

## **Message from the President**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Frank Allen and the Editorial Board of *The Southeastern Librarian* for the excellent work they have done with our publication. In my opinion, the fact that they have recruited a group of SELA members to provide peer review of the journal is a major accomplishment. Equally impressive is the fact that all four issues of volume fifty are available on the SELA website. This is the first complete volume to be made available to the membership electronically. I am excited by what this offers for the future, and I look forward to other changes Frank and the board are planning.

Our Leadership Conference in Atlanta on May 16 was an excellent meeting. Even with budgets as tight as they are in most libraries, we had one of the larger Leadership Conferences in recent years. It gave me an opportunity to work with a number of members whom I had not met before. One of the most inspiring parts of the day was participation by what - at least to my knowledge - was our first currently enrolled full-time student committee member. Active committee participation by a growing number of SELA members and the beginning of active student participation, are encouraging signs for the health of the association and the library profession in the Southeast. I really appreciate the enthusiasm expressed by both those who were able to attend the conference and those who were limited to electronic participation.

All the work done at the Leadership Conference will go a long way toward making 2003-2004 another successful biennium for SELA. Working together, we can accomplish a lot on behalf of the libraries and the library and information profession in the Southeast even when facing challenging economic times. We look forward to another impressive biennial joint conference as we help the North Carolina Library Association celebrate its One Hundredth Anniversary in 2004. Planning for that conference was a major part of what was done at the conference. The SELA tradition of providing excellent programs at its conferences will continue because of that work.

The SELA Conference Committee held lengthy meetings with representatives of the North Carolina Library Association to discuss plans for the joint conference. It is probable that the conference will be held during the fall, but the exact site has not been determined. The other committees meeting during the conference did a lot of planning that will lead to outstanding conference programs. They have a lot of exciting ideas for programs that they hope, in many cases, to develop in cooperation with their counterparts in NCLA.

I would especially like to thank Lauren Fallon for all her hard work in helping organize the conference. I would also like to thank the members of the Executive Committee - Judith Gibbons, Vice-President/President Elect; Faith Line, Secretary; and Diane Baird, Treasurer - for their help in planning a successful conference.

If you are interested in being active this biennium, it still is not too late. If your name was not on the list of committee appointments that was distributed with the Leadership Conference registration materials and you would like to serve on a committee, please contact me by e-mail at <ahamilton@gasou.edu> or by snail mail at Box 8074, Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA 30460-8074. We can use your help whether in person or electronically!

- Ann Hamilton

# Call for Proposals

Georgia Conference on Information Literacy

Georgia Southern University

October 8-9, 2004

Jointly hosted by the Zach S. Henderson Library, the Department of Writing and Linguistics, and the College of Education at Georgia Southern University, the Georgia Conference on Information Literacy seeks proposals for workshops and presentations that address the following themes and issues:

- Strategies for teaching information literacy to students and/or faculty across the curriculum
- Empirical studies on the effect of information literacy initiatives on student retention and/or learning
- Learning communities and information literacy
- Creating teaching partnerships between reference librarians and instructors
- What constitutes information literacy in the 21st century
- Encouraging lifelong learning through information literacy
- Technological developments and their impact on student research
- Strategies for evaluating sources
- Information Literacy and the Sciences
- Computers in the writing classroom: how the research paper has changed
- Developing learning outcomes for information and technological competence
- Preparing students for the modern University

The Georgia Conference on Information Literacy will offer both hands-on workshops and concurrent sessions for K-12, community college, and university librarians and educators, covering a broad spectrum of needs and proficiencies with twenty-first century information literacy skills and issues, from those seeking how-to information to those wishing to contribute to the growing body of scholarship.

For more information, see the Call for Proposals at:

<http://conted.gasou.edu/informationliteracy.html> or contact Bede Mitchell, Dean of the Library, at [wbmitch@gasou.edu](mailto:wbmitch@gasou.edu) or Janice Walker, Dept. of Writing and Linguistics, at [jwalker@gasou.edu](mailto:jwalker@gasou.edu).

***Proposals must be received by no later than December 15, 2003.***

## Leadership Conference Roundup

The May 16th SELA Leadership Conference in Atlanta was a rousing success, with paid attendance of 55 members. President Ann Hamilton (pictured below) opened with a welcome and update on association developments. Vice-President Judith Gibbons (second picture below) officially announced that the 2004 biennial conference will be held in conjunction with the North Carolina Library Association at a site to be announced. The morning program also featured an inspirational address from Charles Beard, who spoke on the Paradoxical Commandments of Leadership. As Charles shared, leaders routinely face obstacles, detractors, and critics. Our response to these distractions is the true hallmark of a leader. Members spent the balance of the morning in committee, section and roundtable meetings. After an enjoyable lunch, chairs gave reports. The Executive Board met in late afternoon to conclude the day. The following are selected reports from the day's events.



**Reference Adult Services (RASS)** Mary Ellen Johnson (Sequoyah Regional Library, Georgia) agreed to serve as chair-elect, and Naomi Sutherland, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, will continue as secretary/treasurer.

Members reviewed evaluations from the section's program in Charleston on Information Literacy, all of which were positive. Members discussed several ideas for programs and presentations at the upcoming joint conference in North Carolina, including mentoring, recruitment, retention, and print versus electronic resources. The section welcomes new members and encourages those interested to join RASS.

- Nancy Noe, Chair RASS

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### Circulation and Reserves Roundtable

Committee members are interested in pursuing the following topics for future programs:

**Circulation Public Service Issues---** A program dealing with circulation issues in which members of the audience are asked to discuss each of the issues, followed by a panel presenting their views on the best way to address them.

