Chair’s Column by Van Viator

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Academic Section business activities this year. I know Denise Goetting of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette and Jeremy Landry of Nicholls State will do great jobs this coming year as chair and vice chair.

We had an excellent turnout at many of our sessions held at the conference this year in Monroe. Our business meeting also had a good attendance. We discussed our finances, and I introduced Denise and Jeremy as our new officers. Denise discussed the two workshops she held at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette this year regarding the cataloging of non print materials.

We urge everyone to start thinking of conference topics for next year’s conference. Please send any session requests to Denise or Jeremy.

I am still in charge of the Reference Interest Group. If anyone has an idea for a presentation at the next conference, I’m open to suggestions.

Thanks again everyone for a great year!

Sincerely,

Van Viator

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Library News

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Kelly Blessinger has been elected secretary of the Geography and Map Section of the Special Library Association.

Natalie Palermo presented "Acquisitions Made Easier: EDI Serials Invoicing and 9XX Ordering" at the Sirsi SuperConference in St. Louis April 18 - 21.


Barbara Wittkopf has been named to the LSU Undergraduate Education Study Group, the Communication Across the Curriculum Committee, and re-elected chair to the LSU Faculty Senate Committee on Committees.

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY ALEXANDRIA

Jules Tate, director of library services, attended the Midwinter Conference of the American Library Association (ALA) in San Diego in January. As an ALA unit representative, Tate attended the meeting of the Freedom to Read Foundation and, as a member, participated in the Standards Committee of the College Libraries Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries. At the meeting, he was appointed to a two year term as chair of the CLS Standards Committee. In March, he chaired the Spring meeting of the LALINC Consortium (made up of all the academic libraries in Louisiana) held at LSU Alexandria. He has been appointed as records manager (a position required for each state agency) and as chair of the Records Management Policy Task Force for LSU Alexandria.

Debra Rollins, assistant librarian, attended the Midwinter Conference of ALA and took part in activities of the Library Instruction Round Table as a member of the Transitions to College Committee. Rollins was invited to moderate a discussion on "Addressing Information Literacy" at the Conference of Louisiana Colleges and Universities in New Orleans in March. She is serving as a member of the LSU Alexandria QEP Committee.

Rusty Gaspard, assistant librarian, attended the annual conference of the Louisiana Library Association in Monroe in March.
Leon Miller, manuscripts librarian, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the Academy of Certified Archivists. The award will be formally presented in August, at the ACA’s meeting in Boston.


Lance Chance, Sheryl Moore Curry and Susan Marshall Richard have received a $36,834.00 STEP (Student Technology Enhancement Program) grant to upgrade computers in the Reference Online Center and the Bibliographic Instruction Lab at Dupre 3 Library.


Jean S. Kiesel, Louisiana room librarian, was named recipient of the Lucy B. Foote Award at the LLA 2004 conference. The Lucy B. Foote Award is bestowed upon an individual who has made a substantial contribution to the library profession through the field of special librarianship. Of all her achievements, Kiesel’s outstanding contribution is the creation of the Bayou State Periodical Index. Since 1985, Kiesel has edited the work of several statewide contributors to the BPSI.

Sherry Broussard, special projects librarian, is the newly appointed coordinator of the Serials Interest Group of LLA. She was a storyteller for the Performing Artist Showcase at the LLA conference this year.


Judith Haydel, general reference librarian, has been elected parliamentarian of LLA. She and Jud Copeland of LSUE presented “Reinventing Professional Librarianship: Pursuing the MLIS Through Distance Education” at the LLA conference.

Beate Kukainis, head of technical services, participated in the panel discussion at the LLA conference, “Simplification in Technical Services Processes.” She also moderated the SOLINET Users Interest Group meeting.
Florence M. Jumonville, chair of the Louisiana and special collections department, contributed an article to the Spring 2004 issue of *Ephemera News*. "Purple Passion: Ephemera from K & B Drugstores" highlights ephemeral materials produced by K & B, a New Orleans-based chain of drugstores that was absorbed by Rite-Aid in 1997. Some materials, such as informational brochures for employees, were produced by K & B in the course of doing business; others, including playing cards and street maps, were sold. All of them sported the company’s distinctive purple logo and are now part of the K & B Archives at the Long Library.

Also, Jumonville, grant-writing in partnership with Casey Rayborn of the Office of the Secretary of State of Louisiana, was successful in receiving a grant for the Long Library from the National Television and Video Preservation Foundation. In 1995 WDSU-TV, the NBC affiliate in New Orleans, donated its film and video archives to the Long Library. This grant will result in the production of video masters for five to ten WDSU documentaries and films covering special events which can be identified as being in particularly poor condition or of significant historical interest.

Three librarians presented papers in March at the annual conference of the Louisiana Historical Association. John C. Kelly drew upon the library’s holdings of Louisiana Supreme Court case files for his study of Henry Lazarus, the first judge impeached under the provisions of the 1879 Constitution. Michael A. Arsenneau and Florence M. Jumonville discussed Carnegie libraries in Louisiana, focusing respectively on libraries in towns and those in rural areas.

Section News

**New Officers for 2004/2005**

Jeremy Landry of Nicholls State University was elected Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and Melinda Matthews of University of Louisiana at Monroe was elected secretary. Denise Goetting will chair the Academic Section beginning in July.