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The Southeastern Librarian

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Message from the President

I don't know about you, but this summer has been a real challenge – a new job, a new home and dealing with the heat. While I've been dealing with the personal stuff, your Membership and Mentoring Committee, led by Hal Mendelsohn, has been hard at work on setting up a Mentoring program. The concept for this program came up at a Leadership Conference and Hal and his committee has taken the concept and run with it. And in the process has developed a wonderful program.

The Mentoring Program was developed to provide new and future librarians with an understanding of what librarianship is all about. It also provides a method of introducing the association to new members. Mentors are current members of the association who agree to help new members learn about the different aspects of SELA and how it functions. Those being mentored will be new members of our profession and organization.

As their Mission Statement states: The SELA Mentoring Program is an invitation for librarians, at all levels, to learn, to develop, and to meet their individual potential with assistance from experienced professionals. The Program is designed to help librarians succeed, to empower them to make decisions, to enhance self-awareness, and to promote a sense of belonging. And isn't this what we all want?

We now have a powerful tool for our members and organization; we just need members to take part. If you're interested in learning more – either to serve as a mentor or to be mentored, please let us know. You can contact Hal at hmendels@mail.ucf.edu. He can give you information, answer your questions and give you an opportunity to really give back to your profession. We'll also have more information about the program on the SELA website.

As it says in the Mentoring program document:

Your involvement is necessary.

Your guidance is appreciated.

Your experience is critical.

Your support is helpful.

Come get involved and everyone wins.

Faith Line
President
fline@andersonlibrary.org

PS: Don't forget that the SELA joint conference with the Kentucky Library Association will also be the **National Diversity in Libraries Conference**. Plan to be in Louisville, Kentucky from October 1-4, 2008. You won't want to miss this great event!

NEW SELA LOGO

As you have noticed, the SELA Board has approved a new logo. Gina Garber and David Johnson (Austin Peay State University) were the designers. The Board would also like to thank Peggy McAllister, AnnaMarie Cornett and Kathleen Imhoff from Lexington (Ky.) Public Library for their submissions.

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SELA Membership and Mentoring Committee

Recently, SELA developed a mentoring program to serve its members (librarians, library science students and library paraprofessionals). The goals of the new mentoring program are to aid SELA

members in becoming familiar with the SELA organization, and to help understand librarianship by working with established library professionals. Some of the specific benefits one can gain from becoming involved in the mentoring program are networking with professionals, seeing how committees work, attending workshops, and developing leadership skills. The mentoring program will normally run for one year with the possibility of a second year.

To find out more information about the mentoring program, please contact Hal Mendelsohn, Chair, Membership and Mentoring Committee hmendels@mail.ucf.edu or Gordon Baker, Secretary, SELA gordonbaker@clayton.edu. If you are interested in signing up to be either a mentor or mentee, please contact Hal Mendelsohn or Gordon Baker.

SELA is in the process of upgrading its web site <http://sela.jsu.edu/>. Once the changes have been made, information about the Mentoring Program can be found under the "Membership" section.

National Diversity in Libraries Conference

The 2008 National Diversity in Libraries Conference (NDLC) will be held in conjunction with the Kentucky Library Association's and the Southeastern Library Association's joint conference in Louisville, Kentucky, at the Marriott-Downtown, October 1-4, 2008. Information about the 2008 National Diversity in Libraries Conference is available at <http://www.librarydiversity.org>. Planning is still in progress and new information will be added to the web page periodically, so feel free to return often for the updates.

The 2008 combined conference is supported by the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), the libraries of the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville, and the University of Kentucky School of Library and Information Science.

Questions and comments may be sent to Reinette Jones: rjones@uky.edu

**The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
Awards Additional Money to the
HBCU Library Alliance to Fund
Leadership Program**

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation awarded a second grant, an additional \$600,000, to the HBCU Library Alliance for the continuation of its Leadership Institute, which was held August 11-15 in Peachtree City, GA.

The primary objectives of the Leadership Institute are to provide theoretical and practical instruction and useful resources to encourage the development of leadership skills within the HBCU library community.

Eleven libraries will participate in the Leadership Institute. Those libraries are Hinds Community College in Mississippi; Jackson State University in Mississippi; Johnson C. Smith in North Carolina; Mississippi Valley State University; Morehouse School of Medicine in Georgia; North Carolina Central; Southern University in Louisiana; St. Augustine's College in North Carolina; Tougaloo College in Alabama; Tuskegee University in Alabama; and Wiley College in Texas.

The HBCU Library Alliance will also begin its inaugural mentor development pilot program. This program will be facilitated by The Human Resource Department – Atlanta. Six directors of HBCU libraries who have previously participated in the Leadership Institute will serve as mentors for the program during 2007-2008.

The mentors are:

- **Zenobia Blackmon**,
Trenholm State, Ala.
- **Mary Jo Fayoyin**, Savannah
State, Ga.
- **Marilyn Gibbs**, Claflin State,
SC
- **Laverne McLaughlin**,
Albany State, Ga.
- **Loretta Parham**, The Robert
W. Woodruff of the Atlanta
University Center, Ga.
- **Joan Williams**, Bennett
College, NC

**ASERL Elects New Board of
Directors**

The Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL) recently elected new members to its Board of Directors. The 2007-2008 ASERL Board includes:

- *President:*
Louis Pitschmann, Dean of
University Libraries, University
of Alabama
- *Past President:*
Lance Query, Dean of Libraries
& Academic Information
Resources, Tulane University,
LA

- *President-Elect:*
Bonnie MacEwan, Dean of Libraries, Auburn University, AL
- *Secretary-Treasurer:*
Sylverna Ford, Dean of Libraries, University of Memphis, TN
- *At-large members:*
Rosann Bazirjian, University Librarian, University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Deborah Jakubs, Vice Provost for Library Affairs, Duke University, NC
Julia Rholes, Dean of Libraries, University of Mississippi

In 2007-2008, ASERL will continue to focus on program development for the benefit of its member libraries. Included in ASERL's programmatic plan is the continuation of its training for non-librarian managers working in research libraries; hosting a "New Age of Discovery" institute to discuss the ongoing changes to library cataloging and resource discovery; the investigation of a cooperative government documents program; and exploring options for a cooperative digitization effort in coordination with the Open Content Alliance. ASERL will also continue to provide input on the development of the North American Storage Trust. The organization will also seek updated technology and functionality to enhance Kudzu, the association's shared catalog system.

Founded in 1956, ASERL is the largest regional academic library cooperative in the country, with 37 research libraries across ten states. ASERL was a founding member of the Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET) and established SOLINET's group licensing program.

For more information about ASERL's ongoing programs, please visit www.aserl.org.

SOLINET PRODUCT NEWS

SOLINET RELEASES RESULTS OF SCENARIO PLANNING DISCUSSIONS

The Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET) has released a 12-page report detailing results of recent discussions regarding the future of libraries.

The report, [now available online](#), comes after a series of 12 discussion groups SOLINET facilitated with its members throughout the Southeast, further exemplifying the organization's commitment to anticipating and adapting to changes in the library landscape. The discussions focused on three scenarios, developed by the Board of Directors, which depict libraries three to five years into the future. Participants debated what was likely, unlikely, and missing in each of the scenarios.

According to the report, the library environment for the next 3-5 years is focused on:

- New service models for libraries
- Changing role of collections
- Staff transformation
- Re-purposing buildings
- More assessment
- Keeping up with and in control of technology.

SOLINET encourages other libraries to use the scenarios to lead discussions

within the library, their communities, or as part of a local strategic planning effort.

REPORT:

www.solinet.net/emplibfile/ScenarioPlanningReport.pdf

SCENARIOS:

www.solinet.net/emplibfile/ACF1C65.pdf

SOLINET Elects 2007/2008 Board, Officers, and OCLC Members Council Delegation

Eligible SOLINET member institutions have elected four representatives to the Board of Directors and three delegates to the OCLC Members Council.

New SOLINET Board of Directors members are:

- **Rebecca Hamilton**, Director and State Librarian of the State Library of Louisiana
- **Elizabeth Hammond**, Dean of University Libraries at Mercer University in Georgia
- **Sol Hirsch**, Director of the Alachua County Library District in Florida
- **Richard Madaus**, Executive Director of the College Center for Library Automation in Florida.

The new Board of Directors elected these officers:

- *Chair:* **Carol Pitts Diedrichs**, Dean of Libraries at the University of Kentucky
- *Vice Chair:* **Willis Sheftall**, Professor of Economics at Morehouse College in Georgia

- *Treasurer:* **Bill Miller**, Dean of Libraries at Florida Atlantic University
- *Secretary:* **Laura Davidson**, Dean of Library Information Services at Meredith College in North Carolina

The following people have joined the SOLINET delegation to the OCLC Members Council:

- **Rosann Bazirjian**, University Librarian at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro
- **Loretta Parham**, CEO and Library Director of the Robert W. Woodruff Library of the Atlanta University Center in Georgia
- **John Szabo**, Director of the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System in Georgia.

Librarians Form Council to Meet Needs of Public Libraries in the Southeast

State librarians from twelve southeastern states have formed the Southern Council of State Library Agencies, Inc.

The purposes of the Southern Council are:

- to improve library services and further the development of library services
- to enunciate a position of members on regional and national issues of common interest
- to facilitate the sharing of ideas
- to provide a mechanism for cooperative activities

- to enhance staff development for members of the Southern Council of State Library Agencies.

Twelve state libraries are members of the Southern Council: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia.

The initial Board includes the following state librarians:

- **Carolyn Ashcraft**, Arkansas
- **Mary L. Boone**, North Carolina
- **David Goble**, South Carolina
- **Rebecca L. Hamilton**, Louisiana
- **Rebecca Mitchell**, Alabama
- **Wayne Onkst**, Kentucky
- **Judith Ring**, Florida
- **Sharman Bridges Smith**, Mississippi
- **Jeanne Sugg**, Tennessee
- **Lamar Veatch**, Georgia
- **J.D. Waggoner**, West Virginia
- **Nolan Yelich**, Virginia

The group recently met to adopt bylaws, elect officers, establish a dues structure, and determine the date, time, location and topics of discussion for the next meeting. In addition, they discussed possible collaborative projects including mentoring and common services. The Southern Council plans to meet at least three times a year, generally in conjunction with another meeting where all member institutions are represented. The next meeting is scheduled for October in Omaha where all state librarians gather for the annual Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA) meeting.

