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## *The Southeastern Librarian*

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### **Message from the President**

Have you talked to your community lately? No matter what type of community you have, sometimes you just have to go to them and ask them what they want, what they need and how we can make it happen. It's something that we're beginning at my library – we're celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday this year at the Anderson County (SC) Library and we want to hear from our community about what we can do to make our library better. So we're asking them through a series of planning meetings – giving them a chance to share their ideas. And we hope to get lots of answers – even the ones we don't want to hear.

Sharing ideas – what SELA does best and we want to continue that. Have you told someone on the SELA board where you want SELA to go next? Have you opened up a topic on the SELA listserv that will get us all talking? I hope you will. SELA is starting a conference year – a chance to share ideas with the folks of Kentucky and all our states, but we don't want to forget to share ideas all year long.

Take some time and send me your ideas of what can make SELA better. What should SELA do next? How can you help SELA? My e-mail address is [fline@andersonlibrary.org](mailto:fline@andersonlibrary.org) and I'd love to hear from you. The future of SELA depends on the sharing of ideas, so send me the good, the bad and the ugly – I can take it. And I will take your ideas, thoughts and comments back to the SELA Board, so they can continue to make SELA a vibrant and growing organization.

And talking about sharing ideas, we also need your talents. Kathleen Imhoff is President-Elect and one of her jobs this year will be to put people on committees. She has to find good, quality librarians to lead the committees so she'll be on the lookout. Don't make

her look too hard. Let her know that you want to serve SELA and make it and our profession better. It can be a lot of work, but it can also be a fun, learning experience. And you meet the best people. I've met some amazing people through my work with SELA and I wouldn't give that up for the world.

So get involved – share your ideas and thoughts with me and let Kathleen know what you'll do to help SELA in the next two years. You won't believe what a great time you'll have.

Don't forget that the conference will be here before you know it. Keep an eye on our website <http://sela.jsu.edu/> and on the KLA website <http://www.kylibasn.org/conferences620.cfm> for updates. You can even reserve your room. I hope to see you in Louisville in October!

Faith

### **SELA ACTIVITIES:**

#### **The 2006 – 2008 Southeastern Library Association Officers are:**

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#### **SELA Mentoring Program**

- Are you interested in developing your skills as a librarian or library associate?
- Are you interested in helping someone to develop their skills as a librarian or library associate?
- Are you interested in learning about SELA and how it functions?

- Are you interested in becoming more involved in SELA, possibly participating in a leadership position?

The SELA Mentoring Program was developed to match SELA members who are experienced library professionals (librarian or library associate) with members who are seeking direction and help in their library careers. The mentoring program will assist those who participate in the program to succeed, empower themselves to make decisions, enhance self-awareness, and promote a sense of belonging by learning necessary professional skills and how the SELA organization functions. Check out the mentoring program on the SELA Web Page under the Membership link <http://sela.jsu.edu/membership/index.htm>.

If you have any questions about the SELA Mentoring Program, contact Hal Mendelsohn, Chair, Membership and Mentoring Committee at [hmendels@mail.ucf.edu](mailto:hmendels@mail.ucf.edu).

At the KLA/SELA Conference in October 1-4, 2008, Louisville, KY, the SELA Membership and Mentoring Committee will have a poster session and a panel discussion on mentoring and specifically the SELA Mentoring Program. Please stop by either the poster session or the panel discussion and inquire as to how you can participate.

**SELA University and College Library  
Section  
2008 New Voices Call for Papers**

Are you looking for the perfect venue to present and publish? If you answered yes, then **New Voices** wants to hear from you. This is a great opportunity for new

librarians with less than 5 years of experience!

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

**What:** Papers to be presented at the 2008 KLA/KSMA/SELA/ARL National Diversity in Libraries Conference (NDLC), "Spectrum of the Future." The selected paper will also be considered for publication in the *Southeastern Librarian*.

**Theme:** Papers should focus on diversity.

**Who:** Professionally employed librarians with less than 5 years of experience. Recipients **must** be able to attend and present paper at the 2008 SELA Conference.

**When:** October 1-4, 2008

**Where:** Louisville, Kentucky at the Louisville Marriott Downtown

**Deadline for submission:** May 1, 2008

Please submit your paper and/or questions to Rose Davis at [Rose.Davis@wku.edu](mailto:Rose.Davis@wku.edu).

Mark your Calendars. 2008 is right around the corner! See you in Kentucky!

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## **HBCU NEWS**

### **HBCU Library Alliance Holds its Second Leadership Institute**

The HBCU Library Alliance held its second Leadership Institute, August 10-15, 2007, at the Aberdeen Woods Conference Center in Peachtree City, Ga.

The 2007-2008 Institute, facilitated by KTA Global Partners, was kicked off by opening speaker Kate Nevins, Executive Director of the Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET). Speakers such as Charles Greene, from the White House Initiative on HBCUs, also participated in the six-day event.

“Hosting the leadership institute is one of the major activities for the Alliance,” said Lillian Lewis, HBCU Library Alliance. “Our goal is to address the impending shortage of library directors by preparing trained leaders to deal with the complex issues facing libraries. The participants are also better able to advance a vision for the library as a valued partner in the teaching mission of their institution.”

Funded by a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the Leadership Institute was established to provide

theoretical and practical instruction and useful resources to encourage the development of leadership skills within the HBCU library community.

Eleven libraries participated in this year’s Leadership Institute. Those libraries were **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.

### **HBCU Library Alliance Begins Mentor Development Program at Leadership Institute**

The HBCU Library Alliance debuted an innovative program to develop mentors at its second Leadership Institute. The Mentor Development Program is part of a larger initiative, funded by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, to foster and develop leadership within libraries at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

Mentoring was a critical factor in the success of the HBCU Library Alliance’s first Leadership Institute, providing a support network for participants during the Institute and beyond. The Mentor Development Program seeks to strengthen coaching and mentoring skills for selected participants in the first Leadership Institute, and provides a practical opportunity for using coaching and mentoring within the context of the second Leadership Institute.

The Mentor Development Program is in a pilot phase. It currently includes targeted activities to define roles and responsibilities; evaluate mentoring and coaching effectiveness through self-assessment and 360-degree feedback; provide training for skill development; and provide a support network for mentors. In addition, mentors will be matched with librarians participating in the Leadership Institute to assist in the completion of projects focused on strategic issues within the librarians' campuses. The Mentor Development Program is being facilitated by The Human Resource Department in Atlanta.

