

Notes & Tracings

Newsletter of the Academic Section

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From the Chair by Don Smith

Well the annual conference is just around the corner and I hope to see all of you in Lafayette. The Academic Section is trying something new this year. We are co-hosting a “Meet & Greet Breakfast” with ACRL-LA. The Academic Section business meeting will follow.

We should have something for everyone this year. The section is sponsoring alone or co-sponsoring a total of eleven programs. Topics include strategic planning, electronic journal archive, information literacy, preparing college students for research, collaboration, LOUIS, technical services, technology implementation, mentoring, publications, and creating videos. This selection should please everyone, at least one or more times.

Also don’t overlook the fact that we are meeting in Lafayette and we all know how great the food is in both Lafayette and the surrounding area.

Conference 2011

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*Don Smith
chair*

Candidates for Academic Section Office

Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect

Michael Matthews, Northwestern State University

Secretary

Brian Sherman, McNeese



Library news from around the state

Louisiana State University

Kelly Blessinger was elected Treasurer of the ARCL-LA (Association of College and Research Libraries-Louisiana) for 2010-2012. Blessinger published the following articles **with Paul Hrycaj, Stephanie Braunstein and Alice Daugherty**:

Blessinger, Kelly and Paul Hrycaj. "Highly Cited Articles in Library and Information Science: An Analysis of Content and Authorship Trends." *Library & Information Science Research*. 32..2 (2010): 156-62.

Blessinger, Kelly, Stephanie Braunstein, Alice Daugherty and Paul Hrycaj. "Formation of an Academic Writing Group at Louisiana State University Libraries: Background, Guidelines and Lessons Learned." *Codex: The Journal of the Louisiana Chapter of the ACRL* 1.2 (2010): 18-40.

Stephen Bensman recently published a review of *The Evaluation of Research by Scientometric Indicators* by Péter Vinkler (Chandos Publishing, 2010), *Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology*, 62 (January 2011): 208-210.

After over 23 years with LSU Libraries, Assistant Dean of Libraries **Nancy Colyar** has relocated to be Associate Director for Support Services and Planning at Shreve Memorial Library (Shreveport). She will manage the Acquisitions, Cataloging, IT, Loans, and Maintenance units as well as a Project Coordinator, and is looking forward to learning about the world of public libraries.

Alice Daugherty was elected to serve a two year appointment as the Member at Large for the ACRL (Association of College and Research Libraries) Distance Learning Section. She and **Mike Russo** recently published the following article:

Daugherty, Alice L. and Michael F. Russo. "Reinforcing Critical Thinking and Information Literacy Skills through Assignment Design." *Louisiana Libraries*, 72.3 (2010): 26-29.

Linda Smith Griffin has been appointed Chair of the 2011/2012 ALCTS (Association for Library Collections and Technical Services) President's Program Committee.

Jo Ann Henson has been asked to join EBV Librarians group. EBV (Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans with Disabilities) librarians collaborate to provide resources and research assistance to Gulf War Veterans who wish to start small businesses. In November, the LSU College of Business became the seventh campus in the U.S. to offer this service to disabled veterans (<http://www.sba.gov/node/13023>), which prompted the invitation from the EBV Librarians.

Sigrid Kelsey was recently a recipient of *Baton Rouge Business Report's* "Forty under 40" award. Kelsey published the following articles: Kelsey, Sigrid. "Internet," in *Encyclopedia of US Political History*. Ed. Andrew Robertson, Washington DC: CQ Press, 2010.

Kelsey, Sigrid. "Harper's Weekly;" "Loyal Publication Society;" "Civil War Newspapers;" and "Thomas Nast," in *Encyclopedia of Media and Propaganda in Wartime America*. Ed. Martin Manning and Clarence R. Wyatt, Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2010.

A generous donation to the LSU Libraries will benefit students in the School of Library and Information Science. The Beta Zeta chapter of Beta Phi Mu made a substantial donation which enabled the Libraries to purchase both the print and electronic versions of the third edition of *The Encyclopedia of Library and Information Science*. The combined resources of the honor society and the Libraries resulted in the availability of a work of great importance to both local and distance learning students.

Library news from around the state

Louisiana Tech University

Kevin Cuccia, Reference Librarian, is one of the actors in the Ruston Community Theater's (RCT) production of *Dial M for Murder*, which opened at the end of January in the remodeled Dixie Theater. Kevin plays a British police inspector. It is the third RCT production he has been in within the past year.

