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## *The Southeastern Librarian*

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### **Message from the President**

It's almost here! I'm talking of course, about the KLA/SELA/NDLC conference, October 1-4 at the Louisville Marriott Downtown. Every two years we hold a joint conference with one of our states and this year we get to go to Kentucky. This year is also special because the 2008 National Diversity in Libraries Conference (NDLC) will be part of the joint conference. It will be a great opportunity to hear from librarians and non-librarians from all over the country on many different topics. And as a native Kentuckian, I can attest that you're in for a real treat. Not only are the programs going to be outstanding, Louisville is a great city to visit. You can come to the conference and then spend the weekend exploring this great city on the Ohio River.

If you haven't already signed up for the conference, take time to do it now. Go to <http://www.kylibasn.org/conreg990.cfm> and you'll be all set. Information on the programs and pre-conferences can also be found here, along with travel information.

There are going to be some great pre-conferences (two examples: "Just Like Storytime, Only Louder And Smellier: Why Videogame Tournaments Belong In The Library" and "Discover The Village Branch – Bus Trip Through The Bluegrass"), a fabulous opening session (Jose Aponte, Director of San Diego Public Library), ALA President Jim Rettig, an exciting All-Conference Reception at the Muhammad Ali Center and great programs.

Check out these exciting programs that SELA members are presenting: **Michael Wilson** - "Using Moodle's Wiki And Forum Functions To Manage Collaborative Assignments In An Information Literacy Course." **Fred Smith** - "All You Ever Wanted To Know About Arc Storage And Then Some." **Susan Knoche** - "All Star Baffle" an unusual poster

session in the style of a popular game show with questions frequently asked in libraries. **Amanda Stone** - "Schoolrooms: A Sensible State-Wide Solution For Savvy Searching." **Camille McCutcheon** - "One World, Many People, Many Perspectives: Developing Diverse Juvenile Literature Collections In Academic Libraries" and "Identifying Psychology Core/Classic Titles In Academic Libraries." **Elizabeth Doolittle, Robbin Glaser Deana Groves, Jean Liddell, Sheila A. Cork, Amanda Stone, and Hal Mendelsohn** are going to do a session on Mentoring which is a new project of SELA. The "New Voices: Ideas From New Librarians" presentation will showcase the best and brightest of our new librarians. **Judith Gibbons** - "The Campaign for American Libraries." Dr. Dwayne K. Buttler - "Copyright In The Library: Painless Solutions for the Moderately Squeamish." Michael Hooper and Gina Garber - "Embedding Audio Files In Library Web Pages To Create An Enhanced User Experience."

The SELA Continuing Education & Staff Training Committee are sponsoring two programs - in the first one, **Kathleen Imhoff**, President-Elect of SELA, will moderate a forum on "Formulating A Vision For Library Leadership And Service" and the second will be a panel on "Library 2.0, Social Networking And You." The SELA Intellectual Freedom Committee and the Kentucky Public Library Association are sponsoring Deborah Caldwell Stone's Intellectual Freedom Program. The SELA Circulation and Reserves Round Table are sponsoring Melissa Horrar and Mark T. Paul - "The Impact Of An Automated Storage And Retrieval System On Patron Services."

There will also be two Board meetings - Wednesday, October 1 - 4:30 - 5:20 and Friday, October 3 - 11:00 - 11:50. And don't forget the SELA Awards Luncheon on Friday from 12:00 - 1:30. It should be a grand event.

And it wouldn't be a conference without a little fun. On Thursday you can attend the All Conference Reception at The Muhammad Ali Center. (Please thank OCLC for sponsoring this event.) This should be a great party at a great venue, so make plans to attend. Then on Friday night, Judith Gibbons has graciously arranged a special SELA Social at *Howl at the Moon at Fourth Street Live* where there'll be an opportunity for all conference attendees to meet informally and enjoy dueling pianos, hors d'oeuvres and Happy Hour drink prices before attending the NDLC banquet and the last day of the conference (Attendance is free but admission is limited). There's also a reception on Friday night at the Western Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library which was the first public library in the United States to be dedicated solely to the service of African Americans.

KLA has also done a great job of listing places to go during and after the conference. Check out <http://library.louisville.edu/diversityConf2008/local.html> and see a sampling of what Louisville has to offer. There's a lot to do in Louisville and I hope you'll take advantage of as much as possible. And since I'm from Cave Country, if you're driving up I-65, stop by Mammoth Cave National Park - it's a great place to visit. You can also stop by the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green. If you pick up a new car at the Corvette plant, make sure you show it off at the conference!

I must thank Kathleen Imhoff, Judith Gibbons, Christie Robinson and all the SELA members who have worked so hard to make this conference happen. You all have done an amazing job and we will all benefit from your efforts. And to our generous hosts from KLA - thank you for all that you have done for this conference. It looks like we are in for an amazing conference and we appreciate all that KLA members have done to make it happen.

I hope to see you all in Louisville in October. Not only will you learn a lot, meet a lot of fascinating people, you'll also have fun doing it. So, go to the conference page, fill out the registration form, renew your SELA membership if you need to, and make your hotel reservations. You won't want to miss this great opportunity!

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### **SELA ACTIVITIES:**

The SELA Website committee wishes to announce that the SELA website address has changed to <http://selaonline.org/>

SELA now has its own domain, which means that the web address will remain the same, even if the site is relocated. Please change your bookmarks, address books, etc. to reflect this update. The SELA site is now hosted at Austin Peay State University.

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

#### **President**

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#### **Frankenthaler Scholarship awarded to Library Science Student from Georgia**

Yuliya Kirilova Hadzhieva, a student working on her Masters Degree in Library Science at Clarion University in Pennsylvania, has been named the recipient of a \$1000 Ginny Frankenthaler Memorial Scholarship in Library Science awarded by the Southeastern Library Association.

Hadzhieva worked for more than ten years for libraries in Bulgaria before moving to Georgia in 2001. She worked for over five years at the international branch of DeKalb County Library System in Chamblee, Georgia. She is participating in a very structured library science program for two years and will receive her M.S.L.S. with a specialty in Special Information Centers at the end of 2008.

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

Laura Slavin  
SELA  
Co-Chair, Continuing Education and Staff Development Committee  
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### SELA President's Award

Please submit nominations for the President's Award by **August 15<sup>th</sup>** to: Jan Ruskell, P. O. Box 844, Carrollton, GA 30112.

The President's Award was established by the Executive Board of SELA in March of 1988. President Charles Beard, Vice-President George Stewart, and Executive Secretary Claudia Medori were authorized to judge nominations and to select the first recipient. The President's Award Committee is appointed by the President of SELA and shall include members from a varying number of states in SELA. The award was renamed in 2006 after Charles Beard.

The purpose of the award is to honor an individual, group or corporation outside the library profession who has made a significant contribution to the development or promotion of libraries in the Southeast.

Nominations are to be made in writing to the Chairman of the Charles Beard President's Award Committee. Individuals submitting nominations should send their nominee's name and a short statement of the nominee's significant contributions. Supporting documentation such as newspaper articles, brochures, and letters may be included.

Nominations should be mailed to Jan Ruskell. Jan can be contacted at [jruskell@westga.edu](mailto:jruskell@westga.edu) and Betsy Griffies (Co-chair) at [bgriff@westga.edu](mailto:bgriff@westga.edu).

The award will be presented during the biennium conference in October in Louisville, KY. Announcement of the

recipient of the award, with a biographical sketch, will appear in the Southeastern Librarian. If no suitable nomination is received, it may be omitted for this biennium.

**Call for Nominations for  
Outstanding Southeastern Library  
Program Award**

Each biennium SELA recognizes an outstanding program of service in an academic, public, school or special library in a SELA member state.

**Purpose:**

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

**Criteria:**

1. Any academic, public, school, or special library in the member states of the SELA may be cited for an outstanding program of service. Programs of service may include, but are not limited to library activities, projects, or programs.
2. The program of service must take place during the biennium in which the nomination is made.
3. The minimum time span for a nominated library program must not be less than three months, including the development and evaluation stages of the program.
4. The person making the nomination must be a member of SELA.

**Process:**

Nomination applications for the award should include the following information:

1. SELA member's name
2. Library's name, address, telephone number
3. Beginning and ending dates of the program
4. Narrative statement describing the program and its goals and steps to achieve the goals; and
5. special contribution of the program/project including supporting documents related to program publicity.

The SELA Outstanding Library Program Award will be presented at the joint 2008 KLA/KSMA/SELA/ARL National Diversity in Libraries Conference to be held in Louisville, Kentucky, October 1-4, 2008.  
<http://www.kylibasn.org/ndlc201.cfm>

Please send your nomination for the SELA Outstanding Library Program Award by **August 15, 2008** to:

Linda S. Harris  
Chair, SELA Outstanding Library  
Program Award Committee  
Mervyn H. Sterne Library  
University of Alabama at Birmingham  
1530 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue S. SL 136B  
Birmingham, AL 35294-0014  
[lharris@uab.edu](mailto:lharris@uab.edu)  
205-934-6364  
205-975-6230 (fax)

## OUTSTANDING SOUTHEASTERN AUTHORS AWARDS

### Purpose:

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

### Criteria:

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

**Process:** Submit nominations on the SELA web site.

<http://sela.jsu.edu/Awards/OutstandingAuthorsAwardForm.htm> along with any accompanying material (not to exceed four pages for each entry - reason for nomination, book reviews, biography, etc.) to the committee chair by **August 22, 2008**.

### Mail to the address below:

Bonnie A. Tollefson  
6629 SW 80<sup>th</sup> St.  
Gainesville, FL 32608  
Email: [btirene@yahoo.com](mailto:btirene@yahoo.com)

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR ROTHROCK AWARD

### Purpose:

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

### History:

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

### Criteria:

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

4. Nomination must be made by a SELA member.

**Process:**

Submit nominations along with supporting biographical material, to any member of the Rothrock Award committee, listed below, by **August 15, 2008**. Within the cover letter, please provide name of nominee, nominee's phone/email, mailing address, and include a copy of nominee's curriculum vitae. The SELA member making nomination needs to include their phone/email, along with signature and date.

Stephen Patrick, Chair  
Professor & Head,  
Documents/Law/Maps  
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University  
P. O. Box 70665  
Johnson City, TN 37614  
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[patricks@etsu.edu](mailto:patricks@etsu.edu)

Deana Groves  
Education Catalog Librarian  
Western Kentucky University Library  
1906 College Heights Blvd., #11067  
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270/ 796-8361 (W); 270/ 745-3958 (F)  
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Deborah Lee  
Professor & Coordinator, Library  
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Statistical Research Center  
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P.O. Box 5408  
Mississippi State, MS 39760  
662/ 325-0810 (W)  
[dlee@library.msstate.edu](mailto:dlee@library.msstate.edu)

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229/ 931-2789 (W)  
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## **HBCU NEWS**

### **Six HBCU-ASERL Librarian Exchanges Announced**

The HBCU Library Alliance and the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL) announced the pairings for the 2008 HBCU-ASERL Librarian Exchange Program. This is the second time the two organizations have collaborated for this staff development program, again funded by a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The activity is part of the Alliance's ongoing initiative to provide leadership development opportunities for librarians from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

Librarians from six HBCU institutions will spend two weeks each working at an ASERL library on a strategic issue identified by the HBCU librarian as important to HBCU library and campus.

