

# Subject Specialists Newsletter

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## Chair's Column --

Congratulations to our new officers! Judy Smith and Pamela Arceneaux won the ballot and are the new Vice-Chair and Secretary, respectively. With Sherry Moore as the incoming Chair Elect, the section will be ably led by such a talented group of officers.

Congratulations to Ferol Foos, who was awarded the Lucy B. Foote Award at the LLA annual

conference in Shreveport. This award is given to a subject specialist who has made a substantial contribution to the library profession through the field of special librarianship. Ferol has certainly made a substantial contribution to the library community through her activities in LLA, SLA, and so much more. Thank you, and congratulations, Ferol!

The LLA Conference was also the setting for an informative presentation by Linda Brown of the DEQ, and Dr. Paul Templet, LSU environmental studies professor. A complete description of the program is found later in this newsletter, but I want to thank them for their time and energy in presenting the valuable information on the condition of the environment in Louisiana. I learned a lot about the efforts that are being made (and efforts that are being resisted) to improve the environment, and thus improve the economy, in this state.

It has been a terrific year! Thanks to everyone who helped make it terrific.

*-Lea Wade  
Section Chair*

## **Minutes of the Subject Specialists Section Meeting**

The Subject Specialists program at this year's LLA conference was held March 4, 1998 at 1:00 p.m. in the Shreveport Expo Hall. The program was co-sponsored by Subject Specialists and the Economy, Environment and Public Health Interest Group. Lea Wade, 1997/98 Subject Specialists chair, presided. Lea thanked Adam Chandler, chair of the Interest Group, and incoming Subject Specialists chair Sheryl Moore for making the program possible. Entitled "The State of the State : Louisiana's Environment and the People's Right to Know," the session featured two interesting speakers who discussed the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality's annual Toxic Release Inventory (TRI), its origins, uses, and implications.

A brief business meeting followed the program. Incoming section officers for 1998/99 were introduced: Vice-chair/Chair elect, Judy Smith (State Library) and Secretary, Pamela Arceneaux (Historic New Orleans Collection). Lea Wade stated that Subject Specialists needs to develop section by-laws, and that a Web site for the section is desirable. She announced that Ferol Foss was this year's recipient of the Lucy B. Foote Award. Sheryl Moore asked for volunteers for the LLA Teller Committee and the Awards Committee. Minutes from the 1997 annual program and business meeting were distributed to members in attendance.

*--Christina Riquelmy  
Secretary*

## **Help Wanted!!**

The Subject Specialists Section is in need of some revised bylaws. Also we would like to develop a Web Site for our section, which would be accessed through LLA's Web Page. Most of this can be done by email and shouldn't take much time. Please consider volunteering for either (or both) and contact [Sherry Moore](#) or [Lea Wade](#) if you can give a hand. Thanks!!

## **1998-99 Officers for the Subject Specialists Section**

Chair: Sheryl Moore

Vice Chair/Chair Elect: Judy Smith

Secretary: Pamela Arceneaux

## **News from the LLA Business Meeting at the Annual Conference**

Four changes to the LLA Bylaws were presented by the Constitution, Bylaws and Manual Committee at the LLA Business Meeting for approval of the membership. Three were approved and one was tabled. Listed below are the three that were approved as changed:

### **Article V, Section 1**

The President shall appoint all standing committees, and any special committees, as he/she may think necessary to carry on the work of the Association. Any committee member who does not or is unable to perform his/her duties shall have his/her term completed by a replacement appointed by the President.

This removed the requirement for a vote of the Executive Board to replace a committee member who could not finish his/her term.

### **Article V, Section 2**

The standing committees shall be: Advisory Committee on Publications; Automation and Technology; Conference; Constitution, Bylaws & Manual; Continuing Education; (Essae M.) Culver Award; Federal Relations; Finance; Grants; Intellectual Freedom; Legislation; Louisiana Literary Award; Membership; Modisette Awards; Nominating; Resolutions; Scholarship; Tellers.

This removes the Louisiana Union Catalog as a standing committee as it no longer exists.

### **Article IX: Association Employees**

The Executive Board shall employ an Executive Director of the Association, who shall perform the duties which the Board assigns in accordance with its adopted policies.

This creates the office of the Executive Director for the Association.

## **TIME TO RENEW!!!!**

Soon you will be receiving the application for renewal of membership in LLA. Please check the Subject Specialists Section on your membership renewal form and continue to be an active member in our Section!

## **Ferol A. Foos Receives 1997 Lucy B. Foote Award**

The Louisiana Library Association Subject Specialists Section presented the 1997 Lucy B. Foote Award to Ferol A. Foos, Director of Information Services at Albemarle Corporation, Baton Rouge at the Louisiana Library Association Annual Conference Awards Banquet in Shreveport, March 4, 1998.

Ferol is known within Albemarle as a business information specialist and a tireless library promoter. Other work experiences include LAGIN Coordinator at the Louisiana State Library, Records Management at Ethyl Corporation, and Assistant Librarian at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

The library community awards Ms. Foos for her work in professional organizations that promote libraries in general and special libraries in particular. She has served as Chair of the Subject Specialists Section of LLA, promoted involvement of subject specialists at meetings and informal gatherings, served on the board of directors and as president of the Louisiana/Southern Mississippi chapter of the Special Libraries Association, and was a founder of the Corporate Library Excellence Committee, a Baton Rouge based network of librarians in for-profit organizations.