McNeese State University

Frazar Memorial Library Turns 50! Throughout 2011, programs and receptions are scheduled in recognition of the McNeese Library's 50th birthday celebration. Check the Library's newly-revised web site at <http://library.mcneese.edu> for continuous updates.

Debbie Johnson-Houston, Library Director, has been nominated as a candidate for OCLC Global Council Delegate. In all, sixteen (16) delegates will be elected to the Global Council for three-year terms beginning on July 1, 2011. Voting will begin in mid-February and conclude on March 18, 2011.

McNeese State University Library debuted its new web site on 1/18/11. The design is simplified, with easy-to-navigate pages and a user-friendly interface. The site is patron-friendly with improved content and ease of use. Special recognition goes to **Jerome Marcantel**, Electronic Resources Librarian, and **Brian Sherman**, Head of Acquisitions, for the successful conclusion of this project. Point your web browser to: <http://library.mcneese.edu> and have a look.

A 3-credit hour information literacy course (INFL 101) has been approved by the University's Curriculum Committee and Academic Advisory Council. Classes will be taught starting in Fall, 2011. Librarians **Jessica Hutchings**, **Rebecca Blakeley**, and **Tracy Hall** were instrumental in developing and advocating for this course.

Instruction Librarian **Tracy Hall** has been selected as a recipient of an ACRL Scholarship which will permit her to attend the national ACRL conference in Philadelphia (March, 2011).

Southeastern Louisiana University

The Linus A. Sims Memorial Library will host the traveling exhibition "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War" from February 9, 2011 to March 25, 2011. Lieutenant Governor Jay Dardenne opened the exhibition on Tuesday, February 15. The Library is one of only 25 libraries in the United States selected to host the traveling exhibition, which was organized by the National Constitution Center, Philadelphia, and the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office, Chicago. Librarians **Lynette Ralph**, **Kathryn Munson** and **Mary Frances Marx** wrote the grant that made the exhibition possible.

The Government Documents Department will be loaning five National Park Service handbooks to the U.S. Government Printing Office for the remainder of the year. The handbooks will be included in an exhibit GPO is doing to commemorate its 150th anniversary.

Mary Lou Strong, **Jean Caswell**, and **Ladonna Guillot** are teaching their second session of Senior CHAT (Consumer Health Awareness Training) to senior citizens served by the Tangipahoa Voluntary Council on Aging. Senior CHAT is funded by a grant from the National Network/Libraries of Medicine South Central Region. Its purpose is to improve health outcomes among the senior citizens by promoting health literacy through instruction in the use of NIH Senior Health and Medline Plus databases.

Presentations

James Lovitt, Reference/Instruction Librarian, and **Kathryn Munson**, Assistant Access Services Librarian, gave a presentation at the LOUIS Users Conference on October 21, "Promoting Academic Library Services (Simple and Inexpensive Ideas)."

James Lovitt also collaborated with **Herb McGuinn**, Evening Reference/Instruction Librarian, on a joint presentation at the LOUIS

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Southeastern Louisiana University

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Users Conference on October 22, "Library Safety Manual: Challenges and Policies for 21st Century Libraries."

Mary Lou Strong, Reference/Instruction Librarian, **Ladonna Guillot**, Health Science Librarian, and **Jean Caswell**, Systems Librarian, co-authored a paper entitled "Senior CHAT: Consumer Health Awareness Training Based on NIH SeniorHealth and MedlinePlus." This paper was presented by Ladonna Guillot at the 2010 Annual Meeting of the South Central Chapter/Medical Library Association.

Publications

James Lovitt, Reference/Instruction Librarian, has published an article "Vampire Role-Playing Games" in the *Encyclopedia of the Vampire: The Living Dead in Myth, Legend and Popular Culture* (Santa Barbara, CA: Greenwood Press, 2010).

Herb McGuin, Evening Reference/Instruction Librarian, has published an article, "The Evolution of Security at Sims Memorial Library: A Case Study." *Library and Archival Security*. 23.2 (2010): 105-115.

Kathryn Munson, Assistant Access Services Librarian, has published an article, "Using Cloud-Based Software to Build an Interlibrary Loan Survey Databank." *Journal of Interlibrary Loan, Document Delivery & Electronic Reserve*. 20.5 (2010): 285-291.

Beth Stahr, Head of Reference/Instruction, has published an article, "Text Message Reference Service: Five Years Later." *The Reference Librarian*. 52.1 (2011): 9-19. This is a Special Issue focusing on Mobile Reference and featuring papers from the Handheld Librarian Conferences.