Cal Shepard, Manager of Consortial Outreach for SOLINET will act as the liaison between the group and SOLINET. SOLINET was instrumental in the establishment of this group and will provide ongoing assistance and support.

Library Journal Honors SOLINET Member Librarians as “Movers & Shakers”

SOLINET congratulates 12 member librarians, recently recognized as 2007 “Movers & Shakers” by *Library Journal* (names are listed below, with links to the *Library Journal* feature). These individuals are the people shaping the future of libraries, and they will be honored during the American Library Association Conference in Washington, DC.

Please join SOLINET as we celebrate these individuals who are making a difference in the library profession.

- **Helene Blowers**, Public Services Technology Director, Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County, NC
<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6423431.html>
- **Michael Casey**, Division Director, Technology Services, Gwinnett County Public Library, GA
<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6423425.html>
- **Kelly Czarnecki**, Teen Librarian, ImaginOn, Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County, NC
<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6423427.html>

- **Jill Grogg**, Assistant Professor and Electronic Resources Librarian, University of Alabama Libraries; Adjunct Instructor, University of Alabama SLIS, Tuscaloosa
<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6423410.html>
- **Melissa Johnston**, Media Specialist, Silver City Elementary, Cumming, GA
<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6423412.html>
- **Leslie Jones**, Collection Development Manager, Pasco County Library System, New Port Richey, FL
<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6423401.html>
- **Emily Lynema**, Systems Librarian for Digital Projects, North Carolina State University Libraries, Raleigh
<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6423426.html>
- **Brian S. Mathews**, Information Services Librarian & Distance Learning Services Coordinator, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta
<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6423439.html>
<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6423393.html>
- **Sharon Morris**, Customer Service Coordinator, Broward County Library, Fort Lauderdale, FL
<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6423436.html>
- **Ross Singer**, Application Developer, Georgia Tech Library and Information Center, Atlanta
<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6423429.html>
- **Catherine Vanstone**, Assistant Director for Technology, Training, and Development, Southwest Georgia Regional Library, Bainbridge
<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6423404.html>
- **Larry N. White**, Assistant Professor of Library Science and Coordinator, Library Science Program, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC
<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6423434.html>

Shaping Outcomes National Launch

Shaping Outcomes, a new online course in outcome based planning and evaluation (OBPE), is available to the museum and library professionals. Shaping Outcomes is a collaboration between the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis (IUPUI) to create an instructor mediated online short-course that trains participants to master and apply OBPE concepts to museum and library programming, and exhibition planning. Participants in Shaping Outcomes work at their own pace through five interactive modules over approximately five weeks. With the support of an instructor, they learn the vocabulary and methods of Operand they develop a logic model for a

program or project at their own institution.

Shaping Outcomes courses are being offered in the Summer and Fall of 2007, free of charge, for library and museum professionals nationwide. A special section for library and museum studies faculty, professional trainers, or others who might teach Shaping Outcomes or incorporate it in their own curriculum is being offered in October 2007. If you are interested in registering for one of these courses or learning more about these course offerings, please explore our website www.shapingoutcomes.org or contact the project manager by email at outcomes@iupui.edu or through postal mail at:

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SOLINET Helps Coordinate Disaster Response Program

Known for its expertise in preservation, SOLINET is assisting in the coordination of a disaster response program that will enable cultural organizations and local emergency personnel to efficiently respond to disasters that endanger the area's cultural and historical documents.

On February 8, 2007, SOLINET, in coordination with the Georgia Archives and the High Museum of Art, co-sponsored the Atlanta Alliance for Response Forum at the High Museum.

The forum brought together representatives from 80 cultural institutions, local emergency management agencies, and disaster recovery vendors to initiate a dialog between the groups, share best practices and resources for disaster planning, and explore how partnerships can improve local response efforts.

The morning panels included a discussion with first responders from the local, state and federal levels as well as a panel of administrators from cultural institutions focusing on major disasters in cultural institutions. The afternoon program focused on planning local and regional disaster planning networks and was followed by break-out sessions that examined ways in which the various institutions could collaborate with each other in future disaster planning and recovery efforts.

The forums are part of a national program on cultural heritage and disaster management sponsored by Heritage Preservation to bring together local emergency managers with the cultural heritage community. Knowing that first responders to any emergency will be local personnel, it is important for partnerships between cultural institutions and emergency personnel to be in place before disasters.

Other ideas that came out of the initial meeting include

- The need for a centralized site of recovery supplies
- Training for both cultural institution staff and emergency personnel regarding each other's needs

- Creating a comprehensive list of cultural institutions in the area including a website with disaster recovery information and links to other resources
- A mutual aid network to help in training and recovery
- The need for organizations to have up-to-date disaster plans stored in a safe place offsite
- Committing to share all types of resources (human, supplies, equipment) in case of a disaster
- Identification of experts in insurance underwriting, security, engineering, and appraisal to advise in case of a disaster.

Attendees complimented the Alliance for Response for giving them a chance to form relationships with others in the area who could help in an emergency. The program also emphasized the need for maintaining an up-to-date disaster response plan.

Gulf Coast Libraries Project Celebrates Reopening of First Libraries in Louisiana

On Monday, February 26, 2007, an emotional ribbon-cutting ceremony was held to celebrate the first reopening of library branches in Louisiana.

Two temporary facilities, Cameron and Grand Chenier, are the first of 21 facilities that will reopen as part of the Southeastern Library Network's (SOLINET's) Gulf Coast Libraries Project. SOLINET administers the \$12.2 million grant-supported, three-year initiative, which is funded by the Bill &

Melinda Gates Foundation to support public libraries damaged by hurricanes in Louisiana and Mississippi in 2005.

State and local leaders attending the event included Lt. Gov. Mitch Landrieu, U.S. Rep. Charles Boustany (R-La.), State Librarian Rebecca Hamilton, Library Board President Cyndi Sellers, Library Director Charlotte Trosclair and SOLINET Project Manager Mary Ellin Santiago. All are very enthusiastic about the project and excited about the reopening and the significance of this project milestone.

The Cameron Parish libraries suffered extreme damage from Hurricane Rita. Cameron Parish Library was not able to salvage a stick from its building, or a book from its card catalog. The only thing remaining from the two library locations was a few bits of metal left in the trees behind the Grand Chenier branch.

Cameron Parish is one of nine library systems to receive funds from the Gulf Coast Libraries Project. They received two furnished temporary buildings with computers and Internet service, materials, and funding for staff to operate the facilities for 36 months. In addition, the parish will receive a high-tech mobile library later this year. The grant will cover the operating expenses in Cameron that will enable the community to utilize local funds to begin the process of planning and rebuilding a permanent public library as soon as possible.

Gulf Coast Libraries Project Marks First Library Reopening in Mississippi

On Wednesday, March 7, 2007, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held to celebrate the first reopening of a library branch in Hancock County, Mississippi.

The Waveland Public Library is the first facility in Mississippi, and the third of 21 facilities that will reopen as part of the Southeastern Library Network's (SOLINET's) Gulf Coast Libraries Project. SOLINET administers the \$12.2 million grant-supported, three-year initiative, which is funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to support public libraries damaged by hurricanes in Louisiana and Mississippi in 2005.

Civic leaders attending the event included Waveland Mayor John Thomas Longo; Sharman Smith, Executive Director, Mississippi Library Commission; David Woodburn, Executive Director, Hancock County Library System; Kate Nevins, Executive Director, SOLINET; and Mary Ellin Santiago, Project Manager, SOLINET. All are very enthusiastic about the project and excited about the reopening and the significance of this project milestone for the state of Mississippi.

The Waveland library suffered extreme damage from Hurricane Katrina. Even though the library had undergone a renovation and expansion two years prior to the storm, the 33-foot storm surge and 145 mph winds meant that everything was lost.

The Hancock County Library System is one of nine library systems to receive funds from the Gulf Coast Libraries

Project. They received a furnished temporary building with computers and Internet service, materials, and funding for staff to operate the facilities for 36 months. The grant will cover the operating expenses in Waveland that will enable the community to utilize local funds to begin the process of planning and rebuilding a permanent public library as soon as possible.

SOLINET Awarded Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services

The Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET) has been awarded a grant from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), which will be used to bolster the Gulf Coast Libraries Project, a three-year initiative to re-establish public libraries in Louisiana and Mississippi.

The \$866,284 grant, part of the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program, will create staff capacity and strengthen staff skills in 16 public library systems in Louisiana and Mississippi that suffered severe damage and destruction from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005. SOLINET, in partnership with the affected libraries, will provide staff to operate temporary library facilities in communities while permanent libraries are planned and rebuilt, as well as continuing education to build knowledgeable, skilled library staff to support these communities as they rebuild and recover.

The two-year Staffing Gulf Coast Libraries Project will work in synergy with a multi-year project funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The Gates Foundation project supports

recovery of public libraries in Louisiana and Mississippi by providing and operating temporary library facilities where services are currently unavailable due to building loss, assisting libraries with planning for rebuilding, and replacing all lost public access computers. In August 2006, SOLINET received a \$12.2 million grant from the Gates Foundation to support the Gulf Coast Libraries Project.

**SOLINET and Emerald Group
Publishing Limited Announce
Winners of Emerald Management
Xtra College Awards**

In celebration of Emerald Group Publishing Limited 40th year in publishing, SOLINET and Emerald created the Emerald Management Xtra College awards. The Emerald Management Xtra College awards provide an opportunity for SOLINET members to win one of five free 12-month online subscriptions to Emerald Management Xtra College.