**Circulation---**Why circulation is increasing in some libraries and decreasing in other libraries.

**Security---**Programs dealing with both building and people-related security issues.

Group members discussed circulation issues that they had dealt with recently including:

- Fines and holds on patrons' records
- Interlibrary loans
- Manual and electronic inventories
- Reference items

- Christina Chester-Fangman, Secretary

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### Planning and Development Committee:

Discussion was vigorous and centered primarily on the development of a new 2004-2008 strategic plan for SELA. The initial thought was to circulate the old 1998-2002 strategic plan and ask for input from all members of SELA. This has not worked well in the past however. Two members suggested that we check with other regional associations regarding current directions and

strategic plans, and report to the membership. It was also agreed that members will develop a web-based survey to solicit input for the 2004-2008 strategic plan. Once the survey questions are developed and web survey constructed, a URL for the survey and letter stating the committee's objective will be distributed to all members via e-mail. Additionally, an announcement will be made on the SELA Listserv prior to the survey's distribution, and including contact information for those wishing to use a paper based survey as opposed to the web form. The committee sincerely hopes that this methodology will produce a sizable response and empower the committee to more closely tailor the needs and expectations of SELA's 2004-2008 strategic plan to its participating members.

A tentative timeline for the project is as follows:

- June 15: Begin development of questions and Web based survey.
- July 1: Announce survey through SELA Listserv.
- July 7: Distribute survey via e-mail.
- Aug. 1: Analyze results.
- September/October: Committee member conference call/online/e-mail discussion of results and guidance in strategic plan development.
- October: Publish survey results and planning update in *The Southeastern Librarian*.

Possible ideas for questions that came up at the meeting:

- 1) Demographics: State; Institution type; Active SELA member?
- 2) Why did you join SELA?
- 3) What resources would you like to see SELA provide? For instance: Internships, Job Posting Service, Staff Training, Mentoring, etc.
- 4) What are the top five issues in your library? Budget, Advocacy, Electronic Resources, Staff Training, Mentoring, Leadership Training (other, please elaborate...)
- 5) What issues/roles would you like to see SELA address?

- 6) Can you suggest a way to address these roles? (optional)
  - 7) Are there other committees that you like to see within SELA?
  - 8) Would you be willing to receive your copy of the Southeastern Librarian solely in an electronic/online format?
- Wil Weston, (co-chair)

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**Continuing Education Committee:** The Continuing Education Committee would like to organize a program for the 2004 SELA conference on the topic of "Organizing an Annual State Library Association Convention."

The Committee should soon have a website which will be linked to the SELA homepage. This website will be used to host information concerning SELA fellowships. It can be used to advertise the conference session. It also could be used as a forum and an information center for anyone who has and/or is planning to organize a statewide library association convention.

- Joe Freedman, co-chair

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**The Interstate Cooperation Committee**

The Committee welcomed UNC-Chapel Hill School of Library Science student Amanda Wilson. Committee discussions included: ways to inform the general membership of the purpose of the ICC; a proposal to sponsor a program at the 2004 Fall Conference; and identification of issues facing member states.

The Committee will explore state projects and plans for the preservation of electronic information, particularly government produced business and Web sites produced only in electronic form.

The Committee will continue its work via email and welcomes input and participation from any member. If you are interested in working with this group please contact one of the co-chairs: Lona Hoover, Mississippi State, at [lhoover@library.msstate.edu](mailto:lhoover@library.msstate.edu) or Elizabeth Doolittle, Hollins University at [edoolittle@hollins.edu](mailto:edoolittle@hollins.edu)

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### **University and College Library Section**

Members discussed ideas for upcoming Conference programs. The "New Voices" Program, sponsored by UCLS for the past two years, is on the agenda again for the Fall 2004 conference. Sarah Hammill, Florida International University, Vice Chair/Chair Elect will oversee the program. Participation from membership is encouraged. Contact Sarah at [hammills@fiu.edu](mailto:hammills@fiu.edu).

The possibility of sponsoring a second program to reach more of the membership was put on the table for discussion. The section will explore two possibilities: Catherine Lee will do follow-up for presentation on new technologies, and Daniel Liestman will do follow-up for presentation on SACs criteria.

Nominations for Vice Chair/Chair Elect, and Secretary for Jan 2004 – Dec 2005 term are being sought. Send nominations to Elizabeth Doolittle at [edoolittle@hollins.edu](mailto:edoolittle@hollins.edu)

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### **2002-2004 SELA Nominating Committee**

Members met and discussed outstanding SELA leaders who committee members believed would be excellent candidates for the offices of President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer. The committee was also mindful of selecting a slate of candidates representing the diversity of our regional association as well as its twelve member states. Potential candidates from Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina and West Virginia were discussed. All members of SELA are encouraged to make other recommendations to the committee by sending their suggestions to [cbeard@westga.edu](mailto:cbeard@westga.edu).

- Charles E. Beard

Via  
Bill



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McCree (above) discuss the issues of the day at the May 16 Leadership Conference in Atlanta



Above, left to right: Amanda Wilson, UNC Chapel Hill Library Science student, Cheryl Ballard and Linda Harris convening the African American Issues Roundtable discussion.

