

ACRL/LA Chapter
is sponsoring a
pre-conference
workshop at ALA-
Midwinter 2002 in
New Orleans

Chair's Corner

by
Fred Hamilton

As I write this message my mind is swirling with information gleaned from the joint Association of College and Research Libraries—Louisiana (ACRL/LA) and the LOUIS Users Conference (LUC) held Thursday and Friday, October 25 and 26 at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond.

The theme of this ACRL conference was “2001: An Information Odyssey.” The guest speaker for this conference was Patricia Iannuzzi from Moffitt Library, U.C.-Berkeley. She spoke on exploring new roles for academic librarians in expanding the information literacy of our patrons. A panel discussion, moderated by Sigrid Kelsey, LSU, was held after Ms. Iannuzzi's presentation. The panel consisted of Ashley Bonnette, UL-Lafayette; Kevin Cuccia, Louisiana Tech; Sharon Mader, UNO; Stephen Sanders, SLU; and Kay Stebbins, LSU-S.



Awards & Committees Deadlines

Academic
Librarian
Award
deadline
December 1

Grassroots
Grant
Award
deadline
January 30

Nominations
for Officers
due
December 1

The LUC conference centered on the implementation of SIRSI. Breakout sessions were held Thursday afternoon and Friday morning on implementing the various parts of SIRSI's Unicorn. Sessions ranged from cataloging and authorities to ILLiad, with information on what each library would need to do to implement our new automated system.

I would like to mention that the ACRL/LA Chapter is sponsoring a pre-conference workshop at ALA-Midwinter 2002 in New Orleans on Friday, January 18th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Tulane University. The workshop is titled “Creating a Continuous Assessment Environment in Academic Libraries: Practical Applications of the Standards.”

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Section News

Outstanding Academic Librarian Award Committee Members

The members of the 2001/2002 Outstanding Academic Librarian Award Committee are: **Ginger Bryan**, chair, Bossier Parish Community College; **Wendy Johnson**, River Parishes Community College; and **Eric Johnson**, Southeastern Louisiana University.

More about this award can be found on page 6.

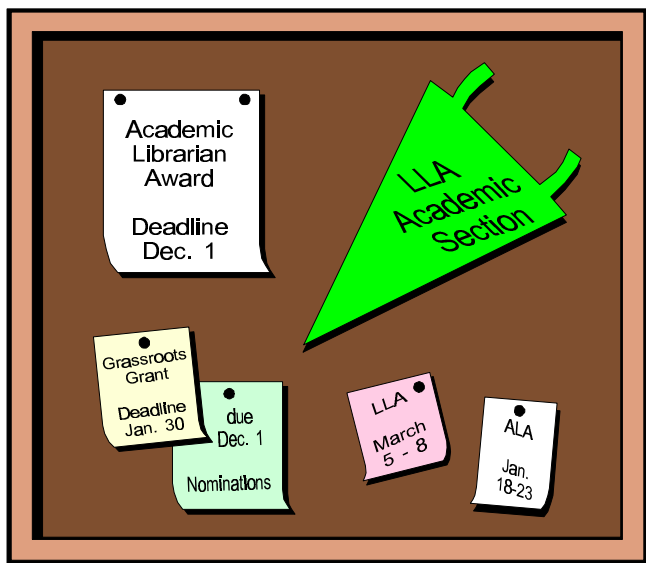
Thorpe Grassroots Grant Award Committee Members

The members of the 2001/2002 Grassroots Grant Award Committee are: **Beth Paskoff**, chair, Louisiana State University School of Library and Information Science and **Joy Lowe**, Louisiana Tech.

More about this award can be found on page 7.

Academic Section Nominating Committee

The members of the 2001/2002 Nominating Committee are: **Nancy Khoury**, chair, McNeese; **Van Viator**, Nicholls; and **Nancy Carroll**, Grambling. Nominations for officers are due to the committee by Dec. 1, 2001 and candidates must be current members of LLA.



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Library News

BOSSIER PARISH COMMUNITY COLLEGE Library

Ginger Bryan, dean of learning resources, has published "An Assessment of Library Services for a Culturally Diverse Population" in the Winter 2001 issue of *Louisiana Libraries*.

