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***Join LLA!!!***

Join us! Soon the annual LLA membership drive will begin. If you are a member, RENEW! If you are not a member, consider these benefits: Discounts on workshops, statewide meetings and the annual LLA Conference Receive the LLA Bulletin and newsletters from your section Opportunity to serve on committees and as officers, Invaluable networking opportunities, A chance to get involved and make a difference! How do you join? Complete and return the [online membership application](#). Be sure to check the Support Staff section when you enroll. LaSSAL works for you!

***Statewide Meeting Set for Lafayette***

Countdown to the Millennium

The LaSSAL 1998 Statewide Conference will be held in Lafayette, Louisiana, September 24 and 25, 1998. The meetings will be held at the GuestHouse Inn, 2716 N.E. Evangeline Thruway. Librarians and paraprofessionals from all types of libraries will be treated to an exciting all-day pre-conference on grant writing, Thursday, Sept. 24, taught by Bob Bradley, Assistant Director, Energy Programs, Louisiana State University.



On Friday, Sept. 25, seven dynamic programs will be offered during the main conference including public service, technology, supervision and civil service. This is one conference you can't afford to miss! Make plans now to attend! For more information, check our web site at: <http://www.leeric.lsu.edu/lla/lassal/>

### **Educate, Enrich, and Enlighten Lives Through Multiculturalism**

Brenda Billips Square was the featured speaker at the Louisiana Library Association Conference held in Shreveport Mar 3-6, 1998. Conference co-chairs Melanie Sims and Sylvia Waits organized the program, which featured Ms. Square, Head of Library and Archives at the Amistad Research Center, speaking about how to fill in the gaps most libraries have in multicultural and ethnic materials.

Ms Square talked about where American libraries stand today as far as staffing, collection policies, education and outreach programs to ethnic minorities, and what trends we can expect in the future. Then Hollywood reared it's glamorous head. Before filming the recent movie *Amistad*, Steven Spielberg and his associates conducted much of their research at the Amistad Center. Ms. Square was pleased that the film reflected the true story of the incident as evidenced by her archives. The resulting publicity has kept her extremely busy, but she assured the audience that she and her staff at the Amistad Center are always available.

If anyone has questions about how the center can help your library, contact Ms. Square at: Amistad Research Center  
6823 St. Charles Ave.  
New Orleans, LA 70118

### **Bylaws Passed at Conference**

Barbara Royer and Catherine Mungall forged a set of bylaws for LaSSAL to address the issues of name, purpose, membership, officers and their elections, meetings, executive committee, parliamentary authority, standing committees and amendments. The bylaws were passed unanimously at the LLA Conference March 5th in Shreveport. See [SSIGNALS Winter 98](#) for a complete listing of the bylaws.

### **New Officers**

CONGRATULATIONS to the new LaSSAL officers of 1998-99:

Barbara Royer, Chair, (McNeese, Lake Charles);  
Catherine Mungall, Vice Chair-Chair Elect (Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge);  
and Etta Baham, Secretary (Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond).

These brave souls will take office July 1 and are determined to make this the best year yet for LaSSAL!



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## **Support Louisiana Libraries**

### **Tee Shirts for Sale!**

**Buttons and Tee Shirts with the LaSSAL logo are available for purchase from any LaSSAL officer. No one supports Louisiana Libraries like Support Staff. Wear yours with pride!**

**Prices: S - XL \$10.00**

**XXL - XXXL \$11.50**

*Shipping and handling included.*

## **Express Yourself with Emoticons**

Want to "express" your emotions over the internet? Listed below are some of the most commonly used icons and acronyms used to express feeling:

- :) Smiling face; I'm happy
- ;) Winking and smiling, irony
- :( Frowning face; I'm unhappy
- :-> Evil grin, smirk
- :-/ Wry face, ambivalence
- Big grin; that was a joke
- BRB Be right back
- BTW By the way
- FWIW For what it's worth
- IMHO In my humble opinion
- LOL Laughing out loud
- OTOH On the other hand
- TIA Thanks in advance
- TTFN Ta-ta for now

## ***Do you have information that should be shared?***



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Contact our Technology Liason, Faye Carlton, and she will get it on our Web Site for you!

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