The following matches were made via a careful selection process led by HBCU Library Alliance and ASERL staff:

- **Blanche Sanders**, Alcorn University, Lorman, MS  
Project Overview: To Develop a comprehensive information literacy program

ASERL Librarian: Suchi Mohanty, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

- **Adrienne Webber**, Xavier University, New Orleans, LA  
Project Overview: To develop a formal library experience for new students during freshman orientation week  
ASERL Librarian: Shelly Arlen, University of Florida, Gainesville
- **Mantra Henderson**, Mississippi Valley State University, Bena, MS  
Project Overview: To transform the current media center into a learning resource center  
ASERL Librarian: Wendy Scott, North Carolina State University, Raleigh
- **Tyrone McNeal**, Bowie State University, Bowie MD  
Project Overview: To develop an information literacy program that will assist students in identifying and articulating their information needs  
ASERL Librarian: Julia Rholes, University of Mississippi, Oxford
- **Eddie Hughes**, Southern University and A&M College, Baton Rouge  
Project Overview: To create a database of prominent African Americans in Baton Rouge  
ASERL Librarian: Carol Pitts Diedrichs, University of Kentucky, Lexington
- **Tanja Hunter**, Lawson State Community College, Bessemer, AL  
Project Overview: To create a curriculum to improve learning skills of low performing first-year students

ASERL Librarian: Rosann Bazirjian, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Lillian Lewis, HBCU Library Alliance Program Officer, said, “The exchange program will support personal professional development, leadership development within individual HBCU libraries, and leadership development within the larger HBCU library community.” In addition, John Burger, Executive Director of ASERL, notes that “The project will strengthen connections between libraries to build knowledge, foster collaboration, infuse new ideas into the HBCU and ASERL library environments, and advance resource sharing among all partners.”

Questions about this pilot program may be directed to Lillian Lewis, HBCU Library Alliance Program Officer, at 404-592-4820 or [llewis@solinet.net](mailto:llewis@solinet.net).

### **Sandra Phoenix Named HBCU Library Alliance Director**

Sandra Phoenix has been named the new Director of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Library Alliance. She was formerly Executive Services Librarian at SOLINET.

“The HBCU Library Alliance’s longstanding partnership with SOLINET and Sandra’s hard work in facilitating this partnership make her exceptionally well-suited to this position,” said Loretta Parham, Chair of the HBCU Library Alliance Board of Directors. “In this dynamic role, Sandra’s skills and relationships will help the alliance continue its growth and define new directions.”

Phoenix has more than 20 years of administrative experience at nonprofit organizations. She has a bachelors degree in business management from Savannah State University in Georgia and a masters of library and information science from Florida State University. She has extensive project management experience and strong leadership and organizational skills.

“The work of the HBCU Library Alliance and the needs identified by the Alliance were the impetus for me to get my library science degree,” Phoenix said. “The Alliance and SOLINET encouraged and supported me during this endeavor, and now, it’s my turn to use my skills, experience and education to support and develop the alliance.”

## **SOLINET PRODUCT NEWS**

### **SOLINET Educational Services Goes Green**

As part of SOLINET’s continuing initiative to save natural and financial resources, the Educational Services department has taken several “green” steps.

One of the most significant changes is beginning with Spring 2008, the quarterly class schedule is no longer being printed and mailed. Instead, the schedule will be available on the SOLINET website as a PDF, and the link will be emailed each quarter to people who have requested it. To request the email, please email Vanessa Richardson at [richardson@solinet.net](mailto:richardson@solinet.net). In addition, instructors are encouraged to telecommute whenever possible, carpool, rent hybrid cars when traveling, use public transportation, and recycle

plastics and aluminum. Other ways the department is cutting down on paper is by creating only electronic versions of class handouts and class evaluations and sending contracts and letters to host sites electronically.

This is just one in a series of changes departments throughout SOLINET are making for conservation. Other actions include the emailing of invoices and billing statements rather than sending hard copies. In addition, most SOLINET member publications are distributed electronically. The weekly *SOLINET Update* is emailed to members, and the bimonthly *SOLINET Solutions* is available as a PDF on the SOLINET website.

### **SOLINET to Offer Atlas’ Aeon**

SOLINET is pleased to offer Atlas’ Aeon, a workflow and circulation automation system for special collections libraries.

Aeon offers a customizable web interface for patron requesting, controlled access to class reserve materials, OpenURL linking with ILS and EAD finding aids, and other features.

For details about Aeon and the SOLINET offer regarding it, please see [www.solinet.net/Aeon](http://www.solinet.net/Aeon). Atlas is best-known for its development of ILLiad, an interlibrary loan management software.

### **SOLINET Elects 2008-2009 Board, Officers and Members Council Delegates**

Eligible SOLINET members have elected two representatives to the Board

of Directors and two delegates to the OCLC Members Council.

New SOLINET Board members are:

- George Gaumont, University Librarian at Valdosta State University in Georgia
- Merrily Taylor, Professor and University Librarian at Washington & Lee University in Virginia.

The new Board of Directors elected these officers:

- Chair: Carol Pitts Diedrichs, Dean of Libraries at the University of Kentucky
- Vice Chair: Richard Madaus, Executive Director of the College Center for Library Automation in Florida
- Secretary: Laura Davidson, Dean of Library Information Services at Meredith College in North Carolina
- Treasurer: Sol Hirsch, Director of the Alachua County Library District in Florida.

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

- Barbara Dewey, Dean of Libraries at the University of Tennessee – Knoxville
- Lamar Veatch, Associate Vice Chancellor and State Librarian of the Georgia Public Library Service.

### **SOLINET's New Web Site Offers Added Value**

SOLINET launched its new Web site at [www.solinet.net](http://www.solinet.net), to offer added value to its members and other Web visitors.

SOLINET's new Web site is part of a series of innovative initiatives that the cooperative is undertaking to reinforce its strong foundation of member service.

Among the site's new features are:

- Full site search capability by keyword
- Enhanced search capability for classes and products
- New FAQ resource
- Expanded online product order capability
- More user-friendly navigation

As is customary for virtually all Web sites developed today, 1024 x 768 is the screen resolution that is best viewed. Along with the new Web site, SOLINET is also presenting its new corporate colors and stylized name.

### **SOLINET to Provide Training on Evergreen Software**

SOLINET is pleased to announce a new partnership with Equinox Software, the support and development company for Evergreen integrated library system software, in use in hundreds of libraries. This agreement establishes SOLINET as Equinox's provider of choice for worldwide training on Evergreen software to libraries. Evergreen is an open-source Integrated Library System capable of supporting the workload of large library systems and consortia. SOLINET is Equinox's endorsed partner

to provide worldwide instruction on the Evergreen product.

Evergreen users will attend classes specially developed for them by SOLINET instructional staff. As the software changes and evolves, these classes will be updated to reflect those changes. SOLINET instructors will teach these classes using distance education software, giving the students the benefit of instructor-led classes without the expense and time of travel.

### **SOLINET Introduces Consortial Licensing Program**

SOLINET has instituted a new program to benefit library consortia. The Consortial Licensing Program gives library consortia the opportunity to outsource their electronic resource licensing activities to SOLINET.

The program is open to anyone, not just consortial members of SOLINET or library consortia in the Southeast. The program is flexible, allowing customization based on each consortium's own needs and the needs of its members. Services available through the program include managing new offers, handling renewals, setting up a licensing program and administering the program. Specific activities include:

- Identifying member interests and needs
- Handling contract negotiations with vendors
- Creating and maintaining contact lists
- Billing and collecting payments
- Managing trials

To participate in the program or to get more information about it, please contact Ed McBride, SOLINET Chief Marketing

& Outreach Officer, at [emcbride@solinet.net](mailto:emcbride@solinet.net) or Randy Bell, SOLINET Manager of Program Management & Development, at [rbell@solinet.net](mailto:rbell@solinet.net). The phone number is 800-999-8558.

## **SOLINET PERSONNEL NEWS**

### **Karen Brown Letarte Joins SOLINET's Reenergized Consulting Services Program**

SOLINET is expanding its capabilities and adding new resources with the addition of Karen Brown Letarte as Consultant for Library Planning and Effectiveness.

Formerly serving as Head of Cataloging and Metadata at North Carolina State University Libraries, Ms. Letarte has more than twenty-five years of experience in the library field. Her areas of expertise include workflow analysis, library re-engineering, staff development and training, WorldCat Collection analysis, electronic resources management, fiscal management, collection development and acquisitions, and library diversity issues.

Other valued team members of the Consulting Services Program are Kate Nevins, Cal Shepard, Ed McBride, Heather Dray, Kate Vincent, Brenda Banks, Elaine Roegge and Kara McClurken. They provide expertise in consortia building, strategic planning, staff development, meeting facilitation, preservation issues, grant writing, citizen advocacy, ebook adoption, resource sharing, ILL workflow and other areas.

### **Elaine J. Roegge Joins SOLINET as Library Sales Consultant**

Elaine J. Roegge has joined SOLINET as a Library Sales Consultant. She will report to Ed McBride in his newly created position as Chief Communication, Marketing and Outreach Officer. Roegge joins Rob Aaron and Kate Vincent on the Library Sales Consultant team. In this role, Ms. Roegge will consult with SOLINET members in Georgia, Florida, and Alabama regarding purchase of SOLINET products and services. Ms. Roegge will be based in South Florida.

Ms. Roegge comes to SOLINET from Roegge Life Coaching Services, where she was an Executive Life Coach, helping clients develop and achieve their personal and professional goals. As a Senior Account Executive at Thomson Gale (now called Cengage Learning), she surpassed her sales goal for five years and consistently demonstrated the ability to build client relationships, solve issues, and fulfill needs. Ms. Roegge led sales of print and electronic products for academic and public markets. She will draw on these professional experiences to help members make the most of their budget dollars by advising them on purchases of electronic resources and library products as well as guiding them to other SOLINET resources, including classes, preservation services, and consulting services.

Ms. Roegge has bachelors degrees in journalism and political science from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Wash.

### **Katharine Vincent Joins SOLINET as Library Sales Consultant**

Katharine “Kate” Vincent has joined SOLINET as a Senior Library Services Consultant. She will report to Ed McBride. In this role, Ms. Vincent will consult with SOLINET members in Virginia, North Carolina, and South Carolina regarding purchase of SOLINET products and services. Ms. Vincent will be based in the Northern Virginia/Washington D.C. area.

