Co-Host National Diversity Conference

The fourth National Diversity in Libraries Conference will be May 4 and 5, 2004, in Midtown Atlanta. This conference is co-sponsored by the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL), the Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET), the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Library Alliance, and the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), and will serve as a pre-conference for SOLINET’s 2004 Annual Conference. The Diversity Conference will feature speakers and discussions designed to foster improved diversity within a broad range of libraries, including large research libraries, small and mid-sized college libraries, and public libraries. The agenda will examine two main issues: how to promote diversity among library staffing, and how to develop collections that reflect the experiences of a diverse community.

More information about the conference can be found at [www.librarydiversity.org](http://www.librarydiversity.org)

### SOLINET and HBCU Receive Grant

SOLINET and the HBCU Library Alliance have received a \$160,000 grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation for a collaborative project to assess needs and develop a program to increase the effectiveness and visibility of libraries at the nation’s Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The 12-month project will promote the role of the librarian on each campus and advocate for total integration of libraries into campus programs for teaching and learning.

HBCU libraries serve as unique and indispensable gatekeepers for history, culture, and the African-American experience. Created by the deans and directors of these libraries after an historic meeting in October 2002, the Alliance seeks to ensure excellence in HBCU libraries through the development, coordination, and promotion of programs and activities to enhance members’ collections and services. The photo below was taken at this groundbreaking conference. Current Steering Committee members are Loretta O’Brien-Parham, Director of the Harvey Library at Hampton University, VA; Janice Franklin, Director of the Library and Learning Resource Center at Alabama State University; Tommy Holton, Dean of Libraries at Dillard University, LA; Emma Bradford Perry, Dean of Libraries at Southern University and A&M College, LA; and Elsie Stephens Weatherington, Dean of Library and Technology Services at Virginia State University.

### Are You Looking for the Perfect Venue to Present and Publish?

**New Voices** is an opportunity for new librarians to present their ideas and perspectives on current library issues. This program is sponsored by the University and College Library Section of the **Southeastern Library Association**.

**What:** Papers to be presented at the 2004 Southeastern Library Association conference, followed by publication in *The Southeastern Librarian*.

**Who:** Professionally employed librarians with less than 5 years of experience. Must be able to attend and present paper at the next SELA Conference.

**When:** November 9 - 13, 2004. **Where:** Westin Charlotte Hotel, Charlotte, N.C.

**Paper Submission Deadline: March 20, 2004**

Please submit your paper and/or questions to Sarah J. Hammill at [hammills@fiu.edu](mailto:hammills@fiu.edu)

## Are you on the SELA Listserv?

If not you need to be! This is an excellent way to stay informed on issues of interest to SELA members and librarians across the south. To subscribe:

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3. In the body of the message, type: subscribe SELA [then type in your name but without these brackets]
4. To send a message to the listserv, send mail to [SELA@NEWS.CC.UCF.EDU](mailto:SELA@NEWS.CC.UCF.EDU)

Instructions can also be found on the SELA web site at: <http://sela.lib.ucf.edu/listserv.html>  
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