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NOTES & TRACINGS

Chair's Column by Jud Copeland

This is a busy yet exciting time of the year with plans being made for various conferences and committee meetings across the state. Of course, we are all testing Unicorn version GL 3.1 on the training server with anticipation to upgrade to the production server on October 25. I know we appreciate all the things our System Administrators are doing at this time!

The 2006 LOUIS Users Conference (LUC) on Thursday and Friday, October 5 and 6 was awesome! The Conference was hosted by the LOUIS staff and sponsored by LSU School of Veterinary Medicine, Sirsi Corporation, EBSCO Publishing, Thomson Gale, WebFeat, Marcive and OCLC.

LOUIS users enjoyed two days of sessions with topics ranging from WorkFlows Java Client, iLink, IL-Liad, WebFeat, Link-Source Tools, RSS Feeds, electronic resources and CONTENTdm (LOUISiana Digital Library).

Other topics of the concurrent sessions at LUC included customizing collection pages; copyright in digital libraries; MARCedit; URLs and cataloging searching; NATC counts in collection analysis; and the Friends Group.

The tone of the Conference was set by the keynote speaker, Steve Robichaux of Capital City Consultants. Have you tried the "t-diagram" for danger and opportunity? Remember to try it three times. And, it must be noted, the food and refreshments were a "value-added" benefit of the Conference.

In addition to this wide range of sessions, the Conference was a real opportunity to meet and interact with friends and other professionals in our field. It was great to see everyone again!

Did you know the 2007 LLA Annual Conference is just around the corner?

This year's conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Select in Baton Rouge on Tues-



day, March 6 through Thursday, March 8. **Carla Clark**, our Vice Chair/Chair Elect, has lined up some very interesting and informative programs for the Academic Section. (See page 7 for the list of topics).

The Tellers Committee: Thanks to **Jeremy Landry** of Nicholls State University and **Heather Credeur** of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette for volunteering to be on the Tellers Committee for next year.

Melinda Matthews and **Dinah Williams** of the University of Louisiana at Monroe are serving on the **Outstanding Academic Librarian Award Committee**. Melinda will be the Committee Chair.

Dinah Williams is also serving as Chair of the **Grassroots Committee**.

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Academic Section News

Outstanding Academic Librarian Award

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

The nominee 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.

The nominee 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.

Nominations, in the form of a letter, must be submitted to Melinda Matthews, UL Monroe, University Library, 4100 Northeast Drive, Monroe, LA 71209, Phone 318-342-1060, Fax 318-342-1075, matthews@ulm.edu.

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.

Nomination deadline is December 1, 2006



Thorpe Grassroots Grant Award

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: 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. 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. Individual must be a student at the time of application, but not necessarily at the time of conference. 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.

Send nomination by December 1, 2006 to:

Dinah Williams, Chair, Academic Section-Thorpe Grassroots Grant, UL Monroe, University Library, 4100 Northeast Drive, Monroe, LA 71209-0720, Office 318-342-1069, FAX 318-342-1075, dhwilliams@ulm.edu.

LLA News

The selection committee for the **ANTHONY H. BENOIT AWARD** given by the Louisiana Library Association seeks nominations for this award given to recognize a Louisiana librarian in mid-career for outstanding contributions to the field of librarianship.

Award criteria:

1. Nominees must possess an M.L.S. degree, or equivalent degree, or hold library certification.
2. Nominees must have a minimum of ten, but not more than twenty, years of professional library experience.
3. Nominees must be a current member of LLA who has been active in the association.
4. Nominations must come from a member of the Louisiana Library Association, although letters of endorsement may be submitted by either members or non-members.

A complete nomination packet including official letter of nomination, at least three additional letters of support for the nominee, and a copy of the nominee's up-to-date resume should be sent to the committee chair at the following address:

Melanie E. Sims, Government Information Librarian, Paul M. Hebert Law Center Library, Louisiana State University, One East Campus Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-1010, Phone 225-578-8815, Fax 225-578-5773, Melanie.Sims@law.lsu.edu.

All nomination packets must be postmarked by December 1, 2006. E-mail nominations or letters of support are not acceptable.

Library News

Louisiana State University

Jo Ann Henson is the new Business Librarian and began work on September 25, 2006 and **Melinda Karalius** is the new Engineering Librarian and recently began work on October 2, 2006.

Kelly Blessinger was promoted to Reference Department Assistant Coordinator in July, 2006. She is Chair of the LSU Libraries Faculty Policy Committee, 2006-2007 and Membership Chair, Louisiana/Southern Mississippi Chapter of the Special Libraries Association, 2006-2007.

Tom Diamond, Head of Reference, has published "The Impact of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on Three Louisiana Academic Libraries." *Library Administration & Management* v.20, no. 4 (Fall, 2006).

Sigrid Kelsey, Electronic Reference Resources and Web Development Coordinator, has published "What's New in Library Products and Services." *Louisiana Libraries* 69 (Summer 2006): 16-17. She presented "RSS in Libraries" at the LOUIS Users Annual Conference (LUC), Baton Rouge, LA, October 5, 2006.