Six directors of HBCU libraries who participated in the first Leadership Institute are serving as mentors. They are:

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

Eleven libraries will benefit from the work of the mentors. All participated in this year's 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.

### **Founding of Historically Black Colleges and Universities Celebrated**

*Online collection includes more than 1,000 scanned items from HBCU institutions*

The first digital collection of documents and materials chronicling the founding of America's historically black colleges and universities is now available online at <http://contentdm.auctr.edu>. "A Digital Collection Celebrating the Founding of the Historically Black College and University" includes more than 1,000 scanned photographs, manuscripts, letters and publications from 10 institutions designated as Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU).

The project, which was funded by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, represents the first collaborative effort by HBCU libraries to make a historical collection digitally available. The online collection, which is hosted by the Robert W. Woodruff Library of the Atlanta University Center, is the product of a partnership between the HBCU Library Alliance, HBCU institutions, the Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET) and Cornell University.

The contents of the collection date back to the early 1800s and include campus charters, student yearbooks, early campus architectural drawings, and a rich assortment of photographs featuring first presidents, graduating classes,

famous alumni and churches, which often served as the first classrooms at several of these institutions. “This is an excellent resource for scholars and others interested in understanding the importance of institutions of higher learning founded by African-Americans. It offers direct access to original documents and images chronicling the story of these institutions, which are usually only available to researchers by travel to the institutions themselves,” said Dorothy Autrey, chair of the history and political science department at Alabama State University.

The online collection features materials from **Alabama State University, Atlanta University Center, Bennett College for Women, Fisk University, Grambling State University, Hampton University, Southern University, Tuskegee University, Tennessee State University and Virginia State University.**

To view materials from the collection, go to [contentdm.auctr.edu](http://contentdm.auctr.edu). For more information about the partnership and the HBCU Library Alliance digital library initiative, visit <http://hbculibraries.org/html/programs.html>.

## **SOLINET PRODUCT NEWS**

### **SOLINET Receives NEH Grant for Its Preservation Field Services Program**

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) awarded \$500,000 to SOLINET to support its regional Preservation Field Services program for libraries, archives, and museums. The grant will fund education and training, reference services, consulting, and provision of free information resources

to strengthen programs to preserve and protect collections in cultural organizations.

Plans and programs that support preservation are critical to enable access to collections and information resources now and in the future. The 2005 *Heritage Health Index Report* from Heritage Preservation reports that 77% of collecting institutions do not specifically allocate funds for preservation in their budgets, and that only 20% have paid staff dedicated to preservation. Furthermore, 80% do not have a written emergency response plan with staff trained to implement it.

Collections in all formats are in need of focused and ongoing preservation attention, and many continue to be damaged because of storage in poorly controlled environments or inadequate facilities. With the grant from NEH, SOLINET plans to increase preservation knowledge and skills in cultural organizations, provide support for effective preservation planning and management, and strengthen the regional preservation community.

The Preservation Field Services Program at SOLINET has provided leadership, collaboration, and educational services since 1984, with many activities funded during that time by other grants from NEH. During this new grant, SOLINET will continue its successful preservation education and training program, focusing on the development of more web-based courses and a new online curriculum devoted to preservation of digital resources. New interactive, web-based resources will be developed and freely provided to promote preservation best practices and enable ready access to

reliable information. The NEH grant also supports the continuation of disaster response and recovery services, including 24/7 telephone and e-mail assistance, on-site assistance from volunteer experts, and emergency communication support through a disaster wiki. The award from NEH funds services from 2008 through 2010.

### **Louisiana Honors SOLINET for Hurricane Recovery Assistance**

Louisiana State Librarian Rebecca Hamilton presented a certificate of proclamation to SOLINET for “shining the light on Louisiana.” This proclamation was signed by Mitch Landrieu, the lieutenant governor of Louisiana.

“It is a real privilege for SOLINET to work with the libraries on the Gulf Coast,” said Kate Nevins, SOLINET Executive Director. “These libraries have been so strong during a difficult time and have not only continued to provide vital services to their patrons, they have expanded their offerings to meet increased needs.”

The proclamation honors SOLINET for its support of libraries in hurricane-affected areas. With the assistance of a \$12.2 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, SOLINET and the State Library of Louisiana are supporting public libraries in the state recover from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The three-year grant has funded temporary branches, library staff positions, operating expenses, collection development, the planning process for new library facilities, and computers with Internet access.

### **SOLINET to Co-Sponsor Web 2.0 Conference**

SOLINET and OCLC Eastern (formerly OCLC CAPCON) will co-sponsor a conference about Web 2.0 and its role in libraries.

“Changing the Way Libraries Do Business: Meeting the Challenges of a Web 2.0 World” will be Thursday, March 20, at Arlington County Public Library in Virginia. The daylong conference will offer these sessions:

- **Keynote: Emerging Trends and Tools that Make Your Online Life Easier** by Jenny Levine, Internet Development Specialist and Strategy Guide at ALA.
- **Playing to Learn in the Summer of '07: How 23 Things Opened the Door to Web 2.0 for Maryland Public Library Staff** by Jennifer Howell, Staff Development Coordinator at Western Maryland Regional Library.
- **JMO, HTH! Social Networking in Academic Libraries** by Jamie W. Coniglio, Head of the Reference Department at Fenwick Library at George Mason University in Virginia.
- **Metadata Before and After the Web (2.0)** by Karen Calhoun, Vice President of WorldCat and Metadata Services at OCLC.
- **LibraryThing for Libraries** by Kate Sheehan, incoming Head of Knowledge and Innovation Services at Darien Library in Connecticut.

The cost is \$85 for members of SOLINET or OCLC Eastern, and \$110 for non-members of either organization.

A registration form and details about the conference, including session abstracts and biographies of speakers, are available on the SOLINET website at [www.solinet.net/Web2.0\\_Conference](http://www.solinet.net/Web2.0_Conference).

### **Ed McBride Joins SOLINET as Chief Marketing and Outreach Officer**

SOLINET has named **Ed McBride** to the newly created position of Chief Marketing and Outreach Officer of the library network. He will join SOLINET in the senior-level leadership role on February 4.

In this new role, Mr. McBride will execute innovative programs to help members make the most of their benefits. He will be responsible for ensuring that members are aware of the wide array of services SOLINET provides and for building partnerships with libraries and information organizations.