## Stateside News

### Alabama

#### **Auburn University Acquires Lett Papers**

The Auburn University Libraries Special Collections and Archives Department recently acquired the Dr. Philip W. Lett Collection, which opened to researchers in Fall, 2002. Dr. Lett, a native of Newton, Alabama, graduated from Alabama Polytechnic Institute (now Auburn University) in 1944 with a B. S. degree in Mechanical Engineering. Dr. Lett is internationally recognized as the “father of the M-1 Tank.” Lett began his career in 1950 with the Chrysler Corporation and was promoted to Vice President and Assistant to the General Manager. Dr. Lett retired in 1987. He has served as a military consultant throughout the world and has authored several articles on the defense industry and land-based combat vehicles. The Lett Collection consists of approximately thirty cubic feet of material including: personal and business correspondence, articles on the M-1 Tank and other land-based combat vehicles, articles authored by Dr. Lett, photographs, and engineering models.

#### **Alabama Library Association announces 2003 Award Winners**

- The Alabama Library Association (ALA) has named Sherida H. Downer, Auburn University Library, as the winner of its 2003 Distinguished Service Award. The Distinguished Service Award is presented to a librarian or an individual in a related field in recognition of leadership in a specific and noteworthy project that has resulted in a significant contribution towards the development of library service within Alabama.
- Jerry W. Stephens, Ph.D., Mervyn H. Sterne Library, University of Alabama at Birmingham, has received the ALA Eminent Librarian Award. This award is presented to a librarian or an individual in a related field who has been in Alabama for a minimum of ten (10) years and who, during this time, has made an exceptional and enduring contribution toward the development of library services within Alabama.

- ALA has bestowed upon Rickey D. Best, Auburn University at Montgomery Library, the Humanitarian Award. This award is presented to a person or an organization who has made a substantial contribution toward the development or improvement of a library or libraries within Alabama.

#### **2003 marks 20-year anniversary for LMN**

LMN (Library Management Network) is celebrating their 20th anniversary. LMN is a non-profit organization based in Decatur, Alabama providing library automation and management services to member libraries in thirteen north Alabama counties. LMN began with 22 terminals in 3 libraries in 1983, and has grown to 208 workstations in 27 member library sites. LMN is unique in that members consist of public, academic, and high school libraries. Member libraries utilize LMN for library automation and resource sharing with existing member libraries. LMN offers access to the shared online catalog via the World Wide Web from homes, schools, and businesses to holdings at member libraries consisting of books, cassettes, videos, CDs, DVDs, foreign language materials, etc. For more information go to <http://web2.lmn.lib.al.us/>

### Arkansas

For the third year, The Arkansas Center for the Book at **Arkansas State Library** is sponsoring “If All Of Arkansas Reads the Same Book.” This year’s selection is *All Over But The Shoutin’* by Rick Bragg.

New **Arkansas Library Association** officers include: Dwain Gordon, President (Central Arkansas Library System), Loretta Edwards, Vice President/President-Elect (University of Arkansas Medical Sciences Library), Sandy Olson, Secretary/Treasurer (University of Central Arkansas Library), Barbie James, Past President (Forrest City High School Library), Marilyn Schulte, American Library Association Councilor (Saline County Library), and Ellen Johnson, SELA Representative (University of Central Arkansas Library).

Planning is underway for the next annual conference of the Arkansas Library Association. The conference will be held September 28 – 30 at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

## Georgia

### State University of West Georgia News

Speaker Tom Murphy, former Speaker of the Georgia House of Representatives for 27 years, has donated the political papers and memorabilia housed in his office to the State University of West Georgia. The Ingram Library Special Collections/Archives Department will receive the collection. A re-creation of his office will be built on campus, complete with the actual contents including furnishings, photographs, plaques, etc, to make the papers accessible to the citizens of Georgia.

Murphy's papers will join an impressive accumulation of political collections in UWG's Ingram Library. U. S. Congressman Bob Barr recently donated his materials, and previous acquisitions include the entire political collection of former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Newt Gingrich. Other collections include papers from former Congressman Pat Swindall, and legislative collections from Ebb Duncan, Tracy Stallings, Charles Thomas, John Simpson, and Wayne Garner.

### Emory University Acquires Library of Ted Hughes

The Robert W. Woodruff Library of Emory University has acquired the library of the late poet laureate of Great Britain Ted Hughes. At the time of his death in 1998 Hughes was among Britain's leading literary figures and the author of dozens of critically acclaimed collections of poems, including *The Hawk in the Rain*, *Lupercal*, *Wodwo* and *Crow*. His 1998 collection, *Birthday Letters*, chronicled his relationship with his first wife, the poet Sylvia Plath, and was an international bestseller as well as recipient of the Whitbread Book of the Year award. During the course of a distinguished life in letters, he also published many books for children, translations, a monumental critical study of Shakespeare, and other works. This acquisition unites the Ted Hughes library with the poet's literary archive, which Emory acquired in 1997. The Robert W. Woodruff Library offers a competitive annual fellowship for researchers needing support to travel to Emory for work in these and other of the Library's literary collections. More details may be found at:

<http://web.library.emory.edu/libraries/speccolls/>.

### Literary Archive of Anthony Hecht Acquired by Emory University

The Special Collections and Archives of Emory University has acquired the literary papers of Anthony Hecht, considered by many to be one of the finest contemporary American poets. Hecht's second collection of poems, *The Hard Hours* (1967), received the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry in 1968, and subsequent collections have earned numerous honors and awards, including the Prix de Rome, the Bollingen Prize (1983), and the Eugenio Montale Award for lifetime achievement in poetry (1983). Other published collections include *Millions of Strange Shadows*, *The Venetian Vespers*, *The Transparent Man*, *Flight Among the Tombs*, and *The Darkness and the Light*.

