

# Newsletter of the LLA Academic Section

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## CHAIR'S CORNER

by  
**Jules Tate**

The Louisiana Library Association Annual Conference for 2000 will be held in Alexandria. Nancy Colyar, vice-chair/chair-elect, has put together a wonderful Academic Section program. There will be something in it for everyone.

On Wednesday, March 15, 2000, three programs will be presented. The actual titles may change, but the topics are:

1. Cataloging Titles of Aggregator Databases (Marcia Aucoin, Anne Stanton, and Sara Zimmerman, speakers).
2. Red Rover, Red Rover, Send Some GIS Right Over (John Anderson and Cindi Wolff, speakers).
3. DEED-Net (Rebecca Stenzel, speaker).

On Thursday, March 16, 2000, four programs will be presented:

4. Space Planning and Moves (Mike DiCarlo and Rebecca DiCarlo, speakers).
5. Emergency Preparedness (Elaine Smyth, speaker).
6. Joint Academic Section/ACRL-LA Business Meeting: At this meeting the Outstanding Academic Librarian Award will be presented, as well as a posthumous memorial to D. W. Schneider.
7. Dr. Wayne Brown, President of the Louisiana Community and Technical College System will speak about the new system and the information needs of its students.

On Friday, March 17, 2000, the Academic Section is co-sponsoring, with LASSAL, a speech by current ALA President Sarah Long.

We are fortunate to belong to a state with such a progressive academic library profession. The programs of interest to academic librarians in the state presented at the joint ACRL-LA/LUC meeting in Monroe, October 7-8, 1999, were outstanding, as is the new library building at the University of Louisiana at Monroe. The staff there overwhelmed us with door prizes and edible

goodies.

The new LALINC Resource Sharing Committee's Aggregator Database Cataloging Subcommittee (AD-Cat) effort will make the full-text databases so many of us rely on much more useful. Cataloging records to individual titles will become easily available to any academic institution in the state. Like previous LALINC consortial efforts, every kind of librarian from every kind of institution will collectively make bibliographic accessibility to these titles a dream come true. No one institution could do it alone. Most of all, this effort will help our library users gain better access to our rich consortial resources.

## **SECTION NEWS**

### **OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC LIBRARIAN AWARD COMMITTEE**

Jules Tate, Academic Section Chair, has appointed Bob Heriard of UNO and Jane Robinson of Southern University to the Academic Section's Outstanding Academic Librarian Award Committee.

They will join Joe McNeill of McNeese and Martha Henderson from Northwestern. Joe McNeill will serve as the Outstanding Academic Librarian Award Committee's chair.

## **OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC LIBRARIAN AWARD**

### **Purpose:**

To publicly recognize an individual who has made significant contributions to further the development of academic libraries/librarians/librarianship in Louisiana.

### **Prerequisites:**

1. Must be an academic librarian currently active in his/her profession in Louisiana. On rare occasions, a non-librarian who has made exceptional contributions to academic librarianship in Louisiana may be considered.
2. Contributions must be of value to libraries or librarians as a whole and not to individual persons or institutions. Contributions, such as creating a "model library" on a particular campus, must be profound enough to be of wide interest and easily accessible for other libraries to benefit from its creation.
3. Nominations must be made by a current member of LLA and/or the Outstanding

## Academic Librarian Award Committee.

### **Evaluation Criteria:**

The award recipient is to be determined from the nomination forms and supporting data using an evaluation instrument based on a point structure.

Nominees should be characterized by one of more of the following:

1. Actively participates in/contributes to professional activities and organizations which significantly impact academic libraries.
2. Conducts research and shares this research with other Louisiana academic librarians (either through publication or through public presentation) which enhances the ability of library users to more fully utilize current information resources and technologies.
3. Serves as a model for other librarians or potential librarians; helps further the impact of Louisiana academic libraries on the education and/or livelihood of Louisiana's students and residents.

### **Nomination:**

The Outstanding Academic Librarian Award Committee shall serve as a candidate search committee accepting nominations from LLA members and/or directly nominating candidates. If a candidate is selected to receive the Outstanding Academic Librarian Award, the Committee will make its recommendation to the Academic Section Executive Committee (Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary) for final approval.

1. Letter of nomination
  - A. Must be submitted directly to the Chair of the Award Committee.
  - B. Should include the full name, work address, telephone number, and e-mail address (if available) of the nominee.
  - C. Outline the nominee's contributions to academic librarianship.
  - D. List all special accomplishments credited to the nominee.
2. Letter/s supporting the nomination
  - A. Must be submitted directly to the Chair of the Award Committee.
  - B. Should provide further evidence that the candidate is deserving of this recognition.
  - C. The committee will compile a scrapbook of letters to be given to the award recipient the night the award is given.
3. All letters and supporting documentation for the candidates not selected become the sole property of the Outstanding Academic Librarian Award Committee. Information contained in the documents will be confidential and will be maintained for 60 days after the Conference. At that time, documents will be destroyed.

Please submit nominations as soon as possible as the nominee must be selected by December 1, 1999. Send nominations to:

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## **LIBRARY NEWS**

### **LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY Middleton**

The Schwing Library Lecture was held on October 28 at the Lod Cook Alumni Center. The speaker was James G. Neal, dean of University Libraries at John Hopkins University. He spoke on "The Entrepreneurial Imperative: Moving From Incremental to Radical Academic Library Development."

### **LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY Eunice**

During the month of October, the library hosted an exhibit entitled "Evangeline." The exhibit included early editions of Longfellow's narrative poem, etchings duplicated from an 1879 edition of The Poetical Works of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, which was issued in 30 parts at fifty cents each "payable on delivery," advertisements of Deloris Del Rio's 1928 silent film "Evangeline," as well as a tape of the movie itself. Also included in the exhibit was evidence of Louisiana's incorporation of the fictitious poem and its characters into everyday culture. On display were examples of the use of Evangeline in advertisements, political statements, and music.