SOLINET and Emerald are pleased to announce the following five institutions as winners of the Emerald Management Xtra College Awards:

- Central Piedmont Community College in North Carolina
- Copiah-Lincoln Community College in Mississippi
- Cleveland Community College in North Carolina
- Piedmont Community College in North Carolina
- Wake Technical Community College in North Carolina

To be eligible to win the Emerald Management Xtra College Awards, an institution had to be a SOLINET community college member that requested a free trial of Emerald Management Xtra College. After the trial, the member was required to complete an online questionnaire about how their college could benefit from a free 12-month subscription to Emerald Management Xtra College. The joint venture between Emerald and SOLINET to create this contest was the first of its kind.

EBSCO PRODUCT NEWS

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Through Partnership With WebFeat, EBSCO Announces WebFeat Express 3.0 and Other Product Enhancements

EBSCO is pleased to partner with WebFeat in providing a new series of federated search administration and authentication products. WebFeat will debut this new line of products, including WebFeat Express 3.0, June 23 at the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.

The latest release of WebFeat's highly popular Express federated search engine, WebFeat Express 3.0, includes spell-check, as well as integrated Menu Manager and WebFeat Proxy. The WebFeat Express spell-checker joins the Library of Congress and MeSH thesauri already incorporated into the product. WebFeat's spell-checker supports multiple languages, as well as medical,

pharmaceutical, legal, botanical, geographical and scientific/engineering specialty dictionaries. Integrated spell-check, thesauri, topical clustering, relevancy ranking and multiple sort options provide WebFeat users with unparalleled results sorting and search refining capabilities.

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multi-library networks or multi-branch library systems.

"WebFeat Express 3.0, Menu Manager, WebFeat Proxy and Enterprise Administrative Console collectively represent our most ambitious launch of new products and enhancements in the company's nine year history," said Todd Miller, President and Founder of WebFeat.

Winners Named for the 2007 EBSCO/MLA Annual Meeting Grants

EBSCO Information Services and the Medical Library Association (MLA) are pleased to announce the winners of the 2007 EBSCO/MLA Annual Meeting Grants.

They are:

- **Agnes Chikonzo**, College of Health Sciences Library, University of Zimbabwe, Avondale, Harare, Zimbabwe
- **Ladonna Guillot**, Baton Rouge Nursing Library, Southeastern Louisiana University, Baton Rouge, La.
- **Maureen Knapp**, John P. Isché Library, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, New Orleans
- **Lauren Young**, Rowland Medical Library, University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, Miss.

The grant, which subsidizes conference costs for first-time attendees, enables MLA members who are new to the profession to attend the association's annual meeting. The award provides up

to \$1,000 for travel and conference-related expenses.

Applicants must be currently employed as health sciences librarians and have between two and five years' experience working in a health sciences library. For more information about this award, visit <http://www.mlanet.org/awards/grants/index.html>.

STATE NEWS

ALABAMA

Birmingham Public Library

The Birmingham Public Library received a grant for \$15,000 to continue BPL @ Night. This is a series of monthly programs and concerts for adults held after hours in the library's atrium under the trees.

So far, programs have included a jazz concert by Eric Essex and his band, a performance by Umdabu - an African Dance Troupe, a performance by Muse of Fire - an alternative Shakespeare group, and an evening with Andy Offutt Irwin, Storyteller and Performer. This grant was made possible, in part, by the Jefferson County Commission through the Jefferson County Community Arts Fund administered by the Cultural Alliance of Greater Birmingham.

The Birmingham Public Library was selected-as one of twenty libraries nationwide-to demonstrate its community services to members of Congress on June 26 in Washington, D.C.

Along with the New York Public Library, the Georgia Public Library System, and

other libraries and advocacy groups, BPL played an essential role in Library Day on the Hill, a day of campaigning to U.S. Congressional Representatives on Capitol Hill. As part of the American Library Association's (ALA) 2007 annual conference in Washington, Library Day on the Hill brought librarians and library supporters together to encourage members of Congress to provide for public, academic, school, and research libraries nationwide.

BPL was chosen to represent public libraries by demonstrating its outstanding public service offerings: access to collections through technologies like downloadable audio books and educational software, programs that encourage young people to sign up for library cards, and free computer classes offered at the Central and branch libraries.

Rochelle Sides-Renda, Coordinator of the Eastern Region, along with Sandi Lee, Public Services Coordinator, and Janine Langston, Literacy and Outreach Coordinator, represented BPL in Washington.

Between the Lions came to the Birmingham Public Library's North Birmingham Regional Library on July 17, 2007.



The Birmingham Public Library has received its second Be Innovative! Award from Innovative Interfaces <http://www.iii.com/about/index.shtml>, the company that markets the software used by the library to organize, order, process, and circulate all of its materials. The winning entry "Social Networking at the Birmingham Public Library" demonstrated how the library uses MySpace.com <http://www.myspace.com/birminghampubliclibrary> to market library services and materials online.

Melinda Shelton, webmaster for the library, accepted the award for the Most Innovative Marketing of Millennium Products/Features /at the 15th annual Innovative Users Group Conference in San Jose, California, on May 16, 2007. Shelton designed and linked features from the Innovative Interfaces system to the library's MySpace page to allow direct searching of the catalog, new

materials lists, and other online content. MySpace members may also add the library's catalog search box <http://www.bplonline.org/virtual/myspace.asp> to their own MySpace pages. The library won its first Be Innovative! award in 2004.

Alabama Digital Preservation Network Established

The Network of Alabama Academic Libraries (NAAL) received a National Leadership Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to establish the Alabama Digital Preservation Network (ADPNet) to archive locally-created digital content. Specifically, the project is testing the feasibility of adopting LOCKSS (Lots of Copies Keep Stuff Safe: <http://www.lockss.org/>) to establish a state-based, distributed, low cost model for the long-term archival preservation of digital assets.

Seven NAAL members are serving as ADPNet archival repository sites:

Alabama Department of Archives and History, Auburn University, Spring Hill College, Troy University, University of Alabama, University of Alabama at Birmingham, and University of North Alabama. Aaron Trehub, Auburn University Libraries, is the project director. These participants have used the first few months of the grant to organize the project and set up the network. ADPNet is pleased to announce that the LOCKSS boxes have been installed and have begun harvesting the first digital files that will be archived in ADPNet. Additional information about the initial collections that are being archived is posted on the project wiki: <http://adpn.org/>.

KENTUCKY

University of Louisville Digital Collection Website

The University of Louisville Libraries has launched a new web site, Digital Collections, at <http://digital.library.louisville.edu/>, that provides online access to digital versions of selected materials from University of Louisville archives, special collections, and other campus units. This growing resource will include rare and unique images, documents, and oral histories that are freely available for educational and research purposes.

"The site's launch includes two collections that broaden access to information about Louisville and Kentucky's culture and history," says Hannelore B. Rader, Dean of University of Louisville Libraries. These richly indexed online collections can be browsed or searched by criteria such as name, location, and subject:

The Newton Owen Postcard Collection consists of 579 cards from the University Archives and Records Center (UARC). Representing nearly a century in the life and travels of an extended Kentucky family, the digital collection includes colorful travel postcards and greeting cards, revealing much about the sensibilities and senses of humor of Kentuckians in the 20th century. The Jean Thomas, the Traipsin' Woman, Collection includes 1,077 images from the University of Louisville Photographic Archives documenting musical instruments, crafts, and scenes with community and family groups, primarily in the mountains of eastern Kentucky. Jean Thomas (1881-1982) of

Ashland, Kentucky, began to photograph the people and places she encountered while working as a "traipsin" court reporter in the early years of the 20th century. She also became enamored of the mountain music, founding the American Folk Song Festival in 1930 and the American Folk Song Society the following year. Although the images in this collection primarily derive from the 1930s-1950s, the costumes and customs they depict reflect an earlier way of life.

Initial funding for the Digital Collections software came from a Library Automation subgrant from the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives (KDLA). The University of Louisville Libraries will continue to seek additional funding for personnel and equipment to maintain and expand this service. The Digital Collections are continually growing: works in progress include oral history interviews from the 1970s dealing with the experiences of the African American community in Louisville; a set of illuminated manuscript leaves; and early maps, legal documents, and photographs relating to Louisville and Kentucky.

As an essential partner in the University of Louisville's mission to become a premier, nationally recognized, metropolitan university, the University Libraries meet the information literacy and research needs of a diverse population. The Libraries are a place for discovery and learning outside the classroom and laboratory. The Digital Collections use technology to enhance services and access for users at the University and in the surrounding community.

Western Kentucky University Launches State's First Institutional Repository

TopSCHOLAR™ – the Research and Creative Activity Database of Western Kentucky University was launched May 1, 2007. TopSCHOLAR™ is a centralized site that preserves the intellectual output of the University and will eventually include: graduate theses, honors theses, research papers, photographs, original music and drama, creative writing and more, authored by WKU students, faculty and staff.

TopSCHOLAR™ offers permanent access to works deposited by establishing a URL for each item. Works are indexed by Google, Google Scholar, and major scientific and open access systems for identifying published works and searchable by author, subject, title and keyword. Works deposited become instantly available to over 1 billion people worldwide.

Western Kentucky University joins Columbia University, Cornell University, Purdue University, University of Pennsylvania and other top institutions in the country in providing this digital database for scholarly works in many forms. Check it out at digitalcommons.wku.edu.

TopSCHOLAR™ is the first institutional repository in Kentucky. It offers indexing and searching using bepress (Berkeley Electronic Publishing) technology available through ProQuest/CSA's Digital Commons platform and is made possible by support from WKU Libraries and Provost's Initiatives for Excellence.

“We are very excited to offer TopSCHOLAR™ to our faculty, staff and students here at WKU. It presents a wonderful opportunity to showcase the talent of our University worldwide and serves as an outstanding example of ways in which WKU is striving to become a leading American university with International reach,” says Mike Binder, Dean of WKU Libraries.

For more information please contact Connie Foster, TopSCHOLAR™ Project Director at 270-745-6151 or by email at connie.foster@wku.edu.

