

# NMRT Newsletter

## Louisiana Library Association - New Members Round Table Section

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### From the Chair--

I want to thank all of the members of NMRT whom have worked so hard this year to do the things NMRT is known for. This has been a busy year for me personally, having served as Chair of the Section and as Chair of the 1998 LLA Conference in Shreveport. This is the 72nd LLA Annual Conference which will be held March 3-6, 1998, at the Expo Hall. Christy Chandler, our Chair-Elect and Programs Chair has organized an amazing collection of programs of

interest to librarians at all levels of experience and discipline. I cannot thank her enough for the work she has done this year.

Tuesday is preconference day. All preconferences will be held at the Holiday Inn Downtown/Riverfront on Lake Street except for those by Follett, which will be in the Expo Hall. Registration for the conference will be at the hotel on Tuesday. NMRT is sponsoring a preconference on "Grant Writing" by Bob Bradley, Assistant Director, LSU Energy Programs. He is known as an excellent instructor for those who may be considering grants for buildings, research, programs, or further education. That evening is "Dining Out with a Local Librarian." Go in a group to a local restaurant for dutch treat dinner with a 'Northern native'. (*Some of us have been Northerners for 2-6 years now.*)

Wednesday and Thursday registration will be at the Expo Hall, along with most programs. Start the morning with our orientation breakfast of coffee and donuts at 7:30 a.m. with "Focus a Fuzzy Picture: Getting the Most out of Your LLA Conference." Immediately after this program will be our Business Meeting. Please come! We need you to decide on the changes in the Section's bylaws (listed later in this newsletter), volunteer for committees, and give input for the coming year. After our meeting, go to the Exhibits Hall for the Continental Breakfast and No-Conflict Exhibit Time (8:30-10:00). "Publicizing Your Library" is our next sponsored program from 1:00 - 2:30. A panel of librarians will describe what has been done to publicize their libraries. Ask questions and give input. The Awards Dinner is Wednesday night, but before it begins, come hear Victims of Pop Culture (V.O.P.C.), one of Shreveport's musical groups, in A Slice of Shreveport at 6:00 p.m. in the Expo Hall. Network, dance, and relax in a casual setting before attending the Awards Dinner or going elsewhere to dine.

On Thursday, NMRT's first program is "Get Hired! How to Get the Job You Want" from 10:30 - 12 noon. Get tips on the do's and don'ts of interviewing, applying, and reading between the lines of those job descriptions. Afterwards, take your choice and attend either the Trustees/Public or the LASL (school librarians) luncheon. Both have interesting speakers. For those interested in school and public libraries, consider "Ten Ways to a Successful Summer Reading Program" from 2:00 - 3:30 (*note this is a time change from that listed in the preliminary program*). Learn how to be "The More Effective Supervisor" from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. Management can be tough, especially as a new librarian. Learn how to deal with age issues, decision-making, evaluations, budgeting, scheduling, hiring and firing. Finish off the day listening to Ragedy Ann, another Shreveport band, before attending the Book Dinner. Our author is Diane Roberts from the Department of English, Aeriality of Alabama. Two of the books she has written are *Faulkner and Southern Womanhood* (1994) and *The Myth of Aunt Jemima* (1994). She speaks frequently on NPR.

On Friday, Karen Schneider, a columnist for *American Libraries* will present her findings on the pros and cons of filtering in "Shining a Light on Filters in Libraries: A No-nonsense Look at How Filters Work" from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. This issue is one of the top 10 facing librarians today. Our country and others throughout the world are struggling with this issue and what laws should be

enacted to protect your rights to information while safeguarding children from obscenities. Finish the conference with the President's Program and the Second General Session.

As you can see, we have a lot going on at this year's conference. I hope as many of you as possible can come, participate, learn, and share your knowledge with the rest of us. Help us all to assure rights and enrich lives.

-David Duggar

## **Celebrate a Colleague**

Rebecca Hamilton has done a great as our awards committee chair and we have a winner for the Anthony Benoit Mid-Career Award this year. Come to the Awards Dinner, Wednesday night, March 4, 1998, at the LLA Conference in Shreveport, Louisiana, to acknowledge and cheer on our award recipient. The Dinner starts at 7:30 p.m. The Awards Dinner will be in the Expo Hall's North Hall.

## **Meet the Candidates**

We are happy to present the slate of candidates for election to office within the New Member Round Table Section. Don't forget to vote!

