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SELA ACTIVITIES:

Minutes of the SELA Leadership Conference, Oct. 2008, Louisville, KY

The minutes of the 2008 meeting can be found at:

<http://selaonline.org/Updated%20Minutes%20from%20SELA%20KLA%20Joint%20Conference%20October%202008.pdf>

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SELA Mentoring Program

- Are you interested in developing your skills as a librarian or library associate?
- Are you interested in helping someone to develop their skills as a librarian or library associate?
- Are you interested in learning about SELA and how it functions?
- Are you interested in becoming more involved in SELA, possibly participating in a leadership position?

Then the SELA Mentoring Program is interested in you!

The SELA Mentoring Program matches SELA members who are experienced librarians or library associates with members who are seeking direction and help in their library careers. The Mentoring Program assists those who participate to succeed, empower themselves to make decisions, enhance self-awareness, and promote a sense of belonging by learning necessary professional skills and discovering how the SELA organization functions.

Check out the Mentoring Program on the SELA Web Page under the Membership link (<http://selaonline.org>). If you have any questions about the SELA Mentoring Program, contact Hal Mendelsohn, Chair, Membership and Mentoring Committee at hmendels@mail.ucf.edu.

Share Your Tech Experiences

The MaintainIT Project of TechSoup interviews hundreds of librarians and

tech support personnel about how they maintain public computers. This site publishes ideas and experiences in free guides, called Cookbooks, so librarians can stop reinventing the wheel and begin learning from each other. Different librarians are spotlighted each month, with a recent focused on the experiences and immense talents of Michelle Foster, from the Boone County Public Library in Burlington, KY. The following is a link to this article, <http://www.maintainitproject.org/spotlight/michelle-foster> with more information on the project at <http://www.maintainitproject.org/>

Woman's Day Seeks Library Stories

Woman's Day magazine has announced a call for entries on a timely topic: using the library to help save money. From February 17 through May 18, women ages 18 and up are invited to send in stories in 700 words or less for a chance to be profiled in the March 2010 issue. Up to four women's stories will be featured.

Visit:

<http://www.womansday.com/Content/Family-Lifestyle/ALA-Contest-Info-Rules>

Librarians can download free tools to help collect local stories from the Campaign for America's Libraries website.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/issuesadvocacy/advocacy/publicawareness/campaign@yourlibrary/sponsorship/womansdaymagazine/economy.cfm>

HBCU NEWS

HBCU Library Alliance Hosts Third Membership Meeting Special Pre-Conference on Photograph Preservation

The HBCU Library Alliance presented its Third Membership Meeting October 26-28, 2008 in Charlotte, North Carolina. Meeting attendees participated in strategic planning with a focus on the expansion of the HBCU Digital Collection. The keynote presentation was delivered by Dr. Julianne Malveaux, President of Bennett College for Women. The “Care and Conservation of Photographic Collections” pre-conference was part of an Andrew W. Mellon multi-year project in partnership with the University of Delaware and SOLINET. Ten HBCU colleges and universities participated in this project and received valuable training in the preservation of photographic materials documenting the history and culture of HBCUs.

SOLINET PRODUCT NEWS

SOLINET and Mississippi Library Commission Form First Librarianship Institute

The federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) awarded the Mississippi Library Commission (MLC) a \$100,000 Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Grant to conduct an intensive, in-residence workshop for mid-level public library staff.

The first Librarianship 201 Institute was held February 2 -6, 2009 in Jackson, and was conducted in partnership with SOLINET. The institute covered topics

in public library advocacy, management, ethics, and technology. Nationally recognized scholars and practitioners of library science shared both theoretical and practical aspects of librarianship with participants. Participants were selected through a competitive application process.

ASERL to Create Shared Digital Collection “Intellectual Underpinnings of the American Civil War”

The Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL) has announced that its member libraries will create a new shared digital collection under the umbrella of the body of works titled “Intellectual Underpinnings of the American Civil War.” This new online collection will contain 5,000 digital items from rare and special collections held by the 38 research libraries that belong to ASERL. The items will be online for public use by 2011, which is the 150th anniversary of the start of the American Civil War.

As part of this effort, ASERL libraries will provide online access to materials published between 1850 and 1865, from a broad array of subjects. The digital items will be housed on servers at the contributing library. A subject-specific portal is under consideration to aid in browsing, but the initial plan assumes users will find items via commercial search services, such as Google. A development team drawn from ASERL member libraries will determine digitization and metadata standards, as well as the means for linking the collection together, which can improve search rankings and findability. This will be the first time all ASERL libraries

have contributed to a cooperative digital library project.

Members Overwhelmingly Approve Merger

With a “Yes” vote of more than 95%, the voting representatives of both SOLINET and PALINET approved the merger of the two organizations, and the creation of a new organization — Lyrasis. The effective date of the merger is April 1, 2009. “Our members will now be able to collaborate with peers at diverse institutions throughout the Mid-Atlantic, the Southeastern US and nationally, working together to respond to constantly changing expectations of our users, wherever they may be,” stated Kate Nevins, Executive Director at SOLINET. Both organizations are committed to continuing business as usual as they evolve into a single entity. To ensure a smooth integration, representatives from both organizations will keep members informed of progress and new initiatives during this transition period.

