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SELA NEWS:

SELA AT WVLA



On October 5-7, 2011 some of the SELA board members visited the West Virginia Library Association conference in Charleston, West Virginia. This was not an official SELA joint conference biannual conference which will take place on October 3-5, 2012 in Macon, GA.

Michael Siegler, President of SELA was a keynote speaker at one of three general sessions. Gordon Baker, VP/President Elect and Bob Fox co-presented at one of the general sessions. Camille McCutcheon, Secretary, moderated a panel presentation on patron gift donations. Two of the panelists were Kathleen Imhoff, Past President of SELA and Steve Christo, the SELA West Virginia representative. Sue Knoche, Chair Paraprofessional Roundtable and membership representative presented a poster session called All Star Baffle with prizes and instructions for creating this type of program for reading comprehension, reading programs, etc. We were given an opportunity to present a Powerpoint type mini-presentation on SELA of who we are or benefits of becoming a member. Perry Bratcher, Southeastern Librarian editor presented an interesting session on Friday.

At the membership table we talked to participants who didn't know about SELA

or the benefits of membership in our organization, with four new members joining and a few others interested who would send in later. In a series of drawings we presented a certificate of a gift membership from Oct. 2011-Dec. 2012, won by Sharon Turner (left); a basket of fall goodies donated by Faith Line with this drawing based only on new members who signed up at the conference, won by Pamela Mann of Morgan County Public Library (2nd from left); a grand prize basket also with a fall theme of items including signed books and bottle of wine, etc. donated by Kathleen Imhoff, won by Sara Ramezani of Cabell County Public Library (3rd from left) and Michael Siegler (right) officiating at the drawings. A good conference that was educational and informative with good food/entertainment and networking for all. Submitted by: Sue Knoche, Tennessee



Proposed SELA Constitutional Amendments

According to Article VII (Amendments to the Constitution) of the Southeastern Library Association Constitution, the Constitution may be amended by a simple majority of those votes recorded, notice of the proposed changes having been given to the membership at least

thirty (30) days before. Proposed changes can be found at the end of this newsletter, beginning on page 30. Please make note of these recommended changes.

SELA UCLS New Voices Program: Call for Papers

Are you new to the profession and looking for the perfect venue to present and publish your research?

If you answered yes, then *New Voices* wants to hear from you! *New Voices* is an opportunity for new librarians to present and publish their ideas and perspectives on current library issues.

The University and College Section of the Southeastern Library Association will be selecting one librarian to present a paper at the upcoming GLA/SELA Conference. The winning paper will also be published in the SELA journal, *The Southeastern Librarian*.

- **What:** Paper to be presented at the 2012 joint Georgia Library Association /Southeastern Library Association conference and published in *The Southeastern Librarian*
- **Theme:** A current library issue of interest to the academic library community
- **Who:** Professionally employed librarians with less than five years of experience. **MUST** be able to attend and present paper at the conference
- **When:** October 3-5, 2012

- **Where:** Macon, Georgia at the Macon Marriott City Center Hotel
- **Deadline:** Completed papers **MUST be received** by May 3, 2012

Winning paper receives \$150 honorarium sponsored by EBSCO

Please submit your paper and/or inquiries to Deana Groves, SELA UCLS Chair, at deana.groves@wku.edu

Mark your calendars for October 3-5, 2012. See you in Macon!

STATE NEWS

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Ulysses S. Grant Association Donation

The Ulysses S. Grant Association, housed at Mississippi State University's Mitchell Memorial Library, has received a generous gift from retired Rhode Island Supreme Court Chief Justice and long-time president of the Grant Association Frank J. Williams and his wife, Virginia.

The donation, in its initial phase, consists of thirty framed prints of Ulysses S. Grant dating back into the 19th century. Included are rare imprints showing the former general and president in a variety of poses and also include scenes of his birthplace and likenesses of his military colleagues in the Civil War. Especially noteworthy is a rare copy of a massive book of photographs of Grant's funeral, entitled "Seven Mile Funeral Cortège," attached to an even rarer brass holder. The holder and book were placed for viewing in the

parlors of elite late 19th- and early 20th-century Americans.

Justice and Mrs. Williams are noted collectors, and they recently acquired this Collection from Grant image expert Jim Bultema of Arizona, the treasurer of the Grant Association. The material, entitled "Bultema-Williams Collection of Ulysses S. Grant Photographs and Prints from the Frank and Virginia Williams Collection of Lincolniana," will become part of the permanent collection of the MSU Libraries' Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Collection.

For more information on MSU Libraries and the Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Collection, please visit <http://library.msstate.edu/grant>.



MSU President Mark E. Keenum (right) poses for a photograph with MSU Provost and Executive Vice-President Jerry Gilbert (center) and Ulysses S. Grant Association Executive Director and Managing Editor John Marszalek. Dr. Marszalek holds one of the Grant prints that is new to the illustrious collection.

Welty Exhibit on Display at MSU Libraries

"Eudora Welty: Mississippi Daughter," an exhibit in conjunction with Mississippi State University's Maroon Edition, was on display at Mitchell Memorial Library