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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Southeastern Library Association had a proactive Leadership Conference in Atlanta on May 13, 2005. All participants brought a tremendous amount of energy and enthusiasm to the meeting. The tone for the day was set by a quote from Michelangelo, “The greatest danger is not that our hopes are too high and we fail to reach them, it’s that they are too low and we do.”

Some of the guiding ground rules encouraged the membership to offer suggestions rather than criticize; keep an open mind to new opportunities; find merit in others opinions and continually ask “What can we do better?” One key was that participants were encouraged to think strategically and concentrate on the future of the organization.

Looking at the context, members examined current SELA services, membership participation levels and the overall financial climate in small group settings. Table talks included training, continuing education, technology and electronic resources, leadership and mentoring, advocacy and assessment and the future of SELA. High interest and a spirit of camaraderie permeated the day’s activities.

Many potentially positive steps came from the convocation. SELA is going to work with the state representatives and the membership to build unity with state chapters. SELA will also begin networking and outreach with southeastern library schools and students. Committees will be refocused to meet the needs of the Twenty-First Century keeping in mind our association objective, “...to promote library and information services in the southeastern region of the United States through cooperation, research and the encouragement of staff development.”

Carol S. Brinkman, SELA’s secretary, gives an overview of the meeting in her article entitled “Leadership Conference Charts Course for Future of SELA” which begins on the next page. The minutes from the meeting will be posted on the SELA web site at: <http://www.jsu.edu/depart/library/sela/>. The executive board encourages you to read and review the minutes and post your comments on our discussion list at sela@news.cc.ucf.edu.

And don’t forget to save the date. Vice-President/President-Elect Faith Line and her committee have begun join planning efforts with Tennessee Library Association. Our joint conference will be April 5 – 7, 2006 at the Hilton East Memphis, TN. Program and preconference proposals are being accepted through October 20, 2005. Applications are on the SELA website and also the TLA website at: <http://www.tnla.org/index.html>.

Let's continue our commitment to cooperation, research and staff development as we make our way back to Tennessee, the location of SELA's first conference held in 1920 at Signal Mountain.

All the best,

Judith Gibbons

Leadership Conference Charts Course for Future of SELA

By Carol S. Brinkman, Director
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University of Louisville

The bi-annual leadership conference of the Southeastern Library Association was held in Decatur, Georgia on May 13, 2004. This conference serves as a training opportunity for incoming leadership - officers and chairs of committees, sections and roundtables - as well as any interested member, including those who might take a leadership position in the future or just want to develop their leadership skills. Additionally, the conference provides an opportunity for networking, discussion of issues important to SELA and librarians in the region, and planning for SELA's future.

For the Executive Board, the conference started early with a meeting on Thursday afternoon. The Board is composed of the association officers and the Executive Secretary; section, roundtable and committee chairs; and state representatives. Three recommendations were passed by the Board:

- Elimination of state association membership dues.
- Sponsorship, in name only, of an advocacy pre-conference at the 2005 Annual ALA Conference.
- Payment by SELA of at least part of the registration fee for Vice-President/President-Elect Faith Line to attend the membership pre-conference at the 2005 Annual ALA Conference as a representative from SELA.

The Leadership Conference started bright and early on Friday May 13th, and ended late that afternoon. There were 40 SELA members in attendance with President Judith Gibbons presiding. Reports were given by the officers and the editor of the Association journal, *The Southeastern Librarian*. In the afternoon, committees, sections and roundtables met too begin their work for 2005/2006.

Following the reports, President Judith Gibbons moved the conference into the long range planning phase. Using the 2004 report of the Planning and Development Committee as a basis, participants were asked to focus their thinking on SELA today and in the future, and not get bogged down in what has been done in the past or what is traditional. Judith encouraged everyone to aim high yet keep in mind who our members are and what makes SELA different from other library organizations. Lastly, she cautioned a realistic view as to what SELA can and can not accomplish.

Participants then divided into discussion groups with each group focusing on one of the following areas: training and continuing education, technology and electronic resources, leadership and mentoring, advocacy and assessment, and the future of SELA. The groups were asked to consider what activities the Association might undertake in their assigned area, and to consider the following:

- Is anyone else providing this service/need?
- Is it worth doing?
- Is it an added benefit to SELA members?
- Will it increase SELA membership?
- Is it cost effective for SELA?

Later, the groups gathered to report on their discussions and suggested actions were listed on flipchart paper taped to the walls so that everyone could see and remember all the great ideas - and there many! A vote was taken to identify the actions that participants felt were the most important for SELA to address [see Table 1]. The actions identified as priorities can be divided into three general categories with the area of highest priority being the reorganization and marketing of SELA. Discussion in this area included the need to establish an organizational identity, increase SELA's presence at state conferences, and market the benefits of SELA membership.

The second highest priority was to provide training and mentoring for SELA members. Training was defined as continuing education with practical applications to the workplace, and the development of leadership for the profession and the Association. Communication and partnership with other regional organizations was the area identified as a third, but substantially lower, priority. Regional organizations with which SELA might collaborate include any that share similar goals such as educational associations, museums and historical societies.

Specific Action Areas in Order of Priority:

1. Liaison with Library Schools
2. Update website
3. Marketing/ PR
4. Refocus Committees
5. Expand Leadership Conference
6. Web version of *Southeastern Librarian* with print compilation
7. Practical Training & CE programs
8. Partner/collaborate with Regional Groups
9. Revise State Representatives' job descriptions
10. Organizational Identity
11. Mentor Bank
12. New Member Development
13. Pre-conference with SOLINET
14. Clear Identify for SELA at State Conferences
15. Communicate with other Regional Groups

While committees, sections and roundtables conducted their meetings in the afternoon, those not involved met to continue the planning started by the discussion groups. Based

on the priorities identified earlier and led by Vice-President/President-Elect Faith Line, this group reviewed the committee list and made recommendations to change, combine or eliminate some of the committees. This action was followed by a review and recommendation for changes to the duties of the State Representatives.

The conference ended on a very positive note with renewed enthusiasm for SELA on the part of participants. Coming into the Leadership Conference, there were some who felt that SELA's days were numbered. An unprofitable 2004 conference and a declining membership have placed a financial strain on the Association. However, with the high interest and combined energy of those participating in this conference, planning for a strong future for SELA is well underway. Don't miss out - join in and be a part of the action!