Chair Elect

Rebecca Hamilton, St. Mary's Parish Library, Franklin

Secretary

Patricia Abbott, New Orleans Public Library, New Orleans Bob Wood, Louisiana State Aeriality Medical Center, Shreveport

Parliamentarian

Nominees from the floor will be accepted at our NMRT business meeting Wednesday morning.

## **Jobs**

Check out *Communique'* and sources on the Internet for job openings in Louisiana. Below is one job recently advertised:

Librarian II, Charity School of Nursing Library. (Cataloger, Technical Services). \$1565-\$2584 per month. Send letter of application, resume, and three references to: Delgado Community College, Office of Human Resources, 501 City Park Ave, New Orleans, LA 70119-4399.

## **WANTED: A LLA Bulletin Editorial Board Representative**

Each Section of LLA has a representative on the LLA Bulletin Editorial Board. These members meet quarterly and assist the editor in the production of this journal. Board members make decisions regarding theme issues, covers, photographs to use from conferences, appointments of column editors, and reviewing of articles. The Editorial Board Representative serves a two year term (July-June calendar). Board representatives cannot serve a second concurrent term for the same Section. Judy Smith will be concluding her term as our Section's representative this year (June 1998). Please volunteer to serve as the LLA Bulletin Editorial Board Representative for the NMRT Section for the 1998/2000 year term. Contact David Duggar today at (318) 675-5472.

## **Going to Shreveport**

The 72nd LLA Annual Conference will be held in Shreveport, March 3-6, 1998, at the Expo Hall. The main conference hotel is the Holiday Inn Downtown/Riverfront located on Lake Street. Preliminary programs will be mailed out to all LLA members around the 16th of the January. Due to the turn-around of staff occurring in the LLA Office, registrations for conference this year will be sent to Mr. Pelton, Director of the Shreve Memorial Library instead of the LLA Office.

As you prepare to travel to Shreveport, take note of one new road project. Construction began January 5, 1998 on repairs to I-20 as it crosses the Red River and it is doubtful that construction will have finished by conference time. Be prepared for some traffic congestion and rerouting to get to downtown Shreveport proper. For those coming to Shreveport from the East, you'll probably need to take the Texas Street bridge from Bossier City over the Red River. As we get closer to conference time, we'll know more clearly what to say for those taking I-49 to I-20. Be advised, it would be easier on you if you stay at a hotel in Shreveport rather than Bossier City due to the road construction and traffic congestion.

[LLA Conference Guide Online](#)

## **NMRT Business Meeting**

The NMRT Section's annual business meeting will occur on Wednesday, March 4 immediately after "Focus a Fuzzy Picture: Getting the Most out of Your LLA Conference", our orientation breakfast. The orientation will cover programs occurring at the conference and introductions by the Chairs of the LLA Sections along with information about each Section and LLA. This will take place from 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Our business meeting occurs immediately afterwards.

We have a lot to cover at the business meeting. There will be a vote on the changes to the bylaws for the Section (appearing in this issue later) and nominations will be taken from the

floor for the position of Parliamentarian. We also would like to have a Section Representative for the LLA Bulletin Editorial Board found by or during this meeting. There are a number of Committees which will need volunteers to chair them as well. Please, come and be a part of the Section! Give us your time and your input on future programs and activities, and serve as a committee member or officer.

## **Member News**

It's been heard through the grapevine that Cate Cebrowski has brought a large grant to Northwestern State Aeriality's Watson Library.

Also, rumor has it that Christy Chandler will be the next LLA Executive Director.

## **Directory of Academic & Research Librarians**

The 10th edition of the Directory of Academic and Research Librarians was produced by the ACRL/Louisiana Chapter in October. This 56 page book gives a listing of the librarians at 61 academic and research institutions in Louisiana, including government and special libraries. The cost is only \$5.00 each. Copies of the Directory can be ordered from:

David Duggar  
Treasurer, ACRL/LA Chapter  
LSUMC-S Library  
PO Box 33932  
Shreveport, LA 71130-3932

Copies will also be available at the ACRL/Academic breakfast during the LLA Conference in Shreveport.