The combined resources, shared expertise, and improved operating efficiencies will result in:

- Rapid implementation of new programs
- Greater consortial savings opportunities
- Extended networking and collaboration among members
- Innovative technology solutions in areas including open source, digitization, and collection management
- An expanded education curriculum covering the latest

topics with industry experts from both networks

SOLINET Preservation Services Provides Free Assistance to Help You through the Preservation Assistance Grant (PAG) Application Process

Small- to medium-sized institutions can apply for \$6000 to preserve and care for their collections through the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)’s Preservation Assistance Grant for Smaller Institutions. SOLINET Preservation Services can assist you in this process by providing complementary application support through project planning, letters of commitment, resumes of qualified SOLINET consultants and trainers, and review of grant narratives and budgets. Eligible institutions include non-profit libraries, museums, historical societies, archival repositories, arts and cultural organizations, and town and county records offices.

SOLINET can assist your institution in the following types of activities:

- Preservation needs assessments and long-range preservation plans
- Collection or item-level surveys
- Purchase of storage furniture, environmental monitoring equipment, and preservation supplies
- Facilitated disaster planning
- Collections care program building
- Attendance at preservation workshops

Grant Amount: \$6,000 *No matching funds are required.*

Application Deadline: May 14, 2009

For assistance with your grant application, contact Jessica Leming, Preservation Services Librarian at jleming@solinet.net or 1-800-999-8558 x 4936.

For more PAG Program information and eligibility requirements, visit the [NEH grant](#) site. Please note: All applications for PAG must be submitted through grants.gov, the government-wide grants portal. For more information, visit www.neh.gov/grants.

SOLINET PERSONNEL NEWS

Timothy Cherubini joined SOLINET as the Director of Information Resources, Collections, and Scholarly Communications. In this newly created role, Mr. Cherubini will build on SOLINET's solid reputation within the information industry by directing and managing the overall framework guiding SOLINET's offerings of collections-related products and services.

A 20 year veteran in the library industry, Mr. Cherubini brings to SOLINET member libraries a wealth of knowledge in the areas of collection management, digitization, open access, and scholarly communication. In addition to providing the vision for collections initiatives, including educational opportunities and guiding members and partners on scholarly communication, Mr. Cherubini will also share valuable industry insights on SOLINET's blog and in a regular column in SOLINET's quarterly newsletter, *Solutions*.

SOLINET reinforces its Consortial Licensing Program with the addition of

Nancy Harris, Consultant. SOLINET is reinforcing its newly formed Consortial Licensing Program with the expertise of Nancy Harris. Formerly the Director of Consortia at Thomson Gale, Ms. Harris has more than 18 years of experience working in and with libraries. Her areas of expertise include vendor negotiation, integrated library systems and project management.

STATE NEWS

FLORIDA

The State Library and Archives of Florida announced that the University of Central Florida (UCF) Libraries' Central Florida Memory (CFM) project "Picturing the Past: Photographs and Postcards of Central Florida" was awarded one of the 2008-2009 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grants in the amount of \$52,002. The grant will be used to build upon the successful Central Florida Memory project (<http://cfmemory.org>) which is the work of a consortium of regional historical societies and libraries, including the UCF Libraries' four partners in the grant: Museum of Seminole County History, Orange County Library System, Orange County Regional History Center, and Rollins College Olin Library. This year CFM welcomes two more partners: Stetson University's duPont Ball Library and Bethune Cookman University's Carl S. Swisher Library.

Central Florida Memory was created to provide access to library, museum, historical society, and archival content in Central Florida; produce an extensive digital resource for scholars, students, teachers, genealogists, residents, visitors,

and the general public; assist museums, historical societies, and libraries in digitizing their collections and becoming forums for sharing expertise and technical knowledge; offer a digital archive for those unable to establish their own digital infrastructure; provide a digital resource for K through 12 teachers to bring the region's history into lesson plans; and contribute to the larger body of knowledge of Florida history via access to the CFM Web site through other statewide project sites.

During previous phases, the partners digitized approximately 60,000 images covering the period 1880-1930. The project expansion will add up to 30,000 images and offer participants the opportunity to have materials described and digitized by project staff. While CFM will continue to provide a comprehensive collection of manuscripts, public records, ephemera, artifacts, books, photographs, and maps documenting social, business, political, educational, cultural and civic life, "Picturing the Past" will add images in the form of photographs, postcards, and visual ephemera to broaden our collective memory of what Central Florida looked like before theme parks and air conditioning.

GEORGIA

The Georgia Conference on Information Literacy invites proposals across disciplines for workshops and presentations that will consider, extend, or otherwise address information literacy in K-12 and postsecondary settings:

- Defining information literacy in a digital age.

- Effective means of developing information literacy skills in learners.
- Partnerships between librarians and classroom teachers to teach students research skills.
- Information literacy across the disciplines.
- Assessment of information literacy initiatives.
- Intellectual property, copyright, and plagiarism in the digital age.

Please go to <http://ceps.georgiasouthern.edu/content/infolitproposals.html> to submit a proposal or learn more about the conference, which is in its sixth year.

KENTUCKY

The drama of Abraham Lincoln's years in the White House was made even more dramatic by a number of Confederate in-laws. These included First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln's sister Emilie, who caused a stir in Washington, D.C., when she visited the White House after the death of her husband, Confederate Gen. Benjamin Hardin Helm, at the Battle of Chickamauga.

The story of Lincoln's Confederate relatives will be told in an exhibit at the Central Library Gallery sponsored by the Mary Todd Lincoln House. The exhibit, "A House Divided: Mary Todd Lincoln's Confederate Relatives," will run from March 6 through June 7.