### KLAS Brings Better Library Services to Blind and Physically Disabled

Implementation of a new library automation system by the Georgia Library for Accessible Services (GLASS) is streamlining operations at the regional GLASS library in Atlanta and 13 sub-regional libraries for the blind and physically disabled around the state. Administered by the Georgia Public Library Service, GLASS provides the visually impaired and physically disabled with library services in the form of talking books, special playback equipment and Braille materials. Patrons who are not able to visit one of the 14 libraries in person may obtain talking books and other materials through the mail.

The new automation system, Keystone Library Automation System (KLAS) from North Carolina-based Keystone, Inc., streamlines and automates many library functions such as materials and machine inventory control, magazine subscription tracking, order and request processing, mailing card generation, and reporting and evaluation functions. KLAS is designed to be easily accessible with adaptive technology so that staff or library users with visual impairments can use the technology.

One of the biggest benefits of KLAS is that Georgia now has a statewide collection of materials for the blind and disabled, rather than 14 separate collections. This shared union catalog allows GLASS and the sub-regional libraries to provide expanded choices and quality library services to their users. For more information go to <http://www.public.lib.ga.us/lbph/>. Funding for KLAS comes from a federal Library

Services and Technology Act grant from the Institute for Museum and Library Services.

## **Kentucky**

### **Annual Conference Update**

Plans are underway for the Kentucky Library Association's Annual Conference in Louisville, October 8-11, 2003. This year's theme will be "Libraries in Defense of Freedom" and will focus on access to government information, freedom of information, right of privacy, digital copyrights, intellectual freedom, challenged books, the digital divide, and fair use. First Lady Laura Bush has been invited to speak at the conference.

### **Library Public Awareness Efforts**

A Public Awareness Leadership Institute, consisting of four training sessions in different locations across Kentucky, will be held over the next several months. Participants will include library directors, staff, trustees, and Friends. Goals of the institute are to assist local communities in developing a local public awareness project for their library and to cultivate leadership skills. The Public Awareness Leadership Institute is a project funded by the Federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA/IMLS).

### **Thomas Fountain Blue Resolution**

At the SELA Leadership Conference, Kentucky representatives presented for endorsement and support the Thomas Fountain Blue Resolution. The resolution was unanimously endorsed by the SELA Executive Board. SELA's endorsement for the resolution will be added to those entities already in support. The resolution is scheduled to go before the American Library Association Board in petition to become a proclamation from ALA. The Blue Resolution, researched and authored by Reinette Jones, follows:

#### **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION OF REVEREND THOMAS FOUNTAIN BLUE**

*WHEREAS, Reverend Thomas Fountain Blue became the first formally trained African American librarian in the state of Kentucky in 1905 and went on to influence librarianship in Kentucky, in the South, and across the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, Reverend Blue supervised the establishment of the second public library in Kentucky that was exclusively for African Americans, located in three rooms of a house in Louisville, Kentucky in 1905; and*

*WHEREAS, Reverend Blue was the first African American to manage public libraries with an entire African American staff, and this was done within the first Carnegie Colored Libraries that were located in Louisville, Kentucky in 1908 and 1914; and*

*WHEREAS, Within the Louisville Western Colored Branch Library in 1912, Reverend Blue led the establishment of library education for African Americans in the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, The Louisville library training program resulted in the inclusion of African Americans in the public libraries workforce, with the initial impact being in the South and later spreading to other states in the U.S.; and*

*WHEREAS, Reverend Blue was the first African American to be placed on an American Library Association program in June 1922, when he spoke in Detroit, Michigan at the 2nd Annual Work With Negroes Round Table. The topic was the training of Negro librarians; and*

*WHEREAS, The Louisville library training program was used as a prototype for the establishment of academic library training exclusively for African Americans, beginning in 1925 at Hampton Institute in Virginia, which gave rise to the American Library Association accrediting library programs for African Americans; and*

*WHEREAS, Reverend Blue established the 1st Conference for Colored Librarians at Hampton Institute, March 15-18, 1927, and assisted with the 2nd Negro Library Conference held at Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee, November 20-23, 1930; and*

*WHEREAS, The Louisville Carnegie Colored Libraries were seeds that grew beyond the borders of Kentucky and the United States, and these libraries served as the prototype for establishing the Carnegie Non-European library service in South Africa in 1928; and*

*WHEREAS, The American Library Association, the state of Kentucky, and many other states are*

*faced with the challenge of recruiting, educating, and retaining African American librarians; therefore, be it*

*RESOLVED, that the American Library Association recognizes the leadership role of Reverend Thomas Fountain Blue in laying the foundation for the continued presence of African American libraries, library students, and library employees in all types of libraries within the United States and abroad; and be it further*

*RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be given to the Kentucky Library Association, Louisville Free Public Library, Jerry E. Abramson - Mayor of Louisville, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, Kentucky Association of Blacks in Higher Education, Kentucky Alliance of Black School Educators, Special Libraries Association/Kentucky Chapter, Southeastern Library Association, Library Administration and Management Association, the Black Caucus of the American Library Association, and the Library and Information Association of South Africa.*

### **Kentucky Department for Library and Archives (KDLA) Launches @yourlibrary Web Site**

As part of its continuing public awareness initiatives, KDLA has launched an "@yourlibrary" web magazine. The site is directed primarily to public library staff and trustees, and is meant to be a resource for the public library community. Much of it is based on the series of statewide forums KDLA conducted last year. Over the next year, each "issue" of this website will focus on one of our public libraries' basic values (as determined in the forums): democracy, life-long learning, neighborliness, technology, and pride. The site is supported in large part by IMLS (Institute of Museum and Library Services), under the provisions of LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act). For more information see: <http://www.kdla.net/@yourlibrary/main.htm>

### **North Carolina**

#### **NC State Libraries Receive Award**

The North Carolina State University Libraries have received the 2003 American Library Association (ALA)/Information Today "Library of

the Future" Award for a Web-based, technology-enhanced and graphically attractive Library Online Basic Orientation program (LOBO). The program helps students use library services quickly and effectively. The cash award of \$1,500 honors an individual library, library consortium, group of librarians or support organization, for innovative planning for, applications of, or development of training programs about information technology in a library setting.