LOUISIANA

William Carey University Opens New Branch

William Carey University has recently opened a third library branch in the city of New Orleans in order to better serve the 500+ students that attend classes at the WCU School of Nursing in the Crescent City. This full-service nursing library has four high-speed computers and over 1250 brand new health services books for students working on undergraduate nursing degrees. The campus, which is located on the grounds of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, was closed for almost a year after Katrina flooded the surrounding neighborhoods. Many of the nursing students were temporarily relocated to Hattiesburg, and the university doubled up students in dorm rooms and asked families in Hattiesburg to open up rooms in their homes to help the students continue their studies. Those students have now returned to New Orleans and have the use of a brand new library to help finish their degrees. With the reopening of the nursing building and

the new library facility, New Orleans nursing students have access to the latest books, online databases and interlibrary loan services via OCLC and DOCLINE, through the National Network of Libraries of Medicine.

Eden Park Branch Library Receives “Good Growth” Award

The Eden Park Branch Library of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library system has been honored with a 2007 “Good Growth” Award at the 11th Annual Good Growth Awards Program, sponsored by the Baton Rouge Growth Coalition and the *Greater Baton Rouge Business Report*. This award honors outstanding commercial and residential projects built during 2006, and gives special recognition to the men and women that design, build, and develop these projects, which are revitalizing and growing a better city of Baton Rouge and the outlying areas. The new Eden Park Branch Library replaces the original community branch housed within the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center and opened to the public on January 11, 2007.

The Eden Park Branch Library is characterized by its use of natural materials and the dramatic way in which it balances light and scale. The final design of the beautiful 14,000 square foot Eden Park Branch Library efficiently integrates the library’s functional requirements within an open, light-filled pavilion to welcome and serve patrons. A state-of-the-art modular flooring system allows ultimate flexibility over time and facilitates under-floor utility and HVAC distribution. Architect Ken Tipton, AIA, stressed that the new building offers a

place for community, discovery, change, encouragement, and innovation. This library branch is one of a handful in the country and the first public facility of its kind in the region.

This is the second Good Growth Award received by the East Baton Rouge Parish Library. The Carver Branch Library was similarly honored in 2006. For more information, call (225) 231-3710.

MISSISSIPPI

MSU Library 2.0 Summit

Mississippi State University Libraries are leading the way in the region in exploring new technologies and their applications to the libraries and our patrons. On June 15, 2007, the Libraries hosted the MS Library 2.0 Summit at Mitchell Memorial Library, bringing together 100 participants from eight states to examine the way Web 2.0 technologies are providing opportunities for libraries to begin to provide our services in online social networking communities. Nationally known Library 2.0-guru, Michael Stephens, was on hand to deliver the keynote address, "Hyperlinked Library: Trends, Tools and Technologies," to a very enthusiastic crowd. Participants raved that it was "one of the best library presentations ever heard," "inspiring" and "a dynamic presentation that made me excited to work with new technologies to reach students."

Inaugural Ragtime Music Festival a Smash Hit

From March 23rd to 25th, music was in the air on the Mississippi State University campus as pianists from

across the country (and beyond!) assembled for the inaugural Charles Templeton Ragtime Music Festival.

The Festival, held in MSU's Mitchell Memorial Library and McComas Hall, welcomed guests from around the country and from the Starkville area as the music, the composers, and the spirit of Ragtime music was lauded. Performers included the New Queen of Ragtime, Canadian pianist Mimi Blais; bandleader and showman extraordinaire Jeff Barnhart; boogie woogie specialist from England, Neville Dickie; co-artistic director of Sedalia, MO's Scott Joplin Ragtime Festival, Sue Keller; and daughter of Ragtime great Trebor Tichenor, pianist Virginia Tichenor. David Jasen, musicologist and author from New York, served as master of ceremonies and Festival Advisor.

With seminars, mini-concerts, and tours of the Charles H. Templeton, Sr. Music Museum led by Jasen, plus amazing concerts with the artists each evening, the first Charles Templeton Ragtime Music Festival was a smash hit.

Comments from many of the Ragtime followers from around the country that attended raved about the quality of the entertainment, the extraordinary venues, the hospitality and the Charles H. Templeton, Sr. Music Museum. According to Jasen, "The Charles H. Templeton, Sr. Music Museum contains the most complete collection of Victor Talking Machines from the beginning in 1897 to 1930. The concept of having artifacts illustrate the "business of music in the United States" is unique and is not only important for serious students of popular music, but for history buffs, sociologists and everybody interested in

knowing how music influenced this country during the entire 20th century and continuing into the 21st.”

Plans are already being made for next year's Charles Templeton Music Festival, and it promises to bring even more excitement to the campus.

For more information on the Charles H. Templeton, Sr. Music Museum at Mitchell Memorial Library and to see photographs from the 2007 Festival, please visit the website <http://library.msstate.edu/templeton/> or call 662-325-6634.

MegaResource School Librarian Workshop: Information Power and the Library Media Specialist

The seventh MegaResource School Librarian Workshop was held February 23, 2007 at the Mississippi State University Libraries. With 55 school library media specialists attending from around the state, this year's workshop focused on the concept of information power and literacy for the K-12 classroom. Keynote speakers for the morning session were Frances Coleman, Dean of the MSU Libraries and Dr. Deborah Lee, MegaResource Program Coordinator and Associate Director of the Center for Teaching and Learning at MSU. Dean Coleman discussed the vital link library media specialists play in the education of their students. Dr. Lee discussed the use of technology by the netgen students in today's classroom. The afternoon keynote session examined MPB Express and was presented by Darrell Lee from Mississippi Public Broadcasting. A number of concurrent sessions were also sponsored, offering introductions in everything from

MAGNOLIA databases, the software program Publisher, Google, and even Facebook! In addition to the concurrent session, four poster sessions helped attendees use government documents in their classroom, examine Mississippi's rural history through CHARM, make music with the MSU Ragtime collection and explore MAGNOLIA resources in the classroom. The next MegaResource School Librarian Workshop will be held in February 2008. For more information about the MegaResource School Librarian Workshop series, please contact Dr. Deborah Lee at (662) 325-0810 or dlee@library.msstate.edu

NORTH CAROLINA

\$216,000 grant from Mellon Foundation to help UNC library investigate digitizing archives

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has awarded the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Library \$216,000 over two years for the project "Extending the Reach of Southern Sources: Proceeding to Large-Scale Digitization of Manuscript Collections."

The library's Southern Historical Collection and Carolina Digital Library will use the grant to plan for digitizing vast collections of unique historical materials and presenting them online. The project will provide methods for managing large-scale digitization of entire collections in the Southern Historical Collection, one of the world's largest repositories for original materials that document the southern United States.

The grant, awarded in December 2006, responds to growing demand by

researchers for electronic access to comprehensive archival collections, said UNC's Richard Szary, director of the Louis Round Wilson Library and associate university librarian for special collections. "These are the raw materials for research in history, the humanities and the social sciences. To have them online would open up tremendous research opportunities." The digitization of archival collections presents challenges not shared with large-scale book scanning projects, such as the efforts by Internet search company Google to scan millions of books from research libraries <http://books.google.com>.

The Southern Historical Collection is well poised to embark on this mission of discovery, said Tim West, curator of manuscripts and director of the Southern Historical Collection. "The field of Southern studies is especially vigorous. Scholars of the South are excited and engaged. They recognize UNC as one of the nation's leading archives in this area and they are eager to work with us."

The Mellon Foundation grant will allow the library to realize six goals that pave the way for digitization of the Southern Historical Collection and similar collections. Investigators will:

- Review major trends in Southern studies and the digital access required by scholars;
- Survey projects elsewhere involving digital collections of manuscripts;
- Host an invitational workshop in April 2008, for scholars and library technologists to exchange information about research trends and current technologies;

- Develop a model decision matrix to prioritize manuscript materials for digitization and apply this matrix to the holdings of the Southern Historical Collection;
- Analyze and propose models for funding and sustainability;
- Publish the results of the analyses, workshop and testing.

TRLN Purchases Endeca Information Access Platform for Libraries

Members of the Triangle Research Libraries Network (TRLN) have jointly purchased the Endeca Information Access Platform. Duke University, North Carolina Central University, North Carolina State University, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will use the Endeca platform to create a single interface that will search across the online catalogs of all four institutions.

In implementing Endeca, TRLN will build upon the experience of the North Carolina State University Libraries, which in 2006 was the first academic library in the world to deploy the popular e-commerce software. The TRLN libraries will use the Endeca platform to research and develop additional services in support of consortial activities.

The new "Search TRLN" catalog will debut in 2008.

The North Carolina State University (NCSU) Libraries has been awarded a grant of \$75,000 to create "The Built Heritage of North Carolina: Historic Architecture in the Old North State," an online resource for the study of North Carolina's architectural history. The

Libraries will partner with Preservation North Carolina (PNC) to digitize 3,850 measured drawings and photographs. These will be made available through an image database and a web site that will include timelines, historical essays, and other resources.

Through the image database, the project will provide access to documentation on hundreds of buildings and structures constructed in North Carolina from the 1700s to the early 1900s. Buildings represented will include well-known examples of historic architecture, such as Baldhead Lighthouse, the Bellamy Mansion in Wilmington, and Blandwood in Greensboro. Several buildings in Beaufort, Bethabara, Hillsborough, and Old Salem, as well as Mecklenburg and Wake Counties, will be covered.

There will also be lesser known but still historically significant structures, such as the Jordan House in Bertie County (one of the earliest brick buildings in the state) and the Allison-Deaver House in Transylvania County (one of the oldest frame dwellings west of the Blue Ridge).

The NCSU Libraries has strong architecture and design collections to draw upon for “Built Heritage.” The drawings to be scanned were created from the 1950s to the 1970s as part of a historic architecture documentation project by NC State’s well-respected College of Design. These drawings are currently preserved by the Libraries’ Special Collections Research Center, along with the papers of prominent Design faculty from that era, such as Henry Kamphoefner, George Matsumoto, Matthew Nowicki, and G. Milton Small.