Mr. McBride is well-known throughout the country for his innovative work in customer service, especially to existing clients. As the Senior Vice President overseeing the Customer Resource Center at Gale (now known as Cengage), Mr. McBride assisted clients after they had purchased a Gale product. The Customer Resource Center, created in 2004, helped Gale retain 97percent of its clients.

As a consultant to libraries, Mr. McBride has advised his clients on building new facilities and automating bibliographic circulation control and other services. Mr. McBride has more than 20 years of experience in the library field. Previous positions have included Automated

Services Coordinator for Memphis/Shelby County Public Library and Information Center and Director of Support Services for San Francisco Public Library. He has a bachelor of science in library technology and administration from the University of Memphis.

## **EBSCO PRODUCT NEWS**

### **14 Additional Publishers Select MetaPress to Host E-content Services**

MetaPress®, the world's largest primary host of scientific, technical, and medical content, is very pleased to announce that 14 additional publishers have recently launched their electronic content distribution service via the MetaPress 2.0 platform to host their e-content services. These publishers include the following:

- Bellwether Publishing
- Bulletin of Atomic Scientists
- Canadian Meteorological & Oceanographic Society
- Creative Education Foundation
- Dieticians of Canada
- Harcourt Connected Learning – *Classroom Connect*
- J. Ross Publishing
- Karnac Books
- Men's Studies Press
- Oncology Nursing Society
- Society of Wood Science & Technology
- University of Colorado, Arctic & Alpine Research Center
- University of Nebraska at Omaha – *Journal of Latino and Latin American Studies*
- Walsh Medical Media

Launched in August 2006, the MetaPress 2.0 platform is the industry's first content management system with dimensional navigation across a variety of content types. A primary source online hosting platform for more than 27,000 scholarly publications across the globe, MetaPress provides a comprehensive solution to Web publishing needs and offers an established way to publish titles electronically, regardless of existing content and format. Currently, MetaPress provides services and support to 155 publishers.

**EBSCO Named One of the  
“Companies that Matter Most” for  
Seventh Consecutive Year**

EBSCO Information Services is recognized in the seventh annual EContent 100, *EContent* magazine's list of the companies that matter most in the digital content industry.

A leader in services for the access and management of electronic journals, e-book and journal packages, and databases, as well as a provider of traditional print subscription services, EBSCO has appeared in the EContent 100 annually since the inaugural list was published in December 2001.

The list is available in the December 2007 issue of *EContent* magazine, and may also be viewed online at [www.econtentmag.com](http://www.econtentmag.com).

**Teton Data Systems and EMPact  
Partner to Provide STAT!Ref Medical  
Reference Library to Institutions  
Around the World**

Teton Data Systems (TDS), a privately held medical information company based in Jackson, Wyoming, has partnered with EMPact, the publisher representation group within the EBSCO Information Services division, to provide Teton Data Systems's flagship product, STAT!Ref, to libraries and other medical research organizations in different parts of the world.

STAT!Ref, is a subscription-based, on-line medical reference library. It includes key medical and pharmacology reference books, internal medicine and point-of-care resources and a comprehensive nursing and dental collection.

The STAT!Ref Electronic Medical Reference Library is a cross-searchable, healthcare reference that integrates core titles with innovative tools. Healthcare professionals, students and researchers around the world use STAT!Ref for fast access to the most current information, evidence and decision support tools.

**Katy Ginanni Returns to Academe**

After 15 years with EBSCO Information Services (and almost 20 in Alabama), Katy Ginanni is returning to the ranks of academic librarians when she becomes the new E-Access and Serials Librarian at Trinity University in San Antonio, TX. She notes that she really hates to leave all of her friends and colleagues in the Southeast, but “if I have to leave Birmingham, at least I'm going to a historical, interesting and FUN city!”

Her new contact information (as of 3/3/08) will be:

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## **STATE NEWS**

### **ALABAMA**

The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute (BCRI) has won the 2007 National Medal for Museum and Library Service from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). This is such a remarkable feat, and not one that is easily come by. Hard work and continued labor with leaders that have visionary dreams are a requisite. Certainly Birmingham should be proud that there is a library of such reputation and renown within its midst, but having libraries such as BCRI and B.B. Comer (Sylacauga) enhances the entire State of Alabama. They are proof that Alabama is a state with excellent library service and library professionals with extraordinary vision, and an inspiration for all of us in the profession. We should all strive to make such contributions to our communities, no matter how small we are.

### **ARKANSAS**

#### **Voters Approve Funds for New Libraries, Expanded Services**

Little Rock voters approved a \$32 million millage proposal on December

11, 2007 that will allow the Central Arkansas Library System to build two new libraries, including a state-of-the-art children's library, in addition to offering expanded services throughout the city.

The 20,000 square-foot children's library will be located in mid-town and will offer community outreach programs. Every Little Rock library will also enjoy expanded children's programming as part of the initiative.

The funds will also be used to build a 13,500 square-foot library in the Otter Creek area. Funds will also be used to purchase 500,000 new books and AV materials, increase the number of online databases and triple public Internet access. Each Little Rock library will also receive new amenities ranging from computer labs to new furniture and sidewalks. A books-by-mail program will also be established for the homebound.

Since 1993, Little Rock voters have approved funding of more than \$83.5 million for the Central Arkansas Library System. These funds have been used to build nine new facilities and increase the collection of CALS by nearly 750,000 books.

### **KENTUCKY**

#### **100 Years of Service by UK Libraries Recognized**

The [University of Kentucky Libraries](#) reached an impressive milestone as it celebrated 100 years of serving the information needs of the Commonwealth as a land-grant federal depository library this past November. Festivities honoring UK Libraries' service to the

Commonwealth took place Friday, Nov. 9, in the William T. Young Library Auditorium.

Designated a land-grant federal depository in 1907, the university's service pre-dates the establishment of the first consolidated library at UK in 1908. The depository library designation allowed the university to quickly build a collection for its new library with little funding in its early years. UK received the designation by virtue of its status as a land-grant educational institution, thus making the depository library operations an integral part of the university's land-grant mission.

To recognize this momentous occasion, a number of events were scheduled. UK Libraries was recognized for its service by the federal government Nov. 9. UK Libraries Dean **Carol Diedrichs** was presented with a plaque commemorating this 100th anniversary by **Cynthia Etkin**, a representative of the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO). GPO is the federal agency that manages the Federal Depository Library Program.