Tulane University

Elaine Hicks joined the Rudolph Matas Library of the Health Sciences as the Educational Services Librarian in July of 2010. Elaine received her B.S. from the School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine at Southern Illinois University; her Master of Public Health in Community Health Sciences from Tulane's School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine (SPHTM); and her MSLIS from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She spent a number of years in the Cook County (Chicago) Department of Public Health as Emergency Preparedness Education Coordinator and prior to that Director of Community and School Health Education. Her library and information science work experience has taken place in the University of Illinois-Chicago Health Sciences Library; the National Library of Medicine; the Medical Library of St. Francis Hospital in Evanston, IL, and the Health Learning Center of Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. Since 2004 she has served on the Tulane University SPHTM Alumni Board and she is President-Elect of that body. Elaine is leading an entirely new educational initiative at the Matas Library which includes all the professional librarians.

Keith Pickett joined the Matas Library as a Reference and Education Librarian in December 2010. Keith worked at the LSUHSC Ische Library for six years prior to receiving his MLIS in 2008. He has been the Digital Initiatives Librarian at the Earl K. Long Library at the University of New Orleans. Keith is already a highly regarded member of the health sciences library community in New Orleans and is well known for his contributions to the Louisiana Digital Library and the LOUIS consortium. Keith will be both working at Reference and will be involved in classroom teaching and library seminars.

Allyson MacKay joined the Matas Library Information Services Department in November 2010. Allyson has a MSc in International Health from the Liverpool John Moores University in Liverpool, England (July 2010). She graduated from Tulane University in 2008. Allyson gained previous library experience with the Nadine Vorhoff Library at the Newcomb Center for Research on Women while she was a student in Sociology and French at Tulane. Allyson supervises the student employees of the Matas Library. Allyson will be working at the Information Services Desk and assisting with library desk support and reference.



Sean Benjamin was appointed Public Services Librarian in the Louisiana Research Collection (LaRC) in October 2010. He is responsible for LaRC patron services, book and serial acquisitions, and oversee LaRC's state documents, ephemera, and map collections. Sean received a masters degree in library and information science, with a concentration in archives, in

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Tulane University

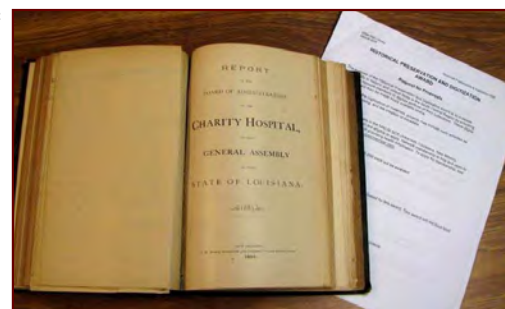
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2009 from McGill University in Montreal. He previously worked at the University of New Orleans' Louisiana and Special Collections department and with Library Associates Companies (LAC Group).

Digitization of the Charity Hospital Reports (1842-1966)

"The Charity Hospital Reports" are being digitized by the Rudolph Matas Library of the Health Sciences of Tulane University under a NLM grant awarded August 2010-June 2011 for a project entitled: "Early Medical Journalism of Louisiana, A pilot project for the preservation and sharing of Nineteenth Century Medical Publications of Louisiana [National Library of Medicine (NLM) Prime Contract No. N01-LM-6-3505; HHSN276200663505C]." The grant supports the digitization of the Report of the Board of Administrators of the Charity Hospital, to the General Assembly of Louisiana (also known as Charity Hospital Reports) beginning with those publications published in 1842. These reports were published in Louisiana as state government reports and seem to be unique to the Matas Library collection. The reports contain morbidity and mortality information for New Orleans, including the yellow fever epidemics, venereal disease statistics along with physician information.

The successful digitization of this set of reports will allow the Matas Library to continue the preservation and the sharing of the fragile publications that make the core of its historic medical collection. The documents will also be available in the LOUISIANA Digital Library. The Matas Team hopes to continue the digitization to widely share the content of the fragile 19th to early 20th century bound local journals and reports, books of importance to medicine in Louisiana, and topical subjects such as yellow fever and other past epidemics. The origin of the Rudolph Matas Library dates from the founding of the Medical College of Louisiana (now Tulane University School of Medicine) in 1834, with the first mention of the Library in the faculty minutes of the College in 1844. The historic medical collection contains a wealth of early American medical journalism, treatises and pamphlets, many published in Louisiana from the period before the Civil War. These works are not generally available electronically. Users must still use the Library's card catalog to discover resources at the Matas Library for publications from the nineteenth century and early twentieth century.