DILLARD UNIVERSITY Library

Marie-Elena Amador has been appointed information service/reference librarian.

Laura Kersting has been appointed archives cataloger. She came to Dillard from Tulane University, where she was a computer support specialist.

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY Libraries

US Civil War Center

From portraits and personalities to popular culture, *Civil War Book Review*, a quarterly journal published by the United States Civil War Center at LSU and BookPage in Nashville, Tennessee, reveals the latest in Civil War scholarship. The Fall 2001 issue includes Wiley Sword's take on politicians and Confederate decline



in two new works by William C. Davis, *An Honorable Defeat* and *The Union that Shaped the Confederacy*. Other key features include an interview with scholar Harold Holzer on the power of Lincoln's image; Carolyn Yoder's review of *Red Legs*, a young-adult title focused on the world of reenacting; and Lawrence Kreiser's examination of the war's effect on popular culture as reflected in eight diverse works.

Civil War Book Review is the journal of record for new or newly reprinted books about the Antebellum, Civil War, and Reconstruction eras. *Civil War Book Review* is a project of the United States Civil War Center and LSU Libraries Special Collections. For information on editorial matters, contact Laura Ng, editor, by phone at 225-578-3553 or by email at editor@cwbr.com.

The U.S. Civil War Center will present "Blue and Gray for Boys and Girls: Selections from the Michael Lehman Williamson Collection of Civil War Books for Young People."

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This exhibition will feature more than 50 children's books on the American Civil War published from 1862 to 2001. Varied in subject matter and style, these books project a complex mosaic of American identity, cast in the singular image of the Civil War.

Leah W. Jewett, director of the Center, has selected the books and provided informative commentary on the authors and genres represented. A free lecture by scholar James Marten, professor of history at Marquette University and an expert on Civil War children's literature, is planned for November 15 at 7:00 pm at Hill Memorial Library.

The exhibit will be displayed in the second-floor gallery of Hill Memorial Library, November 12, 2001 - March 3, 2002. Prints from artist Edwin Forbes's post-war portfolio *Life Studies of the Great Army* will be displayed simultaneously in the first floor gallery.

T. Harry Williams Center for Oral History

In the Spring of 2001, the Center published its annual newsletter, *Oral History in Louisiana*. The Center also continues to sell its teacher's manual/video, *Talking Gumbo/"You've Got to Hear This Story."*

MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY Library

Nancy Khoury, library director, is serving as 2001/2002 President of the Louisiana Academic Libraries Information Network Consortium (LALINC).

Kathie Bordelon, archivist and special collections librarian, has completed work on *McNeese State University*, a book featuring nearly 240 photographs which document the history of the institution.

Ryan Patrick Semmes is new assistant archivist at Frazar Memorial Library. Mr. Semmes comes to McNeese from the University of South Carolina, where he recently earned an M.L.I.S. degree.

NUNEZ COMMUNITY COLLEGE Library

Karen Leeseburg, assistant director for public services, has received a grant from Entergy entitled "High School to Higher Education @ Your Library." Through this grant, juniors and seniors from area high schools will have the opportunity to do research in the college library and tour the campus. The goal is to expose high school students to college life so that they may consider continuing their education at Nunez.

Barbara Vaughn, archives, has received a preservation grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The grant will be used to assess the preservation needs in the archives department.

TULANE UNIVERSITY Libraries

Susan Tucker, curator of books and records for the Newcomb College Center for Research on Women at Tulane University, and **Jean-Paul Orgeron**, head of the Center for Library User Education at Howard-Tilton Memorial Library, received a Newcomb Fellows grant for their project "Women and Knowledge Management."

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Specifically, the project proposes to extend Tulane's leadership in the area of Women's Studies through a revised edition of the *New Orleans Guide to Collections on Women*, through a study on gender and library use, and through the development of an electronic portal for research on women.

Lance Query, dean of libraries, **Andy Corrigan**, assistant dean for research and information services, and **Jean-Paul Orgeron**, head of the Center for Library User Education, received a RosaMary Foundation grant to build classrooms in Howard-Tilton Memorial Library. Completed this summer, the classrooms feature state-of-the-art technology and are dedicated to furthering information literacy on Tulane's uptown campus.