The recognition ceremony was followed by a speech from [Tracy Campbell](#), co-director of the [Wendell H. Ford Public Policy Research Center](#) and professor of history. Campbell's talk was entitled "Democracy's Archive: The Importance of Government Documents to the Historical Record."

The [UK Libraries federal depository collection](#) consists of almost 3 million books, microforms, maps, posters, CDs and videotapes, as well as access to many online databases, e-books, e-journals and Web sites. Located at

William T. Young Library, the depository collection and its corresponding Web site provide access to federal government information for UK library users and citizens of the Commonwealth.

To find out more information on the UK Libraries' services as a federal depository contact **Sandra McAninch** at (859) 257-0500 ext. 2141 or send e-mail to [mcaninch@uky.edu](mailto:mcaninch@uky.edu).

### **University of Louisville Libraries add Digital Collections**

The University of Louisville Libraries is pleased to announce the addition of four new collections to the Digital Collections website at <http://digital.library.louisville.edu>:

The **Claude C. Matlack Collection** (<http://digital.library.louisville.edu/collections/matlack/>) - Claude C. Matlack (1878-1944) was an amateur photographer, working as an engineer for his family's plumbing business, when he documented the formative years of Oneida Baptist Institute, a settlement school built by feuding mountaineers. This collection of 665 items includes over 400 pictures taken at Oneida and in the surrounding Cumberland Mountains between 1903 and 1916. There are also about 250 photographs of family, friends, and scenes in Louisville and other identified, and some unidentified, locations taken during roughly the same time period. Matlack subsequently left Kentucky and became a well-known professional photographer in Miami Beach, Florida.

**Illuminating the Manuscript Leaves** (<http://digital.library.louisville.edu/colle>

[ctions/mss/](#)) - This digital collection includes eighteen illuminated manuscript leaves which were acquired by the University of Louisville Libraries in 2006 with funding from the Pzena Foundation. Dating from 1150 through 1867, these leaves represent Western European and Islamic cultures. Lesson plans mapping to Kentucky Education Reform Act (KERA) Core Content goals for the 7th grade Arts & Humanities curriculum augment the online presentation.

### **The Kentucky Maps Collection**

(<http://digital.library.louisville.edu/collections/maps>) currently features three atlases of Louisville and Jefferson County, Kentucky, from 1876, 1884, and 1913. These maps show inter-city and commuter rail lines, waterway crossings, and private and public properties, from a time before interstate highways crisscrossed the region and the metropolitan area expanded throughout the county. Innovative use of the Google Maps tool permits users to access the historic maps through a current map, providing dramatic visual testimony to the changes over time. This digital collection will eventually expand to include other historic maps from the Libraries' collections.

### **The Kate Matthews Collection**

(<http://digital.library.louisville.edu/collections/matthews>) celebrates a pioneering woman photographer of Pewee Valley, Kentucky. Best known for her photographs depicting characters in the "Little Colonel" series of children's books written by her friend and neighbor Annie Fellows Johnston, Matthews relied almost exclusively on her own community and acquaintances as

subjects, and her photographs represent her interests in costume studies, literary allegory, and scenes of everyday life in the early 20th century. The release of this digital collection coincides with a three-month celebration of Annie Fellows Johnston by the Oldham County Historical Society, Pewee Valley Historical Society, Samuel Culbertson Mansion Bed and Breakfast, Western Kentucky University, and University of Louisville. Through February 16, 2008, photographs by Matthews and books by Johnston are on exhibit in Kentucky Idyll: Kate Matthews and Annie Fellows Johnston in the University of Louisville's Special Collections galleries on the lower level of Ekstrom Library.

## **MISSISSIPPI**

### **Music in the Air at MSU Libraries**

Preparations are underway for the glorious sounds of ragtime music to fill the air on the Mississippi State University campus once again!

The 2nd Annual Charles Templeton Ragtime Music Festival will be held on the Mississippi State University (MSU) campus on March 28-30, 2008, in the John Grisham Room and the Charles Templeton, Sr. Music Museum of Mitchell Memorial Library and in the newly renovated Lee Hall Auditorium. Featuring the talents of eight brilliant artists, informative guided tours of MSU Libraries' Templeton Museum, fun and educational major and mini concerts, seminars and interviews, the Festival promises to be as successful and as exciting as the premiere event in 2007. The Festival revolves around and was inspired by the Charles H. Templeton, Sr. Music Museum and Collection

housed at Mitchell Memorial Library. By bringing ragtime and jazz musicians, scholars and enthusiasts to see the Museum and Collection, the Festival coordinators anticipate bringing more attention to and use of these exquisite primary resources.

World-renowned musicologist and ragtime expert David A. Jasen is working as a Festival coordinator to work on scheduling, booking, and all ins and outs of the upcoming Festival.

Artists performing and speaking at the 2nd Annual Charles Templeton Ragtime Music Festival include: the new Queen of Ragtime, Montreal's Mimi Blais; a veritable walking encyclopedia of Ragtime and early jazz, Marty Eggers; the stride piano genius, Brian Holland; classically-trained concert pianist, Frederick Hodges; the man hailed as America's greatest living boogie woogie pianist, Bob Seeley; West Coast Ragtime music scene mainstay, Virginia Tichenor; and serving as our master of ceremonies again this year, musicologist, collector, author and authority on all areas of American popular music, David Jasen.

David Jasen will be guiding tours of the Charles H. Templeton, Sr. Music Museum, which features the most complete collection of Victor Talking Machines from the beginning in 1897 to 1930, a sheet music collection of close to 22,000 pieces, and over 15,000 playable items (paper rolls, wax cylinders, records, Regina music box discs, and so much more).

To register and to find out more about the 2nd Annual Charles Templeton Ragtime Music Festival, please contact

MSU Libraries' Lyle Tate at 662-325-2559 or [ltate@library.msstate.edu](mailto:ltate@library.msstate.edu). Visit <http://library.msstate.edu/templeton/festival> to read more about the artists and to see photos of the amazing 2007 Festival.

## **NORTH CAROLINA**

### **UNC Libraries Awarded Federal LSTA Grant for Resource Sharing**

The 17 University of North Carolina (UNC) libraries have been awarded a \$150,000 grant to develop a virtual union catalog system that will enable their users to request prompt delivery of materials to and from all UNC institutions across the state. This system will serve UNC students, faculty, and staff across throughout the state, particularly those engaged in distance and online learning. The federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds were awarded by the State Library of North Carolina, a division of the Department of Cultural Resources.