Ms. Vincent comes to SOLINET from OCLC, where she was responsible for sales to large consortia, driving new business, and territory management. She was recently named OCLC’s top sales partner. As a Senior Sales Executive at Thomson Gale (now called Cengage Learning), she managed sales to public, federal, and academic libraries. Her products included online databases, published reference and eBook titles, and one-time archive product sales requiring in-depth product knowledge. She has regularly surpassed her sales goals, including achieving 137% of the annual goal by June 30, 2006. She has sold more than \$1 million in digital archives and was first in selling Gale eBooks in 2005. Ms. Vincent will draw on these professional experiences to help members make the most of their budget dollars by advising them on purchases of electronic resources and library products as well as guiding them to other SOLINET resources, including classes, preservation services, and consulting services.

Ms. Vincent has a bachelors degree in journalism from Point Park College in Pittsburgh.

## **EBSCO PRODUCT NEWS**

### **EBSCO Provides Express Content**

EBSCO Information Services (EBSCO) announced that it is the first vendor to provide Express Content for subscriptions and publications as part of the Express Content program offered by Ariba, Inc., the leading spend management solutions provider. According to an exclusive agreement in the magazine and subscriptions category, EBSCO Information MarketPlace® (MarketPlace) will provide users of Ariba procurement solutions an Express Catalog with more than two million newspaper, magazine, book and e-journal titles using Ariba Ready® Level 2 PunchOut technology.

The Ariba Ready Level 2 PunchOut functionality makes it possible for a buyer to search and locate item level product information across local and internet catalogs quickly, all from within the Ariba procurement application without regard to where the catalog data is hosted. The Ariba Express Content program allows companies of various sizes to source indirect goods and services more quickly and cost-effectively through pre-enabled catalogs from leading suppliers being used by other buyers on the Ariba Supplier Network™.

### **EBSCONET Services Broadened**

EBSCO Information Services (EBSCO) has recently broadened the offerings of EBSCONET®, the Company's premier e-service platform, to provide detailed information about publisher license agreements.

Eliminating the need to navigate numerous publisher sites to locate license data as well as the need to develop and manage desktop spreadsheets and databases, the new license details feature provides instant answers to commonly asked questions as well as dozens more not so common. For example, librarians can now obtain information regarding publishers' policies on perpetual access and learn whether they can access a journal via their library's proxy server.

While following the E-Resource Management Initiative (ERMI) guidelines in collecting license data, EBSCO has identified, with significant input from customers, a manageable list of 50 key data elements to display on EBSCONET. As a result, librarians can view a standardized version of the terms and conditions of use in various publisher license agreements and link directly to the agreements themselves. With its value-added approach to e-resource management, this innovative license details feature removes much of the burden of researching license information, saving librarians time and frustration while helping them make informed purchasing decisions.

### **EBSCO Strengthens Power of its A-to-Z® Locator Tool with New Knowledge Base Change Reports**

EBSCO Information Services (EBSCO) has recently strengthened the power of its EBSCO A-to-Z® Web-based resource locator tool with the addition of a Knowledge Base Change Reports feature which, among other benefits, allows librarians to instantly see which titles have been added or removed from their aggregated full-text databases.

In addition to the already existing advantages of subscribing to EBSCO A-to-Z, including the effective management of online titles from individual e-journals, e-journal packages, e-book packages and aggregated full-text databases, the new Knowledge Base change reports enable library staff to more easily identify content changes to their collections at large. Also, with the added ability to view titles affected by EBSCO A-to-Z's automatic update of titles in databases and fixed packages, customers can now more efficiently administer their EBSCO A-to-Z list when changes are necessary. Library staff can also use the Knowledge Base change reports as a resource when preparing collection awareness announcements that reveal newly accessible titles to end users.

The new Knowledge Base change reports can be downloaded in multiple file formats allowing EBSCO A-to-Z customers to efficiently update their catalogs and other content products. EBSCO A-to-Z customers can also access recorded demonstrations within their A-to-Z Administrator sites as well as register for complimentary online training at <http://training.ebsco.com>. To learn more about how EBSCO A-to-Z can benefit your library, please contact your local EBSCO Information Services sales representative or visit [www.ebsco.com](http://www.ebsco.com).

**MetaPress<sup>®</sup> Designated  
KnowledgeWorks Certified by  
Serials Solutions<sup>®</sup>**

MetaPress<sup>®</sup> is pleased to announce that it has successfully completed the Serials Solutions<sup>®</sup> KnowledgeWorks Certification Program. One of only 13 organizations around the globe to earn

this designation, MetaPress is now considered a *KnowledgeWorks Certified* content partner and, as such, has pledged to work with Serials Solutions to supply quality bibliographic metadata to customers via the Serials Solutions KnowledgeWorks knowledgebase. The *KnowledgeWorks Certified* designation assures that MetaPress' journal metadata is represented as accurately and up-to-date as possible in the Serials Solutions knowledgebase and data inquiries are resolved in the fastest manner possible.

As a *KnowledgeWorks Certified* content partner, MetaPress is able to provide title-level metadata to Serials Solutions on an ongoing basis. It also has access to the Serials Solutions Client Center, which it uses to verify the metadata in the Serials Solutions knowledgebase.

**New EBSCONET<sup>®</sup> Tool Simplifies  
E-Journal Order Activation and  
Registration for Library Staff**

EBSCO Information Services (EBSCO) has recently developed and launched another innovative feature for EBSCONET<sup>®</sup>, the Company's premier e-service platform, that helps library staff activate their e-journals and track the ongoing status of that activation. Just one in a series of significant EBSCONET enhancements, this newest feature works in tandem with the license details feature, launched last February, since it provides instant access to key license information needed in the e-journal management workflow.

A comprehensive solution that simplifies the work involved throughout the activation and registration process, the new feature benefits library staff in many ways. It lists orders that require

action; it identifies what actions are required; it provides details and instructions for completing each action; and finally, it tracks the overall progress of the registration and activation functions.

The various components that make up the order activation and registration feature have been automatically added to existing EBSCONET Administrator accounts, at no charge.

### **Nine Additional Publishers Choose MetaPress® for E-Content Hosting**

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

- Analytica Publications
- Art Therapy Association
- Cancer Information Group
- Catholic Medical Association
- Gemological Institute of America
- Justice Research and Statistics Association
- A.K. Peters, Ltd.
- New Forums Press
- UCLA Asian American Studies Center

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 30,000 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 format. Currently, MetaPress provides services and support to 177 publishers.

## **EBSCO PERSONNEL NEWS**

### **Oliver Pesch, Chief Strategist at EBSCO Information Services, Elected Chair of NISO Board**

Oliver Pesch has been elected chair of the board of the National Information Standards Organization (NISO) for the 2008-2009 term, effective July 1, 2008. As chief strategist for EBSCO Information Services, based in Birmingham, Ala., Pesch helps guide the direction of the Company's e-resource access and management products and services initiatives.

A strong supporter of standards, Pesch also serves on the executive committee for Project COUNTER and is a frequent speaker and author on industry topics such as usage statistics, OpenURL and e-resource management.

## **STATE NEWS**

### **ALABAMA**

#### **ADVANCE YOUR CAREER WITH AN ONLINE DEGREE FROM THE *iSCHOOL* AT DREXEL!**

Through the educational partnership between the Alabama Library Association and Drexel University Online, **you are entitled to receive a 20% tuition reduction** for degrees and certificates offered online through the *iSchool* at Drexel. Programs

include the MS in Library and Information Science, MS in Information Systems, and Certificate of Advanced Study in Information Science and Technology.

We are pleased to announce that Drexel's ALA accredited **MS in Library and Information Science**, ranked 11<sup>th</sup> in the nation, has added three **\*NEW\* high-demand concentrations**. The concentrations now available for the **MS in Library and Information Science** program are:

- **\*NEW\* Competitive Intelligence & Knowledge Management:** This concentration focuses on information needs and knowledge management in special library, corporate, and other organizational settings.
- **\*NEW\* School Library Media:** This concentration is for students who wish to work in K-12 school library programs in both public and private schools.
- **\*NEW\* Youth Services:** This concentration meets the interests of students planning public library careers with a focus on youth populations.
- **Digital Libraries:** This concentration covers a range of topics in digital resources, collections and services.
- **Library & Information Services:** This is a generalist concentration that includes key professional skills and an orientation to both a work setting and a relevant elective.

For more information about the MS in Library and Information Science degree, other Drexel programs, or your partnership benefits, please contact your partnership liaison, **Suzanne Howard, at 215-895-0362**

or [smh76@drexel.edu](mailto:smh76@drexel.edu). We look forward to welcoming you to Drexel!

### **Historic Avondale Paintings Donated to Comer Library**

Stephen Felker Sr. donated a part of Avondale Mills' legacy to Sylacauga, Alabama's B. B. Comer Memorial Library for present and future generations to see.

Felker, CEO of Avondale Mills, Inc. which closed in July of 2006, gave the famous Douglass Crockwell collection of paintings to the Comer Library. The paintings detail important occasions in the lives of the families of many of the employees of Avondale Mills in the late 1940s.

The paintings were commissioned by Avondale Mills for a national advertising campaign, which ran in the Saturday Evening Post from October 1947 to December 1948.

Twelve of the subjects were also selected for use in the 1948 company calendar. Two of the paintings were also featured as cover subjects on the company's annual report for 1948 and 1950.

In the paintings are of families and employees from Sylacauga, Pell City, Alexander City and Birmingham, all cities where plants were located in Alabama. The paintings range from an Avondale chorus to a beach scene at the company's vacation location, known as Camp Helen to the birth of twins at the company hospital. An image of the painting "Family Birthday" appears below.

Crockwell, the artist, achieved fame for a skill for realism and expression with subjects from American life. His subjects ranged from war to illness to family reunions portrayed in a style similar to Norman Rockwell. Crockwell was a contemporary of Rockwell.

During the 1940s and 1940s, Crockwell became one of America's favorite artists and was linked to famous advertising campaigns, including General Electric, Welch's Grape Juice, Friskies and a long ad campaign for the Brewing Industry Association.

Felker said because of Avondale's legacy in the community, he had a strong desire to leave the paintings in Sylacauga, where they could be displayed together and not separated. "These paintings are important to the community. It will be good that they come back to a home. I want them grouped together. They tell the story of Avondale.

The library is the obvious place and entity to take care of them. I am delighted to be a part of this and donating them to Sylacauga for generations to come."

Spears said that she believes that the Avondale paintings will draw people in who may not have visited Comer Library. "We are open seven days a week and we have a beautiful building in which they can hang. We are looking forward to sharing them with visitors to Comer Library."

Spears said that the library has put together information on each of the paintings for the public to see. Felker gave the library the right to use the

paintings on its website so that people across the country can see this beautiful, historic collection of paintings.