FORMAT CHANGE

Beginning with the Winter 2006 issue, *The Southeastern Librarian* will change its publication format. The winter and summer issues ("newsletter" type issues) will be published in electronic format only. The spring and fall issues ("scholarly" type issues) will continue to be published in print format. This change is being made in order to more wisely utilize SELA finances. Any concerns about this change should be directed to Perry Bratcher, SELn Editor, bratcher@nku.edu.

OUTSTANDING SOUTHEASTERN LIBRARY PROGRAM AWARD CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

**For the Biennial Meeting with the Tennessee Library Association
Memphis, TN, April 6-7, 2006**

Purpose: To recognize an outstanding program of service in an academic, public, school, or special library in a Southeastern Library Association member state.

Criteria:

1. Any academic, public, school, or special library in the member states of the SELA may be cited for an outstanding program of service. Programs of service may include, but are not limited to library activities, projects, or programs.
2. The program of service must take place during the biennium in which the nomination is made.
3. The minimum time span for a nominated library program must not be less than three months, including the development and evaluation stages of the program.
4. The person making the nomination must be a member of SELA.
5. Nomination applications for the award should include the following information:
 - SELA member's name
 - Library's name, address, telephone number
 - Beginning and ending dates of the program
 - Narrative statement describing the program
 - goals and steps to achieve the goals
 - special contribution of the program/project

- Supporting documents related to program publicity

Nomination deadline is January 10, 2006.

Please contact Nanette Kicker or Catherine Lee, Co-Chairs, to submit a nomination or request additional information. Nominations, including the application and supporting documents can be mailed, emailed or faxed to either of the co-chairs. It is requested that an electronic copy of the application be provided for distribution to the committee.

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OUTSTANDING SOUTHEASTERN AUTHORS AWARDS

Purpose:

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

Criteria:

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

Process: Submit nominations on from from the SELA website (<http://sela.jsu.edu/Awards/OutstandingAuthorsAwardForm.htm>) along with any accompanying material (not to exceed four pages for each entry - reason for nomination, book reviews, biography, etc.) to the committee chairs by August 31, 2005. Copies of the nominations will be distributed to all committee members.

Mail to either of the addresses below:

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR ROTHROCK AWARD

Purpose: To honor a librarian who has contributed substantially to the furtherance of librarianship in the southeast during a career.

History: The Rothrock Award was established in 1976 from the will of Mary Rothrock. It was sent to the SELA President on February 11, 1976, and stated, "I bequeath \$10,000 to the SELA, the income from which shall be used to establish a biennial award. The recipient of this award is to be designated by a committee of the Association from among librarians of the Southeastern States, and chosen for exceptional contribution to library development in the Southeast." The committee shall be appointed by the President of SELA and shall include librarians from varying member states of SELA. The recipient of this award has always been kept secret until the actual presentation is made during the conference.

Criteria:

1. The age and years of service should not be a deciding factor in the selection.
2. Service in one or more states of the southeast would qualify a person for nomination for the award.
3. The award should be made to only one person in any biennium, and, if no deserving person is nominated, an award may be omitted for that biennium.
4. Nomination must be made by an SELA member.

Submit nominations along with any supporting biographical material, to any member of the Rothrock Award committee by **January 15, 2006**. Co-Chair addresses are given below. Other committee member addresses can be found at: <http://www.jsu.edu/depart/library/sela/Committees/Rothrock.htm>. Please provide name of nominee, nominee's phone/email, mailing address, SELA member making nomination, member phone/email, signature, date and supporting biographical information.

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ARE YOU LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT VENUE TO PRESENT AND PUBLISH?

If you answered yes, then **New Voices** wants to hear from you. **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 2006 Southeastern Library Association presentation and 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 April 5-7, 2006 at the East Memphis Hilton, Memphis, TN

Deadline: December 1, 2005

Please submit your paper and/or questions to Camille McCutcheon at cmccutcheon@uscupstate.edu.

HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) News

The HBCU Library Alliance Leadership Program funded by a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has been scheduled. The primary objective of the Leadership Program is to provide theoretical and practical instruction and useful resources to encourage the development of leadership skills within the HBCU library community and on their own campuses. The Leadership Program consists of six components: The Pilot Institute, Institute I, Institute II, an exchange between HBCUs and non-HBCUs, fellowships to SOLINET workshops, site visits and mentoring.

The Pilot Institute was held Saturday, June 11 through Wednesday, June 15, 2005 at the Marriott Evergreen Conference Resort in Stone Mountain, Georgia. The attendees of the Pilot Institute undertook the intensive task of critiquing the program and developing skills to serve as mentors. The nine institutions which participated were Alabama State University, Atlanta University Center, Bowie State University, MD, Florida A&M University, Kentucky State University, North Carolina A&T University, Southern University at Baton Rouge, LA, Tennessee State University, Virginia State University.

Institute I is scheduled for August 13 through 17, 2005. Twenty five libraries will be selected to participate. Each institution will send the dean or director and one librarian recommended for leadership potential. Institute II will be held in April 2006. The same participants will reunite to consolidate the gains made over the year.

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 in 2002, the HBCU Library Alliance seeks to ensure excellence in HBCU libraries through the development, coordination, and promotion of programs and activities to enhance members' collections and services.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS – 2006 TLA/SELA CONFERENCE

Topics: How to Create Online Tutorials, Customer Service in Libraries, and Coping with Problem Patrons

Descriptions

How to Create Online Tutorials

By providing online tutorials, librarians are able to teach complex software and online database searching in a much better way than simply providing handouts or teaching in a classroom environment. However, even with experience in creating online tutorials, it can be a time consuming and frustrating endeavor.

Have you created and implemented online tutorials for your library? The SELA Continuing Education and Professional Development Committee invites you to present how you created and implemented online tutorials so that other librarians might learn from your expertise.

Customer Service in Libraries

Customer service is at the very heart of what librarians are trying to provide. If it were not for our patrons, there would be no need for libraries. However, training staff and librarians to provide excellent customer service can be difficult. It is not always easy for librarians to apply business principles like customer service to patron interactions that happen at libraries everyday.