PNC is a private, non-profit statewide organization whose mission is to protect

and promote buildings, sites, and landscapes important to the diverse heritage of North Carolina. PNC holds thousands of photographs of historic structures. The “Built Heritage” project will scan color slides created by Tim Buchman, premiere photographer of North Carolina architecture, for such PNC publications as Catherine Bishir’s North Carolina Architecture (1990, 2005).

“Built Heritage” will be made possible through a Library Services and Technology Act grant administered by the State Library of North Carolina’s NC ECHO program. Similar funding has allowed the NCSU Libraries to develop expertise in creating online history resources, such as its “Green ‘N’ Growing” web site <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/specialcollections/greenngrowing/>.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Library 2.0: Taking South Carolina Libraries to the People

The 2007 SCLA Fall Conference will be held Oct 31-Nov2 at the Radisson Hotel in Columbia, SC.

\$3 Million Gift to University of South Carolina Libraries to Support Hemingway, American Writers’ Collections

The University of South Carolina has received a gift from the estate of alumnus Edward S. Hallman to enhance the libraries’ collections of Ernest Hemingway and other 20th-century American writers.

The income from the bequest, valued at approximately \$3 million, will be administered through the Donald C. Easterling-Edward S. Hallman Foundation by Mellon's Private Wealth Management in Atlanta.

In 2001, the foundation supported the purchase of what was considered the last significant, private Hemingway collection. The acquisition, from the family of the late Maurice Speiser, a Philadelphia lawyer, created The Speiser and Easterling-Hallman Foundation Collection of Ernest Hemingway at the university. Speiser represented Hemingway and was an adviser to many of the world's leading arts and literary figures of the first half of the 20th century.

“The Ernest Hemingway collection at the University of South Carolina is remarkable for its breadth of materials. In addition to Hemingway’s books, the collection’s letters, periodicals and research materials offer a fascinating glimpse into the writer's life and that of other artists and writers of his generation,” said Paul Willis, dean of the university's libraries.

“Edward Hallman's benevolence, combined with his appreciation for literature and love for his university, will ensure that future generations of students and scholars have the opportunity to learn about the art of writing from one of this nation's greatest authors,” he said.

Hallman, who died earlier this year, was a native of Aiken County and earned a degree in English from the university where he was a member of Sigma Chi fraternity. A former U.S. Air Force officer, Hallman was an account

executive at Exxon Chemical Co. for 27 years until his retirement in 1994. Easterling worked for the Wall Street Journal in Atlanta from 1968 until his death in 1996. A philanthropist, Hallman provided scholarship funding for graduates of Monetta High School, his alma mater, and was on the board of advisors of the University of Georgia Museum of Art. He also provided major support for Emmaus House and AID Atlanta.

The gift will support the purchase of works of American authors other than Hemingway from the same period; the housing and preservation of the Hemingway collection; grants for research of the collection; and the production of publications and special programs about the collection. The university also will establish a named space, such as a seminar or reference room, that will have a permanent display of some portion of the collection.

University of South Carolina Library Receives Rare 13th-Century Manuscript

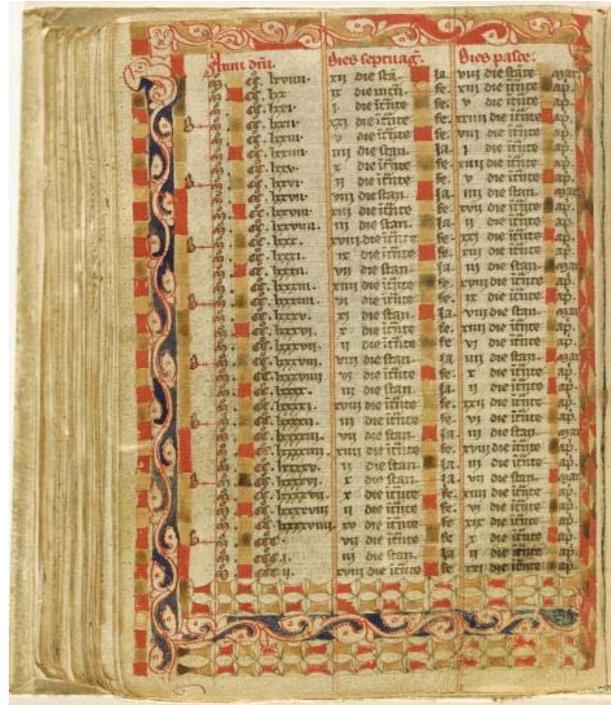
A 1269 manuscript created for the Order of Cistercians in Italy as an instrument of private devotion has been acquired for the University of South Carolina's Thomas Cooper Library via a grant from the B.H. Breslauer Foundation in New York City. The \$46,000 grant was obtained through the efforts of English professor and medievalist, Dr. Scott Gwara, who contacted the foundation with the library's approval and support. The manuscript was purchased at a Southeby's auction held in London in June.

According to Dr. Patrick Scott, head of the library's Department of Rare Books and Special Collections, the library will present the manuscript, together with other medieval treasures from collections around the state, in an exhibit which will open January 17, 2008. In addition, Gwara and other professors will use the manuscript as a teaching tool in undergraduate classes to help students understand the religious atmosphere of the medieval era.

The 728-page manuscript is a bound preacher's manual which contains sermons, biblical interpretations, extracts from biographies of saints, a calendar of feast days and holidays, and a bestiary of biblical animals. It measures about four and one-half inches by six inches. The text is in Latin. In keeping with the simple lifestyle of the Cistercians who followed the rule of the 5th-century monk, St. Benedict, the manuscript does not have illustrations with elaborate gold illuminations as is the case with some documents of the period. The Cistercians did not see the necessity for rich ornamentation because, as Gwara explains, "Every act of copying was a spiritual act."

According to Felix de Marez Oyens, president of the Breslauer Foundation, "Since its inception a few years ago, the foundation has financed significant book purchases by major libraries on the East Coast and in several European countries, but none has been more appropriate or satisfying than the University of South Carolina's Cistercian manuscript. We believe that its acquisition perfectly embodies the late Dr. Breslauer's ideas when he created the foundation."

A page from the University of South Carolina's newly-acquired 13th-century manuscript:



PEOPLE NEWS

ALABAMA

The Montgomery City-County Public Library is pleased to announce the addition of three new employees to the staff. **Petre Bridges**, Librarian III is the new branch head at Rosa Parks Avenue Branch Library. He comes to us after 17 years with Tuskegee University. Petre earned his MLS degree from Atlanta University, now Clark-Atlanta University. We are also fortunate to have join us **Kim Wilson Owen**, Librarian III, branch head at Governors Square Branch Library. Kim is a former director of Autauga-Prattville Public Library and former employee from the State of Alabama. Kim earned her MLS degree from the University of Tennessee School of Information Science. We are

also proud to have **Minnie Stringer** on board at the Lewis Regional Library. She is a former school librarian with over twenty years of service. She is also a certified national storyteller.

Tim Dodge, Reference Librarian at Auburn University, was recently elected President-Elect/Vice President of the Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries and also Secretary of the ALA Government Documents Round Table Task Force on Federal Documents. He was also appointed to serve on the ALA ACRL Government Relations Committee.

Amia Baker has been named business librarian at Auburn University Libraries. She comes to us from Vanderbilt University's Walker Management Library, where she was a librarian for three years and served as the Reference and Collection Development Coordinator. Amia received both her master's degree in library and information science and bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Alabama. She is an active member of BRASS, the Business Reference and Services Section of the American Library Association. Her current research interests involve a study of the various technologies employed by business librarians to communicate with library users.

Suzy Westenkirchner has been named education librarian at Auburn University Libraries. She received her Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from Eastern Michigan University and her MLS from University of South Florida. Prior to librarianship she worked as a Graphic Designer for design firms in both Ohio and Michigan. Suzy is involved with several ALA

committees, including Instruction, Mentoring and New Members Round Table. She plans on continuing her education at Auburn in Curriculum & Instruction with an emphasis in Educational Technology. Her current research interests include decreasing library anxiety for users, and the legibility and intuitive nature of instructional media and accessibility.

Debbie West has returned to Alabama after nine years in Colorado to become the Collection Development/Reference Librarian at the Rosa Parks Library at Troy University.

New Hires at University of Alabama at Birmingham include **Jeff Graveline**, **Piper Cumbo** and **Peggy Kain**. Mr. Graveline is the new Reference Librarian for Business and Government Documents at the Mervyn H. Sterne Library. Piper Cumbo is a new general reference librarian. Ms. Kain is the new electronic resources librarian.

Dr. Mildred L. Jackson was appointed Associate Dean for Collections on June 1, 2007 for the University of Alabama Libraries. Dr. Jackson holds a Ph.D. in English from Michigan State University. She received the Phyllis Dain Library History Dissertation Award from the Library History Roundtable of the American Library Association. She earned her MILS and a MA in English at Michigan State University. Dr. Jackson comes to the University Libraries from Florida State University, where she was the Head of Collection Development at the Strozier Library. Prior to her time in Florida she spent nine years at the Zumberge Library of Grand Valley St. University in Michigan. At Zumberge she held positions ranging from Catalog

Librarian and Serials Librarian to Collection Development Librarian. She also has experience with special collections and archives, garnered at the Edmon Low Library of the Oklahoma State University. Dr. Jackson has held teaching appointments at Grand Valley State University and East Tennessee University. She has published extensively and is well known within the profession for her meaningful and highly relevant presentations in regional and national venues.

Jason Battles has been appointed as the Web Services Department Head within the University of Alabama Libraries. Mr. Battles earned his MLS and MA in History from the University of Alabama. He also holds a BA in History and Political Science from Jacksonville State University. Prior to his appointment to the University Libraries, Mr. Battles was the Systems Librarian/Administrator for the Vanderbilt University Library. He also has library technical experience having worked for the SIRSI Corporation as a product specialist and software configuration manager.

FLORIDA

Barry B. Baker, Director of Libraries, University of Central Florida (UCF), received two awards at the banquet held on June 8, 2007 at the Association of Caribbean University, Research, & Institutional Libraries (ACURIL) XXXVII annual conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The first award – *The Caribbean Information Professional of the Year 2007 Award* – was established to recognize and honor ACURIL informational specialists (librarians,

archivists, documentalists, etc.) for commitment, excellence, and outstanding professional achievement in the Caribbean.