These LSTA funds, originating from the federal granting agency, the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), invest dollars to expand learning resources and access to information for individuals from all walks of life. The LSTA grant will enable the public university libraries of North Carolina to create a single online gateway to the bibliographic information for their collections, currently available only through their separate library catalogs. With a rapid request and delivery system, the UNC libraries will be able to target their collections expenditures more accurately in accordance with institutional strengths - also as part of the project, they will undertake a

comparative analysis of their collections to document their respective strengths and guide future selection of materials. These efficiencies help to further the goals of UNC President Erskine Bowles' President's Advisory Committee on Efficiency and Effectiveness (PACE) initiative.

The UNC libraries received one of the 146 LSTA grants totaling \$4,629,570 awarded to North Carolina libraries for 2007-08. The LSTA grants support projects across the state to help libraries provide relevant and up-to-date services for their users. Through the Grants to States program, the Institute of Museum and Library Services provides these funds to state library agencies using a population-based formula. State libraries may use the appropriation to support statewide initiatives and services. They also may distribute the funds through subgrant competitions or cooperative agreements to public, academic, research, school, and special libraries in their state.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services is the primary source of federal support for the nation's 122,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. The Institute's mission is to create strong libraries and museums that connect people to information and ideas, and fulfill their mission as centers of lifelong learning. The Institute works at the national level and in coordination with state and local organizations to sustain heritage, culture, and knowledge; enhance learning and innovation; and support professional development.

For more information about the federal IMLS/LSTA grants, visit the [IMLS Web site](#), the [State Library's LSTA Web site](#), or contact Penny Hornsby at the State

Library of North Carolina, [penny.hornsby@ncmail.net](mailto:penny.hornsby@ncmail.net), (919) 807-7420.

### **Rare Russian Materials to be Cataloged at UNC Thanks To Grant, Gift**

Two recent awards will fund cataloging of rare Russian-language periodicals and books in the Andre Savine Collection at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Library.

A grant of \$218,000 from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation will be used to catalog all 1,616 serials from the collection. The grant will run Jan. 1, 2008, through June 30, 2010.

An additional gift from donors Kay and Van Weatherspoon of Charlotte, N.C., will be used to catalog approximately three-quarters of the monographs in the Savine Collection. The cataloging project will begin July 1, 2008, and end June 30, 2011.

Savine, a book dealer and owner of Le Bibliophile Russe bookstore in Paris until his death in 1999, amassed a collection of more than 60,000 items documenting the lives of Russians who lived in exile, from the 1917 revolution onward. The Library acquired the Savine Collection in 2002 with a gift from the Weatherspoons.

UNC's initial analyses suggest that significant portions of the Savine serials and monographs are held by no other library. Some items are thought to be unique, such as the handwritten journal "Invalid" that White Russian Army personnel produced in 1920 and 1921 at

their encampment on the Gallipoli peninsula in Turkey.

The cataloging projects are part of the Library's multi-phased endeavor to maximize access to the Savine Collection. A 2005 grant of \$363,000, also from the Mellon Foundation, helped to create the Core Module of the "Russia Beyond Russia Digital Library." The Core Module enables scholars to search and read Savine's original research about and annotations to materials in his collection. New serial and monograph records will link to the Core Module, providing context for researchers who encounter records via the Internet or OCLC's WorldCat.

Researchers will be able to consult cataloged Savine materials in UNC's Rare Book Collection Reading Room. The Library anticipates subsequent projects to catalog the remaining monographs and process archival materials, and intends eventually to digitize the entire collection.

Savine Collection contact: Nadia Zilper, Curator of the Andre Savine Collection, 919-962-3740 or [nz@unc.edu](mailto:nz@unc.edu)

Links:

Slavic and East European Collections at UNC, including Savine Collection <http://www.lib.unc.edu/cdd/crs/international/slavic/>

Russia Beyond Russia - Core Module - Project site <http://online.eastview.com/projects/savine/index.html>

## **TRLN Announces Inaugural Management Academy**

The Triangle Research Libraries Network (TRLN) announces the participants in the inaugural TRLN Management Academy: The Business of Libraries. This program prepares current and potential mid-level managers in academic libraries to operate with entrepreneurial and business acumen in the management of financial and human resources.

The participant group includes representation from nine states within the U.S. as well as Canada and the Virgin Islands, two historically black universities and an array of library experiences and professional interests. In keeping with the intent of the program, half of the participants are from TRLN Libraries. Interest in the Academy was high and the selection process competitive. In making final selections, the TRLN Academy Advisory Board paid close attention to applicants with some management responsibility and to those statements of interest that best matched the program's design. The thirty-three participants selected are:

The program was designed with input from library directors to support talent management and succession planning efforts by addressing gaps in the preparation of librarians for management roles in the current environment. A task force from the TRLN Libraries (Duke University, North Carolina Central University, North Carolina State University, and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) has designed a unique program in which academic faculty from these universities will

present sessions customized for a library environment. In addition, James G. Neal, Vice President for Information Services, Columbia University, has confirmed as a special guest presenter for the event. A complete agenda for the in-person session is available at <http://www.trln.org/events/academy2007.htm>

For more information about the TRLN Management Academy please visit the TRLN website at <http://www.trln.org/events/academy.htm> or contact DeEtta Jones at [DJones@DeEttaJones.com](mailto:DJones@DeEttaJones.com)

### **NC State Chooses Architect for New Library**

NC State University has selected the firm Snøhetta as the lead architect that will design the new James B. Hunt Jr. Library on its Centennial Campus.

With a total project cost of \$114 million, the James B. Hunt Jr. Library will serve as the intellectual and social nexus for the rapidly growing population on NC State's Centennial Campus, a community of academic, corporate and government partners located on a 1,334-acre site adjacent to NC State's main campus. The 264,000 gross-square-foot facility, of which 200,000 gsf will constitute the companion library to the main D. H. Hill Library, will primarily house collections supporting the multidisciplinary research and teaching activities on Centennial Campus in areas such as information and communications technologies, bioscience and biotechnology, advanced materials, and education.

