

## Academic Section News

### Outstanding Academic Librarian Award

The Outstanding Academic Librarian Award Committee seeks nominations for the Outstanding Academic Librarian. This award publicly recognizes “an individual who has made an especially significant contribution to further the development of academic libraries/librarians/librarianship within Louisiana.”

The nominee must be an academic librarian currently active in his or her profession in Louisiana. On rare occasions a non-librarian who has made exceptional contributions to academic librarianship in Louisiana may be considered. Contributions must be of value to libraries or librarians as a whole, not to individual persons or institutions. Contributions, such as creating a "model library" on a particular campus, must be profound enough to be of wide interest and easily accessible for other libraries to benefit from their creation. Nominations must be made by a current member of LLA.

The nominee should be characterized by one or more of the following:

1. Actively participates in professional activities which enrich the ability of academic librarians to enhance library usage.
2. Conducts research and shares this research with other Louisiana academic librarians (either through publication or through public presentations) which enriches the ability of library users to more fully utilize current information resources and technologies.
3. Serves as a model for other librarians or potential librarians who can help further the impact of Louisiana academic libraries on the education and/or livelihood of Louisiana's students and residents.

Please send vitas and four letters of recommendation of any nominations by **Thursday, December 1, 2011** to Sybil Boudreaux, Committee Chair, Outstanding Academic Librarian Award, Earl K. Long Library, University of New Orleans, Lake Front, New Orleans, LA 70148, Phone 504-280-1157, sboudrea@uno.edu.

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### Thorpe Grassroots Grant Award

The purpose of this award is to encourage library science students to attend state library conferences and to recognize outstanding graduates or undergraduate library science students. The prerequisites are: Must be a full-time or part-time graduate or undergraduate student majoring or minoring in library science and attending a Louisiana college or university. Can be a full-time or part-time student enrolled in a library tech program (two year) at an accredited two-year or four-year college. Individual must be a student at the time of application, but not necessarily at the time of conference. Must be a current member of LLA.

Qualified applicants should submit an essay of up to 250 words which discusses how the student will benefit from attending the LLA conference. A letter of recommendation from a current library instructor is also required. Selection will be based on the nominee's essay. The essay should illustrate the nominee's sense of direction and purpose, and his/her commitment to the profession. The winner of this award will receive an engraved plaque and a \$250.00 check from Thorpe Associates for expenses incurred in attending the LLA conference and a ribbon to be worn at the conference.

Send applications by **Thursday, December 1, 2011** to Dr. Beth Paskoff, School of Library & Information Science, 267 Coates Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803, Phone 225.578.1480, Fax 225.578.4581, bpaskoff@lsu.edu.

## Library news from around the state

### Baton Rouge Community College

Magnolia Library has two new librarians on staff. **Lauren Wade** is a graduate of the LSU School of Library and Information Science. **Peter Klubek** is a graduate of the School of Library and Information Science at the University of Southern Mississippi.

### Centenary College

**Judith Grunes**, Library Access Officer, received her retirement send off on June 17, 2011, with a cake and punch party. Judith had served as Reference Librarian, Head Cataloger, and Bibliographic Instructor since 1988 for Magale Library. Judith and her political science professor husband, Rodney Grunes, retired to Florida to seek new adventures.



Magale Library staff celebrating with Judith Grunes on her retirement from Centenary College



Judith Grunes  
Magale Library, Centenary College

### Louisiana State University

**Stephen Bensman**, Catalog Librarian, published a review of *The Publish or Perish Book: Your Guide to Effective and Responsible Citation Analysis* by Anne-Wil Harzing (Tarma Software Research Pty, 2010), *Scientometrics*, 88 (July 2011), 339-342.

**Kelly Blessinger**, Assistant Coordinator of Reference, and Gina Costello, Digital Services Librarian in Special Collections, co-authored "The Effect of Economic Recession on Institutional Support for Tenure-Track Librarians in ARL Institutions." *Journal of Academic Librarianship* 37(4): 307-11 (2011).

**Jennifer Cargill** is serving on the CIO (Chief Information Officer) Search Committee at LSU.

**Alice Daugherty**, Assessment Librarian, and **Michael Russo**, Instruction Coordinator, coauthored "An Assessment of the Lasting Effects of a Stand-Alone Information Literacy Course: The Students' Perspective." *The Journal of Academic Librarianship*, 37(4), 319-26 (2011). Daugherty and Russo created a poster for the ALA Poster Exhibits, June 2011, entitled "Are They Learning? The Students' Perspectives on LIS 1001." **Alice Daugherty** was invited to serve a two year term (2011-2013) on a new ACRL (Association of College and Research Libraries) committee called the "Value of Academic Libraries Committee." She has been appointed by LSU to its SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) Committee on Reaffirmation Steering Committee for the 2014 SACS Reaffirmation visit to LSU.

**Linda S. Griffin**, Head of the Cataloging Department, was recently appointed to the ACRL Conference Panel Session Committee, 2011-2013. She gave a presentation at the LOUIS Users Conference (LUC) entitled "What Cataloging Managers Need to Know to Pre-

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### Louisiana State University (cont.)

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pare for Transition to RDA” Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011. Griffin was the session moderator for “Power & Possibilities,” a session at the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Louisiana Women’s Summit on Friday, Oct. 14, 2011.

**Sigrid Kelsey**, Electronic Reference Resources and Web Development Librarian, co-edited the following book with Kirk St. Amant: *Computer-Mediated Communication across Cultures: International Interactions in Online Environments*. Hershey, PA: IGI Global, 2011.

**Elaine Smyth** has been appointed by LSU to its SACS QEP (Quality Enhancement Plan) committee to prepare the Quality Enhancement Program for the 2014 SACS Reaffirmation visit to LSU.