## FLORIDA

### UCF Libraries Receives IMLS Conservation Bookshelf

Treasured objects and artifacts held by the University of Central Florida Libraries will be preserved for future generations with help from the *IMLS Connecting to Collections Bookshelf*, a core set of conservation books, DVDs, and online resources donated by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the primary source of federal funding of the nation's museums and libraries. IMLS and its cooperator, the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH), will award a total of 2,000 free sets of the IMLS Bookshelf by the end of 2008.

**UCF Libraries** is among the first to receive this essential set of resources based on an application describing the needs and plans for care of its collections. The IMLS Bookshelf focuses on collections typically found in art or history museums and in libraries' special collections, with an added selection of texts for zoos, aquaria,

public gardens, and nature centers. It addresses such topics as the philosophy and ethics of collecting, collections management and planning, emergency preparedness, and culturally specific conservation issues.

The IMLS Bookshelf is a crucial component of *Connecting to Collections: A Call to Action*, a conservation initiative that the Institute launched in 2006. IMLS began the initiative in response to a 2005 study by Heritage Preservation documenting the dire state of the nation's collections. The multi-faceted, multi-year initiative shines a nationwide spotlight on the needs of America's collections, especially those held by smaller institutions, which often lack the human and financial resources necessary to adequately care for their collections. For more information on the conservation initiative see: <http://www.ims.gov/news/2007/www.ims.gov/collections>.

## GEORGIA

### Emory University

Alice Walker, Pulitzer Prize-winner and internationally known Georgia-born novelist and poet, will place her archive with Emory University, Provost Earl Lewis announced.

"The acquisition of the Alice Walker Archive is a major addition to Emory's collection," said Lewis. "Scholars and students from around the world will find in these papers Alice Walker: her commitment to social activism, literary genesis, personal growth and development, spirituality and self. We

are delighted that she has entrusted us to share this aspect of her with the world."

Walker has written most frequently about the struggle for survival among Southern blacks, particularly black women. She also has given literary voice to the struggle for human rights, environmental issues, social movements and spirituality, as well as the quest for inner and world peace. Often considered controversial for her portrayals of racial, gender and sexual issues, Walker is widely recognized for her thoughtful weaving of realism with love for humanity and human potential.

"I chose Emory to receive my archive because I myself feel at ease and comfortable at Emory," said Walker. "I can imagine in years to come that my papers, my journals and letters will find themselves always in the company of people who care about many of the things I do: culture, community, spirituality, scholarship and the blessings of ancestors who want each of us to find joy and happiness in this life by doing the very best we can to be worthy of it."

The completeness of Walker's archive makes it truly exceptional, says Rudolph Byrd, professor of American studies and a founding member of the [Alice Walker Literary Society](#), an international organization of Walker scholars and enthusiasts.

"The archive contains journals that she has been keeping since she was 14 or 15 years old," said Byrd, who also is a friend and colleague of Walker's. "There also are drafts of many of her early works of fiction, as well as the back and forth between Alice and the editors for each book.

"The Alice Walker Archive will provide a major bridge in the university's collections on African-American literature, history and culture," said Steve Enniss, director of Emory's [Manuscript, Archives and Rare Book Library](#). "Walker is one of Georgia's most beloved writers, and it is particularly gratifying that she has chosen to return her archive to the state where she was born, to the city where she attended college as an undergraduate, and to Emory which has, in the intervening years, become a major research center in literary studies."

Emory's African-American literary collections include significant collections related to the Harlem Renaissance novelists and poets Langston Hughes and James Weldon Johnson, and the papers of the Georgia-born novelist John Oliver Killens. The Camille Billops and James V. Hatch collection of African-American performing arts materials includes hundreds of playscripts including works by Zora Neale Hurston and August Wilson, among many others.

In 1983 Walker became the first African-American woman to win the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, which honored her novel "The Color Purple." The book depicts oppressive early 20th century life in the South for a young African-American woman named Celie.

Other honors bestowed upon Walker and her writing include the 1983 National Book Award, also for "The Color Purple"; the 1973 Lillian Smith Award from the National Endowment for the Arts for "Revolutionary Petunias and Other Poems"; the Rosenthal Award from the National Institute of Arts &

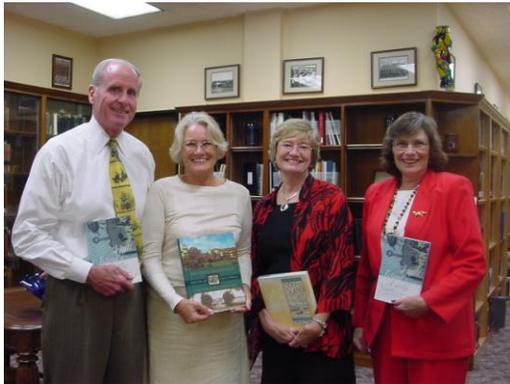
Letters; and Radcliff Institute, Merrill and Guggenheim fellowships.

### **James Earl Carter Library**

The James Earl Carter Library at Georgia Southwestern State University hosted various events this past academic year. Our Luncheons at the Library Program kicked off with a Banned Books Celebration held during Banned Books week. Members of the faculty, staff, and student population of GSW participated in the event. Readings enjoyed by all were done from a wide range of books including: *The Lovely Bones* by Alice Sebold, *Heather Has Two Mommies* by Leslea Newman, *Ulysses* by James Joyce, and *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck. The Library hosted its Second Annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest in October. There was a large crowd on the lawn in front of the Library carving and painting pumpkins. On St. Patrick's Day, various patrons came out and read passages from their favorite Irish authors and enjoyed cookies, chips and drinks. Readings were done from a wide range of books including: *The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian* by C.S. Lewis, *Dracula* by Bram Stoker, and *Dubliners* by James Joyce. The Library also co-hosted a Brownbag Poetry Reading with *Sirocco*, GSW's literary magazine, as part of Springfest 2008 featuring Jeff Newberry, reading from his collection of poems. Newberry is an Assistant Professor of English at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College. The Library also co-hosted a reception with *Sirocco* where contributors to the publication read from their entries.

The Library was fortunate enough to host three book signings this academic

year. Renowned author June Hall McCash, Ph. D signed copies of her books and visited with the GSW community. She is the author, co-author and editor of six books and numerous articles, including *The Jekyll Island Cottage Colony* and *Jekyll Island's Early Years*. The Library also hosted the book signing for Jack Riggs, author of *When the Finch Rises*. Riggs teaches Creative Writing and Film Studies at Georgia Perimeter College in Atlanta. Author Kathryn Stripling Byer signed copies of her latest publication, *Coming to Rest*, in the Library's Rare Books Room. Byer grew up in southwest Georgia and attended Wesleyan College in Macon, GA and earned her Master of Fine Arts from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She is currently a poet-in-residence at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, NC. Her poetry books include: *Catching Light*, *Black Shawl*, *Wildwood Flower*, and *The Girl in the Midst of the Harvest*.



### Valdosta State University

The Master of Library and Information Science Program was recently approved to host a chapter of Beta Phi Mu, the International Library & Information Studies Honor Society. The VSU chapter was installed at the Annual

Meeting of the American Library Association in Anaheim, CA, on June 28, 2008.

There was a full contingent from VSU attending: Dr. Wallace Koehler and Dr. Elaine Yontz from the MLIS Program; Emily Rogers from Odum Library; MLIS alumni Lori Lester and Ruth Hayden; and current MLIS students Christopher Baker and Jennifer Yontz-Orlando. Dr. George Gaumond accepted the charter for our Beta Beta Mu chapter, the newest chapter in over twenty years.



Pictured with Dr. Gaumond is alumna Lori Lester.

## KENTUCKY

### Nunn Center Names New Director

The [University of Kentucky Libraries](#) has announced that Doug Boyd is the new director of the [Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History](#). Boyd previously managed the digital program at the University of Alabama and before that served as director of the Kentucky Oral History Commission.

Boyd earned his doctorate in folklore from Indiana University and his bachelor's degree from Denison University. He is recognized nationally as an authority on digital oral histories and providing electronic access to oral history collections. Additionally, Boyd has a background in recording studio production specializing in digital audio restoration and has consulted nationally on major digitization projects.

Boyd has conducted folklore and oral history research in areas as diverse as Appalachia, Northern Ireland and with the Navajo in Arizona. He is currently completing a manuscript focusing on the dynamics between oral history and public memory. Boyd recently co-authored with folklorist Henry Glassie the audio CD that accompanies Glassie's latest book, "The Stars of Ballymenone," published by Indiana University Press.

The UK Nunn Center is internationally recognized for its outstanding collection of more than 6,500 oral history interviews on such topics as politics and public policy, Appalachia, military history, medical history, agriculture and education reform.

## **MISSISSIPPI**

### **Mississippi State University Charles Templeton Ragtime Music Festival**

For its second year, Mississippi State University's Mitchell Memorial Library hosted the Charles Templeton Ragtime Music Festival. The Festival provided three days and nights filled with the glorious sounds of ragtime music.

The 2nd Annual Charles Templeton Ragtime Music Festival was held 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 concerts showcasing the talents of eight brilliant artists, informative guided tours of MSU Libraries' Templeton Museum, seminars, and interviews, the Festival proved even more successful than its inaugural 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 continues to bring more attention to and use of these exquisite primary resources.

Artists who brought their amazing talents to the MSU campus for the 2008 Festival included: 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; host of the San Francisco-based "Ragtime Machine," David Reffkin; the man hailed as America's greatest living boogie woogie pianist, Bob Seeley; West Coast Ragtime music scene mainstay, Virginia Tichenor; and musicologist, collector, author and authority on all areas of American popular music, David Jansen.

The artists shared their expertise and their passion, their insights and their experiences throughout each day of the Festival via intimate and enlightening interviews, short and informative talks-

at-the-piano, and high-energy concerts each evening.

College and high school students, University employees, community members and followers of ragtime festivals across the country attended the Festival's events and rated Mississippi State's Festival as one of the best of its kind.

As a means of taking the music and excitement of ragtime into the community, the incomparable Mimi Blais (see picture below) visited with and played for area elementary schools, a youth theatre guild, and a local bookstore and coffee house during the week leading up to the Festival. "Being able to see the love of this music on the kids' faces," said Blais, "not only makes your day, it makes your life."

Plans are already underway for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Charles Templeton Ragtime Music Festival to be held March 27-29, 2009.

For more information on the Charles Templeton Ragtime Music Festival, the Templeton Museum, and Mississippi State University Libraries, please visit <http://library.msstate.edu/templeton>



### **Community Emergency Response Team Training Hosted by Gunter Library**

On June, 6, 7, and 8, twenty volunteers participated in Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training at the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. Organized and hosted by Gunter Library head librarian, Joyce Shaw, the class was composed of librarians and other managers from the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast and Hattiesburg campuses, Red Cross volunteers, Gulf Coast Research Laboratory employees, representatives from the city of Ocean Springs Emergency Management office and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources.