The following quotations from letters nominating or supporting Ferol's nomination for the Foote award show how deserving she is of this recognition:

*"She has held a major leadership position, President or Chair, in every appropriate group of Louisiana librarians . . . All subject specialist librarians in Louisiana have benefitted from her efforts." - Dr. Beth Paskoff*

*"She focuses on a very important component of the specialists' world - our bosses" "As a subject specialist for a major corporation, she realizes the importance of cooperation among other subject librarians."*

*"She shares her knowledge and enthusiasm . . . with colleagues and students."*

*"One of her most distinguishing characteristics (is) her distorted eyesight. You see, Ferol has an extreme case of the rare optic condition of visionarius opportunus; Ferol can only see opportunities to serve her patrons better, she never sees problems." - Corporate Supervisor*

The library community appreciates the work of Ferol Foos as a subject specialist and is delighted to recognize her with the 1997 Lucy B. Foote Award.

*-Versa Stickle  
Chair, Lucy B. Foote Award Committee*

## **How are We Doing?: the State of the State**

The program for the Subject Specialists Section was held Wednesday, March 4 at 1:00 p.m. in the Shreveport Expo Hall. The title was "The State of the State: Louisiana's Environment and the People's Right to Know." Two speakers presented informative and stimulating programs that demonstrated how environmental conditions are affected by big industries in the state.

Mrs. Linda Brown, coordinator of the Toxic Release Inventory Program at La. Dept. of Environmental Quality, was the first speaker. She spoke about the Toxic Release Inventory, which was established over ten years ago by federal law. The TRI for Louisiana is administered by the state DEQ and reports the releases and transfers of toxic chemicals by specific industries within Louisiana.

Although the total amount of pollutants, especially air pollutants, remains high, recent data indicates an overall decrease of 76.8% from 1987 to 1995 for the same chemicals. Louisiana has declined from the No. 2 spot in the nation in overall toxic chemical releases to No. 4, according to the latest 1995 data. Mrs. Brown's office is currently working on the 1996 TRI Report and will disseminate the final product next year to various state and federal agencies, interested organizations, and the general public. TRI data is an important tool that can be used to pinpoint problems and improve the quality of our environment.

Dr. Paul H. Templet, a Professor at the Institute for Environmental Studies, Louisiana State University, and a former secretary of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, presented empirical evidence supporting the view that on average, states with cleaner environments, and more strict environmental regulations have better economies than states with more lax regulations. Across many different indicators, Louisiana is a poor performer when analyzed using this method. To request information for your patrons about environmental economics in Louisiana, contact Dr. Templet directly:

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A business meeting followed the program, during which Lea welcomed the newly elected officers and reported on the activities of the section.

*-Sheryl Moore  
Chair-Elect*

## **Web Sites of Interest**

(From hand-outs at the State of the State program at the 1998 LLA Conference)

[Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality](#)

[State of Louisiana home page](#)

[Louisiana: Office of the State Register](#)

[U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Home Page](#)

## **Calendar**

ALA Annual Conference  
June 25 - July 2, 1998  
Washington, DC

ALA Annual Conference  
June 24-July 1, 1999  
New Orleans, LA

ALA Annual Conference  
June 24-July 1, 1999  
New Orleans, LA LLA Annual Conference  
March 16-19, 1999  
Baton Rouge, LA

## **Louisiana Libraries 2000 AT&T: Advocacy, Technology, Traditional**

The 1999 LLA Annual Conference will be held March 16-19 at the Radisson Hotel in Baton Rouge. The conference theme is: "Louisiana Libraries 2000 AT&T: Advocacy, Technology,

Traditional". Initiatives and Programs being looked at by Idella Washington, LLA President 1998-99, are: Leadership Seminar, Retired Librarians Luncheon, Legislative Tips Brochure, Program Advocacy, Networking, Intellectual Freedom, Technology Updates, Traditional Library: 2000, LLA History Committee. To get involved, contact Idella Washington at: 504-367-8429 or [idewash@prodigy.net](mailto:idewash@prodigy.net)

## [LLA Homepage](#)

CHECK IT OUT!!!

Presentations from the 1998 LLA Conference are located there plus an electronic copy of this newsletter!

## **Did You Fill Out a Conference Evaluation Form?**

Only 12 evaluation forms for the 1998 LLA conference made it to the LLA Office. We hope that means (a) people filled out more than 12 but they got "lost" or (b) you forgot to fill out a conference evaluation form. Well, don't dismay! [A copy is enclosed with this newsletter!](#) Just fill it out and send it to the LLA Office. Your new Executive Director wants them!!

## **LLA Gets an Executive Director!!**

If for some unknown reason you haven't heard, the Louisiana Library Association has an Executive Director! Advertising for the job was posted in October-December with evaluation of resumes and interviews in January-February. The new Executive Director who took effect March 23, 1998 is Christy Chandler!!

## **From the Editor!!**

I hope that you have found this issue of value. Please send articles for the newsletter (job positions, people news, exhibits or occurrences at your institution, committee reports, etc.) to the editor, David Duggar, at 1705 Holiday Place, Bossier City, LA 71112 or e-mail: [ddugga@lsumc.edu](mailto:ddugga@lsumc.edu). The deadline for submissions for the next issue is August 15, 1998.

*-David Duggar  
Editor, Subject Specialists Newsletter*

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