"A House Divided" will include eight interpretive panels—each three feet by seven feet—plus a display of artifacts from the Mary Todd Lincoln House. The panel exhibit also will travel throughout

the state and elsewhere after the library exhibit ends.

During the Civil War many families had members on both sides of the war. Mary Todd Lincoln's family was one such family. Not only was her sister married to a Confederate general, but two of her brothers were soldiers in the Confederacy. This exhibit tells the story of the Todds and their impact on the Lincolns and the presidency.

The Lexington Public Library designed and produced the exhibit panels for "A House Divided" in conjunction with the Mary Todd Lincoln House, which provided research, text and images.

The Mary Todd Lincoln House at 578 W. Main St. in Lexington was Mary Todd's childhood home. The two-story brick, late Georgian house is more than 200 years old. It was restored by the Kentucky Mansions Preservation Foundation, a private nonprofit organization, and opened to the public in 1977 as the first site restored to honor a First Lady.

"A House Divided" and the Kentucky Chautauqua performance were funded in part by the Kentucky Humanities Council, Inc., the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Commission.

For information on borrowing exhibit panels for public display, call the Mary Todd Lincoln House at (859) 233-9999.

NOTE: A printable image from the exhibit and samples of the exhibit panels are available for download at www.lexpublib.org/pressroom.

MISSISSIPPI

MegaResource School Librarian Workshop

The Mississippi State University Libraries hosted the 9th MegaResource School Librarian Workshop on February 6, 2009. Fifty-four K-12 library media professionals attended the day long workshop from throughout the state of Mississippi. Dr. Deborah Lee provided the keynote address, which focused on teaching and engaging the digital native.

In addition to the workshop, the Mississippi State University Libraries released two companion web resources in support of the K-12 community. One, the MegaResource School Librarian Blog, provides information about related topics year round to both participants and others. The moderated blog is available online at: <http://blogs.library.msstate.edu/megaresources/>. The second web resource is the MAGNOLIA Training Resources guide, which provides information and training materials for use with MAGNOLIA databases. The guide is available online at: <http://guides.library.msstate.edu/magnolia>.

For additional information about these resources or the MegaResource School Librarian workshop series, please contact Dr. Deborah Lee at (662) 325-0810 or dlee@library.msstate.edu.

Papers of President Grant find a new home at MSU Libraries

Through an agreement signed recently with the Ulysses S. Grant Association, correspondence, photographs, books, memorabilia, and other documents

related to the military career and presidency of Ulysses S. Grant now are being housed at Mitchell Memorial Library on the campus of Mississippi State University.

In December, MSU Libraries officials took delivery of nearly 90 filing cabinets of original and photocopied manuscripts, the largest single Grant collection in the world. Formerly housed at Southern Illinois University, the material includes letters written to leading political and military figures of the day, as well as epaulets, headgear, diaries, and other war memorabilia.

Civil War scholar John F. Marszalek, a Mississippi State University Giles Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History, is assuming the duties of executive director and managing editor of the Ulysses S. Grant Association. He continues a 46-year-old project begun by the late John Y. Simon, another nationally renowned scholar who died in 2008 in Illinois. Marszalek said Mississippi State University now becomes one of only a few U.S. institutions to house a collection of presidential papers.

Over the next five years, Marszalek and MSU Libraries will be leading efforts to produce a supplementary volume, as well as a scholarly edition of *Memoirs*, the Union Army general-in-chief and 18th president's autobiography. The Libraries also will be working to develop a digitized version of the entire series and a cumulative index, which will precede a formal opening of the collection to visiting scholars.

In early May 2009, Mitchell Memorial Library will be the host for the Grant

Association's first national meeting to be held in the South.

Ulysses S. Grant (1822-1885) is renowned for a military career in which he rose through the officer ranks ultimately to lead all Union forces during the 1861-65 conflict. He was architect of the 1863 Vicksburg campaign, among others, that effectively split the Confederacy and is considered a key battle in the war.

The Grant Collection at Mitchell Memorial Library joins those of former U.S. senator John C. Stennis and other more contemporary political figures in the Libraries' Congressional and Political Research Center.

Organized in 1962 during the Civil War centennial, the Ulysses S. Grant Association has maintained ownership of the papers during their earlier sojourns at Ohio State and Southern Illinois universities. Rhode Island Chief Justice Frank J. Williams, winner of Mississippi State's 2006 MSU Distinguished Jurist Award, is Association president. A former commissioner of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service and a New York Metropolitan Museum of Art vice president, as well as two direct Grant descendants, are other officers.

For more information on the Ulysses S. Grant Collection, including photographs of memorabilia and photographs from the official signing of the acceptance agreement, and more information on MSU Libraries, please visit <http://library.msstate.edu/>

provides a premier reference collection in the subjects of conservation, book-binding and the book arts.

Inspiration, Innovation, Celebration: an Entrepreneurial Conference for Librarians

The libraries of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and Wake Forest University are organizing a conference entitled, "Inspiration, Innovation, Celebration: an Entrepreneurial Conference for Librarians." The conference will be held June 3-4, 2009 in the Elliott University Center at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro to share and celebrate entrepreneurial accomplishments in libraries. For more information, including a list of presenters, registration information, hotel/travel details, and contact information, see <http://zsr.wfu.edu/iic/>.

Keynote speakers are: Steven Bell, Associate University Librarian for Research and Administration, Temple University and Joyce Ogburn, University Librarian and Director of the J. Willard Marriott Library, University of Utah.