Baker accepted the second award – *Document Preservation for the Present and Future Generations Award 2007* – on behalf of the Central Florida Memory (CFM) project and UCF. CFM is a successful collaborative venture partnering academic and public libraries as well as history centers and museums to produce a unique digital collection of materials contributed by the partner institutions and presented as a virtual place (www.cfmemory.org) where visitors can discover what Central Florida was like before theme parks and the space program. The initial project was completed in May 2003, but with help from a National Leadership Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), CFM continues to grow and serves as a model for other such library/museum partnerships.

Carla M. Summers, University Librarian and Head, Special Collections & University Archives, retired from the University of Central Florida (UCF) Libraries at the end of June. She has worked in Florida as an archivist, manuscripts librarian, and administrator for 30 years, first with the State Archives of Florida, then the University of



Florida, and finally UCF. Her many accomplishments include founding president of the Society of Florida Archivists, treasurer of the Academy of Certified Archivists, and member of the Council of the Society of American Archivists. Summers will continue her service on the Council and her archives, special collections, and records management consulting practice. While at UCF she did consulting for the Florida Baptist Convention, Atlanta University Center, Center for Applied Psychological Type (CAPT), Maitland Historical Society, Citrus County Historical Division and Charlotte County Archives and Museum.



Deb Ebster,
Associate
University
Librarian and
Head,
Universal
Orlando
Foundation
Library at the
Rosen College
of Hospitality

Management, University of Central Florida (UCF), retired at the end of June. Ebster began her career at the Rock Valley College Library in Rockford, IL as a Public Services Librarian and Coordinator of Instruction. After 28 years at Rock Valley College, she took her skills to another level in an entirely different environment as a Public Services Librarian at the College of the Bahamas in Nassau. There she acquired the knowledge and skills in hospitality management and tourism that later benefitted her as the first department head for the library at the new Rosen School of Hospitality Management. The library was not even finished when she

joined the UCF Libraries. Through her leadership and expertise, Ebster was responsible for creating the strong and rich foundation of staff, environment, collections and service that sets a benchmark for the library. After retirement Ebster plans to travel and study.

Judith Russell, formerly the U.S. Superintendent of Documents is the new Dean at the University of Florida libraries

Julia Zimmerman, formerly the Dean of Libraries at Ohio University, is the new Dean for the Florida State University libraries.

Drew Smith was appointed as the Information Literacy Librarian at the main research library on the Tampa Campus of the University of South Florida. Previously, Drew was an instructor in USF's School of Library and Information Science. **Susan Heron,** Associate Director of Technical Services, recently earned promotion to rank of University Librarian at the University of South Florida libraries. **Keli Rylance** has been awarded the first ever Hugh A. Taylor Prize annual prize for her article in the Canadian journal *Archivaria*, "Archives and the Intangible", (*Archivaria*, 62, Fall 2006)

Allison Ondrasik King died of cancer on Friday, August 17, 2007, her 54th birthday. Mrs. King was born in Havre de Grace, MD and earned a bachelors degree in Political Science from Western Maryland College, and a masters degree in Library Science from the University of Maryland. She was a reference and instruction librarian at the University of Central Florida's joint library on the

Brevard Community College campus in Cocoa; and an award-winning author of DataMap, a reference book for librarians. She was listed in Who's Who of American Women in 1984 and 1987; in the International Who's Who of Professionals in 1997, in Who's Who Among Executive and Professional Women in 2003. A list of her honors, publications, and presentations fills 14 pages.

GEORGIA

Doug Frazier has been named university librarian of the Lane Library at Armstrong Atlantic State University. Frazier had served as interim university librarian since June 2006. In that capacity he oversaw the relocation of the library from a temporary space on campus to the fully renovated Lane Library building last June. He will oversee a budget of \$1.7 million and a staff of 19, including 10 librarians. From 1996 to 2006, Frazier served as assistant university librarian. He joined AASU in 1991 as head of technical services and systems librarian.



Frazier, a Savannah resident, has been involved with the Georgia Historical Society providing consulting work and assisting with cataloging and staff training. He is an active member of the

American Library Association and the Association of College and Research Libraries. He holds a master's in library science from the University of Washington and a bachelor's degree from Western Washington University.

University of West Georgia, Ingram Library

Director of University Libraries **Lorene Flanders** and Acting University of West Georgia President **Tim Hynes** officially renamed the Ingram Library Annual Lecture series as the "Charles E. Beard Annual Lecture" in honor of the former director who led the library through a period of dynamic change and first established the Annual Lecture in 2001. Beard is fondly remembered as an avid supporter for the development of GALILEO, one of the first web-based initiatives to make information resources available to all Georgians.



*Former Ingram Library Director, Charles E. Beard (top)
Lorene Flanders, current Director of University Libraries at UWG Ingram Library dedicates the Charles E. Beard Annual Lecture (bottom)*

Following the dedication ceremony, **Richard Meyer**, Dean and Director of the Georgia Institute of Technology Library, **Brian Mathews**, Information Services Librarian (nationally known as the Ubiquitous Librarian, www.brianmathews.com) and **Bonnie Tijerina**, Electronic Resources Coordinator and ALA Emerging Leader, presented “Engineering Libraries for the Digital Age” before a standing room only audience. A video recording of the inaugural Charles E. Beard Annual Lecture can be viewed by visiting <http://www.westga.edu/~library/depts/news/announcements.shtml>. The guest speakers collaboratively authored “How to Become an Information Center of Excellence” which received the 2007 ACRL Excellence in Academic Libraries Award.

During a second, but equally important event, Ingram Library, in collaboration with the Murphy Center for Public Service, Georgia’s Political Heritage Program, the Center for Public History, the Annie Belle Weaver Special Collections and the Thomas B. Murphy Holocaust Teacher Training and Resource Center, was the venue for the 2007 Citizen of the Year Awards. Prior to the awards ceremony, Lorene Flanders, Director of University Libraries, announced plans to recreate the capital office of the national, longest serving state representative and former Speaker of the Georgia House, Thomas B. Murphy. The office recreation will serve as part of a bipartisan Humanities Center for Public Policy within Ingram Library. In May, the Georgia Humanities Council awarded a generous grant for use in creating public interest through a traveling exhibit and

community forum entitled “The Legacy of the Thomas B. Murphy Years”.

Former Governor Roy Barnes and current Supreme Court Justice P. Harris Hines were present to accept the 2007 Citizen of the Year Awards following a heavy hors d’oeuvres reception and tours of the Murphy Holocaust Teacher Training and Resource Center located on the second floor of Ingram Library. The Murphy Holocaust Center is the only public institution of its kind wholly devoted to teacher training and partnered directly with the [United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington D.C.](#) and the [Association of Holocaust Organizations](#), as well as [Yad Vashem](#) in Israel.



Former Governor Roy Barnes defines true leadership as that which “comes out of crisis” while accepting the 2007 Public Citizen of the Year Award.

Betsy Griffies, Head of Cataloging at Ingram Library, was recognized by Ms. Mary Jo Fayoyin, Chair of the Regents Academic Committee on Libraries (RACL) “in appreciation for exemplary service to GALILEO Interconnected

Libraries” during the May GIL Users Group Meeting.



Ms. Griffies, who announced her retirement following 30 years of service as Head of Cataloging for Ingram library, served on the committee tasked with creating a policy and procedure manual for union listing of serials on OCLC and subsequently provided training throughout Georgia. A frequent presenter and chair of the GOLD (Georgia Public Library Database) Advisory Council, Ms. Griffies regularly attended the Georgia OCLC/SOLINET Users Group, for which she served as Vice-Chair (1999-2000) and chair (2000-2001). In 2001, she chaired the GALILEO Electronic Resources Access Study Group responsible for the implementation of a link resolver on GALILEO.

An active member of the Georgia Library and SELA, she served as 2nd Vice President and chair of the membership Committee until 1991.

Ms. Susan A. Smith, former Head of Acquisitions, was promoted to Associate Director of University Libraries at the University of West Georgia Ingram Library.

Emory University

Michael Page has been appointed Geospatial Data Librarian for the General Libraries of Emory University. He received his M.A. and B.A. in Geography from Georgia State University where previously he served as GIS Coordinator/Technical Advisor for the Department of Geosciences.

Heather Williams has been appointed Copyright Specialist and Rights Management Coordinator for the General Libraries of Emory University. Heather comes to Emory from Oglethorpe University where she had served as the Reference Librarian. She earned her M.A.L.S. from the University of South Florida in 2006 and her law degree from the University of Florida in 2004.

Alain St. Pierre has been appointed Humanities/History Librarian in the General Libraries of Emory University. Alain graduated with his M.S. in Information Studies from the University of Texas at Austin in May 2007. He received his M.A. in History from the University of Notre Dame in 2002 and his A.B. from Bowdoin College. He has had a variety of teaching positions, including teaching English to students in Japan.

Randy Gue has been appointed Manuscripts Archivist at Emory University’s Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library, to a two-year position funded by the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta to process the papers of Atlanta businessman and philanthropist Robert W. Woodruff, as well as several other related collections. He has his B.A. in

History and Film Studies, an M.A. in History, an M.A. in Film Studies, and is near completion of his Ph.D. from the Institute of Liberal Arts, all at Emory.

Lea McLees has been appointed Director of Communications for the Emory Libraries. Previously she was communications coordinator for the Georgia Tech Research Institute (GTRI) and instructor in the Department of Communication at Kennesaw State University.

Amanda French has been appointed the E-Learning and E-Reserves Coordinator for the General Libraries of Emory University. Her degrees, all in English, include a B.A. from the University of Colorado at Boulder, a M.A. from University of Virginia, and a Ph.D. from University of Virginia. She was a Council on Library Resources Post-doctoral Fellow at North Carolina State University Libraries and has worked for the Institute for Advanced Technology in the Humanities and the Electronic Text Center at the University of Virginia Library.