Based in New York and Oslo, Snøhetta has gained international acclaim for projects ranging from the Bibliotheca Alexandrina in Egypt and the Norwegian Embassy in Berlin to the national opera house in Oslo and the Cultural Center at Ground Zero in Manhattan. Academic buildings in the firm's portfolio include arts centers at Bowling Green State University in Ohio and Queen's University in Canada.

Centennial Campus was recently named the top Research Science Park of the Year by the Association of University Research Parks (AURP). It is home to more than 1,600 corporate and government employees working alongside a thousand-plus faculty, staff, post-docs, and students in NC State research and academic units advancing technologies ranging from semiconductors to genomics tools.

Although the exact location has not yet been determined, the Hunt Library will likely be built on the southern end of a green space called the "academic oval" that is currently anchored by three Engineering buildings. The new library will also house the Institute for Emerging Issues, which former North Carolina governor James B. Hunt Jr. was instrumental in establishing. This public policy, think-and-do tank convenes leaders from business, non-profit organizations, government and higher education to tackle some of the biggest issues facing North Carolina's future growth and prosperity.

An appropriation by the North Carolina General Assembly last summer gave NC State the go-ahead to move forward on programming and site analysis, including determining the needs of

library users and extending roads and utilities to the building site. The design is expected to be completed in 2010, with construction completed in 2012.

The construction of the Hunt Library constitutes the second phase of the NCSU Libraries' Master Plan for facilities. The first phase involved the renovation of the East Wing of the main D. H. Hill Library. Completed in March 2007, that project created a new Special Collections Research Center with a reading room, exhibit gallery and conservatory, as well as a Learning Commons embraced by NC State students for catering to their needs for collaborative work spaces, the latest technologies, and expert research assistance. The second and third phases the Master Plan will address the renovation of the D. H. Hill Library's West Wing and the expansion of the Hunt Library.

## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

### **University of South Carolina Library and Information Science Program to Support ASERL's Regional Online Reference Service**

The Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL) has selected the University of South Carolina School of Library and Information Science (USC/SLIS) to support ASERL's "Ask-A-Librarian" Online Chat Reference Service for the 2007-2008 year. The program provides more than 100 hours of online chat reference service per week to the students, faculty and staff at eight ASERL institutions, including College of William & Mary, Mississippi State University, University of Alabama,

University of Central Florida, University of Memphis, University of Mississippi, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and Virginia Commonwealth University.

The project is offered as a paid internship program for Master's level library and information science students, while recent graduates will provide virtual reference services for ASERL. Each semester, several student staff members will also be enrolled in the school's *Internship in Library and Information Science* course, which gives students opportunities to demonstrate competencies acquired during their programs of study.

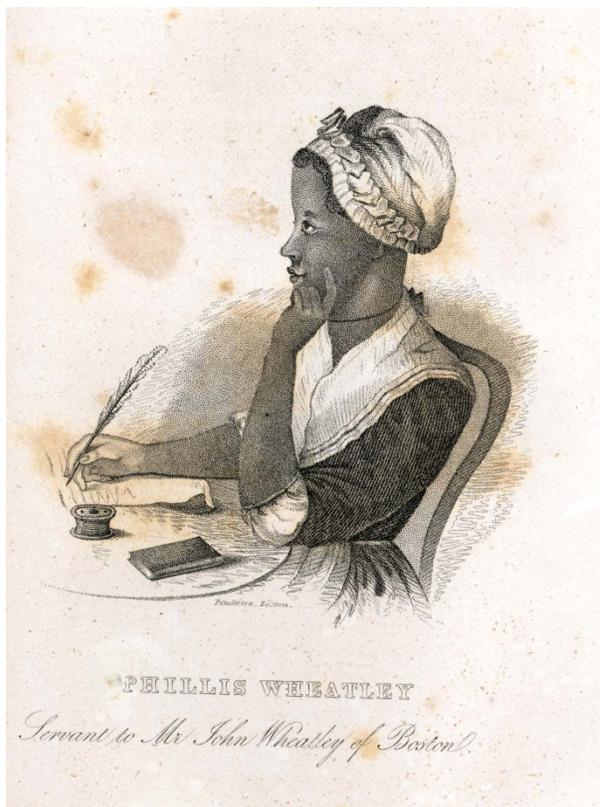
*U.S. News and World Report* ranked the University of South Carolina School of Library and Information Science school the fifth-largest nationally for distance education among library science programs in October 2005. It is the only advanced degree program accredited by the American Library Association in the fields of library and information studies in South Carolina, and it serves the entire southeastern region. In addition, the School has been invited by the states of Maine, Virginia, and West Virginia to deliver the complete Master of Library and Information Science degree program to students in those states by using a combination of live interactive satellite transmission, a hybrid of web-based technology, and on-site instruction.

### **The First Book by an African-American Comes to the Web**

The University of South Carolina's Thomas Cooper Library has acquired a first edition of Phillis Wheatley's *Poems on Various Subjects, Religious and*

*Moral* (London, 1773), the first book published by an African-American author, and has made it available online in the first-ever freely-accessible and fully-searchable digital facsimile. (<http://www.sc.edu/library/spcoll/wheatley/wheatleyp.html>).

The poems of Phillis Wheatley (1753-1784) are read and studied by students and scholars in a variety of disciplines (notably, American literature, African-American studies, and women's studies), and the book's frontispiece portrait of Wheatley is the only surviving work attributed to the African-American slave artist Scipio Moorhead (born ca. 1750).



The engraved frontispiece portrait of Phillis Wheatley from the first edition.

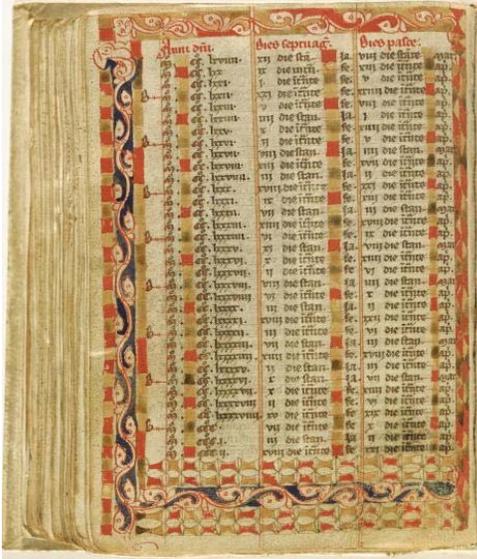
## University of South Carolina Library Receives Rare 13th-Century Manuscript

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. The manuscript was purchased at a Sotheby's auction held in London in June.