CERT is a U. S. Department of Homeland Security program that helps educate citizens and trains them in life saving skills so that they are better equipped to respond to emergency situations in their communities. The goal of CERT training is to give citizens skills to cope with an emergency disaster in the event that emergency responders are overwhelmed. During the 20 hours of CERT training, citizens learned:

- Managing utilities and extinguishing small fires
- Basic first aid and triage
- Search and rescue
- Managing volunteers
- Information collection to assist emergency providers

Eddie Ivy, training coordinator for the City of Meridian Homeland Security Department, and Steve Baggett, Public Works Director for Decatur, MS, and a

volunteer fire chief, provided the training. Participants who finished the training received a CERT kit which contained emergency supplies and tools.

Joyce Shaw, head librarian at the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory's Gunter Library, received the grant from the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security to provide the training.



### **10<sup>th</sup> anniversary for genealogy fair is a success**

The Tenth Annual Regional Genealogy Fair took place on Saturday, June 21st, 2008, at Mitchell Memorial Library on the Mississippi State University campus. About 50 genealogists from across the state participated.

The keynote speaker for the Fair, Anne L. Webster of the Mississippi State Department of Archives and History in Jackson, presented an overview of the resources and services available at the Department of Archives and History. She shared examples of documents, both common and rare, that researchers might find and emphasized that researchers should check every possible resource, even documents that might not appear to be pertinent, because information is often recorded in odd places.

Elizabeth Downey, an instructional librarian at MSU Libraries, presented Famiva, a new social networking website

that allows family members to build a family tree together and to communicate with each other. The site allows blogging, maintains family calendars, and archives family photos, as well.

Participants were able to get together during lunch to share information with others researching the same family lines. Dessert at lunch was a special 10th anniversary birthday cake.

The afternoon sessions consisted of personal research in the Libraries' Special Collections department, tours of resources throughout the Libraries, and "brick-wall breaking" sessions. MSU Libraries' Lynne Mueller, a Special Collections librarian, presented sessions on incorporating new research techniques with more traditional research. At the same time, Elizabeth Downey, Mattie Sink, the manuscripts librarian in Special Collections, and Becky Murphey of Oxford, Mississippi, were in the Special Collections department to work one-on-one with researchers who had identified specific, difficult research problems and brought their documentation with them. They worked together to identify possible strategies and sources to solve seemingly unsolvable problems.

For more information on MSU Libraries' Genealogy Fair and on the Special Collections department, please visit <http://library.msstate.edu/workshops/genealogy/>.



Gen Fair attendees (from left) Julie Dickerson and Beth Downey search through MSU Libraries' Special Collections' records, tracing family histories. Photo by Jim Tomlinson

### **Second Mississippi Web 2.0 Summit is a Success**

On Friday, June 20, 2008, Mitchell Memorial Library on the campus of Mississippi State University hosted librarians and library staff members from across the Southeast for its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mississippi Library 2.0 Summit.

Nationally-known expert on Web 2.0 technologies Sarah Houghton-Jan delivered the Summit's keynote address, "Sustainable Web 2.0 Services for Smaller, Underfunded Libraries." Following Houghton-Jan's presentation, attendees chose among "steal-this-idea" sessions featuring topics such as:

- using Flickr to share your library's event photos and archived collections
- advertising your library and connecting your staff and students on Facebook
- managing your personal and your library's online identity in social networks
- using Google Analytics to see who's visiting your library's website

- creating a family tree using Famiva
- using wikis in the classroom;
- creating a summer reading and blogging program
- and using Meebo and Skype for virtual library instruction sessions

Summit attendees got to share their experiences in the online world during a birds-of-a-feather boxed luncheon where table topics included Twitter, virtual reference, wikis, Teen Web, and more.

For more information about Mississippi State University Libraries' MS Library 2.0 Summit, please visit <http://blogs.library.msstate.edu/web2summit/> and to view photos from throughout the day's events, check out the Libraries' Flickr site at <http://flickr.com/photos/msstatelibraries/>.



Summit planning committee chair Amanda Clay Powers (l) poses for a photograph with keynote speaker, Sarah Houghton-Jan, and MSU Libraries' Administrator of Systems Stephen Cunetto. Photo by Jim Tomlinson

## **NORTH CAROLINA**

### **TRLN Member Libraries Join Open Content Alliance**

Members of the Triangle Research Libraries Network (TRLN) have announced that they will join the Open Content Alliance (OCA) and other major research libraries in contributing to the freely accessible digital library hosted by the OCA. TRLN is a collaborative organization of the research libraries at Duke University, North Carolina Central University, North Carolina State University, and The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

By partnering with the OCA, the TRLN libraries are ensuring that their online collections will remain open to scholars and all other members of the global community. Administered by the non-profit Internet Archive, the OCA represents the collaborative efforts of a group of cultural, technology, nonprofit, and governmental organizations from around the world that are helping to build a permanent archive of multilingual digitized text and multimedia content.

In the first year, UNC and NCSU will each convert public domain books into high-resolution, downloadable, reusable digital files that will be available on the Internet Archive website ([www.archive.org](http://www.archive.org)), can be linked to from local online catalogs, and can be indexed locally and by any web search engine. UNC and NCSU will start by each hosting one state-of-the-art Scribe machine provided by the Internet Archive to scan the books. Each university library will focus on historic collection strengths, such as plant and animal sciences, engineering and

physical science at NCSU and rare books, North Caroliniana, and other special collections at UNC. Duke University will also contribute select content for digitization during the first year of the collaborative project.

Through their memberships in the OCA, UNC and NCSU envision opportunities to build on long-standing TRLN cooperative arrangements.

Because 70% of the titles held within TRLN libraries are unique to a single member institution, coordinated digitization efforts will offer an opportunity to expand access and use of the extensive research collections held within TRLN. TRLN and its members also intend to work toward the development of shared principles for digitization and the long-term preservation of digitized content.

The OCA comprises more than 80 other major institutions and research libraries, including the British Library, University of Toronto, Smithsonian Institution, Getty Research Institute, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, University of Virginia, and University of California system.

The Internet Archive is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1996 to build a permanent and freely accessible digital library of web sites and other cultural artifacts in digital form. Built on open source software, it is the largest publicly available web archive in existence.

For information about TRLN:  
<http://www.trln.org/>

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### **NCSU Libraries Exhibit on Pioneer Ecologist Wins Prestigious Award**

The NCSU Libraries' online exhibition [\*B. W. Wells: Pioneer Ecologist\*](#) has won a nationally prestigious award presented by the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (RBMS) of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL). Developed by the [Special Collections Research Center](#), the online exhibition claimed the top honors in the digital/Web category of the 2008 Katharine Kyes Leab and Daniel J. Leab *American Book Prices Current* Exhibition Awards.

Funded by an endowment established by Katharine Kyes Leab and Daniel J. Leab, editors of *American Book Prices Current*, [the awards](#) recognize outstanding exhibition catalogs issued by American or Canadian institutions. This year, only four other North American exhibit catalogs received awards, all for print publications.

Designed as an online companion to the inaugural exhibition in the NCSU

Libraries' new exhibit gallery, which opened on March 12, 2007, *B.W. Wells: Pioneer Ecologist* drew praise from Richard Noble, chair of the RBMS Exhibition Awards committee and rare books cataloger at Brown University:

Certificates were presented to each winner on June 29, 2008, during the American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference in Anaheim, California.

The [B. W. Wells website](#) encompasses not only the online exhibition per se, but also the audio files of oral histories collected from persons who knew the renowned NC State professor, links to related archival and manuscript collections, and an image database. The database contains photographs taken by Wells in the 1920s and 1930s, and others by contemporary photographer Freda Wilkins, documenting the flora of the ecologically unique Big Savannah of Pender County, North Carolina, and areas beyond.

The B. W. Wells online exhibit extends the NCSU Libraries' exhibitions program's efforts to share and interpret library collections and promote their scholarly use to an international audience.

### **NCSU Secures Its 6th Consecutive Digital Library Federation Forum Fellowship**

The NCSU Libraries' Digital Collections and Preservation Librarian, Markus Wust, has been awarded a Digital Library Federation (DLF) Forum Fellowship for Librarians New to the Profession. He will receive a stipend of up to \$1,000 to help defray the costs of attending the DLF Spring

Forum 2008, scheduled from April 28 through 30 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Only five information professionals are selected each year for the prestigious fellowship, yet this is the sixth consecutive year that an NCSU librarian has qualified for one. Former DLF Fellows include the NCSU Libraries' Geospatial Data Librarian Jim Tuttle (2007); both of the Associate Heads of the Digital Library Initiatives department, Tito Sierra (2005) and James Jackson Sanborn (2003); the Interim Associate Head of the Information Technology department, Emily Lynema (2006); and Serials and Electronic Resources Librarian Jacque Samples (2004).

The [Digital Library Federation](#) is a consortium of libraries and related agencies that are pioneering the use of electronic-information technologies to extend collections and services.

### **Triangle Research Libraries Network Launches “Search TRLN”**

The Triangle Research Libraries Network (TRLN) has launched [Search TRLN](#), a single-interface discovery tool that searches across the collections of the four member institutions: Duke University, North Carolina Central University, North Carolina State University, and The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Using the “faceted searching” and browsing capabilities of [Endeca](#) software, and building on the strengths of TRLN's existing cooperative collecting and interlibrary delivery services, Search TRLN provides a single search and request environment for faculty and students on each campus.

While TRLN pioneered the nation's first consortial online catalog as early as the 1980s, Search TRLN adds next-generation search capabilities to the consortium's combined collection of 16 million volumes. Endeca's approach to information retrieval mimics the human discovery process by integrating the two most common means of finding information online – searching and browsing – allowing people to adapt and refine their search based on their own determinations of relevancy. Users can browse their results along facets such as subject, format, location, and availability, and can sort them by publication date, title, author, call number, and popularity.

Search TRLN further enriches the search experience by incorporating not only traditional bibliographic records but also bonus descriptive information provided by Bowker's [Syndetic Solutions](#), including cover images, summaries, track listings, audiovisual reviews, and first chapters/excerpts, whenever available. The TRLN libraries have also licensed searchable table of contents data from Syndetic Solutions ICE service for books published since 1984. Users of the system can now search the collections by chapter title and chapter author. One faculty member testing Search TRLN said, “What I especially like is having the searchable table of contents. In my field, I am always looking for book chapters and they're really hard to find.”

One-stop access to the entire body of TRLN's collections is especially useful to the faculty and students at the four universities because there is relatively little duplication among their collections. TRLN is one of the oldest consortia in

the country, and has been highly successful in the area of cooperative collection development. A recent analysis of collection overlap demonstrated that 71 percent of the titles were unique to a single TRLN institution, and only 2% of our collections are duplicated on all four campuses.