University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Denise Goetting, Head of Cataloging, retired on January 31, 2011, after ten years of service to Dupré Library. She served LLA as Academic Section Chair, 2004-2005, 2nd Vice President, 2006-2007, and Conference Chair, 2006. She is the lead author of *Newbery and Caldecott Awards: a Subject Index* (Linworth, 2003). Denise currently teaches cataloging through distance education programs at colleges/universities in California, Georgia, and Maine.

Sandy Himel, Head of Research and Government Information, and Lance Chance, Instructional Services Librarian, presented, "Working in Rhythm: Building the Foundation of the Cajun and Creole Music Collection at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette" at the Association for Recorded Sound Collection's annual conference, which was held in New Orleans.

Grants

Three grants funded by the UL Lafayette Student Technology Enhancement Program (STEP) in 2010 support library services. **Susan Richard**, Associate Dean of Libraries, was awarded \$36,891 to implement "Reference Online Center Upgrade." This grant includes new computers in the Reference Online Center and a webcam for Skype service at the reference desk. **Sheryl Curry** and **Lance Chance** received \$5,902 for "Edith Garland Dupré Library SMART Classroom Upgrade and Enhancement" to improve equipment used for Instructional Services. Louisiana Room Librarian **Jean Kiesel** will purchase a digital reader/printer for the Special Collections Department with a \$9,436 award for "Digital Technology Application for Library Special Collections Materials on Microfilm and Microfiche."

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University of Louisiana at Lafayette

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Ernest J. Gaines Center

The Grand Opening for the Ernest J. Gaines Center was held on Sunday, October 31, 2010. Gaines participated in a luncheon for the Center's founding members and in the opening ceremony. On Monday, October 12, 2010, Gaines officially donated his manuscripts, papers, and translations to the Center. For more information about the Gaines Center, visit <http://library.louisiana.edu/Gaines/>.

Accreditation

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette recently learned that the University's accreditation has been reaffirmed by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). As part of its reaffirmation of accreditation, the University was required to develop and implement a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). For the QEP, the University chose to address the first-year experience in an effort to increase retention, success, and engagement of the first-year student and, hopefully, to make a continued impact beyond the first year. The QEP includes a first-year seminar, library learning commons, and learning communities. Through UNIV 100: First-year Seminar – Cajun Connection, the University strives to meet six student learning outcomes. One of the learning outcomes is “Select, locate and evaluate information resources held in Dupré Library and in digital formats.” Many of the librarians participated in the course content for the class, and they created a library assignment for the course. The QEP was well-received by SACS.



Ribbon cutting at the Grand Opening of the Ernest J. Gaines Center at Dupré Library.

Photo by Betsy Miguez, Assistant Dean of Public Services

University of New Orleans

Florence M. Jumonville, chair of the Louisiana and Special Collections Department, contributed two articles to *Louisiana Libraries* in 2010. “Sallie Farrell: Second First Lady of Louisiana Libraries” (Spring) profiled Louisiana's second state librarian (1962-1975), who died on November 13, 2009, just six weeks shy of her one hundredth birthday. “When First We Met: Conferences, Officers, and Activities of LSLA and LLA, 1909-1932” (Fall) chronicled the early years of LLA and a little-remembered predecessor organization, the Louisiana State Library Association. In addition, Florence presented a paper, “‘The Soul of Mars’: New Orleans Sheet Music During the Civil War,” at *Words and Music, A Literary Feast in New Orleans*, 2010. The Pirate's Alley Faulkner Society hosted the November event. Florence's biographical sketch of Essae M. Culver, Louisiana's first state librarian, was among the first group of 300 entries published in *KnowLA: Encyclopedia of Louisiana*, published online by the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities.

The Louisiana and Special Collections Department made its television debut on January 12 when WWL-TV's Frank Davis introduced viewers to the K & B Archives. Capitalizing on New Orleanians' propensity for nostalgia, Davis presents semi-weekly news segments entitled “Naturally N'Awlins,” focused on obscure but appealing aspects of local culture. The locally headquartered K & B Drug Stores, which was founded in 1905 and was sold to Rite Aid in 1997, evokes fond memories of its purple packaging and store-brand products that ranged from liquor to ice cream, from iodine to pencils, from aspirin to adhesive tape. It was a “natural” for “Naturally N'Awlins!”

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