Leon Miller, manuscripts librarian, became president of the Academy of Certified Archivists at the organization's August meeting in Washington, DC. At the August meeting of the Society of American Archivists (SAA), Miller presented the paper "The SAA Mentoring Program: Ten Years Later." Miller founded the SAA Mentoring Program in 1991. It currently serves over two hundred archivists around the world.

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The presenters are Drs. Bill Nelson and Bob Fernekes. The registration form is available at <http://www.mcneese.edu/library/acrl/alapreconfreg.htm>. For more information contact J. B. Hill (jbhill@selu.edu) or Ed Rock (erock@tulane.edu).

Lea Wade, our Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, has been working hard to plan for next year's LLA Conference, March 5-8, 2002, in Baton Rouge. The programs planned are: 1) Time Out! for Adults: Guided Imagery and Deep Relaxation Techniques; 2) Electronic Information Resources for Louisiana Agriculture; 3) Can We Toss It?: Disposing of State Property; 4) Information Literacy from High School to College; and 5) Handling Stress at the Reference Desk. We will also hold an Academic Section business meeting jointly with ACRL/LA.

Hope you all will make plans to attend LLA.

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA at LAFAYETTE Libraries

Betsy Miguez joined the Reference Department as general reference librarian in September. She received her MLS degree from Rutgers University. She has worked for Lafayette Parish School System, Lafayette Parish Library, and St. Charles Parish Library. She is currently teaching Children's Literature for South Louisiana Community College as an adjunct professor.

Steven Ring was recently appointed general reference librarian. He was previously serials librarian at the University of Houston Downtown. He received a bachelor's degree in history from the University of California at San Diego and a master's degree in library science from the University of Texas at Austin.



Outstanding Academic Librarian Award

The Outstanding Academic Librarian Award Committee seeks nominations for the Outstanding Academic Librarian. Sponsored by the Academic Section, the award publicly recognizes "an individual who has made an especially significant contribution to further the development of academic libraries/librarians/librarianship within Louisiana."

Nominees must be an academic librarian currently active in his or her profession in Louisiana. On rare occasions a non-librarian who has made exceptional contributions to academic librarianship in Louisiana may be considered. Contributions must be of value to libraries or librarians as a whole, 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 their creation. Nominations must be made by a current member of LLA.

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

1. Actively participates in professional activities which enrich the ability of academic librarians to enhance library usage.
2. Conducts research and shares this research with other Louisiana academic librarians (either through publication or through public presentations) which enriches 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 who can help further the impact of Louisiana academic libraries on the education and/or livelihood of Louisiana's students and residents.

Nomination deadline is December 1, 2001

Nominations, in the form of a letter, must be submitted to Ginger Bryan, Bossier Parish Community College Library, 2719 Airline Drive, Bossier City, LA 71111.

Letters of nomination should include:

1. The full name, work address, telephone number, and e-mail address (if available) of the nominee.
2. An outline of the nominee's contributions to academic librarianship.
3. List of all special accomplishments credited to the nominee.

Nominations and accompanying documentation for candidates not chosen for the award in a given year will be kept in the committee files for two additional years; the person who made the original nomination must submit a new letter to renew and update the candidate's nomination for the award.

Thorpe Grassroots Grant Award

This grant/award is not new to LLA, it is new to the Academic Section. At their business meeting last year, the Academic Section was asked to consider co-sponsoring this grant with Thorpe Associates. It was previously co-sponsored by NMRT.

The purpose of this award is to encourage library science students to attend state library conferences and to recognize outstanding graduates or undergraduate library science students.

The prerequisites are:

1. Must be a full-time or part-time graduate or undergraduate student majoring or minoring in library science and attending a Louisiana college or university.
2. Can be a full-time or part-time student enrolled in a library tech program (two year) at an accredited two-year or four-year college.
3. Individual must be a student at the time of application, but not necessarily at the time of conference.
4. Must be a current member of LLA.

The nominees will be judged from the information given on the application form and from the accompanying letters of recommendation. Selection will be based on the nominee's professional promise and demonstrated leadership ability.

The winner of this award will receive an engraved plaque and a \$250.00 check from Thorpe Associates for expenses incurred in attending the LLA conference and a ribbon to be worn at the conference.

Nominations should be made by January 30, 2002 to:

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