The purpose of this conference is threefold:

- To learn about and celebrate entrepreneurial accomplishments in libraries
- To inspire each other to be innovative in our libraries
- To create a community of interested librarians who will perpetuate the discussion beyond the conference.



Mississippi State University President Mark Keenum and First Lady Rhonda Keenum view a portrait of Ulysses S. Grant at Mitchell Memorial Library prior to a program officially accepting the Grant Collection for MSU. Photograph by Jim Tomlinson – MSU Libraries)

NORTH CAROLINA

Library Acquires Etherington Collection

The University Libraries at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro have acquired the collection and papers of Don Etherington, President of Etherington Conservation Services. Etherington, who has served as a consultant to the National Archives on the display of the Declaration of Independence, among other projects, is internationally recognized for his innovative binding design and the implementation of state-of-the-art conservation procedures, including phased preservation programs for libraries and institutions. In the aggregate, the Etherington Collection

You may register for the conference from the website at <http://zsr.wfu.edu/iic/registration> or by calling 866-334-2255 (toll-free). Registration is \$165 and includes all sessions, two continental breakfasts, lunch, and an all-conference reception at UNCG's Weatherspoon Art Museum. Register now, as space is limited.

A Tsunami May Be Quietly Ravaging School Libraries

Author's Definition of Tsunami: the potential of a large number of occurrences that may completely change the landscape of a place or profession

Imagine a school library in a high school in Charlotte, North Carolina, where 2000 students from diverse socio-economic families hear the school librarian say, "This is a house of dreams...regardless of what you want to make of yourself, if you make the library your first step you'll be on your way." (Charles Brown, Director of Public Libraries of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County)

Imagine the librarian and her two assistants opening the library doors each day, assisting with checking out books, guiding use of computer instruction and testing, teaching a required "library science" course, organizing activities and book reading clubs, encouraging competitive gaming, and assisting with one-on-one guidance to prepare homework assignments. This is a busy place. It is engaging to see the energy of the place. Look at the attractive displays of new books and listen to the interactions of the students and staff as groups change on a rotation between classes and library time. See the

teachers come in to ask for advice and take materials to supplement their texts and workbooks. See the bulletin boards and posters that promote learning to read and the joys of books and reading. You may hear a staff member say: "Open a book and travel with the author anywhere in the world—and it is free!"

In coming days, this school library in Charlotte, North Carolina, may have only a librarian and possibly no assistants. How can one person check out books, teach "library science" classes, advise on research, help with technology issues, shelve books, straighten chairs, replace paper in printers, monitor behavior, update bulletin boards, coordinate with local and state boards of education to order and receive books, abide by state standards for student literacy awareness, create special activities and programs to prepare junior and senior students for college and university educations?

In a special report to the Charlotte Observer, writer Ann Doss Helms wrote "Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools will eliminate 332 jobs, including 66 elementary school teachers and more than 100 people who work in school libraries, Superintendent Peter Gorman announced Wednesday (July 15, 2008)." Of the 100 school library staff, 93.5 are school media center assistants and 11 media center specialists. Superintendent Gorman is not recommending removing librarians from school libraries but the removal of "school media-center assistants" rings the alarm bell for the future staffing of school libraries.

Across the nation, the reduction or elimination of librarians and library staff in school libraries has quietly been a cost

saving measure that may become a tsunami. Look back to the 1980s, “getting rid of certified librarians isn’t new in Utah. Most districts started eliminating them about 20 years ago when the state legislature halted funding for school libraries.....Jordan School District, the largest in Utah, has four certified media specialists who divide their time among 57 elementary schools.”(D.L. Whelan, School Library Journal 52, May 2006)

“Philadelphia’s school district woes just got a lot worse. In the most sweeping cuts ever, 16 public schools have eliminated their library media specialists. That means 130 of the city’s 266 elementary to high schools will operate without a librarian.” (School Library Journal 48, July 2002) In the 1990s, the Pennsylvania State Department of Education removed a requirement to hire librarians for high school libraries. The cost for hiring or supporting a librarian was higher than hiring a teacher because a librarian must have a Master’s degree. Hiring a Library Instructional Materials Assistant was favored over hiring a librarian who was certified to teach—“so long as a teacher remains in the room.” (SLJ, 48, July 2002) Certified school librarians are prepared to teach literacy skills and fluency in the use of technology. They provide academic support to teachers and are accountable to state standards of performance in assuring student literacy outcomes. Hal Moss of the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers explained: “Graduating seniors are required to complete a major research paper, and high school librarians are a key player in that process...the bottom line is this hurts kids.” (SLJ 48, July 2002)

Debra Whelan wrote in School Library Journal, December 2003 that high school librarians waited to see if their positions might be eliminated after a cost cutting recommendation by the Superintendent and School Board in Providence, Rhode Island. The Department of Education for Rhode Island mandated two full-time certified library media specialists and one clerk for each high school with more than 1,000 students. However, the state mandate was not sufficient reasoning for those advocating elimination. A librarian wrote to suggest that the implication that “schools no longer need qualified librarians because technology can take the place of an information specialist” was not an educated reason for eliminating qualified librarians.

In Helms’ article in the Charlotte Observer on July 10, 2008, she quotes Superintendent Gorman as saying, “These are cuts that will have a real impact on children.” A question for the Superintendent might be, “If this is true, why advocate for these particular cuts to Charlotte Mecklenburg School teachers and library staff?” Of course the answer is that he must be the one to prepare and present a budget to the Mecklenburg County Commissioners. He is aware of the challenges they have set before him. He is obligated to find budget lines to reduce.