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's newly-acquired 13th-century manuscript

## PEOPLE NEWS

### ALABAMA

The Orange Beach Public Library announces the promotion of **Maria Baroco** to Young Adult Librarian. Ms. Baroco joined the library in 2006 as the Children's Assistant.

**Annabel Stephens** retired from the School of Library and Information Studies at the University of Alabama on June 1. She is currently teaching as an adjunct enjoying volunteer work. She traveled in Alaska most of the summer and early fall. Professor **Michael Malinconico** and **Dr. Joan Atkinson** also retired in 2007.

### GEORGIA

**Katherine Ott** joined the faculty at Clayton State University in Morrow, GA on February 1, 2008 as the new head of the Access & Information Services Department. Katherine comes to Georgia from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, OK.

**Laura L. Carroll** has been appointed Manuscript Archivist in the Manuscript, Archives, and Rare Book Library at Emory University. Laura earned her M.L.I.S. at Dominican University, River Forest, IL, in August 2007. For the past five years she was an Archivist II at the American Medical Association in Chicago, IL.

### LaGrange College honors Shepherd

On Oct. 27, 2007 LaGrange College honored **Dr. Sonya Gaither Shepherd** with the Wall of Outstanding Alumni Award, which is given to alumni who have distinguished themselves in their professions and communities.

Shepherd graduated from LaGrange College in 1993 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science. She went on to earn her Master of Science in Library Service from Clark-Atlanta University and her Ed.D. in Educational Administration from Georgia Southern University.

Since 1995, Shepherd has worked at the Zach S. Henderson Library at Georgia Southern University where today she serves as a tenured associate professor and associate department head of information services.

Shepherd is an active member of the Georgia Southern faculty and has served on the Black Green Task Force, as a faculty senate representative, on the Academic Standards Committee, the SACS Reaffirmation Team and Governance Task Force.

Over the years, Shepherd has received numerous grants and recognitions, including being named a Frye Leadership Fellow in 2005.

## **NORTH CAROLINA**

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

**Thea Allen** will begin Sept. 1 as special project cataloger in the North Carolina Collection. She will perform retrospective cataloging for special format materials in the collection and will also be responsible for original and adaptive cataloging, online catalog maintenance and authority control. Ms. Allen was previously the serials assistant at the Environmental Protection Agency in North Carolina's Research Triangle Park. She holds a B.S. in Environmental Studies from the University of North Carolina at Asheville and her M.S.L.S. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**Joshua Berkov** began Oct. 1 as digital projects librarian, a one-year appointment in the Digital Publishing Office/Carolina Digital Library. Berkov will manage "Oral Histories of the American South" <http://docsouth.unc.edu/sohp/>, and UNC's "Virtual Museum" <http://museum.unc.edu/>. Berkov worked

most recently as a graduate assistant with "Documenting the American South," the Library's digital publishing endeavor that includes "Oral Histories of the American South." He holds a B.A. in ethics and political philosophy from Brown University, and an M.S.L.S. from UNC's School of Information and Library Science.

**Robin Chen** began Oct. 1 as assistant manuscripts reference librarian. In this one-year appointment, she will provide research and instructional services in the Library's Manuscripts Department. Chen was most recently the assistant in the department's Southern Folklife Collection. Her M.S.L.S. is from UNC's School of Information and Library Science. She holds a B.A. in classical civilization from the University of California at Berkeley.

**Patrick Cullom** has been appointed visual materials archivist in the North Carolina Collection Photographic Archives, effective Oct. 1. He will assist with processing archives of still and moving images, including the recently acquired collections of photographers Billy Barnes, Don Sturkey and the late Hugh Morton. Cullom was most recently the audiovisual archivist for The American Catholic History Research Center and University Archives at The Catholic University of America. He earned his B.A. in history from North Carolina State University and an M.L.S. from The Catholic University of America.

**Maggie Dickson** began Sept. 10 as the Watson-Brown Project librarian. In this two-year appointment funded by the Watson-Brown Foundation, Inc., Dickson will oversee digitization of the

papers of Thomas E. Watson (1856-1922), a lawyer, politician and Populist Party candidate for U.S. president and vice-president. Dickson worked most recently in the Manuscripts Department of the University Library and at the Carrboro Cybrary. She holds a B.A. in art history and an M.S.L.S., both from UNC.

**Nicholas Graham** began work Dec. 1 as North Carolina Maps Project Librarian in the Carolina Digital Library and Archives. In this position, Graham will manage a three-year project funded by the Library Service and Technology Act through North Carolina ECHO (Exploring Cultural Heritage Online) to digitize and publish online a comprehensive selection of early North Carolina maps. Graham is a graduate of New College of Florida, in Sarasota, with a B.A. in British and American Literature. His M.L.S. is from UNC. Graham was most recently Head of Public Services in UNC's North Carolina Collection and was previously a reference librarian at the Massachusetts Historical Society in Boston.

**Chad Haefele** was appointed Reference Librarian for Emerging Technologies, effective Nov. 5. In this newly created position within the Davis Library Reference Department, Haefele will apply innovative technologies to the provision of information resources and services. Haefele served most recently as interim Department Head for Distance Learning at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, where he had previously been a reference and instruction librarian. He holds a B.S. in Computer Information Systems from Grove City College in Grove City, Pa., and an

M.L.I.S. from the University of Pittsburgh.

**Elizabeth Hull** will begin Sept. 1 as assistant photographic archivist in the North Carolina Collection Photographic Archives. She will assist in processing and promoting awareness of the library's photographic collections, with a special focus on the archives of the late North Carolina photographer Hugh Morton. Ms. Hull served most recently as the technical services archivist/librarian for the Forest History Society in Durham, N.C. She earned a B.S. in anthropology from Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C., and an M.A. in American history from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

On Nov. 1, **Jill Sexton** became Information Infrastructure Architect in the Library Systems Office. In this position, she will help to create, improve, streamline and make interoperable the information systems that comprise the Library's Web site. Sexton was most recently an applications analyst in the UNC Library, where she had previously held positions as Systems Librarian for Integrated Library Systems and Digitization Projects Librarian. Sexton holds a B.A. in English Literature from Rowan College of New Jersey and an M.S.I.S. from UNC.