Do you have examples of how you presented customer service principles to your staff? Do you have a program or presentation on customer service? The SELA Continuing Education and Professional Development Committee invites you to present your experience with library customer service.

Coping With Problem Patrons

Problem patrons are a major issue facing all types of libraries today. From a management point of view, problem patrons require special policies and appropriate action. How does your library handle this problem? Do you have special policies and procedures that might help other librarians? The SELA Continuing Education and Professional Development Committee invites you to present your ideas and programs for dealing with problem patrons.

Submission Guidelines: The deadline for submitting a proposal is **September 30, 2005**. Proposals must include an abstract (35 words or less) and a proposal (300 words or less). Submit each presentation proposal with a separate cover sheet attached, including the proposal title, presenter (s) name (s), mailing addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and institutional affiliation of each presenter. Send abstract and proposal through email to: jjphilip@deltastate.edu.

Sponsored by: Southeastern Library Association, Continuing Education and Professional Development Committee

For more information, contact Joi Jones Phillips at jjphilip@deltastate.edu or Laura Slavin at lslavin@troy.edu. Online version located at <http://library.deltastate.edu/proposals.html>.

SOLINET OFFERS IACET – CERTIFIED CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

One of SOLINET's finest services has just become better! Classes offered by SOLINET's Educational Services now offer Continuing Education Units (CEUs), a major benefit to library staff needing to enhance or maintain their professional credentials.

SOLINET applied in 2004 to the International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET), the organization that develops the standards and monitors the programs certified to offer authorized CEUs. Through a lengthy evaluation process, including a site visit by IACET, SOLINET successfully demonstrated its adherence to all IACET criteria and guidelines. SOLINET is now linked to the IACET website and is recognized as offering the highest quality continuing education and training programs.

SOLINET NEWS

At the Annual Membership Meeting in Atlanta in May, SOLINET member libraries elected two members to the Board of Directors and three delegates to the OCLC Members Council.

The first action of the new Board was to elect **James A. Nelson**, State Librarian and Commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, to serve as Board Chair for 2005-2006. Nelson has been a member of the Board since 2002 and served as Secretary in 2003; he has also served on SOLINET's Bylaws and Governance Committee.

Newly elected to the **SOLINET Board of Directors** were

- **Carol Pitts Diedrichs**, Dean of Libraries, University of Kentucky, since 2003.
- **William Miller**, Director of Libraries, Florida Atlantic University, since 1997.

In addition to Nelson, the newly seated Board of Directors elected these **officers** as well:

- Vice Chair: **Robert Vaughan**, President, Virginia Foundation for the Humanities
- Secretary/Treasurer: **Pat Pickard**, Director of Educational Media Department, DeKalb County School System, GA.

Elected as **SOLINET Delegates to OCLC Members Council** were

- **Barbara Dewey**, Dean of Libraries, University of Tennessee-Knoxville, since 2000.
- **John Ulmschneider**, University Librarian, Virginia Commonwealth University Libraries, since 1999.
- **Lamar Veatch**, State Librarian, Georgia Public Library Service, since 2001.

PEOPLE NEWS

Alabama

Jill Grogg has joined the UA Libraries as the Electronic Resources Librarian as of May 9, 2005. **Jonathan Darby** joined the UA Libraries in January 2005 as Government Documents Librarian.

Katy Ginanni was recently elected to the NASIG (North American Serials Interest Group) Board as a Member-at-Large for a two-year term.

Jeff Luzius, Head of Document Delivery at Auburn University, graduated May 13th with a Doctor of Education degree from Auburn University with a major in Higher Education Administration.

Arkansas

Carolyn Ashcraft has been named the new associate director of the Arkansas State Library. Ashcraft has been with the State Library since 1993. She received a bachelor's degree in English at the University of Arkansas at Monticello and a master's degree in library science at the University of Alabama.

The Arkansas Library Association has named **Barbara R. Martin** as its new executive director. Martin, who began the job on June 1, is the former executive director of the Arkansas Optometric Association.

Cathy Howser, children's services coordinator for the Arkansas State Library, has been elected 2005-2006 president of the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP). CSLP is a consortium of thirty-two member states working together to develop quality summer reading materials at affordable prices for public libraries.

Joe Floyd, Reference Librarian, USF Tampa Library, is being recognized as one of the first winners of the newly inaugurated annual "University of South Florida Department of Women's Studies Staff Star Awards" presented at a Colloquium March 31. The award has been established to enable the Women's Studies faculty to recognize "...the importance of the work and extreme professionalism of the staff that supports the department's academic mission."

Susan Heron has accepted appointment as Associate Director for Technical Services at the USF Tampa Library.

Caroline Reed recently published an article in the Spring 2005 issue of Florida Libraries. The article is titled "Reaching out to connect with users: The USF Sarasota Jane Bancroft Cook Library experience." She has also recently been promoted to the rank of Assistant Librarian at the Jane Bancroft Cook Library.

FLA President and Dean of USF Libraries, **Derrie Perez** wrote a column on the value of public libraries and the need for increased state support for libraries in Florida that was published in the Sarasota Herald-Tribune on March 2, 2005.

Ilene Frank, USF Tampa Library, and **Tina Neville**, USF Nelson Poynter Library, have been accepted to attend the 2005 Information Literacy Immersion Institute, being held this year at Eckerd College and co-sponsored by USF, St. Petersburg College, and Eckerd College.

Karen Keene, Reference/systems library for USF Shimberg Health Services Library, authored an article in the most recent issue of Florida Libraries, Vol. 47 (2) 2004, pp 20-22. The article is entitled "Beyond the University: Opportunities for Consumer Health Outreach." She has also collaborated with Dr. Alba DiCenso at the 2nd Annual Florida Magnet Conference on Nursing Research held February 4, at the International Plaza Renaissance Hotel in Tampa. As part of their presentation titled "Nursing Research at the Point of Care," Karen demonstrated the use of a variety of evidence-based electronic health resources. Karen and education librarian **John Orriola** also answered questions related to relevant search strategies in nursing research.

Jim Schnur, Special Collections Librarian at the USF Nelson Poynter Library, presented a lecture on the frontier history of the Pinellas peninsula before the arrival of the Orange Belt Railway in 1888. This program was part of a membership meeting and pot-luck dinner of the Pinellas County Historical Society on February 25.

