
SUBJECT LINE

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An occasional newsletter of the Subject Specialists Section, the *Subject Line* is here to inform you of upcoming events that may be of interest to Section members and the general membership. One of the principle ways the Section participates and contributes to the organization is through programming at the annual conference. This year's conference, "Reflect & Focus" will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Baton Rouge, 5-7 March. Section members are encouraged to attend a full slate of programs designed to improve professional skills, allow for networking and assist Subject Specialists!

"Reflect & Focus" LLA Conference Programming for Subject Specialists

The Subject Specialists Section has a full slate of programming opportunities at the LLA Conference. Here are some details about what is being offered:

Wednesday, 6 March 8am-10am

Records Management

Sponsored by the Subject Specialists Section

This program discusses the documents management project at the DEQ, including documents imaging, access to public information, and other topics.

Wednesday, 6 March 11am-1pm

Caring for Historical Documents in the Library: First, Do No Harm

Co-sponsored by the Subject Specialists Section and the Louisiana Archives and Manuscripts Association

Any library can be the surprise recipient of historical documents. Documents and volumes with historical significance need respectful treatment and a certain amount of deference so that their value will endure. This session will cover essential elements of "respect" and "deference" for historical documents in the library setting.

Wednesday, 6 March 2pm-3:30pm

The Bayou State Periodical Index Online

Co-sponsored by the Subject Specialists Section and the GODORT

The Bayou State Periodical Index is a *Reader's Guide*-type index to Louisiana periodical literature that has been published since 1985. Last year an online version of the index was produced

under the auspices of the LLA. See how it works, learn how to make the best use of its features, and find out how you can contribute to this unique project.

Thursday, 7 March 10:30am-12:30pm

Legal Research Boot Camp

Sponsored by the Subject Specialists Section

A two-hour session designed for librarians in public libraries, but open to anyone. No knowledge of legal research is necessary. Participants will learn 1)how to do legal research with basic print and Internet Louisiana and federal sources of statutes, regulations, and case law, 2)what their patrons will face when they go to the courthouse, 3)what legal forms are, and 4)how to avoid practicing law. A core collection of print and online sources will be discussed.

Don't forget to attend!

Subject Specialists Business Meeting

Tuesday, 6 March 12:30pm-1:30pm

Thanks to Jean Kiesel, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, who will chair this short business meeting of the Section.

Judy Smith honored with Lucy B. Foote Award

Judy Smith, Head of the Louisiana Section at the State Library, is this year's recipient of the Lucy B. Foote Award, sponsored by the Subject Specialists Section. The purpose of the award is to recognize librarians who have made outstanding contributions to special librarianship or to a specialized collection. It was established in honor of Lucy B. Foote (1893-1973), who left a legacy of improved access to Louisiana state documents and special collections.

Ms. Smith will be honored at the Awards Luncheon, Wednesday, 6 March, 11:30am-1pm with the Foote Award plaque. Mary Marix, Chair of the Foote Award Committee, will present the award. Many thanks go to Mary Marix, Ann Middleton, and Charlene Bonnette, who participated on the Award Committee.

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