Items from the shared collections are made available to eligible users – TRLN students, faculty and staff – through reciprocal borrowing arrangements and electronic/hard-copy document delivery. The request functionality has been built into Search TRLN. A graduate student noted, “I love that you can easily request things from the other universities - that's really useful.”

In implementing Endeca, TRLN has built on [the experience of the NCSU Libraries](#), which in January 2006 was the first academic library in the world to deploy the popular e-commerce software. By launching Search TRLN, the consortium has demonstrated that it is uniquely suited to [lead in the creation of innovative digital collections and services for the twenty-first century](#).

### **Russia Beyond Russia First Module Available From UNC Library**

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Library has completed the Core Module of the "Russia Beyond Russia Digital Library" (<http://rbr.lib.unc.edu/cm/>). A grant of \$363,000 from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation funded the project, which is the first phase in the Library's digital publishing initiative to document the Russian Diaspora.

The Core Module provides access to the original research of Andre Savine, an antiquarian book dealer and owner of Le Bibliophile Russe bookstore in Paris. By the time of his death in 1999, Savine had amassed a collection of more than 60,000 items documenting the lives of Russians who lived in exile, from the 1917 revolution onward. The UNC Library acquired the Savine Collection in 2002, including Savine's annotated descriptions of items in his collection on thousands of index cards and notebook pages.

The Core Module database serves as an index hub that will eventually link to modules consisting of electronic full text. Core Module records include item descriptions, related indexes, and digitized images of Savine's written records. The module provides Russian-language search and retrieval functionalities, with the option to display text in Cyrillic or in Roman transliteration.

Phase II of "Russia Beyond Russia" will be to catalog all materials in the Savine Collection. A \$218,000 grant from the Mellon Foundation, scheduled for completion June 30, 2010, is currently being used to catalog 1,600 serials in the Savine Collection. In addition, a donation from Van and Kay Weatherspoon of Charlotte, North Carolina, will be used to catalog monographs in the Savine Collection in a project that will begin July 1, 2008, and run through June 30, 2010. A planned Phase III of "Russia Beyond Russia" will create new digital content to be indexed through the Core Module.

For more information about "Russia Beyond Russia," visit <http://www.lib.unc.edu/savine/RBR/>.

## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

### **Exhibit on South Carolina Naturalists Opens in Greenville**

An exhibit titled "Naturalists in South Carolina: Audubon in Context," opened at the Upcountry History Museum in Greenville on April 28 and will be on display through September 7. Materials in the exhibit came from the University of South Carolina's Rare Books and Special Collections in Columbia. The exhibit was curated by Patrick Scott, and sponsored by the Bill and Connie Timmons Family Fund.

This exhibit traces the story of some of the pioneer naturalists in South Carolina natural history from the early 18th century to the mid 19th century. It includes examples of original engravings by both the major naturalist-illustrators who worked here, Mark Catesby in the 1720s and John James Audubon just over a century later.

Audubon's massive illustrations for his great Birds of America (1827-1838) dominate the exhibit room. The exhibit sets Audubon's achievement in context alongside that of artists and writers who are now less well known.

At the beginning of the period, Carolina, and especially the Carolina up-country, was uncharted territory to the scientists of Europe. The naturalists presented here were reporting on species that were previously unrecorded and undescribed. Travel, by river or on rough tracks, was difficult and even dangerous. The early

pioneers worked with no maps, no convenient field-guides, no cameras. They relied on their own instincts and observations, drew their own pictures, and learned when they could from Native American guides and contacts. Yet, by the mid-19th century, they had brought knowledge of the region's natural history to a level comparable with that of Europe.

The pictures and books in the exhibit include Havell Audubons donated by Jennie Haddock Feagle and reproductions made from the South Carolina College original subscription set, now one of the Library's major treasures.

This is the first exhibit in the changing exhibits gallery of the new Upcountry History Museum, 540 Buncombe St., Greenville, which opened in September 2007. For location, hours etc., see <http://www.upcountryhistory.org/location.php>.



Shown, left to right, are Mrs. Alester G. Furman and Dr. Patrick Scott at the opening of the exhibition "Naturalists in South Carolina" at the Upcountry History Museum in Greenville, April 28, 2008. Mrs Simms is a longtime supporter of South Caroliniana Library and also of the newly-opened museum.

## **State Library Announces Reorganization**

The South Carolina State Library has recently completed its internal reorganization of divisions and is pleased to announce a new organizational structure.

The new Division of Discovery & Delivery headed by Felicia Vereen now includes Library Services headed by Mary Morgan, Talking Book Services headed by Pamela Davenport, and Library Development headed by Deborah Hotchkiss. The new Division of Innovation & Technology is headed by Catherine Buck Morgan and includes the SchoolRooms Project, The DISCUS Program headed by Amy Duernberger, and also includes the areas of Technical Services and Information Technology & Infrastructure. The new Division of Organizational Resources is headed by Leesa Benggio and includes Finance, headed by Paula James, and also includes the areas of Mail Services, Administration, and Human Resources. Public Relations Information is coordinated by Dr. Curtis R. Rogers. Literary Arts Program Coordinator, Susanna Brailsford, works with the South Carolina Center for the Book.

For more information, please visit <http://www.statelibrary.sc.gov/organization-and-departments> and to see the new organizational chart, visit [http://www.statelibrary.sc.gov/docs/about/Organization\\_Chart.pdf](http://www.statelibrary.sc.gov/docs/about/Organization_Chart.pdf).

## **PEOPLE NEWS**

### **ALABAMA**

#### **Birmingham Public Library Staff Win National Awards**

Birmingham Public Library has received three Be Innovative! awards from Innovative Interfaces, Inc. III provides software to public, academic, special and school libraries in the US and 40 countries for managing, ordering, processing, and circulating library materials. This awards program recognizes the creative and outstanding uses of Innovative products. The Birmingham Public Library is the only library, worldwide, to receive this award three times.

**Jane Keeton**, Acquisitions Department head, received the Most Innovative Staff Module award at the 2004 Innovative Users Group Conference in Boston, Massachusetts for the introduction of the immensely popular Best Sellers Club. This club allows the patrons of the Birmingham Public Library automatic reserves of newly published books of fiction penned by their favorite authors. Currently, 1,980 patrons use this service and more are added daily.

**Melinda Shelton**, webmaster for the library, accepted the award for the Most Innovative Marketing of Millennium Products/Features at the 2007 Innovative Users Group Conference in San Jose, California. 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 list, and other online content.

**Tobin Cataldo**, Information Systems Manager, accepted the Most Innovative Implementation of E-resource Discovery award at the 2008 Innovative Users Group Conference in Washington, D. C. Cataldo created links in the online library catalog to allow patrons to easily access other recommendations for similar titles or genres found on Amazon.com.

### **University of Alabama at Birmingham Library Personnel News**

**Ms. Susan Holt**, Head of Technical Services at Mervyn H. Sterne Library, University of Alabama at Birmingham, retired in December 2007. Ms. Holt was a cataloging librarian at Sterne Library for 30 years.

**Ms. Carolyn Walden** has been promoted to Head of Cataloging at the Mervyn H. Sterne, University of Alabama at Birmingham. She has been a cataloging librarian at Sterne Library since 1978.

**Ms. Piper Cumbo** was hired as General Reference Librarian at Mervyn H. Sterne Library, University of Alabama at Birmingham. Prior to coming to Sterne Library, she was Law Librarian for the Birmingham law firm of Cabaniss, Johnston, Gardner, Dumas & O'Neal.

**Ms. Dana Hettich** was hired as General Reference Librarian at Mervyn H. Sterne Library, University of Alabama at Birmingham. She was most recently Collection Development/ Reference Librarian and Instructor of Library Science at Gainesville College, John Harrison Hosch Library.

**Ms. Irina Stanishevskaya** was promoted to Cataloging Librarian at

Mervyn H. Sterne Library, University of Alabama at Birmingham. She previously held positions as Librarian; Bibliographer; and Head of the Department of Scientific, Fiction, and Foreign Literature at Belarusian State University.

**Ms. Laura Simpson** was hired as Cataloging Librarian at Mervyn H. Sterne Library, University of Alabama at Birmingham. She was most recently Catalog Librarian/Systems Administrator at Lambuth University.

**Ms. Imelda Vetter** was hired as Reference Librarian for Education at Mervyn H. Sterne Library, University of Alabama at Birmingham. She previously held positions as a Cataloger and an Information Consultant at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

**Ms. Lisa A. Ennis**, Systems Librarian at the Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, was recently awarded the 2008 Outstanding Professional Publications Award from the Alabama Library Association's College, University and Special Libraries Division. The award is given in recognition of the recipient's outstanding contribution to the professional literature of academic or special librarianship within the past three years.

## **FLORIDA**

### **University of Central Florida Personnel Changes**

The University of Central Florida (UCF) Libraries is proud to announce the arrival of **Laila Miletic-Vejzovic**, who

joins the Libraries faculty as head of the Special Collections & University Archives department on March 3, 2008.

Miletic-Vejzovic, who received her MLS from the University of Wisconsin and was most recently employed as head of Manuscripts, Archives & Special Collections in the Holland & Terrell Libraries at Washington State University, brings with her extensive experience in all aspects of special collections and archives, including rare books, manuscripts, endowments, and grants. She has a long list of awards, professional activities, and publications as well.

The UCF Special Collections & University Archives department has been without an official department head since June 2007, when long-time Florida archivist, manuscripts librarian, and administrator Carla Summers retired. The Libraries has eagerly awaited Miletic-Vejzovic's coming and looks forward to introducing her to the Florida community.

**Catherine Steffens**, a cataloger librarian at the University of Central Florida Libraries since September 2003, has accepted a position as database manager and bookkeeper at Nathaniel's Hope ([www.nathanielshope.org](http://www.nathanielshope.org)), a non-profit organization sharing "the Hope" with kids with special needs and their families. Her last day was February 28, 2008.

The University of Central Florida (UCF) Libraries announces the retirement of **Marilyn R. Snow** on May 29, 2008. Snow, who received her M.L.S. from George Peabody College at Vanderbilt University (her undergraduate degree

was in Music History from SUNY at Genesco), began her library career at the Cleveland State Community College in Cleveland, Tennessee. In 1973 she moved to the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, working in interlibrary loan, reference, and public services. She was hired at the University of Central Florida library in 1984 as a reference librarian; a year later she became coordinator of library instruction. Snow was appointed department head for the active and growing reference department in 1988. She held this position for six years, at which time she stepped down to focus on reference, library instruction, interlibrary loan and collection development.

Marilyn Snow has been active throughout her career in local and regional professional associations. In addition to her other duties and working with the UCF Student Disability Services, Snow promoted UCF library initiatives supporting the American with Disabilities Act.



## GEORGIA

### Valdosta State University

**Laura Wright** has been appointed Assistant Professor of Library Science and Reference Librarian at Odum

Library, Valdosta State University,  
Valdosta, Georgia.