As citizens, our responsibility is be alert to the needs of the children of our community and to the professionals who have trained themselves to fulfill the promise of “a house of dreams regardless of what you want to make of yourself, if you make the library your first step you’ll be on your way.” Educate yourselves by visiting a school library in your neighborhood and judge

for yourself if reducing staff needs to be the priority in order to render an acceptable budget to the County Commissioners in September. Slow or hold back the tsunami that may approach our community as in Pennsylvania, Utah, and Rhode Island. Make your opinions known to your superintendent of schools, county commissioners and to members of your local boards of education.

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ACE Scholars Program at UNC Greensboro

The University Libraries and the Department of Library and Information Studies at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (UNCG) have received a grant from IMLS Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program to create the Academic and Cultural Enrichment (ACE) Scholars Program. The grant fund will help recruit twelve ethnic minority students into a two-year master's degree at the library and information science program at UNCG. The graduating ACE Scholars will help increase the number of ethnic minority librarians in the academic libraries in U.S.

The selected ACE Scholars will receive the following package:

- Tuition and fees to attend the UNCG MLIS program, up to five semesters

- Monthly stipend of \$1,500
- Supply fees of \$500 per school year
- Travel expenses to a national and a state conference during the program
- Laptop computer for each student at the beginning of the program

Additionally, the ACE Scholars will be provided with internship opportunities, matched with an experienced mentor, and will be able to participate in networking events during the grant period.

The admission requirements:

- A Bachelor's degree from a recognized accredited college or university
- Two official copies of all applicable transcripts must be submitted to the Graduate School
- An undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale during the last two years of study
- Scores from the Graduate Record Examination must be submitted. GRE scores up to five years old will be accepted
- A minimum of three letters of reference are required from teachers, supervisors, or other persons who are in a position to assess qualifications and professional potential
- A resume and a statement of personal and professional goals must be submitted.

The UNCG MLIS application deadline is March 30th, 2009 and the acceptance

notification is May 1st, 2009. More information on the ACE Program is on <http://www.uncg.edu/lis/acescholars/>

For MLIS admissions information, contact:

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SOUTH CAROLINA

Exciting New Grants at the Greenville County Library System!

The Greenville County Library System is one of 12 libraries in the country to receive a Smart Investing grant from the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Investor Education Foundation and the American Library Association. The System will receive \$49,550 from FINRA, which will be used to improve the library's finance and investment collection, and provide ongoing public programs to address the financial and investment education needs of women ages 18-64, with particular emphasis on low-income heads of households. Programs will begin in September, 2009.

The System is also one of 34 libraries to receive a \$5,000 American Dream grant, funded through a two-year grant from Dollar General Literacy Foundation. In an effort to influence foreign language speakers to turn towards the public library for help in learning how to read, write and speak English, GCLS is currently filming an educational video.

The film will provide instructions on how to obtain a library card, present the types of materials available at the library and explain basic, unfamiliar vocabulary used in library culture.

Reader, Meet Writer!

Over 200 Southern authors and independent Southern bookstores have come together with the Southern Independent Booksellers Alliance (SIBA) to launch **STARS—The Southern Traveling Authors Registration Service**—a new resource for finding authors and literary speakers. Designed to bring readers and writers together at community bookstores and events all over the south, the STARS directory lists Southern authors available for events and speaking engagements, interested in talking to schools, book clubs, and any other gathering of people who love to read.

Are you in charge of getting speakers for your Rotary Club? Do you work in a library or school? Does your book club daydream about meeting authors? Are you in charge of a conference? Do you run a daycare or adult care? Do you need to put together fundraisers? The STARS directory has the answer. Simply visit www.authorsroundthesouth.com and take a look around and when you find an author of interest, click on the **request this author** link. Your request will be directed to the author and your local bookstore will assist in making arrangements for your event. The South is really full of STARS!

The STARS directory boasts an extensive search capability where users are able to sort authors by a variety of criteria including available dates, location, book titles and topics such as

“poetry” or “children’s author.” Detailed profile pages list authors’ books, press material, blogs and websites, biographical information as well as the speaking topics they specialize in. One special feature of the directory is a detailed database of the traveling plans of registered authors, so you can know when a writer will be in or near your area, and when they will be appearing at independent bookstores in your town. Authors are using STARS to help make the most of their book tours. Bookstores are using STARS to enhance their own in store event programs, and they are encouraging their customers to use STARS to find authors they would like to meet.

The STARS directory is part of [Authors Round the South](#) (ARTS!), a website for people who love Southern literature, managed by independent bookstores and the Southern Independent Booksellers Alliance. Aside from STARS, [Authorsroundthesouth.com](#) also hosts one of the most complete literary event calendars in the South, featuring hundreds of author readings, book club meetings, literary festivals and other literary events. ARTS is also the home of popular The Lady Banks’ Commonplace Book newsletter, and carries Southern literary news, the latest Southern Indie Bestsellers, feeds from the blogs of Southern bookstores and authors, and exclusive interviews with Southern writers. If you love Southern writing, then you need to visit [authorsroundthesouth.com](#).

TENNESSEE

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Many readers and authors recognize the benefits of printed books which can be annotated, read without electricity or an internet connection, and represent tangible evidence of achievement. To order print versions of Newfound Press books, a reader clicks a button at the online book home page which connects to the UT Press shopping cart. UT Press uses a Chicago Distribution Center publishing service, BiblioVault, for digital print runs in small quantities.