### **South Carolina**

#### **USC Film Library Receives Grant**

The University of South Carolina's Film Library has received a film preservation grant of \$502,537 including \$251,268 from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). The grant will be used to preserve 200,000 feet of early sound Movietone Newsfilm from nitrocellulose film to 35mm safety film. The project, which is part of the NEH "History of Talking Pictures," will preserve approximately 225 edited newsreel stories and associated outtakes, together with supplemental paper documents from the first two years of sound-on-film newsreel production, a period widely regarded as pivotal in the development of film technology and news reporting. In addition to the NEH funds, the Film Library will contribute \$101,269 in salaries, supplies, and indirect costs. USC's office of research will provide the remaining \$150,000.

#### **USC Receives John Burroughs Collection**

The University of South Carolina's Thomas Cooper Library recently received a collection of materials pertaining to the American nature writer John Burroughs (1837-1921). The collection, which includes over 100 volumes by Burroughs as well as original photographs and memorabilia, was presented to the library by Prof. G. Ross Roy. It is called the *W. Ormiston Roy Collection of John Burroughs* in honor of Professor Roy's grandfather. The elder Roy knew Burroughs and served as a consultant on the landscaping of Burroughs's estate in the Catskills. Burroughs is increasingly recognized as a pioneer in raising consciousness of conservation issues. As a follower of Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau, and friend of Walt Whitman, he also has a significant role in American literary history.

## **Tennessee**

### **Library Gets New Assistant Director**

The Chattanooga-Hamilton County Bicentennial Library in Chattanooga, Tennessee is pleased to announce that Barry Bradford has been selected as the new Assistant Library Director. Mr. Bradford joined the Chattanooga library system in 1993 as Head Librarian for the Ooltewah/Collegedale Branch Library. Most recently he served as the Head of the Fine Arts Department for the main library. He obtained his MLIS degree from LSU in 1991. He also holds a BA degree in History and a Master of Divinity degree. Before working at the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Bicentennial Library, he served as the Branch manager for the Latter Memorial Library, a branch of the New Orleans Public Library system.

## **West Virginia**

### **Shepherd College Library Renovation**

Scarborough Library, Shepherd College, Shepherdstown, West Virginia will complete renovation in August, 2003 of its original building. The Scarborough construction includes a 45,000 square foot addition to the 1960s building, housing both The Robert C. Byrd Center for Legislative Studies and the Library. Senator Byrd's papers from his 50 years in public service will reside in the Center. For additional information, contact Dr. Rachel A. Schipper, Dean of Libraries and Information Sciences.

### **Marshall University Receives Gift**

Marshall University Libraries have received a donation of art glass, a collection valued at \$500,000, from Wilbur E. Myers. The collection, entitled the Wilbur E. Myers Gallery of Glass, comprises nearly 400 pieces representing the best of art glass from around the world from such recognized glass houses as Fostoria, Steuben, Tiffany, Wheeling, Fenton, and Bruckunier. Special display cabinets, designed by master craftsman John Kellner, surround the collection with glass enclosures on two sides, showing the collection in its best light. Mr. Myers has collected glass for over 40 years. For additional information, please contact Barbara Winters, Dean of Libraries, Marshall University.



## People News

**Tommy Anderson**, Head of the Montgomery City-County (Alabama) Main Library, has been appointed as the new Collection Development Librarian for the library system. Tommy holds a BA degree from Huntington College and a MLS from the University of Alabama. Tommy has been employed with the public library for over twenty years and served as head of the Main Library for seventeen years. Tommy will be responsible for the strategic development of the library system's collection and will direct the work of the Technical Services Department.

**Carolyn Argentati** (pictured below), Associate Director for Public Services at the North Carolina State University Libraries, has been named a 2003 Frye Leadership Institute Fellow. Entrance into the program is both prestigious and highly competitive. The Institute provides an intensive two-week residential program held in early June for faculty, librarians and university information technology professionals who aspire to more significant leadership roles.



**Beth Ashmore** joined Samford University (Alabama) Library as Reference Librarian in January. Ms. Ashmore is a 2001 graduate of the Library and Information Science program at the University of Illinois and earned a B.A. in English from Loyola University. Before coming to Samford, she served as the Instruction Services and Distance Education Librarian at Mississippi State University.

The School of Library and Information Studies (SLIS) at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa is pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr. Elizabeth S. Aversa** as

Director effective August 16, 2003. Dr. Aversa received her Ph.D. from Drexel University's College of Information Studies, and her M.Ln. and B.A. from Emory University. She was formerly Director and Professor of the School of Information Sciences at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. Before her appointment as Director at the University of Tennessee in 1999, Dr. Aversa served for five years as Dean and Associate Professor of the School of Library and Information Science at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Her impressive list of prior administrative, teaching, and research positions include the Institute for Scientific Information, the University of Maryland, Drexel University, Florida State University, and the State Library of Pennsylvania.

**Laura M. Botts** recently was hired as Archivist of the Popular Music Collection at Pullen Library, Georgia State University, Atlanta. Botts previously was a music librarian/archivist for the Georgia Music Hall of Fame in Macon. She obtained an MLIS degree from Florida State University, Tallahassee (1995), and a bachelor's degree from Shorter College, Georgia.