Tom Tharrington is the new Catalog Librarian at USF Jane Bancroft Cook Library. He holds a B.A. in English and a MLS from University of South Florida. He previously worked at the USF Tampa Library.

Nancy Cunningham has been hired for the new position of Associate Director of Reference & Instruction for the Tampa Library of the University of South Florida Library System

Catherine Lavellée-Welch has joined the University of South Florida Lakeland Library as the first librarian to work solely for the University of South Florida at Lakeland. Ms. Lavellée-Welch holds a BA in history from the University of Quebec in Montreal and a MLS from the University of Montreal. She most recently was an Associate Professor at the Laura Kersey Library of Engineering, Physical Science and Technology, University of Louisville. She recently received the 2005 Sci-Tech Achievement Award by the Science & Technology Division of SLA for her work on the Englib blog. She will receive the award at the annual meeting of the Special Libraries Association in June.

Ilene Frank, a reference librarian at USF Tampa Library, has recently published a book chapter in the Series of the Arbeitsstelle Fernstudienforschung (ASF, the center for research in distance education) at Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg. Frank co-authored chapter 11 entitled Beyond Books—Library Services to Distance Education Students.

Andy Huse, Program Assistant for the USF Tampa Library Florida Studies Center, recently appeared on WUSF's *Top 10 Historic Places in Tampa Bay*. The TV program featured University of South Florida-owned Chinsegut Hill as number eight on the list. The program's debut episode included an interview with Huse, whose research uncovered Chinsegut Hill's fascinating role in Florida's history as well as pertinent history of the United States during the First and Second World War. Because of Huse's research, the 1800's mansion was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in November 2003.

On February 14, the University of South Florida Shimberg Health Science Library's education librarian **John Orriola** was a guest speaker at the press conference rollout of the National Library of Medicine's (NLM) "Health Information Rx (prescription)"

program. This event kicked off the Florida segment of the pilot program. The program is designed to encourage Florida physicians to direct their patients to first-rate, online health information in NLM's MedlinePlus free consumer health website: <http://www.medlineplus.gov>.

Georgia

SOLINET is pleased to welcome **Paquita Morris** as Director of Human Resources. Ms. Morris has a strong background of experience in Human Resources; she is SPHR (Senior Professional in Human Resources) certified and has been recognized for her professional contributions by the Professionalism Award and the High Achievers in Management Award



Lillian Lewis became the HBCU Library Alliance Program Officer on February 1, 2005. She will be responsible for the operation of

the HBCU Library Alliance (www.hbculibraries.org), which was formed after a historic meeting in 2002 of the deans and directors of libraries at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). In addition, Ms. Lewis will coordinate and conduct a two-year project to strengthen leadership within the HBCU library community and more effectively integrate library services into campus programs for teaching and learning. The project is supported by a \$500,000 grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Ms. Lewis has served as an administrator in associations, academic libraries, and special libraries. Most recently, she worked for the

American Library Association as Deputy Executive Director jointly of the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies and the Reference and User Services Association.

Anna Van Scoyoc has been appointed Instructional Services Librarian at the General Libraries of Emory University. Previously she served in the reference department at the University of Georgia as Student Learning Center Service Desk Supervisor and reference/instructional technology librarian. She earned her M.S.L.S. at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in 2001, a M.A. in Student Personnel Administration for Higher Education from Ball State University, and a B.S. in Business from Eastern Illinois University.

Kentucky

Research and Instruction Librarian, **Ann Harding**, has retired from Steely Library, at Northern Kentucky University. Ms. Harding began work in the cataloging department in 1984. She has taken a new position as Reference Librarian with Campbell County Public Library.

Northern Kentucky University's Systems Librarian, **Geraldine [Gerry] Williams** retired from Steely Library at the end of June. Gerry has served Northern Kentucky University as an Associate Professor of Library Services since 1972. She was one of the first librarians to join the institution, and has been an integral part of its life and development.

Perry Bratcher, Library Systems Manager at Northern Kentucky University presented "Leading-Edge Technologies & Libraries: Biometric Security Measures" at the 2005 Computers in Libraries conference in Washington D.C. on March 18th.

Three Northern Kentucky University Steely Library faculty members gave presentations

at the Kentucky Library Associations's joint spring conference at Lake Barkley State Resort Park: **Arne Almquist** presented "Library Marketing as a Communication Process: an Integrative Approach to the Issue," **Colleen Kennedy** presented "Teaching to the 'Research Paper' Course in Three Units," and **Sheri Myers** presented "Copyright and Online Learning: How Libraries Can Help."

Larry X. Besant, Director of Libraries and Media Services at Morehead State University, retired in December. Mr. Besant, who has been at MSU since 1985, led Camden-Carroll Library from the era of paper files to automation, with its first automated system, LS/2000 in 1987. Under his leadership, MSU became the first state school in Kentucky to have a web-based catalog, and through his activity with the SAALCK Director's group, worked to create the Kentucky Virtual Library and to make databases and other electronic resources available statewide. Mr. Besant has been active in state and national organizations, having served as the president of the Kentucky chapter of SLA twice, 1996-97 and 2002-2003, and chair of the State Assisted Academic Library Council of Kentucky from 1989-1990 and 1997-2000.

Mississippi

Terry S. Latour, Director of Library Services at Delta State University since 1995, is leaving Mississippi after more than 25 years of service to Delta State University and the University of Southern Mississippi. In June he will return to Pennsylvania to become Dean of Libraries at Clarion University. Latour served as president of Mississippi Library Association, the Mississippi Chapter of Association of College and Research Libraries and the Society of Mississippi Archivists. He was involved with the creation of MAGNOLIA, the statewide system of database for all

Mississippi libraries and has served on its Steering Committee. He also played a key role in the founding of the Dancing Rabbit Library Consortium, which was recognized by SOLINET as the best multi-type library network in the Southeast for 2004.

Jeff Slagell has been appointed Interim Director of Library Services for Delta State University's Roberts-LaForge Library in Cleveland, MS for 2005-2006. He previously served as Assistant Director of Library Services at Delta State and is replacing Dr. Terry Latour who has accepted the Dean of Libraries position at Clarion University in Clarion, PA.