Lisa Macklin has been appointed the Coordinator, Intellectual Property Rights Office for the Emory University Libraries. Lisa earned her law degree from Georgia State University and her M.A.L.S. from the University of South Florida.

Richard Golden retired after 31 years at the General Libraries of Emory University in April 2007. His passion for and knowledge of music played a large part in building the Emory library's music collection over the years. His expert knowledge of cataloging and authority work in general, but especially

in music cataloging, has contributed immeasurably to the quality of both Webcat and Worldcat.

LOUISIANA

Andi Abraham was named Head of the Adult Services Division of the East Baton Rouge Parish Library system. Prior to this position, Abraham worked as Branch Manager of the Greenwell Springs Road Regional Branch. She replaces Jane Beyer, who retired in March.

As the Head of Adult Services, Abraham is responsible for all adult programming, including book clubs and the summer reading program. As the liaison for public meeting rooms, she works with community groups and organizations. She also oversees patron accounts, circulation, stack maintenance, audio visual collection, and readers advisory services.

Abraham earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Russian Studies from Louisiana State University in 1982, and a Master's degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Texas in 1985. She has worked for the East Baton Rouge Parish Library system since 1986.

MISSISSIPPI

Lee Named Frye Leadership Institute Fellow

Dr. Deborah Lee, Coordinator of Library Instructional Services at the Mississippi State University Libraries and Associate Director of the university's Center for Teaching and Learning, has been invited to serve as a

Fellow at the 2007 Frye Leadership Institute. Entrance into the program is both prestigious and highly competitive.

The Frye Leadership Institute provides an intensive two-week residential program held in early June for faculty, librarians, and university information technology professionals who aspire to more significant leadership roles. The program, which focuses on creative leadership and the qualities needed to confront strategic changes in higher education, includes both the residential program and a year-long practicum where participants explore some of the issues raised in the institute within the context of their home institution.

Through presentations by recognized leaders in higher education and society, seminars, and group projects, the Institute offers participants the opportunity to explore and analyze the leadership challenges stemming from the changing higher education environment. The program will pay special attention to the implications of the growing power of information technology to transform the means of research, teaching, and scholarly communication.

In recognizing Lee's achievement, MSU Libraries' Dean of Libraries, Frances Coleman said, "It's an honor for Deborah to be selected competitively from among a pool of talented nominees. I know Deborah will represent the MSU Libraries and the University well as she explores the challenges of higher education in the 21st Century."

Sponsored by the Council of Library and Information Resources (CLIR), EDUCAUSE, the Woodruff Foundation, and the program's host site, Emory

University, the Institute accepts about 40 Fellows from a pool of hundreds of applicants. For more information about the fellowships and the Institute, visit the Frye Leadership Institute's website: <http://www.fryeinstitute.org/>.

Ann Ivy King retired March 31, 2007 from the Jesse Yancy Memorial Library in Bruce, MS.

Hired in 1982 as Director at Blackmur Memorial Library in Water Valley and has Branch Head at Jesse Yancy Memorial Library in Bruce in 1984, Ms. King spent more than half her life in service to the library community of northeast Mississippi. She has no concrete plans for her retirement. "We never know what life will bring; I always said that if you had told me in 1981 (with my fresh B.A. in Biological Science) that I would spend the next 25 years as a librarian, I'd have laughed in your face! But God had plans for me, and I hope He still does," said King.

Those plans may include more time at her antique/gift store, Artifacts, on the town square, storytelling at local libraries and festivals, or graphic design and web page design, all jobs she has juggled while turning the library in a town of 2500 into "one of the true gems in the state" according to Mississippi Library Commission Director Sharman Smith.

The library received Outstanding Public Relations Awards from the Mississippi Library Association in 1990, 1991, and 1992 and King's programming work with teenagers has made her a sought-after speaker for other libraries and library groups. "I think I am more proud of that than anything," said King. "I

think if I have made an impact at all, it is by working with teens and appreciating that for all the posturing they sometimes do they are really just kids at heart and want to have fun."

NORTH CAROLINA

Davidson College has hired **Gillian "Jill" Gremmels** as only its fourth library director in the 100 years the position has existed.

Gremmels began her work as the Leland M. Park Director of the Davidson College Library on June 20. The title of her position honors her predecessor, who served as the E.H. Little Library Director from 1975 until last year.



Jill Gremmels
Davidson College

Gremmels comes to Davidson from Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, where she served as director of its Vogel Library for thirteen years.

Davidson's library was historically administered by faculty members and students from the college's founding in 1837 until 1907, when the trustees hired Cornelia Shaw as director. She retired in 1936, when the mantle was accepted by Chalmers Davidson, a professor of

history and collateral descendant of the college's namesake, Gen. William L. Davidson. Thirty-nine years later "Dr. Davidson" retired upstairs in the library building to become college archivist, and handed the reins of library management to his former student worker, Leland Park.

Gremmels' proudest achievement at Wartburg was developing and winning college-wide support for an information literacy project that is a model for helping academic libraries maintain their relevance in a world where they no longer have a monopoly on information.

Gremmels graduated from Wartburg in 1980, earned a master's degree in library science from the University of Maryland, and worked at Wartburg Theological Seminary, DePauw University, and Monmouth College before accepting the directorship at her alma mater in 1994.

The Triangle Research Libraries Network (TRLN) has appointed **Derek Rodriguez** to be the TRLN Endeca implementation librarian, effective June 4.



In this position, Rodriguez will lead implementation of the Endeca Information Access Platform for Libraries to index the combined catalog records of TRLN's member libraries at

Duke University, North Carolina Central University, North Carolina State University, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC).

Rodriguez comes to TRLN from the Davidson College Library in Davidson, N.C., where he has been the systems librarian since 1998. From 1994 to 1998, he was the networking systems librarian at UNC.

Rodriguez is completing a doctoral degree at UNC's School of Information and Library Science. His M.S.L.S. is also from UNC and he holds a B.A. in English from Duke University.

NCSU Libraries

The NCSU Libraries has appointed **Erin S. Stalberg** as Head of Metadata and Cataloging, effective September 24, 2007.

The Metadata and Cataloging department combines traditional cataloging services with new methods of analysis and description to facilitate discovery and retrieval from a vast array of resources available from the NCSU Libraries. As Head of Metadata and Cataloging, Stalberg will provide leadership during a critical and exciting period of change for technical services, brought about by emerging technologies and the changing composition of research library collections. In this role she will direct the enhancement of metadata infrastructures and practices within the department, while collaborating with colleagues across the Libraries to support growing metadata and digital collections initiatives.

Stalberg currently serves as Head of

Cataloging Services for the University of Virginia Library, where she manages a staff of twenty to provide cataloging, metadata, and related technical services for the library system. Among her responsibilities, she chairs the Library's Metadata Steering Group, leading the development of metadata standards, best practices, and user interface recommendations for the University of Virginia's ongoing digital library implementation. Stalberg recently returned from an assignment as the on-board librarian for the University of Virginia's Semester at Sea program, where she provided library services to students and faculty on a voyage around the world. She previously served as Associate Head of Cataloging Services, University of Virginia Library, and as Cataloging/Technical Systems Librarian for the Francis A. Drexel Library, Saint Joseph's University.

Highly involved in professional activities, Stalberg serves as a reviewer for Resource Description & Access, as a trainer for Metadata Applications & Standards, Library of Congress/Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS) Cataloging for the 21st Century, and as Webmaster for the Women's Studies Section, Association of College and Research Libraries. Recent presentations include From "Project" to "Workflow": Mainstreaming Non-MARC Metadata Creation into the Cataloging Department, ALCTS Networked Resources and Metadata Interest Group, June 2007 and Using a Wiki for Staff Communication (with C. Ruotolo), Virginia Library Association, November 2006. Stalberg holds the Master of Science in Library and Information Science from Drexel

University and the Bachelor of Arts *cum laude* and with High Honors from Mount Holyoke College.

NCSU Libraries Appoints New Head of Special Collections

The NCSU Libraries has appointed Lisa R. Carter as Head of the Special Collections Research Center effective September 14, 2007.

The [Special Collections Research Center](#) holds rich primary resources comprising the archives of North Carolina State University, significant manuscript collections, and rare and unique books, photographs, architectural drawings, and digital resources.

Carter is currently the Director of Archives at the University of Kentucky Libraries' Special Collections and Digital Programs, where she previously served as the Audio-Visual Archivist. She administers an archival program that includes Manuscripts, the University Archives and Records Program, the Audio-Visual Archives, the Public Policy Archives, and the Appalachian Archives. She started her archival career as a Film Cataloger for the American Archives of the Factual Film at Iowa State University. Carter has an extensive record of accomplishment with digital and audio-visual archive projects, most notably receiving a National Historical Publications and Records Commission Archival Research Fellowship for her work in archiving and digitizing the television program archive of Kentucky Educational Television. She was selected as a 2007-09 Association of Research Libraries (ARL) Research Libraries Leadership Fellow (RLLF). This is the second offering of the RLLF

Program, an executive leadership program that offers a new approach to developing future senior-level leaders in large research libraries.

An active member of the Association of Moving Image Archivists, Lisa Carter served on the Association's Strategic Planning Task Force, the Board of Directors, the Conference Committee, and the Local Television Task Force. For the Midwest Archives Conference, she is a Co-chair for the 2008 Conference Program Committee and an Assistant Editor for the column "Mixed Media." She is also a member of the Kentucky Council on Archives and the Society of American Archivists. Carter received her Master of Library and Information Studies from the University of Michigan and the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Humanities from Michigan State University.

NCSU Libraries Announces 2007-2008 Fellows

The NCSU Libraries has announced the appointment of the NCSU Libraries Fellows, 2007-2009, effective July 2007: Kristen Blake, Hyun-Duck Chung, Sandra Littletree, Emily Mazure, and Joseph Ryan.

The NCSU Libraries Fellows Program develops future leaders for academic libraries, with a focus on science, engineering and digital librarianship, and on library management. Now in its ninth year, the program continues to attract a diverse and impressive group of talented new graduates from universities throughout North America. NCSU Libraries Fellows are appointed for a two-year term as members of the library faculty, combining a project assignment on an initiative of strategic importance

with a half-time appointment in a home department.