**Ms. Sheri Singleton Boulter** passed away on May 6 after a brief illness. Sheri served as a Reference Librarian and Head of Reference & Information Services for the Montgomery (Alabama) City-County Public Library before moving on to work with Air University Library at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery. Sheri was a graduate of the University of Alabama's School of Library and Information Studies.

**Dee Brown**, 1908-2002, librarian and historian from Arkansas, died this past December. He was the author of twenty-nine books, including the much-acclaimed *Bury My Heart At Wounded Knee* (1971). For many years, Brown worked as a librarian during the day and wrote at night. When Brown retired as Agricultural Librarian from the University of Illinois in 1972, he returned to Arkansas, and was able to devote more attention to his writing and research. Brown received numerous awards over the years, and was honored recently by having a branch of the Central Arkansas Library System named for him.

**Laura G. Burtle** recently was promoted to Associate University Librarian for Technology

Services at Pullen Library, Georgia State University, Atlanta. Burtle has served Pullen Library for nine years, most recently as head of Instruction and Learning Technology Services. Burtle obtained an MSLS from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (1994), and a bachelor's degree from the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia.

**Lori Critz** recently joined the Georgia Institute of Technology Library staff as the Information Consultant to the School of Physics and the School of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences. She previously served as a Physical Sciences librarian and a member of the Science-Engineering Team at the University of Arizona. Prior to her tenure at the University of Arizona, Lori worked at the Naval Historical Archives in Newport, Rhode Island processing military collections, and also at the Naval War College Eccles Library as a reference intern. Lori has a BS in biology from the University of West Florida, a MS in biology from Southern Connecticut State University, a "Fifth Year" certification in secondary education from San Diego State University, and an MLIS from the University of Rhode Island.

**Jerene Cruse** has joined the Information Services Department of Georgia Institute of Technology Libraries as a Library Assistant III. Jerene is originally from St. Croix, US Virgin Islands. She attended Brandeis University, Massachusetts, where she majored in English and American Literature with extensive course work in African American Studies.

**Mary Beth Faccioli** has been appointed Reference and Instructional Services Librarian at Agnes Scott College, effective June 16, 2003. From 1996 to 2003 Mary Beth worked as a Library Associate at Georgia State University, where she worked with reference services, reference collections, and served as a web specialist. She received her M.L.I.S. from Florida State University in 2002, and holds a B.S. from the University of Maryland, College Park.

**Pamela S. Hackbart-Dean** recently was promoted to Head of Special Collections & Acquisitions at Pullen Library, Georgia State University, Atlanta. Hackbart-Dean has served Pullen Library for three years, most recently as

director of its Southern Labor Archives. She obtained a master's degree from the University of Connecticut (1987), and a bachelor's degree from Hendrix College, Arkansas.

**Herbert J. Hartsook** has been selected to assume the position of Director of the South Caroliniana Library on the campus of the University of South Carolina in Columbia, effective July 1. The library is the repository of the University's collections of South Carolina materials. It includes four research divisions: Books, Manuscripts, Modern Political Collections, and University Archives. Mr. Hartsook holds a B.A. in history and an M.A. in history and archives administration from the University of Michigan. He began his professional career in 1979 as an archivist at the South Carolina Department of Archives, joined the staff of the South Caroliniana Library in 1983 as Curator of Manuscripts, and moved into the position of the library's Curator of Modern Political Collections in 1991. Hartsook is the author of a number of scholarly articles about archival work and politics in South Carolina.

The Georgia Institute of Technology Library recently welcomed new Digital Initiatives Manager, **Catherine Jannik**. She will initially be involved with e-theses and dissertations, as well as Office of Sponsored Programs e-reports projects. Catherine holds a Master of Arts degree in History and a Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Southern Mississippi, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Government from Sweet Briar College. She holds certification as a paralegal from the Denver (Colorado) Paralegal Institute. She was previously assistant archivist and special collections librarian at Northwestern State University of Louisiana in Natchitoches, and most recently a reference and special collections librarian, and later, digital projects coordinator at Auburn University.

After 28 years of service, **Dr. Thomas L. Johnson** has retired from the University of South Carolina's South Caroliniana Library. Johnson holds an A.B. degree in history from the University of North Carolina and M.A. and a Ph.D. in English from USC. Johnson taught a course on South Carolina writers at USC for a number of years. Among Johnson's published works are

poems and pieces of short fiction. He served as poetry editor for the Columbia newspaper, *Point*, from 1993 to 2001.

**Jennifer Jones** has been appointed Instruction Librarian for the General Libraries of Emory University. Jennifer comes to Emory from Brenau University where she served as Bibliographic Instruction and Extension Services Librarian. She received her MA in English and American Literature from New York University and is completing her M.L.S. at Florida State University.

**Susan Klopfer** has been appointed Business Research Librarian for the Goizueta Business Library in the General Libraries of Emory University. Previously, Susan was Manager of the Arthur Andersen Business Research Center in Atlanta.

**La Loria Konata** recently has been promoted to Assistant Professor, Liaison and Research Services at Pullen Library, Georgia State University. Konata earned an MLS degree from Clark Atlanta University (1999), a master's degree from Georgia State (1996), and a bachelor's degree from Tougaloo College, Mississippi.

North Carolina State University Libraries Fellow **Monica I. Lopez** was recently accepted into the Association of College and Research Libraries highly selective Institute for Information Literacy (IIL) Immersion Program.