**Stephanie Stewart** began Aug. 15 as moving image archivist in the Manuscripts Department. Stewart will assess holdings, process materials, and develop sustainable long-range plans for collecting, preserving and providing access to archival moving image materials. Stewart worked most recently as a project assistant at the South Carolina Department of Archives and

History. She holds a B.A. in anthropology, an M.A. in public history and an M.L.S., all from the University of South Carolina. She also holds a certificate from the L. Jeffrey Selznick School of Film Preservation at the George Eastman House in Rochester, N.Y.

**Sue Darden Williams** announced her retirement as Director of the Albemarle Regional Library effective July 1, 2008. During the course of over 30 years of public library work, she has been the library director of two other N. C. public library systems (Rockingham County, Stanly County) and of the Norfolk (Va.) Public Library. Prior to attending library school, she worked as a paraprofessional at ARL and is delighted that she ends her career with the library where she fell in love with the profession.

### **NCSU Libraries' Curator of Architecture Named Hon. AIA**

The American Institute of Architects (AIA) has announced the upcoming award of honorary membership to **Catherine W. Bishir**, the NCSU Libraries' curator of architecture special collections, "in recognition of her distinguished service to the profession of architecture and the allied arts and sciences." Honorary membership is one of the highest honors presented to non-architects by the AIA. This year, just seven individuals will be granted the title of Honorary AIA. The award will be presented at the annual AIA convention in Boston on May 15, 2008.

Catherine Bishir, who joined the Libraries in February 2007, has achieved national prominence in the field of

historic preservation. The Honorary AIA announcement stated, "As a scholar, she has authored or co-authored a dozen books and numerous articles for national publications. While the focus of her work is the architecture of her adopted state of North Carolina and the region, the issues have national importance in the study of the built environment and preservation. Architects and Builders in North Carolina and North Carolina Architecture are two of her acclaimed works. Also an activist and organizer, Bishir is a co-founder of Vernacular Architectural Forum, through which she challenged historians to look beyond architecture as isolated examples of high art to see the simple beauty and efficiency of the less grandly built world as well as broad patterns of development. In addition, she widely promoted the study and preservation of the architecture of the recent past well before it became a popular notion."

The NCSU Libraries has been a repository for materials documenting the architectural history of North Carolina for many years, building collections of regional and national significance. As the curator of architecture special collections, Bishir is working with other staff to create an online biographical dictionary of North Carolina architects and builders, contributing to the growth of the architecture archive, and consulting on digitization projects and grants.

To explore the Special Collections Research Center's architecture collections, visit <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/specialcollections/find/architecture.html> and <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/specialcollections/digital/subject.html>

**Mary Krautter** is the new Head of Reference and Instructional Services for the University Libraries at UNC Greensboro. She previously worked at the University of Kentucky Libraries as Director of Interdisciplinary Information Literacy .



The NCSU Libraries has appointed **Matthew S. Sumner** as **Geospatial Data Services Librarian** effective 1 November 2007, and **Jason Casden** as **Digital Technologies Development Librarian** effective 17 December 2007.

As Geospatial Data Services Librarian, **Matt Sumner** will develop and manage spatial and numeric data resources and services, including GIS services, which support teaching, research, and extension/engagement. He will consult with faculty and students to analyze data needs and to develop instructional modules, including classroom presentations, Web-based tutorials, data documentation, and research resources. He will participate in the selection, organization, delivery, and management of data collections. In addition he will establish configurations for the Libraries' public GIS

workstations and offers guidance in their use.

As Digital Technologies Development Librarian, **Jason Casden** will provide leadership and hands on programming expertise for digital library projects. He will identify emerging technologies that have potential for new and improved library services; and develop functional prototypes of new digital library services through an iterative process that emphasizes performance, sustainability, and usability. Collaborating closely with Information Technology staff to develop and maintain supporting technology infrastructure, Casden will maintain and provide enhancements to existing digital library applications.

### **Two NCSU Librarians Tapped as 'Emerging Leaders'**

Two NCSU librarians have been selected from a competitive pool of applicants for the Emerging Leaders 2008 program sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA).

**Mary Chimato**, Head of Access and Delivery Services, and **Jacquie Samples**, Serials and Electronic Resources Librarian, were accepted for the program, which enables 120 young librarians nationwide to get on the fast track to ALA and professional leadership.

Participants are expected to put their leadership skills to use by accepting a term of service on a committee of the ALA or one of its divisions, such as the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL).

Emerging Leaders 2008 will kick off with a day-long training session during the 2008 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia, followed by six months of online work. The program will culminate at the June 2008 ALA Annual Conference in Anaheim, California.



Chimato, who joined the NCSU Libraries in January 2007, manages a department that encompasses several key public services areas: circulation, reserves, current periodicals, media/microforms, interlibrary loan and document delivery, and stack services. She holds the MS in Library and Information Science and the MS in Information Systems from Drexel University.

Ms. Samples, who has been at NC State since April 2003, negotiates the Libraries' numerous licenses for serials and digital resources, oversees their processing and description, and also manages the monographs unit in the Acquisitions Department. She manages the SFX KnowledgeBase and is co-leading the implementation of the E-Matrix, an innovative management system for print and electronic journals, serials, databases, and aggregated resources. She holds the MA in Library and Information Science from the

University of Iowa.



Links to this announcement on the NCSU Libraries' news blog: <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/news/libraries.php?p=4951&more=1&c=1&tb=1&pb=1>

## SOUTH CAROLINA

On 1 May 2007, the Florence County Library System welcomed Mr. **Ray McBride** as its new director. He succeeds Mr. George Hobeika who retired after 32.5 years of service. In his new position, he leads a staff of 101 employees in six libraries with one bookmobile.

Mr. McBride served previously at the Greenville County Library System as Operations and Information Technology Manager. He was project manager and consultant on technology for the Hughes Main Library and also served as project manager for four new branch libraries.

He received a Bachelor of Science degree in history from Campbell University in Buies Creek, North Carolina and a Master's degree in Library Science from North Carolina Central University in Durham. Prior to this, he served 23 years in the United

States Army, attaining the rank of Command Sergeant Major.

Prior to his service in Greenville, he was System Administrator and Reference Librarian at the Darlington County Library. During this time, Mr. McBride won the South Carolina MCI Cybrarian of the year award in 1998.

He joined SCLA in 1998. His service to SCLA includes Vice-Chair and Chair of the Public Library Section, Vice-Chair and Chair of the System Managers Roundtable.

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