Mary Fran Prottzman, Chief, Library Service, "G.V. Sonny Montgomery" Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Jackson, MS, was awarded the Lois Ann Colaianni Award for Excellence and Achievement in Hospital Librarianship Award at the annual meeting of the Medical Library Association in San Antonio on May 17, 2005. The Colaianni Award recognizes significant accomplishments, continuing excellence, and leadership by a hospital librarian and is given to a member of the association who has made significant contributions to the profession through overall distinction or leadership in hospital library administration.



The Mississippi State University Libraries is pleased to announce the appointment of **Harry Lull** as Associate Professor and Associate Dean of Public Services. Harry

comes from the University of New Mexico University Libraries, where he worked with reference and library instruction. Harry has a MLS from the University of Michigan and a BS in Mathematics from Auburn University.

North Carolina

The NCSU Libraries has appointed **Glen Wiley** as Serials and Electronic Resources Librarian, effective March 7, 2005, and **Michele Hayslett** as Data Services Librarian, effective March 16, 2005.

Mr. Wiley worked as an Instructional Programs Intern and as a Library Technician, Visual Resources Cataloger for the Syracuse University Libraries. He holds two degrees from Syracuse University: the Master of Science in Library and Information Science with an emphasis in Art and Architecture Librarianship, as well as a Bachelor of Fine Arts *cum laude*, with a specialization in the History of Art.

Hayslett's recent professional background includes progressively responsible positions in the State Library of North Carolina as an Information Specialist and Demographics Specialist. Previously, she served as the Reference Librarian and Reference Collection Manager for Perkins Library at Duke University. Ms. Hayslett received the Master of Library Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She graduated with honors from Earlham College with the Bachelor of Arts in Women's Studies.

The Association of Research Libraries (ARL) recently selected **David Goldsmith**, head of acquisitions and director of licensing at the NCSU Libraries, for the Research Libraries Leadership Fellows Program designed to prepare the next generation of directors at large research libraries. Running through 2006, the highly competitive executive leadership program is jointly sponsored by five ARL member libraries: University of

California at Los Angeles; Columbia University; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, University of Texas at Austin; and University of Washington.

Meanwhile, **Suzanne T. Weiner**, head of collection management and secretary of NC State's Faculty Senate, has been appointed a UCLA Senior Fellow for 2005 following a nationwide competition conducted by the UCLA Graduate School of Education and Information Studies. Held every other year, the UCLA Senior Fellow program brings together 15 top leaders in the academic library field for a three-week summer institute designed to foster the advanced study of topics key to research library administrators. Weiner came to NC State from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), where she was an assistant engineering and science librarian and an education coordinator at the MIT Center for Innovation in Product Development.

The NCSU Libraries' Digital Technologies Development Librarian, **Tito Sierra**, has been awarded a Digital Library Federation (DLF) Forum Fellowship for Librarians New to the Profession. Only five information professionals are selected each year for the prestigious fellowship. The DLF is a consortium of libraries and related agencies that are pioneering the use of electronic-information technologies to extend collections and services.

Sierra joined the NCSU Libraries in January 2004, immediately after receiving his Master of Science in Information Management from Syracuse University.

The NCSU Libraries recently appointed **Josh Wilson** as Reference Librarian for Physical and Mathematical Sciences, effective July 11, 2005, and **Rob Farrell** as Geospatial Initiatives Librarian, Digital Library Initiatives department, effective May 17, 2005.

Wilson will graduate in May 2005 with the Master of Science in Information, with a specialization in Library and Information Services, from the University of Michigan School of Information. He holds the Bachelor of Arts in Physics and Astronomy, with honors, and minors in Computer Science and Mathematics, from the University of Montana.

Farrell holds the Master of Arts in Geography, with a concentration in Location Analysis and Urban Studies, from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and the Master of Business Administration, with a concentration in Logistics and Transportation, from the University of Tennessee. He graduated with the Bachelor of Science in Statistics from North Carolina State University. He has completed coursework toward the doctorate in geography at one of the nation's premiere programs at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

The NCSU Libraries recently announced the appointment of two Fellows: **Emily Tennant**, effective July 18, 2005, and **John Vickery**, effective August 1, 2005. Tennant and Vickery join **Hilary Davis** and **Jim Tuttle** as the Fellows class of 2005–2007.

The NCSU Libraries Fellows Program, in its seventh year, develops future leaders for academic libraries, with a focus on science, engineering and digital librarianship, and on library management. NCSU Libraries Fellows are appointed as librarians for a two-year term as members of the library faculty, combining work on an innovative project with a half-time assignment in a home department.

Fellow Emily Tennant will receive the Master of Science in Information from the University of Michigan in May 2005. She holds the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science from Hope College. Her home department will be Distance Learning

Services and her project assignment in the Systems department.

In May 2005, Fellow John Vickery will receive the Master of Science in Library Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He graduated cum laude from Appalachian State University with the Bachelors of Arts in English and Spanish and pursued graduate studies in Applied Linguistics at the University of Massachusetts Boston.

Hilary M. Davis and **James J. Tuttle**'s appointments as Fellows are effective from January 2005 through December 31, 2006. Davis, who is based in the Collection Management Department, has experience in chemistry and engineering library collections and an academic background in biology. She holds the Master of Library Science degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia, the Master of Science in Biology (with a focus on Botany) from the University of Missouri-St. Louis, and the Bachelor of Science in Biology with Honors, with a minor in Geology and Chemistry, from Guilford College.

James Tuttle received the Master of Science in Library and Information Science and the Bachelor of Arts in Cultural Anthropology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIU-C). As an NCSU Libraries Fellow, James Tuttle holds the additional title of Geospatial Data Librarian, assigned full-time to the National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program (NDIIPP) project.

Sha Li Zhang has been appointed Assistant Director for Technical Services at UNC Greensboro's Jackson Library, effective March 8. Sha Li comes to UNCG from Wichita State University, where she was Head of Technical Services. Sha Li holds a Ph.D in education from Kansas State University, the Master of Library Science degree from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, and the B.A. degree from

Lanzhou University in the People's Republic of China. She worked previously at the University of Kentucky's community/technical college system, Ohio Wesleyan University and the University of South Carolina at Spartanburg.

South Carolina

Herb Hartsook, South Caroliniana Library, has been named to the editorial board of *Provenance*, the journal of the Society of Georgia Archivists, a regional association of Southeastern archivists.