Kristen Blake brings experience in science library public and technical services, as well as an interest in innovation and leadership to the Fellows program. Blake's home department will be Metadata and Cataloging. Her project will focus on the implementation of E-Matrix, an electronic resource management system developed by the NCSU Libraries. This May, Blake will receive the Master of Science in Library and Information Science and the Certificate of Advanced Study in Digital Libraries from Syracuse University.

Hyun-Duck Chung's experience with digital projects will serve her well in her project assignment in Digital Publishing. She will build on her reference and instructional experience in her home department, Research and Information Services. Chung received the Master of Information Studies from the University of Toronto in June.

Sandra Littletree will capitalize on her extensive experience in education as she works on her project on the Librarian as Instructor in Research and Information Services. Her home department will be Collection Management. Littletree received the Master of Science in Information Studies from the University of Texas at Austin.

Emily Mazure brings varied experiences in science reference and a commitment to excellent instruction to her Fellows assignments. Mazure's background and interests are well-suited to her home assignment in the Veterinary Medical Library and her project on the Librarian as Instructor based at the Natural Resources Library.

Mazure received the Master of Science in Information from the University of Michigan in April.

Joe Ryan has been appointed to the position of Digital Projects Librarian and will join the NCSU Libraries as a member of the 2007-09 Fellows program. His home department assignment will be Digital Library Initiatives. Ryan's project assignment will be in Administration, contributing to planning for the new library on Centennial Campus. Ryan brings a passion for helping people embrace new technologies, as well as extensive experience with technology projects to his new position. In May, Ryan will receive the Master of Science in Library and Information Science from Syracuse University, where he recently earned the Certificate of Advanced Study in Digital Libraries.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Library has appointed **Kirill Fesenko** to be the first head of the Carolina Digital Library. In this newly created position, Fesenko will provide leadership for the library's expanding programs to create, preserve, and manage research materials in digital form.



The Carolina Digital Library is a major new department within the library, said Sarah C. Michalak, university librarian and associate provost for university libraries. Its creation underscores the library's commitment to building vital collections of digital research materials.

From 2000 to 2007, Fesenko was director of online publishing for East View Information Services. The Minneapolis-based company provides information services from Russia and the Newly Independent States. Fesenko was previously East View's director of operations from 1996 to 2000, and chief executive officer of the Moscow office from 1992 to 1996. Fesenko worked in the marketing department of the Moscow office of Honeywell-Sterch from 1990 to 1992. He also served for four years as a research fellow with the Institute of World Economy and International Relations in Moscow. Fesenko is completing his M.A. in library and information science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His M.A. in political economy is from Moscow State University.

NC LIVE, a statewide collaborative venture among nearly 200 public and academic libraries in North Carolina, is pleased to announce the appointment of **Timothy H. Rogers** as NC LIVE Executive Director effective 12 April 2007.

NC LIVE provides equal access for all North Carolina citizens to an essential and powerful array of online resources and related services to enhance education, encourage economic development, and improve quality of life throughout the state. As Executive

Director of NC LIVE, Rogers will work closely with representatives from public, community college, public and private university libraries, and the State Library to manage consortium services, projects, and activities. Among his many responsibilities, he will negotiate all contracts for licensed resources, lead planning and assessment activities for NC LIVE as a statewide resource, coordinate all public relations, and seek external funds for NC LIVE projects. His host institution will be at North Carolina State University Libraries.

Rogers began his professional career as director of the Oneida (NY) Public Library, followed by three years as library administrator of the Coffey County (KS) Library. For the past seven years, he has served in two increasingly responsible positions in the Johnson County (KS) Library, first as Technical Services Manager and then as Associate Director for Operations. Responsible in this latter role for spending more than \$6M annually, he oversaw the planning and construction of three new libraries and increased organizational fundraising and grant writing. Rogers worked closely with local government agencies, non-profit organizations, educational institutions, and other libraries, to develop a series of community web partnerships to deliver high quality local, national, and commercial content with the library as the nexus. As a result, he was invited to serve as the lone public library member of the Kansas Digital Library initiative. He served as a representative of the state's library community in Kan-Ed, a cooperative providing shared digital networks, content, and applications to all Kansas libraries, schools, universities, and hospitals.

Tim Rogers earned the Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics from the State University of New York at Buffalo and the Master of Library Science from Indiana University. He has been active in the profession, on both the state and national level, including serving as President of the Kansas Library Association in 2005, and in his community. He speaks frequently on collection development, strategic planning, and the public library as the center of a digital world.

The Triangle Research Libraries Network (TRLN) is pleased to announce the appointment of **Mona C. Coutts** as Director of TRLN.

Coutts will lead the efforts of TRLN, a collaborative organization of Duke University, North Carolina Central University, North Carolina State University, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, to develop a comprehensive, interconnected set of information resources and services benefiting students, staff, and faculty at each member institution. In the next five years, TRLN endeavors to build large-scale digital collections, provide interactive user services and new tools to “search TRLN,” create an efficient and permanent archive of print and electronic scholarly content, lead a national copyright education initiative, develop a large-scale data storage and analysis capacity, and develop library leaders for the digital future.

Since 1998, Coutts has been Program Officer at TRLN, where she is primarily responsible for coordinating human resources and information technology services, activities, and projects and programs of the ten libraries of the four-university network. She serves as

liaison for technology and human resources to the TRLN Executive Committee and Council of Directors, and is responsible for budget planning in program areas. In January 2002, she was appointed co-coordinator of TRLN. Coutts formerly held a number of increasingly responsible positions at the Health Sciences Library at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, most recently as Assistant Director for Technology and Resources Management.

She earned the Bachelor of Arts in Library Science from the University of Florida and the Master of Science in Librarianship from Emory University. Coutts contributes frequently to national forums on topics related to consortial organizations, information technology, license review and negotiation, and resource sharing and document delivery.

The University Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, announces the following appointments:

Angela Bardeen has been appointed Social Sciences Reference Librarian, effective Aug. 1, 2007. Ms. Bardeen was previously Distance and Instructional Services Librarian at the Alvin Sherman Library at Nova Southeastern University. She holds B.A. in Psychology from Bard College and an M.S.L.S. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Andrea Knowlton has been appointed Assistant Conservator for Special Collections, effective Sept. 1, 2007. Ms. Knowlton will report to the Conservator for Special Collections and will maintain preventative care and treatment for diverse special collections. Ms.

Knowlton holds a B.A. in Liberal Arts and French and an M.S.I.S. with a Certificate in Conservation from the University of Texas at Austin. She was most recently Advanced Book Conservation Fellow at the Library of Congress.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Pam Cowart is the new Director of Library Advancement at the University of South Carolina in Columbia.

Kathleen McCallister has accepted a cataloging position at Thomas Cooper Library at the University of South Carolina in Columbia.

Andrea Wright is working as a science reference librarian at Thomas Cooper Library at the University of South Carolina in Columbia.

Thomas F. McNally has assumed the position of Interim Dean of the University Libraries at the University of South Carolina in Columbia.

Paul Cammarata has accepted a position as Collection Development Librarian at the University of South Carolina's Thomas Cooper Library in Columbia.

The Greenville County Library System is pleased to announce that **Jennifer Jackson**, Adult Programming Coordinator, has been selected as a Lifelong Access Fellow for 2007. She will be attending the Lifelong Access Libraries Institute in North Carolina on July 29 – August 3. The Fellows will lead the nation's libraries in enhancing services for older adults with opportunities for active learning,

creative exploration, and meaningful civic engagement.

The annual Lifelong Access Libraries Leadership Institutes focus on three areas: concepts and research underlying new approaches to working with midlife and older adults, leadership and skills in community librarianship; and the core components of the Lifelong Access Libraries framework, as well as promising practices in library services for active older adult. The Institute will be co-hosted by UNC's School of Information and Library Science and the Institute on Aging.



Jackson was chosen through a competitive proposal review at the Americans for Libraries Council annual meeting in New York City. She joins 19 other Lifelong Access Fellows from 14 states.

Paul A. Willis retired as Dean of Libraries at the University of South Carolina on June 30, 2007. Dean Willis led the USC libraries for five years, providing exceptional leadership to staff members in all areas, enhancing development efforts, and planning for a new special collections library for the Columbia campus. His work at USC culminated a career of 41 years of

service, primarily at the University of Kentucky.

Upon Dean Willis' retirement, the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries passed a resolution which "recognizes, applauds, and celebrates the career of Paul Willis, thanks him for his leadership and counsel, and wishes him well as he takes on new challenges in his retirement."

Dean Willis previously served for 29 years in the University of Kentucky Libraries system. Mr. Willis served as the University of Kentucky's fourth Director of Libraries from March, 1974 through June, 2002. During his tenure the UK library holdings tripled to nearly 3 million volumes, the library raised more than 26 million dollars from private sources to construct the William T. Young Library (completed in 1998), and funds for one of the nation's largest book endowments were raised. Under Willis' leadership the library made a smooth transition into the information age. Willis is also recognized nationally and internationally as a leader in the library and information field. He is closely identified with such organizations as SOLINET and the Association for Research Libraries and has served as a consultant in Indonesia and Vietnam. Finally, Willis restored the University of Kentucky Library Associates to prominence allowing the Commonwealth's citizens to share in the libraries' vast resources.



TENNESSEE

Fagdeba Bakoyema has joined the James E. Walker Library at Middle Tennessee State University as User Services Librarian - Web Services and Assistant Professor. He holds degrees from Indiana University, West Virginia University, and the Universite' de Lome'. He will be responsible for web services, monitoring technology needs for the department, and participating in reference and instruction.

Kristen West has been appointed as User Services Librarian - Instruction/Reference and Assistant Professor at the James E. Walker Library at Middle Tennessee State University. Her MSLS is from the University of North Texas with a BA in Art History from Brigham Young University. She will plan and deliver library instruction, develop support resources for instruction, provide reference service, and select resources for the reference collection.