**Bobbie Morgan** joins the Georgia Public Library Service as consultant for children, parents and family literacy. Her primary responsibilities include coordinating the statewide vacation reading program, providing support to children's librarians throughout the state, and helping to administer state and federal grants for family literacy initiatives to Georgia public library systems. Morgan was previously children's librarian at the Newport News Public Library in Newport News, Virginia.

Broward County (Florida) Library staff bid a fond farewell to retiring director **Samuel F. Morrison** at a lively "To Sam, With Love" party held April 25 at the African-American Research Library and Cultural Center (AARLCC). Photos and videos chronicling Morrison's 30-year career

were on display, and \$2,500 was donated to an endowment fund named in his honor. The library's new director, Robert Cannon, former director of the Charlotte-Mecklenberg Public Library, arrives this June.

Photo below: Samuel F. Morrison - relaxed, rested, retired.



**Marjorie D. Patterson** recently was promoted to Assistant Professor, Interlibrary Services at Pullen Library, Georgia State University, Atlanta. Patterson obtained an MLS degree from Florida State University, and a bachelor's degree from Berry College.

**Dr. Derrie Perez**, Interim Dean of the University of South Florida Library System, has been elected as Vice President/President Elect of the Florida Library Association. Her term will last through 2005. Dr. Perez has served as Interim Dean of the USF Library System since 1999. Prior to joining USF, she was the Associate Vice President of Learning Resources Services for Hillsborough Community College. She holds a doctoral degree from Florida State University, M.L.S. from Louisiana State University and B.A. in English and Liberal Arts from Louisiana State University.

**Karrie Peterson** has been appointed Head of Government Information Services at the North Carolina State University Libraries. Peterson will guide the development and delivery of digital government information resources, and coordinate access to print state and federal government documents and maps collections within the NCSU Libraries.

**Karen Pruess** is the new Library Development Coordinator for the Montgomery City-County (Alabama) Main Library and will be responsible for fund raising, program development and marketing of the library and its services to the Montgomery community. Karen formerly worked for the Alabama Shakespeare Festival in the Marketing Department. Karen has a BA in English and History from Westminster College in Pennsylvania and a MLS degree from the University of Pittsburgh. She has served as a Youth Services Librarian, Youth Services Consultant and Children's Librarian in public libraries in New Mexico, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Oregon and Vermont.

**Sala Rhodes** has joined the General Libraries of Emory University as Psychology Librarian. Previously, Sala served as Reference and Instructional Services Librarian at Agnes Scott College. She received her MLS from Florida State University.

**Rachel Sindelar** recently was hired as Education Liaison/Reference Librarian at Pullen Library, Georgia State University. Sindelar most recently served as reference librarian for the Transportation Library at Northwestern University, IL. Ms. Sindelar earned an MS degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2002), and a bachelor's degree from Iowa State University.

**Allen H. Stokes, Jr.** Head of the USC South Caroliniana Library, is retiring after a 36 year association with the University of South Carolina in Columbia. Stokes (pictured below) received his A.B. in history from Wofford College in 1964 and came to USC to complete two history degrees, an M.A. in 1967 and a PhD in 1977. In 1972, he began work at SCL as manuscripts



librarian, moving into the position of director in 1984. In 1992, he was named University Librarian for Special Collections. In this capacity he has been responsible for the programs of SCL (Manuscripts Division, Books Division, Modern Political Collections, and University Archives), as well as Thomas Cooper Library's Department of Rare Books and Special Collections, and the Map and Music Libraries.

**Jaroslav Szurek** joined Samford University (Alabama) as Music Librarian in January. He is a 2002 graduate of the School of Information Science and Policy at State University of New York, Albany. He holds a Master of Arts in Musicology and a Certificate in Information Science from Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland. He was formerly the Music Librarian and Cataloger at the Institute of Musicology, Jagiellonian University.

The University of South Florida Tampa Library is proud to announce the appointment of **Tomaro Taylor** as its first Henrietta M. Smith Resident. The Henrietta M. Smith Residency Program was established to increase the diversity of professional staff at the Library and to encourage the involvement of under-represented racial and ethnic minorities in academic librarianship. This is a two-year appointment ending in 2005. Ms. Taylor earned her graduate degree from the USF Library and Information Science Master of Arts Program. Ms. Taylor holds two Bachelor of Arts degrees from USF, in Psychology and American Studies.

**Skye Thomsen** recently was hired as Science Liaison/Reference Librarian at Pullen Library, Georgia State University, Atlanta. Thomsen was previously a librarian for the J.M. Peridier Library at the University of Texas at Austin, where she obtained an MLIS degree (2001). Thomsen has a bachelor's degree from Mills College, Oakland, CA.

**Julie Walker** joins the Georgia Public Library Service (GPLS) as manager of the Public Information Network for Electronic Services, or PINES. PINES is Georgia's public library automation and lending network for 247 libraries in 123 counties. Walker was previously associate director of the Athens Regional Library System in Athens, Georgia. Also joining

GPLS as PINES staff members are **Jason Etheridge** as system support specialist, **Katherine Gregory** as public services coordinator, and **Elaine Hardy** as reference and collections specialist.

**William D. Walsh** recently was hired as Serials Electronic Acquisitions Librarian at Pullen Library, Georgia State University, Atlanta. Walsh previously served as director of the Chester College of New England Library. Walsh earned an MLS degree from Simmons College, Boston (2001), and master's and bachelor's degrees from the University of New Hampshire, Durham (1997 and 1994).

