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## President's Column

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Spring has finally arrived in Kentucky, accompanied by that wonderful feeling of exhilaration that accompanies the season. Libraries and librarians also tend to thrive in the spring. We take the opportunity to attend conferences and meetings that recharge our professional batteries.

Spring has traditionally been a transitional time for librarians. Academic and school librarians' watch their students mature and learn new life skills. Public librarians juggle multiple patron requests on projects as varied as learning basic computing skills to planning for a summer renovation project. Many of us are involved in budget preparations and staff allocations for the forthcoming year.

A recent editorial in *The New York Times* noted that this is the appropriate time for Laura Bush to make her mark as First Lady. Improved funding for libraries could be the foundation for a Bush administration legacy. The editors note that Mrs. Bush "would be doing a real service if she spoke out more forcefully to encourage states, local governments and private donors to give libraries the resources they need."

This is also time for us to think about our contributions to librarianship as a profession. Active participation in advocacy efforts, professional development opportunities and mentoring potential and emerging librarians should be an ongoing part of our personal commitment to our chosen career. Involvement in our national, regional and state associations will not only enhance our personal growth but contribute to the stature of the profession.

The Southeastern Library Association will be holding our biennial Leadership Meeting on Friday, May 13 in Decatur, Georgia at the Holiday Inn Select. This will be our opportunity to examine the state of our association and also to make plans for our future. Much of the focus will be on the Strategic Planning recommendations made by Wil Weston, Mary Smalls, Carol Brinkman, Diane Brown and Ravonne Green that were published in the Spring, 2004 edition of *The Southeastern Librarian*. As an association, this is our chance to chart the future of SELA. I strongly encourage you to attend and to fully participate in these efforts. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please e-mail me with your comments and recommendations. I can be reached at [judith.gibbons@ky.gov](mailto:judith.gibbons@ky.gov).

All the best,

Judith Gibbons