NECROLOGY

Juanita Sumner Brightwell

Juanita Sumner Brightwell, 87, died March 14, 2004. Mrs. Brightwell graduated from Georgia Southwestern College and Georgia State College for Women and received a master of librarianship from Emory University. She was the Director of Library Services of Sumter County from 1962-1964 and director of the Lake Blackshear Regional Library from 1964 until her retirement in 1980. She was an honorary life member of the Georgia Library Association and the Southeastern Library Association.

Alexander Gilchrist

Alexander MacGregor (Sandy) Gilchrist, 74, Head of Collection Development at the University of South Carolina's Thomas Cooper Library, died January 8, 2005 after a long illness. He held an undergraduate degree in classical studies from the University of South Carolina and a Master of Library Science degree from the University of Kentucky. Mr. Gilchrist served as a librarian at the University of Kentucky before becoming a reference librarian at the University of South Carolina in 1981.

John Marshall

Mr. John David Marshall, age 77, died June 6, 2005. Mr. Marshall was the bibliographer at the MTSU (Middle Tennessee State University) Library from 1976-1998. He was university librarian for nine years prior to that before stepping down to do more research and writing. Mr. Marshall received numerous awards, including the 1989 Distinguished Alumni Award from the Florida State University School of Library and Information Studies, where he graduated with a master's degree in 1951 and the 1989 Alumni Achievement Award from Bethel College, where he earned a bachelor's degree in 1950. Mr. Marshall's distinguished career as librarian/scholar/author includes 41 years of service to academic libraries in Florida, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee. He has authored or edited 16 books, published more than 25 articles and has contributed more than 300 book reviews.

Irmgard Wolfe

A memorial service was held Friday, June 3, at Danforth Chapel on The University of Southern Mississippi's Hattiesburg campus for Irmgard "Irmi" Wolfe, a retired Catalog Librarian and Preservationist with Southern Miss' University Libraries, who died Monday, May 30, at Forrest General Hospital. A native of Munich, Germany, Wolfe attended the University of Munich, where she studied history and English. She received master's degrees in foreign languages and library science from Southern Miss, where she also did graduate study in anthropology, with an emphasis in the field of historical archaeology. Wolfe developed the most sophisticated preservation unit in the state of Mississippi. She was a panel member for Mississippi's Old Capitol Museum, serving as a preservation consultant. She also served as editor for *The Primary Source*, a semiannual publication of The Society of Mississippi Archivists, and was a member of the Mississippi Archaeological Association and the Society of Historical Archaeology.

STATE NEWS

Arkansas

The **Fayetteville Public Library** has been awarded the 2005 Thomson/Gale Library Journal Library of the Year Award. The library was featured on the cover on the June 15 issue of Library Journal and will receive a check for \$ 10,000. The library moved into a new building in late 2004, but library executive director Louise Schaper said that, while the new building was great, it was the programs and services provided by the library and its staff that earned Fayetteville this recognition.

Arkansas held its first Latino author festival March 18-19 in Northwest Arkansas. The festival, entitled "La Voz Latina: A Celebration of Latino Authors" was sponsored by the Arkansas Center for the Book at the **Arkansas State Library**. Major funding was provided by the Arkansas Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The **Arkansas Library Paraprofessionals**, a division of the Arkansas Library Association, held a spring conference May 16-18 at the Inn of the Ozarks in Eureka Springs. The conference had an international theme, "Exploring the World @ Your Library." A basket auction and donations raised five hundred dollars for the ALPS Scholarship Fund.

The **Arkansas Association of School Librarians**, a division of the Arkansas Library Association, will hold its annual conference July 31-August 1 on the campus of Arkansas Technological University in Russellville. Ken Stanatis will deliver the keynote address, "Literacy Lab and the Media Specialist."

The latest addition to the statewide reading program, entitled If All of Arkansas Reads the Same Book, has been named by the

Arkansas State Library's Center for the Book. The selection is *Gods and Generals*, the Civil War novel by Jeff Shaara. An author tour is scheduled for September 13-16. The has also received a grant from the Arkansas Humanities Council to sponsor a festival focusing on the works of Latino authors. Festival events will be held in Northwest Arkansas at the Fayetteville Public Library and the Arts Center of the Ozarks

The **Clinton Presidential Library** opened in November amidst much fanfare. The current and two former presidents, entertainment and political celebrities, and a crowd of 30,000 were on hand for opening ceremonies despite rain and cold temperatures. Visitors to the library can easily spend a day in the complex and may wish to begin in the orientation theater. From there they can stroll along a 110 foot timeline covering the years of the Clinton administration, see replicas of the White House Cabinet Room and the Oval Office, stop by interactive visitor stations, and much more. On December 27th the library welcomed its 100,000th visitor, an elementary school principal from Dallas, Texas. More information about the library may be obtained at www.clintonlibrary.gov.

The **Arkansas Library Association** held its 2004 Annual Conference in October at the DoubleTree Hotel in Little Rock. The conference theme was Building Libraries, Building Communities. Among the featured speakers were former Arkansan librarian Barbara Stripling, author Kevin Brockmeier, and attorney Bettina Brownstein. Officers elected for 2005 include Art Lichtenstein, president; Diane Hughes, vice-president, and Jamie Melson, secretary/treasurer. The Association will hold its 2005 annual conference October 1-4 in Little Rock at the Doubletree Hotel. The conference theme will be "Coming Together."

Florida

Piers Anthony, Harry Harrison and Joe Haldeman, three of the world's most prominent science-fiction writers, discussed the creative writing process at an event entitled *Close Encounters* on February 9, 2005 on the **University of South Florida Campus**. These sci-fi giants also hosted a reception and book signing at the USF Tampa. Haldeman is best known for *The Forever War* and *Forever Peace*. Harrison's *Stainless Steel Rat* series and *Make Room! Make Room!* series gained enormous success following the worldwide popularity of his forty novels. Harrison was also recently inducted into the Science Fiction and Fantasy Hall of Fame. Anthony is best known for his work on series including best sellers like the *Xanth* series, the *Apprentice Adept* and the *Incarnations of Immortality* series. This event is being sponsored by **University of South Florida Libraries**, the USF Humanities Institute, and the USF Honors College.