**Sonja Sutherland** has been appointed reference librarian and instructor of library science at Odum Library, Valdosta State University, Georgia.



### Clayton State University

**Katherine Ott** has joined the library faculty at Clayton State University as head of access and information services. She previously was employed at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

**Dr. Gordon Baker**, Director of Libraries at Clayton State University is the 2007 recipient of the Georgia Library Association's *Bob Richardson Award*, which recognizes a GLA member who has made a significant contribution to GLA through their time and effort.

### Augusta State University

**Yadira V. Payne**, former interim government documents librarian at Augusta State University's Reese Library, has been appointed government documents librarian. Ms. Payne is a 2007 graduate of Drexel University's online MLIS program. She is also the Georgia Library Association Government Documents Interest Group secretary and vice-chair elect, the Central Savannah River Area Library Association vice-chair, and was on the ballot for the American Library Association GODORT secretary. This new librarian has also received a grant from ALA and Nextbook for Reese Library to host a "Let's Talk about It! Jewish Literature" book discussion program.

**Jeff Heck**, automation librarian at Reese Library, has received a promotion to associate professor.

**Camilla Reid**, associate director at Reese Library, has been awarded tenure.

### Georgia Southwestern State University

**Valarie Anthony** has been named the Access Services Supervisor at the James Earl Carter Library at Georgia Southwestern State University. Valarie previously served as the Senior Technical/Access Services Assistant at GSW. She is a graduate of GSW with a bachelor of business administration degree in Management.

## KENTUCKY

### University of Louisville

**Rae Helton** has been named Coordinator of the Learning Commons at the University of Louisville Libraries.

**Emily Symonds** was appointed as Metadata Librarian at University of Louisville Libraries effective April 7, 2008.

On June 2, 2008 **Tocara Porter** joined the University of Louisville Libraries in the Diversity Residency position.

**James Procell II** will become Music Librarian at the University of Louisville Libraries beginning August 1, 2008.

**Mildred Franks**, known to KLA members since 1985 as the "Kentucky Kaleidoscope" column editor for Kentucky Libraries, is retiring effective August 1, 2008. She has been at the University of Louisville Libraries for 45 years, where she began her employment as an acquisitions assistant. Along the way Mildred's assignments have included Acting Head of Acquisitions; Assistant-Head, Reference Department, part-time Head, Office of Personnel Services; twice acting head of Reference Department; Information Delivery Team Leader; and finally in 2006, Head of Public Services for Ekstrom Library. She received her promotion to Professor in 1997.

## LOUISIANA

### Assumption Parish Library

**Dr. Teri Maggio**, Director of the Assumption Parish Library is the first librarian in the South and the third

person nationwide to be awarded this credential. She was certified by the American Library Association and the Allied Professions Association in April, 2008 after successfully completing a rigorous seven-course curriculum. "I am thrilled to be the first librarian in the South and the third librarian in the U.S. to achieve this voluntary national certification. My knowledge base has expanded my awareness of current issues, reports and trends. I am much better equipped to perform multiple tasks in the complexity of the public library environment and its demands on library administrators. I can develop a stronger vision for our public library with all the keyholders, funders and community to make our library GREAT. It strengthened my managerial and leadership skills, and I would highly recommend the program to other librarians who are currently library administrators or plan to seek that career path in the future. The course assignments were also very practical and diverse which included writing a technology plan, a grant application, a staff and board diversity plan and a facility preventive maintenance plan." Dr. Maggio recently returned home to her native state to take over the reins of the Assumption Parish Library in December, 2007.

## MISSISSIPPI

### Mississippi State University Libraries

**Gerald Chaudron** has joined the Mississippi State University Libraries as Assistant Professor/Manuscripts.

**David Scott Nolen** has joined the Mississippi State University Libraries as

Assistant Professor/Humanities  
Reference Librarian.

**Jason Phillips** has joined the Mississippi State University Libraries as Government Documents and Microforms Reference Librarian.

**Ryan Semmes** has joined the Mississippi State University Libraries as Assistant Professor/Archivist.

**Julie Xu** has joined the Mississippi State University Libraries as Assistant Professor/Engineering Reference Librarian.

**June Schmidt** has retired from her position as Associate Dean for Technical Services and Professor at Mississippi State University Libraries after thirty-six years of service. She worked for three years as a school librarian before beginning her career in academic librarianship at Mississippi State University, where she was appointed to positions of increasing responsibility and authority. Her efforts were focused in technical services, except for a seven year period during which she served as the Branch Librarian for the University's College of Veterinary Medicine.

During her tenure at Mississippi State University, she played leadership roles in several campus organizations. Notable among these were the President's Commission on the Status of Women and the Faculty Senate. She has been active in a number of professional groups. Among these groups was the Mississippi Library Association, where she was elected as Secretary, Vice-President, President, and American Library Association (ALA) Councilor. She was also elected for two terms as

Chair of the Mississippi Association of College and Research Libraries.

Schmidt has been an active member of the ALA since 1975. She served on various committees of the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services, Library Administration and Management Association, Association of College and Research Libraries, and the Resources and Technical Services Division. She was elected as the President of the Junior Members Round Table and served as a member of the ALA Council from 1991 through 1995.

Her contributions to the professional literature have appeared in such publications as *Library Resources & Technical Services*, *Library Collections, Acquisitions, & Technical Services*, *Mississippi Libraries*, *Staff Development: A Practical Guide*, and *the ALA Yearbook*. These contributions have focused on staff development and practical issues in acquisitions and collection development.

June Schmidt's consummate professionalism and collegial leadership will certainly be missed by her library colleagues.

### **University of Southern Mississippi**

**Linda K. Ginn**, Catalog Librarian/Asst. Professor at The University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, presented a paper, "Civil Rights and Mississippi History: the Continuing Education of a Catalog Librarian," at the 15th International Conference on Learning on June 4, 2008, at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

## NORTH CAROLINA

### University of North Carolina Libraries

The University Library, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC), announces three recent appointments:

**Linda Drake** is the new Director of Library Personnel. During 2007, Drake served in that position in an interim capacity, while continuing half-time as librarian for the F. Stuart Chapin, Jr., Planning Library at UNC, a position she held since 1989. From 1999 to 2007, Drake also served as the University Library's Staff Development Coordinator. Drake holds an M.L.S. from Kent State University in Kent, Ohio, and a B.A. from Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio.

**Heather Ball Gendron** has been appointed Art Librarian for the Joseph Curtis Sloane Art Library. Since 2001, Gendron has been Art and Architecture Librarian and Assistant Professor at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va. Gendron holds an M.L.I.S. from the University of Texas at Austin and a B.F.A. from Purchase College of the State University of New York.

**Alan Unsworth** has been named to a one-year appointment as General Reference Librarian. Unsworth will provide general and specialized reference services and library instruction. He was most recently Assistant Desk and Staff Supervisor in the circulation department at UNC's Davis Library. Unsworth holds an M.S.L.S. from the School of Information and Library Science at UNC and a B.S. in Sociology from Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C.

**Amy Baldwin** has been appointed Director of the North Carolina Literary Festival. Baldwin will have overall responsibility for the festival, which will take place on the Chapel Hill campus Sept. 10-14, 2009. Baldwin was most recently the co-owner and vice president of development and marketing at Non-Linear LLC, which developed and coordinated a three-day music and extreme sports festival in San Diego, Calif. Baldwin holds a B.A.B.S. in marketing from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff.

**Thuy-Anh Dang** is the new Media Resources Cataloger. She will be responsible for cataloging audio-visual resources in a wide array of formats and languages. Dang recently served as a temporary cataloger in the Rare Book Collection at UNC. From 2003 to 2007, she was a cataloger at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md. Dang holds a B.A. in English from Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and an M.L.S. from the University of Maryland at College Park.

**Emily King** has been appointed Coordinator of E-Learning Services. King will coordinate digitized course support services provided by the University Library and will represent the Library in campus-wide e-learning initiatives. King holds a B.A. in primary education and history and an M.L.S., both from UNC. While completing her M.L.S., she served as a reference assistant and instructor in the UNC Library.

**Beth Ann Koelsch** has been appointed as the curator of the Women Veterans Historical Collection at UNC

Greensboro. She previously worked as a project archivist at the Sallie Bingham Center for Women's History and Culture at Duke University.



**Janet L. Flowers** retired April 1, 2008, as Head of Acquisitions at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Library on the anniversary of her 38th year of employment with the Library. Flowers graduated from UNC with a B.A. in French in 1966, and an M.S.L.S. in 1967, and was inducted into the Beta Phi Mu, Epsilon Chapter. Her first professional position was as a reference librarian at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C. She came to UNC as Romance Languages Cataloger in 1970, becoming Assistant Head, then Head, of Bibliographic Searching before her appointment as Head of Acquisitions in 1982.

During her career, Flowers was a regular participant in and pre-conference leader on topics related to acquisitions management and vendor negotiations at the annual Charleston Conference for Issues in Book and Serial Acquisition. She also was active in the North Carolina Serials Conference, where she made a number of presentations. She published widely on topics related to

general management and management of the acquisitions process. Her article, "Operational Efficiencies in Acquisitions to Minimize the Impact of Budget Cuts upon Library Materials Budgets" (The Bottom Line, 2003) won the "Highly Commended" award from the Literati Club in 2004. Her other articles include "Ethics within the Serials Family" (Library Collections, Acquisitions & Technical Services, 2002) and "Negotiations with Library Materials Vendors: Preparation and Tips" (The Bottom Line, 2003). As a personal interest, Flowers authored "Starting a Church/Synagogue Library" (North Carolina Libraries, 1987).

A member of the American Library Association and the Association of Library Collections and Technical Services, Flowers served most recently on ALCTS's Education Committee (2001-03) and Technology Committee (1996-2000). She was also Co-Chair of the ALCTS Vendors of Library Materials Discussion Group (2001-02) and most recently presented the paper "Managing the Acquisitions Workflow of Monographs" to that group in 2006. As a member of the North Carolina Library Association, she chaired its Library Administration and Management Section (1992-94) and also served two terms on the NCLA Executive Board (1992-94 and 1995-97).

At UNC, Flowers was an elected member of the University's Faculty Council (1981-84 and 1988-91) and served on the University of North Carolina Faculty Assembly (1982-85), with representatives from all campuses in the UNC system. She was president (1978-79) of the Librarians' Association at UNC-Chapel Hill and served on

several LAUNC-CH committees. She was a member of the Carolina Academic Library Associates Steering Committee and was a member of the steering committee overseeing a reorganization, now in process, of the Library's technical services operations. Flowers lectured frequently for the Collection Management classes at UNC's School of Information and Library Science and was also president (1982-83) of the SILS Alumni Association. Over the years, Flowers mentored many SILS students on matters relating to management and acquisitions challenges.

**James Harvard Ovitt**, 51, Government Data Librarian at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, died suddenly of a heart attack on April 20.