Mark E. Martin, Assistant Curator for Image Resources, has published "An Eye of Silver: Andrew D. Lytle, Baton Rouge Photographer, 1858-1917." *Louisiana History*, v.47, no.3, (Summer 2006): 333-366.

Gina Costello, Digital Services Librarian, Special Collections, presented "Digital Library Workflow at LSU Libraries" part of a session called "LOUISiana Digital Library: Who, What, Where, How?" at the Louisiana Library Association conference in Lafayette, March, 2006. She was a panelist at the School of Information Sciences Career Talk Discussion, April 21, 2006. She presented "Giving Your Patrons What They Want... on the Web," part of a session called "The Lone Arranger Develops a Web Site" at the Society of Southwest Archivists Conference in El Paso, TX, May, 2006.

Gina is Chair of the Society of Southwest Archivists Internet Services Committee, a member of the ALA New Members' Round Table's Governance Committee, a member of the ALA New Members' Round Table's Web Committee, and a member of the LSU Commission on the Status of Women

Natalie Palermo, Systems Librarian, presented "Trigger Happy with PocketCirc" at the LOUIS Users Annual Conference (LUC), Baton Rouge, LA, October 5, 2006. She has been appointed to the LALINC Research and Development Committee for 2006-2008.

Lois Kuyper-Rushing, Head of the Carter Music Resources Center, was elected Secretary of the LSU Faculty Senate and member of the LSU Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

Faye Phillips, Associate Dean for Special Collections, was honored by the Foundation of Historical Louisiana at the Foundation's Preservation Awards Banquet June 20, 2006, and was presented with the 2006 Preservation Award "because of her leadership and dedication in the area of Louisiana history, heritage, culture and architecture."

Peggy Chalaron, Head of Education Resources and Distance Education Librarian, coordinated a Banned Book Exhibition held September 23 - October 22, 2006. She was assisted by **Alexis Carrasquel**, SLIS student and Reference GA, **Mitchell Fontenot**, Outreach and Information Literacy Librarian, **Robert Bigelow**, Library Associate, and the student assistants in Education Resources. LSU Libraries will commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of Banned Books Week with activities in the lobby and with this exhibit in Education Resources, 227 Middleton Library. Take a virtual tour of the LSU Libraries exhibit at <http://www.lib.lsu.edu/edu/bbweek/>.

Two exhibitions celebrating the art of the book will be on display in Hill Memorial Library at LSU from September 18, 2006 through January 13, 2007.

"**Why I Love Books: The Artworks of Charles Hobson**" is a traveling exhibition organized by the Bolinas Museum in San Francisco. The exhibition features a collection of Hobson's beautifully executed limited edition art books covering subjects as varied as constellations, maritime adventure, and baseball. LSU Libraries' Special Collections counts many of Charles Hobson's books among its holdings. "We are thrilled to host this exhibition, and look forward to Charles Hobson's visit to the LSU campus in October," said **Elaine Smyth**, Curator of LSU Libraries' Special Collections. Hobson will participate as a guest speaker at the Louisiana Book Festival in downtown Baton Rouge on October 28, 2006. Visit the web site www.louisianabookfestival.org for details.

Complementing the art book display is "**Bruce Rogers, Man of Letters: Typography and Texts from the Bruce Rogers Collection**," an exhibition featuring books in the Rare Book Collection at Hill Memorial Library. Selected books showcase the elegant type styles and ornamentation that earned Rogers international renown for his book design.

Both exhibitions are free and open to the public. Exhibition viewing hours are 8 am to 5 pm Monday and Wednesday through Friday, 8 am till 8 pm on some Tuesdays, and 9 am to 1 pm on Saturdays.

Library News

Loyola University New Orleans

Laurie Phillips, Technical Services Coordinator, **Alicia Hansen**, Music Collections & Services Coordinator, and **Deborah Poole**, Public Services Coordinator, recently published "You Can't Hurry Love: Patience, Perseverance, and a Positive Attitude Move a Music Library." *Notes*, September 2006, Volume 63, Issue 1, p13 - 42.

Laurie Phillips also gave a presentation entitled "It's All About the Brain: Customizations to iLink Using Only the Workflows Config Tools" at the LOUIS Users Conference on October 6, 2006.

Media Services Coordinator, **Susan F. Brower** participated in two panel discussions at the Consortium of College and University Media Centers (CCUMC) Annual Conference in Austin, TX, October 12 - 16, 2006. She moderated "The Phenomenon of Podcasting", which included presenters from Iowa State University, Tulane University, The University of Alabama, and The University of Buffalo.

She also participated in "Tales of the Storm: Perspectives on the effects of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans" along with participants

from Tulane's Innovative Learning Center and Tulane's Business School. Articles based on these presentations will be published in the CCUMC 2006 Annual Conference Proceedings.

Patricia Nugent, Special Collections Librarian, was awarded the 2005 David B. Gracy II award, which recognizes a superior contribution to the journal *Provenance*, for her article "Battlefields, Tools, and Targets: Archives in Armed Conflict" that appeared in *Provenance* (Vol. XXIII, 2005).