University publishing in the digital age expands access to scholarship for a global audience. UT’s library and university press partnership promises ongoing innovations in today’s rapidly changing publishing culture.

PEOPLE NEWS

ALABAMA

Billy Pennington has retired as Library Director at Birmingham-Southern College after 22 years in the position. He was previously a member of the library staff at University of Alabama at Birmingham and also held several positions in Florida. Billy is also a past Treasurer of SELA, secretary of the Alabama Library Association, and president of the Florida Association for Media in Education (FAME). He has been named Library Director Emeritus of the College.

FLORIDA

The University of Central Florida (UCF) Libraries announces the retirement of **Jeannette Sommer Ward**.



Ward has been working in libraries since 1975, when she was an acquisitions searcher. She received her MLS degree from Rutgers University and took her first professional library position as head of the Serials Department at the Rider College (now Rider University) library in Lawrenceville, NJ. One of the unique facets of Ward's very full and productive career is the fact that she has been a driving force in not one, not two, but three complete library management

system conversions, beginning with one at Rider College and then two more, 20 years apart, at the UCF Libraries where she began working in 1984 as the Technical Services Librarian.

In 1986 Ward was appointed head of the UCF Serials Department, later serving as the department head for the combined Serials and Acquisitions & Collection Development departments. In summer 2005 Ward was appointed the first Associate Director for Collections & Technical Services.

Throughout her career Ward has been an active member, presenter, and leader of several professional organizations at the national, state, and local levels, including the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG), American Library Association (ALA), and Florida Library Association. She has also presented programs at EDUCOM and the Charleston Conference.

Ward received UCF's Excellence in Librarianship award presented at the university-wide Founders' Day Convocation. For her more than 20 years of service in the library profession, 10 or more of which having been served at the UCF Libraries, she will also receive the UCF Libraries Lifetime Service Award.

In addition to her technological acumen Ward has the hands of an artist and has been a doll maker and accomplished sewer for many years. She hopes to fill her retirement with time spent travelling with her husband George and enjoying quality time with her daughter, son, and five granddaughters.

GEORGIA

Dawn Cadogan has been appointed reference librarian and instructor of

library science at Odum Library, Valdosta State University, Georgia.



KENTUCKY

Deirdre Scaggs has been appointed director of Archives in the University of Kentucky Libraries Special Collections and Digital Programs. As director, Scaggs is responsible for the administration of an archival program which includes Manuscripts, Audio-Visual Archives, Public Policy Archives, the University Archives and Records Program and the Bert T. Combs Appalachian Collection.

Scaggs, who holds a master's degree in library and information science with a concentration in archival studies from the University of Pittsburgh and a master's of fine arts degree from The Ohio State University, previously served UK as university archivist. In that capacity, she worked closely with departments and offices across campus. Additionally, as a member of the UK Historical Marker Committee she helps select marker subjects, prepares the text for each marker and supervises the documentation for every marker. Scaggs also works closely with UK Athletics to preserve the rich history of intercollegiate sports.

Scaggs is an active member of the Society of American Archivists and is the immediate past chair of the Visual Materials Section, chairing the organization's recent meeting in San Francisco. She is also active in the Midwest Archives Conference and the Kentucky Council on Archives.

Scaggs' specialties include photographic history and visual materials. Her research interests include the history of women, the effectiveness of archival outreach programs, and strategies for meeting the demands of 21st century researchers while building a strong archival program. The author of "Images of America: Women in Lexington," Scaggs is presently working on a pictorial history of women at UK through World War II.

LOUISIANA

Dr. Karen Cook, Assistant Professor and Government Documents & Reference Librarian at the University Library, University of Louisiana at Monroe will receive the University of Alabama Outstanding Dissertation Award for 2008-2009. It will be awarded on April 10 in Tuscaloosa. The dissertation is titled "Freedom Libraries in the 1964 Mississippi Freedom Summer Project: A History."

NORTH CAROLINA

Chowden University

Sarah Bonner is a 2008 graduate of the Library and Information Science Master's program at UNC-Greensboro and the new Reference Librarian and Instruction Coordinator for Chowan

University. Bonner has experience working as a reference intern and Teaching Resource Center assistant. Her undergraduate degree is in Geology from Western Carolina University.

University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Jason Alston is UNCG's first Diversity Resident. The new two year Residency Program was established to further increase the diversity of the Library's professional staff and foster the growth and development of a new librarian.

Jennifer Motszko has joined the University Libraries as an Archivist. Prior to coming to UNCG, she worked at the Harley-Davidson Corporate Archives

Rachel Kuhn Stinehelfer was appointed Human Resources Librarian at UNCG starting in February. Most recently, she held the position of Academic Personnel Librarian at the North Carolina State University Libraries.

Chad Therrien has joined the University Libraries as Web Usability and Library Assessment Analyst after more than 10 years experience in the information technology field.

Dr. Susan Wiesner has accepted one-year appointment at the UNCG Libraries as a postdoctoral Fellowship Program recipient. This program is initiated by the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR), an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to maintaining and improving access to information for future generations.

Beth Filar Williams has been appointed Networked Information Services

Librarian. Most recently, she was a regional library consultant for the Colorado Library Consortium (CLiC) and the Southwest Regional Library Service System in Durango (CO).