Jim became Government Data Librarian in 2005 after serving as a reference librarian and a student assistant at UNC's Davis Library. He received the degree of Master of Science in Library Science from the School of Information and Library Science at UNC in 2003 and also held an A.B. in history (1980) from Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.. Before entering the field of librarianship, Jim spent nearly twenty years in the media industry in New York as a producer and director of documentary and industrial films.

Jim was a member of the American Library Association and of ALA's Association of College and Research Libraries and Government Documents Roundtable. He was also a member of the North Carolina Library Association and of NCLA's Government Resources Section.

## **NC State Librarian Named One of the Top "Movers & Shakers" in the Profession**

**Hilary Davis**, the NCSU Libraries' Collection Manager of Physical Sciences, Engineering, and Data Analysis, has been named one of the year's top "Movers & Shakers" by *Library Journal*. She was recognized by the magazine as one of the "people shaping the future of libraries" primarily for her sophisticated use of analytics in adapting collections to meet researchers' needs.

Davis develops and manages the NCSU Libraries' collections in all subject areas in the physical sciences and in selected engineering subjects. She also analyzes data to support planning, budgeting, and policy development and to respond to accreditation reviews and statistical surveys.

She joined NC State in February 2005 as an NCSU Libraries Fellow in Collection Management, serving as a subject specialist for faculty and students of the College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences. As a Fellow, she made significant contributions to the planning and development of a digital repository. She holds an M.A. in Library Science from the University of Missouri-Columbia, an M.S. in biology from the University of Missouri-St. Louis, and a B.S. in biology with honors from Guilford College.

It is the third year in a row that an NC State librarian is recognized as a "Mover & Shaker" by *Library Journal*. In 2006, Associate Head for Digital Library Development Tito Sierra made national headlines, and last year, Interim Associate Head of Information

Technology Emily Lynema took the library world by storm. *Library Journal's* article about Hilary Davis is available at <http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6535072.html>

### NCSU Libraries

**Terry B. Hill** joined the NCSU Libraries as Assistant to the Vice Provost and Director of Libraries.

Hill previously worked for the NCSU Libraries as Collection Manager for Management and Social Sciences. Most recently, Hill taught at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and North Carolina Central University graduate library schools, while also holding a position as librarian at Hope Valley Elementary School. He has also worked in the private sector as a customer service representative for Harrassowitz, a major international book and serials vendor for the academic and research community. Hill has presented and published on issues in collection management, including an upcoming presentation for the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions, Social Science Libraries Section, entitled "Keeping Up With the Joneses: New Models to Support Developing Needs."

In his new role, Hill will coordinate communications and internal and external relations for the Vice Provost and Director of Libraries, and will oversee management of the administrative functions of the Office of the Director. By researching topics in the field of librarianship and higher education, he will contribute to administrative studies, presentations, and

the preparation of grant proposals related to the planning and development of library programs.

Terry Hill earned the Master of Science in Library Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was a Carolina Academic Library Associate. He earned the Master of Arts in Political Science and the Bachelor of Science in Political Science from Appalachian State University.

### NCSU Libraries Taps 2008-2010 Fellows

The NCSU Libraries has announced the appointment of the 2008-2010 NCSU Libraries Fellows, effective July 1, 2008, unless otherwise noted: Freeman Culver, III (effective September 1, 2008), Cory Lown, Dan Lucas, Genya O'Gara, Andreas Orphanides, and David Zwicky.

The NCSU Libraries Fellows Program develops future leaders for academic libraries, with a focus on science, engineering, and digital librarianship; on diversity; and on library management. Now in its ninth year, the program continues to attract an 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.

**Freeman Culver, III** will receive the Master of Library and Information Studies from the University of Alabama. Culver's home department will be Access and Delivery Services. In his project, *Endowment Profiles: Bringing*

*the Stories to Light*, he will work with the Libraries Development team, contributing to the creation of profiles of library donors.

**Cory Lown** is soon to graduate with the Master of Science in Library Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-CH), where he was awarded the Margaret Ellen Kalp Fellowship. Lown will serve in Digital Library Initiatives with a project assignment, *NCSU Libraries Collections: Making Data Work for Us*, in Collection Management.

**Daniel Lucas** will complete the Master of Science in Information Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Lucas has a home department assignment in Digital Library Initiatives. In his project, *New Media Initiatives*, he will draw upon his background in visual communications and web development to investigate and implement new media design, services, and content in Research and Information Services.

**Genya O’Gara** will earn the Master of Science in Library Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. O’Gara’s home department will be Collection Management. Her project in the Special Collections Research Center, *Exposing Modern Archival Collections: Documenting Kannapolis*, will draw upon her experience with primary research materials.

**Andreas Orphanides** will receive the Master of Science in Library Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he was the recipient of the Margaret Ellen Kalp Fellowship. Orphanides will have a home department

in Information Technology and a project, *E-Learning Resources for Teaching and Learning*, in Research and Information Services.

**David Zwicky** will complete the Master of Arts in Library and Information Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. With a home assignment in the Textiles Library, Zwicky will serve Textiles and Engineering students and will use his digital library skills on his project, *Data Repository Development*, in Digital Library Initiatives.

### **NCSU Special Collections Staff Member Wins Several Prestigious Awards**

**Judy Allen Dodson**, the Administrative Support Associate in the NCSU Libraries' [Special Collections Research Center](#), has been awarded the Archie Motley Memorial Scholarship for Minority Students by the Midwest Archives Conference (MAC). The scholarship provides financial assistance to students pursuing graduate education in archival administration and encourages ethnic diversification of the profession. The award is a scholarship of \$750 and a one-year complimentary membership to MAC, the nation's largest regional professional association for archivists.

The award is named for the late Archie Motley, who served as the MAC's first president between 1972 and 1975 and enjoyed a distinguished career at the Chicago Historical Society. He was highly regarded in the field, serving as a mentor and guide to countless colleagues and researchers from the 1950s through

the 1990s.

Allen Dodson has also been awarded a scholarship to attend the [49th Annual Rare Books and Manuscripts Section \(RBMS\) Preconference, "Rare and Special Bytes: Special Collections in the Digital Age,"](#) which will be held from June 24 to 27, 2008, in Los Angeles, California. This competitive scholarship offers complementary registration as well as a stipend.

The Rare Books and Manuscripts Section (RBMS) of the Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), plays a leading role in local, national, and international special collections communities. This year's annual preconference will address various aspects of special collections in the digital environment, including intellectual property issues, using digital special collections in the classroom, and mass digitization.

Furthermore, Allen Dodson has been selected to represent North Carolina Central University in the Student-to-Staff Program at the [ALA Annual Conference](#) in Anaheim, California, from June 26 to July 2, 2008. She will complete an assignment with *Cognotes*, the daily newspaper of the conference, which draws more than 10,000 attendees from the library profession to its more than 2,000 committee meetings and events and 300 educational programs.

### **Queens University of Charlotte**

Queens University of Charlotte Everett Library announces a new position, Emerging Technologies Librarian. **Joli Barham** will concentrate on the Library

website, information literacy tutorials, library instruction, and academic support for faculty teaching online courses. Queens is offering its first online courses in the Summer of 2008.

The library also announces a new employee, **Elaine Wood**, became the Public Services Librarian/Manager in June 2008. Elaine will begin a training program for library student assistants in the Fall of 2008, the QUEST Program (Queens University Electronic Systems Trainee). Students will be given information literacy and technology literacy training to allow them to trouble shoot questions about use of electronic resources and equipment and software concerns.

**Ben Farnham** will begin work as the Evening and Weekend Public Services Assistant in early August.

## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

### **University of South Carolina**

**Kenneth Eldridge Toombs** who was Director of Libraries at the University of South Carolina from 1967 to 1988 died March 4, 2008 in Columbia, S.C. after a long illness.

A native of Virginia, Toombs served in the U.S. Army in WW II and the Korean War. He was a graduate of Tennessee Wesleyan College and Tennessee Polytechnic Institute. He earned a master's degree in history from the University of Virginia and a master's degree in library science from Rutgers University. He began his library career at Louisiana State University in 1956 and later became Director of Libraries at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Much progress was made in the University of South Carolina library system during Tombs' tenure, including the addition of the millionth volume and the building of the Thomas Cooper and Law Libraries. Toombs served as co-founder of the Southeastern Library Network, was listed in *Who's Who in Library Science* and *Who's Who in America* and received the Rothrock Award, the highest honor of the Southeastern Library Association for his contribution to the Solinet System. He was known nationally as an academic library building consultant.



**John Newman Olsgaard**, 53, passed away December 7, 2007 of lung cancer. Olsgaard was appointed Assistant Professor and Assistant Dean in the College of Library and Information Science at the University of South Carolina in Columbia in 1984. He served as the Interim Dean of the College from 1985 to 1986. In 1989, he was appointed Associate Provost of the University of South Carolina, where he served for fifteen years. He also served as Interim Dean of the University of South Carolina Libraries from 2001 to 2002. In 2004, he returned to full-time teaching at the

School of Library and Information Science. Before his death Olsgaard was awarded the title Associate Professor Emeritus.

Olsgaard's primary research interests were in the areas of academic library administration, research methodologies in library and information science, and information system design. Olsgaard received a B.A. in history from Jamestown College in 1974, an M.A. in American history from the University of North Dakota in 1976, a Master of Library Science degree from the University of Iowa in 1977, and a Ph.D. in library science from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1984.



## TENNESSEE

### Middle Tennessee State University

**Christy Groves** has been placed in charge of User Services for the Walker Library at Middle Tennessee State University. She will oversee Reference & Instructional Services and Access Services. Her MLS is from the University of Tennessee and she currently serves as Head of Access Services at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. Prior to her appointment at Ball State she served as Science Librarian and Reference Services Librarian at that institution.

**Jason Vance** has been appointed Information Literacy Librarian at Middle Tennessee State University. He will direct campus-wide literacy initiatives in support of student retention in addition to providing reference service and instruction in library resources. He comes to MTSU from Morehead State University in Morehead, Kentucky where he serves as Interlibrary Loan / Regional Campus Coordinator. His MLS is from Simmons College. He has also served as an adjunct instructor at Morehead State. Prior to his appointment at Morehead, he served as Chief Librarian for Public Services at Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia, Kentucky.

**Christa V. Hardy** has been appointed to a library thesis/dissertation fellowship. She received her MLS from the

University of Alabama and is currently a dissertation stage candidate for the Ph.D. at the University of Illinois, Urbana/Champaign. Her responsibilities will include reference, library instruction, and collection development. In addition, she will contribute to campus diversity initiatives and devote time to the completion of her dissertation. The fellowship program at Middle Tennessee State University is part of the institution's program to enhance diversity in research, teaching, and service through the recruitment of underrepresented minority students from across the country who are completing graduate research. Individuals wishing to know more about this program should contact William Black at the Walker Library (615-898-2772; [wblack@mtsu.edu](mailto:wblack@mtsu.edu))

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