The **University of South Florida Libraries Digitization Services** unit is pleased to announce a major upgrade of the USF Libraries Digital Collections website. Programmers updated the software to take advantage of new technology and new developments in digital libraries. Users will find a more efficient and streamlined website with quicker responses and rich, detail resource descriptions. This project grew out of the Ethiopian National Research Databank (ENRDB) project which entailed writing an electronic library catalog to assist researchers at Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia and throughout Africa.

RSS (Really Simple Syndication) is now available from the **Orange County Library System**, the first public library to offer this XML format designed to distribute or "feed" news and information through the world wide web directly to the user's own personal news reader or Web log (blog). The Library will share information from its web site www.ocls.info in a category called General Announcements. This feed includes

headlines and links back to ocls.info for a full article on programs and events at the Library. Soon new feeds will be added including the following topics: Children; Teens; and Computer Classes. There are a number of ways to access RSS feeds from the Library. First, the user needs to have set up their own personal news reader, My Yahoo! or Newsgator page. After installing the reader, users can add each feed manually from the Library's web site by clicking on the "Subscribe" or the "XML" orange button next to the feed. For more information, visit the Library's website www.ocls.info or call 407-835-7480.

The **Orange County Library System** announces another first ... the availability of downloadable audiobooks, digital versions of printed books, from the Library's website. OCLS Library cardholders now have access to over 400 unabridged audiobooks with new titles added monthly.

The **Orange County Library System** has been chosen as one of 10 library systems around the country to participate in the *be well informed @ your library*® program sponsored by the American Library Association and Walgreens. The nationwide initiative is designed to respond to the nearly half of all American adults who have difficulty understanding and using health information. The program combines the partners' health resources to guide consumers who feel overwhelmed by the amount of healthcare information available. The Orange County Library System received a \$25,000 grant to host free seminars led by local Walgreens pharmacists and develop new healthcare collections and resources addressing top health concerns of the community.



University of South Florida Libraries Awards \$7,000 in Scholarships

USF Libraries awarded more than \$7,000 to 12 deserving graduate and undergraduate students this year. USF Libraries began this legacy of supporting academic excellence in 1987, and is one of only a handful of Academic Libraries to offer scholarships. These awards are made possible through generous donations to the scholarship funds made by the Libraries' faculty and staff. This year's winners are:

- George and Bobbe Karpay Book Scholarship: Heather L. Curtiss and Vanessa Maradiegue
- Samuel Y. Fustukjian Memorial Scholarship: Qutayba Abdullatif and Ester Quintana-Rizzo
- Tampa Library Graduate Scholarship: Susan Birchler and Nadav Goldschmied
- Tampa Library Undergraduate Scholarship: Brittany McLaughlin and Misbahuddin Syed
- Library Staff Educational Stipend: LeEtta Gross and Rebecca Peters
- The Ruth and Frank Coleman Award for Excellence in Short Fiction Writing:
 - Grand Prize: Andrew Cochran, "Moving"
 - Runner-Up: Anthony Locascio "The Trollbridge"

USF Jane Bancroft Cook Library Benefits from the Sarasota Reading Festival. The Sarasota Reading Festival resulted in donations of \$25,000 to the New College Library Association. Throughout the years, the fundraising efforts of the association have allowed Cook Library to purchase a tremendous amount of library materials. The Sarasota Reading Festival is a free community event promoting literacy and celebrating the pleasures of reading.

The **Orange County Library System** announces the launch of its newest digital resource, educational streaming video, on the Library's website, www.ocls.info. The first public library in the Country to offer this curriculum-oriented multimedia from Clearvue & SVE, Inc.'s Power Media Plus. This media-on-demand solution for students features content for all K-12 grade levels and subject areas. OCLS library cardholders will have access to more than 2000 curriculum videos, over 14,000 core concept clips, and nearly 11,000 high-resolution, still images available directly to them at home through the Library's website and in the library on the public access computers. The collection is complete with worksheets and teacher's guides, online resources and video clips.

Georgia

The **Robert Woodruff W. Library of the Atlanta University Center** is joining five other college libraries (Mount Holyoke, Oberlin, Occidental, Swarthmore and Wellesley) in the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Recruiting Program this summer to address librarian recruitment and diversity issues at the undergraduate level. A recent study estimates that 60 percent of current librarians will reach retirement age by 2020. According to another study, approximately 87 percent of academic and public librarians are Caucasian, although Caucasians comprise only 73 percent of the general population. The impact of both of these issues can be reduced through more innovative, focused recruiting efforts, such as, the Mellon Recruiting Program. The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation recently awarded the second of two \$500,000 grants to the participating libraries to support this multi-tiered library recruitment program. One of the key goals of the program is develop a model that addresses recruiting at an early stage when students are beginning to think seriously about career choices. The grant will encompass broad-based, issues-oriented programs to familiarize

undergraduate students with the significant challenges facing the library profession and a selective undergraduate internship experience. Post-baccalaureate intern positions and graduate library school scholarships will be awarded competitively among the participating institutions. The Mellon Recruitment Program is directed by Oberlin College and locally administered through coordinators identified by the participating institutions

Kentucky

The **Kentucky Library Association (KLA)** has as one of its primary purposes, the provision of professional development opportunities for Kentucky librarians through conferences and programs. Two of the KLA Sections sponsored spring conferences and another has a summer program planned. They are as follows:

- The Academic Library Section and the Special Library Section held a joint spring conference at Lake Barkley State Resort Park on April 13-15. The theme of the meeting was *Visibility for Libraries: Communicating our Vision*.
- The Kentucky Public Library Association (public library section) and the Kentucky Library Trustees Association (trustees section) held a joint meeting at the Holiday Inn University Plaza in Bowling Green on April 13-15. Their theme was *The Discovery of Ideas, The Joy of Reading, The Power of Information*.
- The Kentucky School Media Association (school library section) is planning a "summer refresher" for library media specialists at Paducah Tilghman High School in Paducah on July 12. The title of the one-day refresher is *A Patchwork of Knowledge @ Your Library*.

Kentucky's First Lady, Glenna Fletcher, hosted an Easter Egg Roll on Saturday, March 19, 2005 at the Governor's Mansion on the Capitol grounds in Frankfort, Kentucky. The event was a fundraiser for programs promoting literacy skills for Kentucky's children. KLA had an exhibit booth to promote reading and libraries and KLA members served as volunteers helping with the event.

