LaSSAL Hosts Statewide Conference

Louisiana Support Staff Association of Libraries (LaSSAL) will host the Seventh Annual Statewide Conference September 23 and 24, 1999 at the Ramada Inn in Lafayette Louisiana.

The 1999 LaSSAL Conference **Pillars & Pylons: Paraprofessionals Supporting Louisiana Libraries** will feature programs of interest to all library personnel including support staff, librarians and directors.

A pre-conference featuring *Data Mining on the Internet* and *Introduction to Creating Powerful Presentations Using MS Power Point 97* will be taught by Bob Bradley, Assistant Director, LSU Energy Programs.

The Main Conference promises to be one of the best ever, with speakers Gail Smith, Paige Hanche-LeBeau, Debra Adcock, Elizabeth (Beth) Adams, Dr. Tom Abbott, Glenn Balcant and Laurie Preston.

Theresa Thenevnot, Director of Avoyelles Parish Library, will be the keynote speaker, teaching us the importance of **Building Leadership**.

You will want to register early and **tell your friends about this conference**! For more speaker information, see page two of this newsletter. A registration form is included on page three of this publication.

For more details, visit our web site at www.leeric.lsu.edu/lla/lassal

**Be sure to Register Early!**

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LaSSAL Installs New Officers

LaSSAL held balloted elections this spring, along with other LLA sections, for officers to lead the organization in 1999 – 2000. These new LaSSAL officers assumed their duties July 1st.

Catherine Mungall, Chair Bob Bradley, Vice Chair/Chair Elect and Margaret Stevens, Secretary. Congratulations to these new officers, and a fond farewell to our outgoing officers, Barbara Royer, Chair, and Mary Grace Sirone, Secretary.

LaSSAL has opportunities for YOU to serve on committees and run for office! Contact any current officer if you would be interested in committees or as a volunteer at LaSSAL conferences. **LaSSAL wants**
Meet the Speakers

Gail Smith
Ms. Smith, director of Lafayette Public Libraries, will welcome conference attendees to the Seventh Annual Statewide Meeting.

Dr. Tom Abbott
University of Maine at Augusta, Dr. Abbot will present Paraprofessional and Associates Degrees Through Distance Learning.

Elizabeth (Beth) Adams
Quality Assurance Manager for Louisiana Workers’ Compensation Corporation, Ms. Adams will address the General Session with Balancing Your Life.

Theresa Thenvenot
Director of Avoyelles Parish Library, topic of Keynote Speech is Building Leadership in Libraries.

Debra Adcock
Ms Adcock is Literacy Coordinator for Shreve Memorial Public Library. A veteran presenter of literacy related programs, Ms. Adcock will present A Collaboration in the Workplace which will feature interdepartmental cooperation as well as cooperation with outside agencies.

Glenn Balentine
Mr. Balentine, Chief of Classification and Pay Department of State Civil Service will present The Library Paraprofessional and Civil Service Reclassification.

Laurie Preston
User Instruction Services Middleton Library, LSU, will present Techniques for Effective Teaching and Training.

Paige Hanchey
Postconference News!
Those of you who have taken classes with Bob Bradley know to REGISTER EARLY!

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Hotel, Map and Driving Directions

The Seventh Annual LaSSAL Statewide Conference will be held at the Ramada Inn at I-10 and I-49 (2716 N.E. Evangeline Thruway) in Lafayette, LA. A block of 25 rooms has been set aside at the $49.00 rate effective now until Sept. 13, 1999. Price includes in-room coffee and a free full breakfast. Ask for the “LaSSAL Block” when making your reservations. Reserve early for this special rate. Call (318) 233-0003 or 1-800-473-0360. For more information, visit www.leeric.lsu.edu/lla/lassal
REGISTRATION FORM - LaSSAL Statewide Conference - Lafayette - September 23 - 24, 1999

Please print this form and return it to the address noted below.

ATTENDANCE BY PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY - DEADLINE: Friday, September 10, 1999

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Pre-Conference Workshops - September 23, 1999
September 23, 1999, Registration 8:30-9:00 AM at the Technology Center
Workshop I: Data Mining on the Internet begins at 9:00 AM SHARP until 11:30 AM.
Workshop II: Creating Presentations Using MS PowerPoint 97 begins at 12:30 PM SHARP until 3:30 PM.
Each workshop has limited seating. Register for both workshops and SAVE money!! Register early!!

Main Conference Programs and Workshops - September 24, 1999
Please select the workshops and/or presentations you wish to attend. This is only to help us plan, you will not be held to your choices. Registration forms with earliest postmarks will be given preference for workshops that have limited seating.

September 24, 1999, Registration - 8:30-9:00 AM at the host hotel - Ramada Inn
Welcome - 9:00-9:15 AM (Gail Smith)
LLA Update - 9:15-9:30 AM (Paige Hanchey-LeBeau)
General Session - 9:30-10:30 AM (Elizabeth Adams)

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Main Conference

| All sessions (full lunch is included in price) | $30 |

REGISTRATION TOTAL (Checks must be sent with registration) $30

CRITICAL DIETARY REQUESTS
(Diabetic, Vegetarian, Etc. -- do not include weight loss diet plans)

Signature:
Please make checks payable to: **Louisiana Library Association**

**Mail to:** Margaret Stephens, Middleton Library 141D, LSU, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803, (225) 388-4680

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LaSSAL is pleased to announce that a **Paraprofessional of the Year Award** will be given to an outstanding paraprofessional in March 2000 at the annual Louisiana Library Association Conference.

LaSSAL is actively seeking nominations for this award. **Do you have an outstanding paraprofessional working in your library system? If so, we want to hear from you!** To be considered for the award, the nominee must meet the following criteria:

- Must be a member of LLA
- Must advance and strengthen the image of paraprofessionals
- Must actively participate in organizations dedicated to promoting paraprofessionals
- Must have made an outstanding contribution to his/her library in field of experience
- Must demonstrate, through action and philosophy, a dedication to the mission and goals of LaSSAL

If you know a deserving paraprofessional who meets the criteria, or if someone on your staff would like to make a nomination, please pass along the news of this exciting new award. For more information about this award or about LaSSAL, visit our web site at [www.leeric.lsu.edu/lla/lassal](http://www.leeric.lsu.edu/lla/lassal)

You will be able to print out nomination criteria and a nomination form from the LaSSAL web site.

LaSSAL is proud to sponsor the **Paraprofessional of the Year Award**. Take advantage of this opportunity to honor one of your best library paraprofessionals.