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Jennifer Doty began as City and Regional Planning Librarian for the F. Stuart Chapin, Jr. Planning Library. Doty will have administrative and programmatic responsibility for the Library. She will direct public service initiatives and serve as liaison for the Department of City and Regional Planning and the Maps and GIS units in the main library. Doty was most recently a graduate student assistant in the Shapiro Science Library and Department of Mathematics at the University of Michigan. She holds a B.A. in education from the University of Arizona and an M.L.S with a Certificate of Graduate Studies in spatial analysis from the University of Michigan.



Meagan Griffin is the new Electronic Resources Access Librarian. Griffin will be responsible for the acquisition, maintenance, accessibility and management of the Library's growing

electronic collections. Griffin was previously the library's electronic resources specialist. She holds a B.A. in history from Furman University in Greenville, S.C., and an M.L.S. from UNC.

Lynn Holdzkom has been appointed Head of Technical Services in the Wilson Special Collections Library. Holdzkom will manage post-selection acquisitions processing, cataloging and archival processing for special collections and will build a consolidated cataloging and processing department for all special collections units. Previously, she served as assistant curator and head of technical services in the Manuscripts Department. Holdzkom holds a B.A. in English from the University of Washington and an M.L.S. from UNC.



Douglas "Biff" Hollingsworth has been appointed Collecting and Public Programming Archivist in the Southern Historical Collection (SHC), a 1-year appointment, effective Aug. 15. Hollingsworth will develop publications and other public programming, as well as assist with collecting new material. Hollingsworth previously served as a graduate student research assistant in the SHC and the Library Systems Department. He holds a B.A. in Spanish

from Georgia State University and an M.L.S. from UNC.

Jessica Sedgwick was appointed Manuscripts Processor. In this 1-year appointment, Sedgwick will create new finding aids and improve access to 11 manuscript collections of national significance that document African American history and life in the 19th- and 20th- century South. Sedgwick most recently served as a research assistant in the North Carolina Collection and the Southern Historical Collection at UNC. She holds a B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and an M.L.S. from UNC.

Holly Smith has been appointed as Grace McSpadden Overholser Archival Fellow in African American Studies, a 1-year appointment effective July 1. Smith will work with and expand African American-related materials in the Southern Historical Collection, also updating current online guides and improving material accessibility. Most recently, Smith served as an archival and research assistant at Tufts University. She holds a B.A. from the College of William and Mary, an M.A. in history from Yale University and an M.L.S. from Simmons College with a concentration in archival management.

Kirill Tolpygo has been appointed Andr Savine Collection Monographic Cataloger, a 1-year appointment effective July 28. Tolpygo will catalog monographs in the collection, providing copy cataloging of monographs primarily in Russian, French and German. Most recently a graduate student assistant in the University at Buffalo Library, Tolpygo holds a B.A. in linguistics from Cornell University and

an M.A. in linguistics and an M.L.S. from UB.

Jason Tomberlin has been appointed Public Services Librarian for the North Carolina Collection (NCC). Tomberlin will plan and direct reference services, coordinating accessibility, reading room security and stacks maintenance. He will also respond to outside inquires and make presentations to campus and other audiences. Tomberlin previously served as special projects librarian in the NCC and as correspondence archivist and reference archivist in the North Carolina Office of Archives and History in Raleigh. He holds a B.A. in history from UNC and an M.A. in public history from North Carolina State University.

Michele Hayslett has been appointed Data Services Librarian. Hayslett will promote and provide access to electronic data resources and will be involved in the purchase of data and the preservation of electronic media and data resources, including the Library's Statistical Datafinder the Data Services Web site. She served previously as the data services and government information librarian at North Carolina State University and as the demographics specialist at the State Library of North Carolina. Hayslett holds a B.A. from Earlham College in Richmond, Ind., and an M.S.L.S. from UNC.

Renee McBride has been appointed Head of the Special Formats and Metadata Section. McBride will lead the section in cataloging a variety of materials including music sound recordings and scores, media resources, and cartographic materials. She will also guide development of library-wide metadata standards and policies.

McBride was most recently technical services and arts liaison librarian at Hollins University, Va. She has also served as humanities and music cataloger at the University of California, Los Angeles, and music and fine arts cataloger at the University of Oklahoma. She studied music theory at Baylor University, Texas, and the University of Iowa, earning her B.M. and M.A. (respectively). Her M.A. in library and information science is from the University of Iowa.

Recent Retirements at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Neil Fulghum retired Aug. 15 after 22 years as the first keeper of the North Carolina Collection Gallery in the Wilson Special Collections Library. As keeper, Fulghum designed and built the gallery, which has three historic rooms, holds a collection of approximately 22,000 artifacts and produces four exhibits annually. Before coming to UNC, Fulghum was curator of research and development at the North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh, N.C. (1979-86) and a museum specialist at the North Carolina Division of Archives and History in Raleigh (1977-79).



Fulghum has been a frequent lecturer for historic, educational and civic groups across North Carolina and a regular contributor of published articles and notes about the state's history. In 2007, the North Carolina Museums Council awarded Fulghum the Professional Service Award in recognition of outstanding achievement. He has served as the Council's president (2002-04), vice president (2000-02) and secretary (1993-2000). Fulghum holds a B.A. in history and an M.A. in European history from East Carolina University.

Charles McNamara retired Aug. 1 as curator of rare books in the Wilson Special Collections Library, a position he held since 1986. Before coming to UNC, McNamara was associate rare books librarian and curator of the Arthur Dean Collections of French History and Literature at Cornell University Library (1978-86) and rare books cataloger and rare books librarian at the University of Rochester Libraries (1975-78). At UNC, McNamara regularly taught a seminar on rare books and special collections in the School of Information and Library Science.