## **Calendar**

ALA Midwinter Meeting  
January 9-14, 1998  
New Orleans, LA

LLA Annual Conference  
March 3-6, 1998  
Expo Hall  
Shreveport, LA

NMRT BUSINESS MEETING March 4, 1998  
Expo Hall  
Shreveport, LA

National Library Week  
April 19-25, 1998

SLA Annual Conference  
June 6-11, 1998  
Indianapolis, IN

ALA Annual Conference  
June 25 - July 2, 1998  
Washington, DC

LLA Annual Conference  
March 16-19, 1999  
Baton Rouge, LA

National Library Week  
April 11-17, 1999

ALA Annual Conference  
June 24-July 1, 1999  
New Orleans, LA

## Section Activities Earlier This Year!!

The NMRT Section held a networking and recruiting social and business meeting on Saturday, October 11, 1997 at Lake End Park in Morgan City, Louisiana. The weather was great and the food was good! The coals were blazing on the bar-be-que as the burgers sizzled. Frisbees filled the air. Members met the Romano Family who were holding a reunion next door. Sadly, none of the Romano's were librarians, though we hope we've influenced some of the next generation to consider librarianship as a "cool" career. During the business meeting we discussed the upcoming conference and the programs the Section is sponsoring, along with visits to the LSU School of Library and Information Science, notices for nominations for the Anthony Benoit Mid-Career Award, bylaws changes, and the deadline for the next issue.

Vicki Nesting, SLIS Liaison Committee Chair, attended the orientation sessions at the LSU School of Library and Information Science in August and January, encouraging students to become more active in professional organizations and joining NMRT.

Louisiana was fortunate to host the American Library Association's Midwinter Conference in New Orleans during January 1998. The Louisiana Library Association shared a booth with the LSU School of Library and Information Science at the conference. Christy Chandler, NMRT Chair-Elect, was but one of many librarians working the booth and meeting students enrolled in library courses within Louisiana.

## **Section Activities in the Future!!**

The time is now to start volunteering to serve on a committee for the 1998-99 year in LLA. The NMRT Section needs you! Let us know before, at, or after the NMRT business meeting at the LLA Conference in Shreveport, what committee you would like to chair or serve as a member on. Choose from the list below:

Anthony Benoit Mid-Career Award

NMRT Friendliest Booth Award (held during the LLA Conference)

Bylaws, Rules, and Manual Committee

Membership Committee (Recruit! Recruit! Recruit!)

Nominations & Elections Committee

SLIS Liaison Committee (LSU, UNO, and LaTech)

Editor of the NMRT Newsletter

Program Committee (NMRT programs at the 1999 LLA Conference and during the 1998-99 year)

## **CHANGES PROPOSED TO THE NMRT BYLAWS**

At the NMRT Section business meeting, to be held at the LLA Annual Conference in Shreveport this spring, members will vote on changes to the Bylaws proposed to bring them up to date with current practice of the American Library Association and the NMRT Section. The changes are as follows:

### **A. CHANGES TO REFLECT THE NAME CHANGE OF ALA-JMRT TO ALA-NMRT:**

#### 1. Change

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## 2. Change

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## 3. Change

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## **B. CHANGES IN THE NUMBER OF REQUIRED NOMINATIONS:**

### 1. Change

VI.I.1. The Nominations and Elections Committee shall nominate at least two candidates for each of the following positions to be filled: Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Parliamentarian.

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## **C. CHANGES TO THE COMMITTEES:**

## 1. Change

VIII.I.1. The Standing Committees shall be the Bylaws, Rules and Manual Committee; Nominations and Elections; Membership; Newsletter; and **Conference. The Standing Subcommittees of the Conference Committee are Exhibitor Liaison, NMRT Booth, Publicity, Conference Update and Program.**

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## D. STANDARDIZE THE NAME OF THE BYLAWS, RULES AND MANUAL COMMITTEE

### 1. Change

VIII.I.2. The Chairperson shall appoint the Standing Committee Chairpersons who shall then appoint the members of their respective committees. Two exceptions to this are the **Bylaws Committee** which is chaired by the Parliamentarian, and the Program Committee which is chaired by the Vice-Chairperson of NMRT.

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*Bob Wood, Parliamentarian*

## LLA Homepage

<http://www.leeric.lsu.edu/lla/> CHECK IT OUT!!!

The LLA Conference information is all there too!!

Section Newsletters (most recent ones!) will be posted on the LLA Homepage under the Section.

## **From the Editor!!**

The next issue of the NMRT Newsletter should come out in May. Send your information (job positions, people news, exhibits or occurrences at your institution, committee reports, etc.) to Leola Walker at the State Library of Louisiana by April 15, 1998.