McNeese State University

Rebecca Troy-Horton, new Reference Librarian, received her B.A. in Anthropology and Masters in Library and Information Studies (M.L.I.S.) at the University of Rhode Island. Prior to her position at McNeese, she worked in the Reference and Government Documents departments at the University of Rhode Island, and also taught two semester-long courses on Information Literacy.

Debbie Johnson-Houston, also a new Reference Librarian, has more than 20 years of diverse library experience in the areas of administration and management, community outreach, and marketing. She began her library career in Kinder,

Louisiana with the Allen Parish Library system. Debbie has also worked in library systems in Florida and Pennsylvania. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Speech Communications, from McNeese in 1979 and her Masters in Library & Information Science from the University of South Florida in 1992.

Paul Drake is the new Interlibrary Loan Librarian. Paul has more than 25 years experience in interlibrary loan service with libraries in Rhode Island, Missouri, and Kansas. He comes to McNeese from Metropolitan Community College in Kansas City MO. He earned his Masters in Library Science from The University of Alberta in Canada.

R. Brantley Cagle, Documents Librarian at Frazar Memorial Library since 1967, has retired from McNeese State University. He has accepted a new position with the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals. An author of numerous scholarly and professional publications, Brantley is also a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), Senior Disabilities Analyst and Diplomate (ABDA), and Licensed Rehabilitation Counselor (LRC). In 1993, he was the recipient of the Louisiana Library Association's Lucy B. Foote Award for "his substantial contribution to the library profession through the field of special librarianship."

Library News

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Lance Chance, former Systems Librarian, is now Bibliographic Instruction/Distance Learning Librarian. He and **Beate Kukainis**, Head of Technical Services, were recently awarded a \$14,545 STEP (Student Technology Enhancement Program) grant for a digital microfilm/microfiche/microprint viewer-scanner with a photo scanner and workstation. **Alvin Bethard**, Supervisor of Microfilms, is collaborating on this project.

Sandy Himel, Government Documents Librarian; **Danny Gillane**, Development and Gifts Librarian; and **Denise Goetting**, Head of Cataloging, have been awarded a \$29,456 Grammy Foundation

grant to catalog and enhance access to materials in the library's Cajun and Creole Music Collection.

Denise Goetting; **Susan Richard**, Head of Reference; **Sheryl Curry**, Head of Internet Access Services; and **Betsy Miguez**, Reference Librarian, presented a poster session entitled "First-Time Publishing: Negotiating the Perils and Pitfalls" at the 2006 ALA Annual Conference. Betsy Miguez and Denise Goetting also published an article, "A Quest to Explain the Extreme Realism in Newbery Books," in the Spring 2006 issue of *Journal of Children's Literature*.

Bruce Turner, Head of Special Collections, is serving

as Interim Treasurer of the Louisiana Archives and Manuscripts Association. Bruce Turner mounted an exhibit about dorm life at the University, tracing the history of dorm buildings and events since 1903. **Jean Kiesel**, Louisiana Room Librarian, arranged an exhibit about Festivals Acadians, an annual event in Lafayette scheduled for October 13-15 this year. Both exhibits will run through the end of November.

The exhibit cases in the central hallway currently display information about library services, highlighting the work of individual departments.



University of New Orleans

Sara Williams was recently hired as Business Reference Librarian. Sara received her MLS from Louisiana State University.

John Meier has been hired as the Engineering Reference Librarian. He previously served as Science Reference Librarian. John has his MLIS from the University of Pittsburgh.

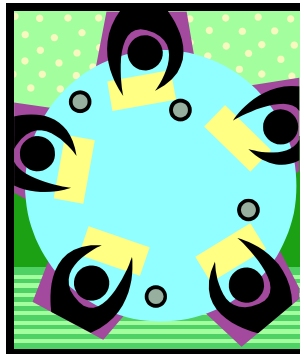
Florence M. Jumonville, chair of the Louisiana and Special Collections Department, contributed a chapter to *Printmaking in New Orleans*, edited by Jessie J. Poesch (University Press of Mississippi and The Historic New Orleans Collection, 2006). Florence's contribution is entitled "The Art Preservative of All Arts': Early Printing in New Orleans."

Chair's Column *(cont.)*

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These are some of the topics that the program committee is considering for the 2007 LLA Annual Conference:

Diversity
Collection Development
Research and Publication
Bibliographic Instruction
Library Patrons
Government Information



As Chair of the Academic Section, I look forward to seeing you at LLA Annual Conference in Baton Rouge next March!

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Academic Section is now calling for nominations for Vice Chair/Chair Elect and Secretary for the 2007-2008 year. These are challenging positions and the elected officers will meet members from several different areas of the profession.

Who would you like to serve as Vice Chair/Chair Elect and Secretary next year? I challenge YOU to send me the names of potential candidates. Please contact me at jcopelan@lsue.edu or call me at 337-550-1381 to submit your nomination.