During his tenure at UNC, McNamara worked especially to build the Rare Book Collection's holdings of English and Irish literature of the 19th and 20th centuries, American literature of the post-World War II period and popular culture materials of the 20th century.

In the early 1990s, he was elected to three consecutive terms as member-at-large of the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries. He also chaired the local arrangements committee for RBMS's three-day pre-conference, held in 1991, in Chapel Hill. McNamara

holds a B.S. in history from Spring Hill College in Mobile, Ala.; an M.A. and Ph.D. from Fordham University; and an M.S. from the Columbia University School of Library Service.

Frieda Rosenberg, Head of Serials Cataloging, retired Aug. 1 after 28 years with the Library. Rosenberg joined the Library as a serials cataloger in 1980 and was promoted to head of the section in 1988. In addition to temporary work at the UNC Library, her previous library experience included processing and public service positions with the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore, Md., the libraries of Ohio State and Stanford universities and the Durham (N.C.) City and County Library.



During her tenure at UNC, Rosenberg provided national leadership in the area of serials cataloging. She served as the UNC liaison to the CONSER Operations Committee and was a founding member in 1999 of the CONSER Publications Patterns and Holdings Task Force. As a consultant to the Library of Congress, she produced a day-and-a-half training course, "Serial Holdings Workshop," and she regularly conducted serials training workshops around the country. In 2003, she won the Bowker/Ulrich's Serials Librarianship Award for her many contributions to the advancement and understanding of serial holdings,

particularly the MARC21 Format for Holdings Data. In 2008, she received the distinguished alumni award from the School of Information and Library Science at UNC. Rosenberg holds a B.A. in English from Dominican College of San Rafael (Calif.), an M.A. in English from Johns Hopkins University and an M.S.L.S. from UNC.

East Carolina University

Robert James has been hired as Assistant Director for User Services of East Carolina University's J.Y. Joyner Library in Greenville, NC. Robert received his M.L.S. from North Carolina Central University (Durham, NC) and prior to accepting this position, he served as Associate Director of Access Services at Duke University Medical Center Library in Durham, NC.

Eleanor Cook has been hired as Assistant Director for Collections & Technical Services of East Carolina University's J.Y. Joyner Library in Greenville, NC. Eleanor received her M.L.S. from UNC Chapel Hill and prior to accepting this position, she served as Intellectual Property & Copyright Librarian at Appalachian State University's Belk Library in Boone, N.C.

Patrick Carr has been hired as Electronic & Continuing Resources Acquisitions Coordinator of East Carolina University's J.Y. Joyner Library in Greenville, NC. Patrick received his M.L.S. from Clarion University in Clarion, Pennsylvania and prior to accepting this position; he served as Serials Coordinator for Mississippi State University Libraries.

Amy Gustavson has been hired as Instructional Services Coordinator of East Carolina University's J.Y. Joyner Library in Greenville, NC. Amy received her M.L.S. from North Carolina Central University (Durham, NC) and prior to accepting this position, she served as Government Documents & Reference Processing Supervisor for NC State University, D.H. Hill Library in Raleigh, NC.

Angela Whitehurst has been promoted to Distance Education Co-Coordinator of East Carolina University's J.Y. Joyner Library in Greenville, NC. Angela received her M.L.S. from North Carolina Central University (Durham, NC) and prior to accepting this promotion, she served as University Library Technician for Reference for Joyner Library.

Kacy Guill has been hired as University Archivist & Records Manager of East Carolina University's J.Y. Joyner Library in Greenville, NC. Kacy received her M.L.S. from University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK and prior to accepting this position, she served as Head of Archival Services for the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, CO.

H. Clark Nall has been hired as Business Reference Librarian of East Carolina University's J.Y. Joyner Library in Greenville, NC. Clark received his M.L.S. from University of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC and prior to accepting this position; he served as Access Services Librarian for University Libraries, University of Memphis, TN.

William Thomas has been hired as Collections Coordinator of East Carolina

University's J.Y. Joyner Library in Greenville, NC. W. Joseph received his M.L.S. from University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC and prior to accepting this position; he served as Electronic Resources Librarian for Cornell University in Ithaca, NY.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Thomas McNally, who has served as interim dean of the University of South Carolina libraries since 2007, has been named to the post permanently.



McNally, who joined the libraries nearly 19 years ago as university librarian for public services, said strong libraries are essential to the university's success.

McNally earned a bachelor's degree in education from Kent State University and a master's in library science from the University of Washington. He was a librarian at Ohio State University, the University of Michigan and Loyola University in Chicago before joining the University of South Carolina's library staff in 1991. McNally served as director of Thomas Cooper Library from 2003 until he was named interim dean of libraries in 2007, replacing Paul Willis, who retired. McNally has worked tirelessly to provide innovative library services to the university community, moving the library into the area of electronic resources and services and developing statewide partnerships and negotiating statewide database contracts.

Thomas A. Raines, Jr. passed away on October 12, 2008. Mr. Raines was born on July 24, 1942 in Humboldt, Tenn. He was the Executive Director of the Charleston County Public Library. He is survived by his former wife, Drucie Gullion of Goose Creek, SC; daughter, Patricia Reeves Bellew of Greenville, SC; son, Geoffrey C. Reeves of Norfolk, VA; and four grandchildren.

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