On October 20 Dr. Claude Oubre, a scholar of Louisiana history, spoke on Evangeline and the ramifications of the 1866 poem.

### **LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY Shreveport**

New appointments have been made at the library in a variety of departments. Martha Lawler is assistant curator of the James Smith Noel Collection, Robert Miciotto is assistant curator of Archives and Special Collections, Laura Street is curator of Archives and Special Collections,

and Julienne Wood is assistant librarian of Research Services.

**LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY**  
**Prescott Memorial Library**

Anita Dotson, head of access services, is the new chair of the LLN Interlibrary Loan Committee. She has also been elected to serve on the La Tech University Senate, where she now joins Peggy Schenk as a library representative.

David Merchant, systems librarian, is a Beta tester for ibooks.com, a new netbooks type service that is in pre-production. He also has written an article on cross-platform JavaScript for an upcoming issue of Library Software Review.

**MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**Frazar Library**

Adrienne Detwiler joined the library faculty on October 1 as Interlibrary/Distance Education Librarian.

Patrick Webb has assumed duties as assistant archivist. He was previously reference librarian.

Library Meeting A is now being utilized as an electronic library classroom, with 19 laptop computers and Internet connections. The use of laptops, along with a ceiling-mounted projector, enables reference librarians to demonstrate web-based resources and then allow students hands-on activities.

**NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**Watson Library**

Four new librarians joined the library this fall. Charlie Gaudin is the new reference librarian in the Media-Serials Division, Garry Church was appointed circulation/reserve librarian, Jeff Tomlinson joined as reference/instruction librarian, and Sarah M. Church is the new head of media-serials.

Martha Henderson assumed the chair of National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education in October. Henderson has served on both the NCATE's Board of Examiners and Unit Accreditation Board.

Catherine Jannik, special collections librarian and assistant archivist, presented a paper, "Gladys Noel Bates: Ahead of Her Time," at Visible Women and Southern History II Conference, at LSU Shreveport, in October. Barbara Reilly, head of the Shreveport division, moderated a panel at the same meeting.

Barbara Reilly participated in the South Central Medical Library Association meeting in Norman, OK in October. She serves on the membership committee.

**NUNEZ COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
Library**

The Friends of the Library are sponsoring a three-month drive to raise funds to complete the furnishing of the new library. The library should be completed in November.

**SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY  
Sims Library**

Susan Suess is the new health sciences librarian, sharing her duties between Sims Library and the Baton Rouge Nursing Library. Mary Frances Marx and Beth Stahr have joined Reference Department as reference/instruction librarians.

J.B. Hill, head of reference, and Richard DeFoe, reference librarian, presented a poster session at the ALA Annual conference on "Redesigning Reference: Plan 9 for Cyperspace." Stephen Sanders, coordinator for the library skills credit course, discussed "Generation X and the Library" at the LOUIS Users Conference in Monroe.

**SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY  
John B. Cade Library**

Emma Perry, library dean, Mildred Brown, technical services chair, and Jane Robinson, head of reference, attended the Black Caucus of the American Library Association in Las Vegas July 19 - 22. The library received a grant from the Board of Regents Support Fund entitled "Enhancement of Electronic Resources for Faculty Teaching and Distance Learning." The grant, in the amount of \$117,900, will be used to provide advanced technology training for faculty development of online courses.

Dawn Kight, manager systems & technology office, has been selected to participate in the ARL Leadership and Career Development Program for 1999/2000.

**TULANE UNIVERSITY  
Howard-Tilton Library**

The library welcomed consulting dean Carlton Rochell on June 15. Rochelle, formerly dean of libraries at New York University and publisher of the NYU press, replaces long-time university librarian Phil Leinbach while the search for a new dean is completed. Leinbach retired from the library on June 30 after 16 years, but will remain on campus through next year's SACS reaccreditation visit which he is helping to coordinate.

## **UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE**

### **Edith Garland Dupr Library**

Ashley Bonnette, bibliographic instruction & distance learning librarian, had "Urban Sprawl" published in the June 1999 issue of Bulletin of Bibliography.

Carol Casey, head of cataloging, published three articles during the fall semester. The articles are "Accessibility and the Educational Web Site" (Syllabus, September 1999), "An Analytical Index to the Internet: Dreams of Utopia" (College & Research Libraries, November 1999), and "Creating and Managing Web Rings: A Step-by-Step Guide" (Information Technology and Libraries, December 1999).

Chuck Hamsa, associate professor, retired on October 1 after thirty years of service. Chuck served in many capacities during his tenure; he was in turn reference librarian, acquisitions librarian, head of gifts and exchanges, and bibliographer for business and education.

Sandy Himel, government documents librarian, gave a presentation on federal depository services and federal and Louisiana state government information sources on the Internet to participants of Leadership Lafayette, a program sponsored by the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce.

David Stokes, special projects librarian, has written an article for the National Railway Historical Society entitled "Railroads Blue & Grey: Rail Transport in the Civil War, 1861-1865, a Bibliography." The article will appear in a forthcoming issue of National Railway Bulletin.

Bruce Turner, head of archives & special collections, was elected vice-president/president elect of the Society of Southwest Archivists. He will also serve as the chair of the Archival History Roundtable at the Society of American Archivists conference.

## **XAVIER UNIVERSITY**

### **Library**

John Ahearn, head of the instructional media services division, retired after 30 years at Xavier. John was presented with a service award during a retirement ceremony on September 17, 1999.

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