**Barratt Wilkins**, Director of the Florida Division of Library and Information Services from 1977 until his retirement in January 2003, has been selected as the 2003 University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Library and Information Studies Alumnus of the Year. Mr. Wilkins graduated from the school in 1969 and went on to a distinguished career. Wilkins served in the position of Director of the Florida Division of Library and Information Services and State Librarian for 26 years. During his tenure, Florida expanded free library service from 44 to all 67 counties in the state. A statewide interlibrary loan network was developed. Six regional multi-type library cooperatives were established to facilitate resource sharing, provide staff training, and foster technological innovation. The Florida Electronic Library was conceived and developed. The State Library developed a collection of historical Florida material and state documents, in addition to offering reference and research services to state government and Florida's citizens. Wilkins was also active in national library circles, providing leadership through ALA and Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA). He was instrumental in the design and passage of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

**Gayle Williams** has been appointed Spanish, Portuguese, and Latin American Studies Librarian for the General Libraries of Emory University. She received her MLS from the University of Texas at Austin and earned a second master's in Latin American Studies from the University of New Mexico.

**Marks Young** has joined the General Libraries of Emory University as Director of Development for Libraries and Information Technology. Formerly she served as Head of the Special Collections Department at Georgia State University.

## News Around the Southeast

### SOLINET Announces Winners of the Fourth Annual Outstanding Library Programs Awards

SOLINET's Outstanding Library Programs Awards recognize library accomplishments that illustrate the benefits of library collaboration, serve as models of effectiveness, and/or advance the development of innovative programs. The awards are given in three categories. In the fourth year of the awards program, a committee of judges from SOLINET member libraries named the following winners, who were recognized May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the SOLINET Annual Membership Meeting in Atlanta.

- **Continuing Education and Staff Development** Awarded to the **Orange County (FL) Library System**, for their Spectrum Program, which offers new managers seeking a flexible learning experience the chance to rotate through management support positions in different departments and branches. The participating staff spend three months at each site and learn more about their skills and abilities under a variety of circumstances, gaining a system-wide perspective, and emerging better prepared for further management challenges.
- **Multitype Library Cooperation** Awarded to the **Pulaski County (Virginia) Library System**, in conjunction with the Pulaski County Public Library & School System, for their development of the "Virtual Library Card" to provide all county residents with access to a wealth of databases and other electronic reference materials provided by the Library of Virginia. The card was issued to all students in the county system, along with instructions for use and a brochure detailing its benefits. Costs of the program are offset by multiple uses of the card, including student identification. A model of the well-received program has been created that can easily be replicated by other public library and school systems. For information on the "Virtual Library Card," see [www.pclibs.org/virtual\\_library.htm](http://www.pclibs.org/virtual_library.htm).
- **Preservation and Electronic Information** Awarded to the **Virtual Library of Virginia (VIVA)** for their "Virginia Heritage Project."

initiated in 1997, it provides access to 400 years of African American history in Virginia, encompassing the Colonial era, the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, Reconstruction, and important events in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries. With funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities plus matching funds from participating institutions, the project has created a searchable web-based union database of encoded finding aids to more than 3,300 individual archival collections housed at 19 separate libraries. The project has also developed a model for the statewide dissemination of training in Encoded Archival Description, an emerging international standard. The "Virginia Heritage Project" is accessible at [www.lib.virginia.edu/vhp](http://www.lib.virginia.edu/vhp)

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### SOLINET Elects New Board and OCLC Member Council Delegates

At its Annual Membership Meeting in Atlanta in May, SOLINET member libraries elected the following:

#### Board of Directors

- Amy Dykeman, University Librarian, University of North Carolina – Charlotte
- Althea H. Jenkins, Director of University Libraries, Florida State University
- Pat Matthes, Director of Library Services, Mississippi University for Women
- Elsie Stephens Weatherington, Dean of Library and Media Services, Virginia State University

#### Delegation to OCLC Members Council

- Cynthia N. Cobb, Director, Lee County Library System, FL
- Donna D. Nicely, Director, Nashville Public Library, TN
- Emma Bradford Perry, Dean of Libraries, Southern University, LA

The Board of Directors elected the following officers:

- Chair, Raymond Santiago, Director, Miami-Dade Public Library System, FL
- Vice Chair: Janis M. Bandelin, Director of Libraries, Furman University, SC

- Treasurer: John E. Ulmschneider, University Librarian, Virginia Commonwealth University Libraries
- Secretary: James A. Nelson, State Librarian and Commissioner, Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives.

required to pay annual membership dues and cannot participate in the governance of the Association. For more information contact John Burger, ASERL Executive Director, at [jburger@solinet.net](mailto:jburger@solinet.net).

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### **ASERL Elects New Board of Directors**

On May 1st, ASERL members elected the following persons to serve on the Board of Directors for 2003-04:

- President: Derrie Perez, Interim Dean of Libraries, University of South Florida
- President-Elect: Barbara Dewey, Dean of Libraries, University of Tennessee – Knoxville
- Secretary-Treasurer: Sylverna Ford, Dean of Libraries, University of Memphis
- Past President: Connie McCarthy, Dean of University Libraries, College of William and Mary, VA
- At-Large Members: Barry Baker, Director of Libraries, University of Central Florida; Eileen Hitchingham, Dean of University Libraries, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University; Paul Willis, Dean of Libraries, University of South Carolina

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### **ASERL Creates Program Options for Non-Member Libraries**

Members of the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL) have voted to allow non-member research libraries to participate in ASERL programming. The new program category, called "ASERL Program Affiliates," allows research libraries anywhere to join ASERL's shared catalog, document delivery system, implementation of competencies for research librarians, and upcoming cooperative virtual reference and journal storage efforts. ASERL Program Affiliates pay an equal share of program expenses as ASERL member libraries plus an administrative fee to cover overhead costs. Program Affiliates are not, however, members of ASERL and therefore are not

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