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## LYRASIS Product News

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libraries by using National Security Letters (NSL) without any prior judicial oversight; and

WHEREAS, Section 215 automatically requires, and Section 505 permits, the FBI to impose a nondisclosure or “gag” order on the recipients, thereby prohibiting the reporting of possible abuses of government authority and abrogating the recipients’ First Amendment rights; and

WHEREAS, FBI Director Robert S. Mueller III testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee on March 25, 2009, that the FBI had used Section 215 of the USA PATRIOT Act 223 times between 2004 and 2007<sup>1</sup>, and the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) of the Department of Justice reported in March 2008 that the FBI had made 192,499 National Security Letter requests from 2003 through 2006<sup>2</sup>; and

WHEREAS, the OIG reported in March 2008 that “the FISA Court twice refused to authorize Section 215 orders based on concerns that the investigation was premised on protected First Amendment activity, and the FBI subsequently issued NSLs to obtain information,” without reviewing the underlying investigation to be sure it did not violate the statute’s First Amendment caveat<sup>3</sup>; and

WHEREAS, members of Congress have introduced legislation in both the Senate and House to restore privacy rights and address the concerns of the library community; now be it

RESOLVED that the Southeastern Library Association:

1. Urges Congress to amend the USA PATRIOT Act by limiting the authority granted in Section 215 and Section 505 to eliminate “fishing expeditions,” and restrict their use to obtain information only about persons who are targets of an investigation, and to reinstate standards limiting the use of these Sections to obtain information only about terrorism suspects and agents of foreign powers;

2. Urges Congress to allow nondisclosure of “gag” orders of limited scope and duration only when necessary to protect national security and only upon the authority of a court, and ensure that recipients of such orders have a meaningful

right to challenge them before a fair and neutral arbiter;

3. Urges Congress to increase its oversight of the use of the USA PATRIOT Act as well as other governmental surveillance and investigations that potentially infringe on the privacy rights of library users, library employees, and persons living in the United States.

4. Communicate this resolution to Southeastern Library Association’s Congressional delegations;

5. Urges members of the Southeastern Library Association, library employees and trustees, and all Southeastern library advocates to ask Congress to restore crucial Constitutional safeguards protecting civil liberties.

Adopted by the Executive Board on behalf of the Southeastern Library Association December 9, 2009.

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<sup>1</sup> Robert S. Mueller. (March 25, 2009). “Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.” *Hearing of the Senate Judiciary Committee*. Accessed through LexisNexis Congressional database.

<sup>2</sup> Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Department of Justice. (March 2008). *A Review of the FBI’s Use of National Security Letters: Assessment of Corrective Actions and Examination of NSL Usage in 2006*, p. 110. Available at <http://www.usdoj.gov/oig/special/s0803b/final.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Department of Justice. (March 2008). *A Review of the FBI’s Use of Section 215 Orders for Business Records in 2006*, p. 73. Available at <http://www.usdoj.gov/oig/special/s0803a/final.pdf>

## **LYRASIS PRODUCT NEWS**

### **Lyrasis Welcomes New Staff to Member Service Teams**

Lyrasis welcomes new staff members, as part of its commitment to providing expanded services and support to member libraries and cultural heritage institutions.

**Alix Bentrud** joins the Lyrasis Preservation Services Team as Preservation Services Librarian, bringing an extensive knowledge of preservation and archival principles and techniques. Prior to joining Lyrasis, she worked as a Preservation Program Specialist for Preservation Technologies L.P. She brings experience with collections care, creating protective enclosures, and preparing materials for digitization, as well as disaster planning and preservation education. Alix received her Master of Library and Information Science degree from Rosary College (IL) and her Certificate of Advanced Studies in Archives and Preservation Management from the University of Pittsburgh. She may be contacted at [alix.bentrud@lyrasis.org](mailto:alix.bentrud@lyrasis.org).

**Rhoda Mayfield** joins the Lyrasis Member Outreach Team as Member Products and Services Consultant, bringing 13 years of expertise in identifying curriculum needs and providing materials for libraries and academic institutions. Prior to joining Lyrasis, she held positions as Senior Account Field Executive and Curriculum Specialist with Thomson Gale (now Cengage Learning). Rhoda achieved top sales performer recognition as a member of the Thomson Gale National Curriculum Team. Formerly the Account Automation Executive at the Follett Corporation, she also assisted librarians and coordinators in the automation of libraries. She may be contacted at [rhoda.mayfield@lyrasis.org](mailto:rhoda.mayfield@lyrasis.org).

### **Lyrasis Announces New Director of Information Technology**

Lyrasis announces that **Dee Anderson** is the new Lyrasis Director of Information Technology. Dee brings 17 years of senior information technology leadership experience across multiple industries to her new position. Prior to joining Lyrasis, she was Director of Enterprise Sales Technology for Intercontinental Hotels Group, Atlanta, GA; Technical Product Manager for John H. Harland Company, Atlanta, GA; Director of Enterprise Application Support for Innotrac Corporation, Atlanta, GA, among other positions.

She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Finance from the University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL and is a member of the

Project Management Institute (PMI) of Atlanta, GA.

As Lyrasis Director of Information Technology, she is responsible for leading a team of IT professionals to manage operations, develop solutions, and support Lyrasis; for designing, introducing, and implementing technology solutions and services; and for maintaining high levels of support services to external members and internal customers. She may be contacted at [dee.anderson@lyrasis.org](mailto:dee.anderson@lyrasis.org).

## **STATE NEWS**

### **ALABAMA**

#### **Birmingham Public Library Map Collection**

By Hannah K. Wolfson, Birmingham News, December 26, 2009

George Stewart holds a German map from 1828 to the light in a search for clues to its origin. Stewart, the former director of the Birmingham Public Library, is helping catalogue the library's immense, valuable collection of old and rare maps. Understanding the maps in the storage room at the Birmingham Public Library takes a lot more than just knowing where north is.

First, a team of librarians has to try to figure out each document's true date. Then they have to figure out what the map depicts, who drew it, and why it's important. Finally, they try to find out which other institutions have copies -- and often, there are only a handful of these rare maps around.

"When you find something and the only other one is at Harvard or Yale or the Library of Congress, you feel pretty good," said George Stewart.

Stewart, the library's former director, is helping with the Herculean task of inventorying and cataloguing the library's immense collection of historic maps -- more than 5,000 in all. So far, they've gone through about 1,100 and say they still don't know what treasures they could find.

"We're doing this catch as catch can," said Debbie Dahlin, collection management