Kentucky author Silas House ([Clay's Quilt](#), [The Coal Tattoo](#) and [A Parchment of Leaves](#)) was selected as one of ten featured authors for the ALA *Many Voices, One Nation* event at the annual ALA Conference in Chicago.

KLA will celebrate its centennial in 2006. Named to the 100 Years History of KLA Committee were: Rose Davis (Chair), Christie Robinson, Carolyn Tassie, Linda Perkins, Reinette Jones and Ashley Fowlkes.

Plans are well underway for the **KLA/KSMA (Kentucky School Media Association) Joint Fall Conference**. The meeting will be held this year in Louisville, Kentucky at the newly-renovated Galt House on September 14-17. The conference theme is *Study the Past, Experience the Present, See the Future @ yourlibrary*.

As of May 2005, the Kentucky Library Association has 1,612 total members

Mississippi

The **Instructional Media Center in Mississippi State University's Mitchell Memorial Library** has been recognized as a world leader in its innovative approaches to the use of technology by the New Media Consortium (NMC). A part of the Library since 1998, the Instructional Media Center has been invited to membership in the NMC as part of an unprecedented search for excellence and proven leaders among higher education institutions in the application of technology to teaching, learning, research and creative expression. The selection

process is competitive and all applications were ranked in a criteria-based system of peer review, according to Larry Johnson, chief executive officer of NMC. In addition to the honor of the designation itself, institutions who are NMC members become part of the vibrant community of innovators that is the NMC, working with colleagues across the world to help set the agenda for technology in higher education.

The **Jackson-Hinds Library System** and Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation recently partnered to present the *Testimony to Tolerance Initiative*. The *Initiative* is a comprehensive program which offers cities like Jackson, where access to visual history materials is limited, the opportunity to initiate community-driven, tolerance education programs and house a unique and powerful primary resource that will create a local educational environment that addresses the issues that arise when any kind of intolerance is present. At the center of the *Testimony to Tolerance Initiative* is the *Jackson Visual History Collection*; twenty-one English language testimonies of Holocaust survivors and other witnesses from the Shoah Foundation's visual history archive, one of which was conducted in Mississippi. The *Jackson Visual History Collection* represents a microcosm of the Shoah Foundation's entire archive of more than 50,000 testimonies. Each of the 21 testimonies is a unique life story that includes personal memories of pre-war life, the struggle to survive, and the aftermath of the war. The testimonies in the collection were recorded with interviewees that were born in five countries across Europe including France, Germany, Hungary, Poland, and Russia. In addition to the testimonies themselves, the Shoah Foundation will provide the Library with a *Testimony Catalogue Binder*, a notebook containing biographical information about each interviewee, such as name, date and country of birth, enabling viewers to search the collection for testimonies that closely match their specific areas of interest. The

Collection is available to the public at the Eudora Welty Library.

For more information, please contact Jamie Holcomb, Educational Site Coordinator at the Eudora Welty Library.
jholcomb@jhlibrary.com or (601) 968-5814.

North Carolina

The NCSU Libraries' Special Collections Research Center (SCRC) was recently awarded a \$49,992 NC ECOO Digitization Grant to create a resource-based research and educational Web site entitled "'Green 'N' Growing': The History of Home Demonstration and 4-H Youth Development in North Carolina." The goal of the 2005-2006 project is to enable teaching, learning, and research by providing access to primary resource materials.

The project will digitize 5,000 unique images, pamphlets, flyers, and other textual documents dating from 1910 to 1970, and it will create Web-based search tools such as EAD finding aids and metadata searchable through Luna Imaging's Insight software. These will be presented in a framework that facilitates both research and educational use at NCSU and throughout the world. While appropriate for use at the college level, these resources can also be accessed by teachers and students at the K-12 grade levels.



Demonstration by Miss Lois Sloop in measuring at local girls sewing club, September 11, 1923. Photo by G. W. Ackerman.

University Archives Photograph Collection, Special Collections Research Center, NCSU Libraries.

On June 1, 2005, the North Carolina State University Libraries' Distance Learning Services Department joined with Research and Information Services (RIS) to create a department whose mission encompasses a full range of services to both on-site and off-site users, including reference and instruction; patent, trademark, and government information; spatial and numeric data services; and assistive technologies support. Rob Rucker assumed the post of Head of Research and Information Services.

A new Learning Commons area will emerge from library renovations in fall 2006, offering students a well-equipped space for individual and group study where consultation and assistance are available for both research and technical questions.

NCLA Elected New Officers for 2005-2007

<i>Secretary:</i>	Paula Pearce Hinton
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Tina Stepp
<i>ALA Rep:</i>	Kevin Cherry
<i>Director:</i>	Frannie Ashburn
<i>Director:</i>	Bryna Coonin

The North Carolina Library Association will hold its 56th Biennial Conference from Sept. 20-23 2005 at the Benton Convention & Civic Center in Winston-Salem. The General Opening Session will feature speaker Herman Boone, football coach & motivator. The Ogilvie Lecture will be given by Dr. Wayne A. Wiegand, F. William Summers Prof. of Library and Information Studies and Prof. of American Studies at Florida State University. The

closing general session will be given by Ron I. Jones, storyteller.

South Carolina

The latest Web exhibit from the University of South Carolina's Thomas Cooper Library Special Collections is entitled "Lewis & Clark: Discovering the American West."

The URL is:

<http://www.sc.edu/library/spcoll/amlit/l&c/l&c.html>

The exhibit uses materials from the Alfred Chapin Rogers Collection, the original South Carolina College library, and other items from Special Collections, to provide a narrative of the Lewis and Clark expedition.

The University of South Carolina's Newsfilm Library has received \$300,000 in

federal funding to support activities related to its nationally significant Fox Movietone Newsfilm Collection.

The money will be used in conjunction with the Library of Congress, which also holds a large portion of the Fox Movietone Newsfilm. The goal of the project is to establish a cooperative relationship between the two institutions for better utilization of the collections. It is anticipated that the groundwork laid this fiscal year will result in an extended partnership between the two libraries and their newsreel collections.

The Newsfilm Library will also use the funding to develop midterm and long-term plans for the growth of the Newsfilm Library's collections and facilities and for general film preservation needs.

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