LSU Libraries commemorated Banned Books Week with an exhibit in Education Resources. Banned Books Week, an annual celebration of the freedom to read, was observed Sept. 24 - October 1 by libraries, bookstores, schools, and others concerned with freedom of speech. The theme for this year’s observance was “Free Your Mind - Read a Banned Book.” The exhibit was a month-long celebration of intellectual freedom. The exhibit was available for viewing through October 31.

The exhibits at Hill Memorial Library include the following:

“Portraits of a River City: Natchez in Photographs” opened Monday, October 24, 2011 (Main Gallery). This exhibition showcases selections from the Thomas H. and Joan W. Gandy Photograph Collection. The streets of Natchez and its diverse population are seen through the eyes of photographers at work in the area from 1851 – 1951. The exhibit is curated by Mark Martin.

“Practicing Catholics: Finding Faith in Family Papers” opened Monday, October 31, 2011 (Lecture Hall). This small exhibition features materials reflecting religion in the everyday lives of individuals and families in the Lower Mississippi Valley region in the 19th and 20th centuries. The display coincides with the 50th anniversary of the Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge. This exhibit is curated by Tara Laver.

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### Louisiana State University Shreveport

**Brian Sherman** has joined the Noel Memorial Library as the Head of Access Services and Systems. Before coming to LSUS, Brian worked at McNeese State University’s Frazar Memorial Library as the Head of Collection Management, and then Head of Acquisitions. He currently serves as the Chair of the Customers of SirsiDynix User’s Group, Inc. (COSUGI).

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### Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center - Shreveport

Several members of the Library faculty recently collaborated on a contributed paper presented at a regional conference. “Accessing and Assessing the FACTTS: An EBM and Critical Appraisal Course for Medical Students” was co-authored by **Kim Pullen**, Head of the Liaison Program; **David Duggar**, Reference Librarian; **John Cyrus**, Assistant Liaison Librarian; **Deidra Woodson**, Metadata & Digitization Librarian; and **Donna Timm**, Head of Education and Outreach, along with Dr. Jerry W. McLarty, Professor of Epidemiology in the Department of Medicine, and two faculty members at other institutions. When the paper was presented at the recent annual meeting of the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association, it was awarded third place in the chapter’s Research Award competition. The Research Award recognizes the best research projects presented at the meeting.

Neal-Schuman Publishers recently published the book *The Medical Library Association’s Master Guide to Authoritative Information Resources in the Health Sciences*. This book identifies the most important and highest quality works in the health sciences literature, for medical librarians as well as health care professionals. Two library faculty members contributed chapters to the book. **Julia Esparza**, Clinical Medical Librarian, wrote the section on “Clinical Medicine.” **Donna Timm**, Head of User Education, contributed the chapter “Evidence-Based Practice.” Another new book from Neal-Schuman, *The Medical Library Association Guide to Managing Health Care Libraries* (2nd edition) also includes a chapter by **Dixie Jones**, Library Associate Director, who contributed the chapter on “Human Resources Management.” A review in *JAMA* describes this book as “essential for anyone involved in the management of a health sciences library, whether as a library director, a coordinator of clinical information specialist services, or as an outreach librarian responsible for community programming.”

**Montie’ Dobbins**, Head of User Access Services, was recently elected Secretary of the Hospital Library Interest Section of the Medical Library Association’s South Central Chapter. This organization includes hospital librarians from Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and Louisiana. Montie’ was also recently elected Treasurer of the Health Sciences Library Association of Louisiana, which includes librarians from health science institutions throughout the state. Montie’s terms of office begin during the organizations’ October business meetings.

## *Library news from around the state*

### *Louisiana Tech University*

Prescott Library is continuing in its efforts to be environmentally conscious by taking all its discarded paper (newspapers, magazines, cardboard, office paper, etc) to the local Ruston Public Works dept when it does community paper recycling the second Saturday of every month.

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### *McNeese State University*

**Tracy Hall**, formerly the Instruction Librarian, now has a new position as Reference Librarian. Hall has been chosen as the new Secretary for ACRL/LA.

**Michael Sartori** is the new Systems Librarian. Sartori received his MLS from the University of Pittsburgh and has almost ten years experience working in Academic Libraries in the United States as well as internationally. In addition to his academic library experience he worked as a professional technical writer for ten years.

Frazar Memorial Library turns 50 years old on November 11, 2011, and has begun a fundraising campaign, “**\$50 Celebrates Frazar Memorial Library’s 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.**” The Library is slated to undergo a \$7.2 million renovation this year. While funds for the renovation are already secured, contributions are needed to purchase furnishings for the Library’s revitalized home. Please visit the Library’s website [library.mcneese.edu] for more information.

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### *Our Lady of Holy Cross College*

**Katharine Rubin** has recently joined the Blaine S. Kern Library as the Acquisitions & Cataloguing Librarian. Before coming to OLHCC, Ms. Rubin was a contract metadata cataloger for the Historic New Orleans Collection, the Louisiana State Museum, and was Head of the Information & Reference Division at New Orleans Public Main Library. She has 21 years of library experience that includes metadata cataloging for private institutions, as well as management and reference services in public libraries.

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### *Northwestern State University Leesville/Fort Polk*

**Anna MacDonald**, Manager of the Leesville branch library, hosted a Coke Rewards party September 27, 2011, to thank faculty, staff, and students for their support of the Coke Rewards program. Through the program they earned enough Coke points to acquire 12 popular magazines. This has saved the library money and allowed them to put it towards other purchases. Over one hundred students, faculty, and staff participated.



## Library news from around the state

### University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Edith Garland Dupré Library welcomed two librarians to the faculty this summer. **Derek Mosley** was appointed Archivist/Assistant Director of the Ernest J. Gaines Center. Mosley is native of La Marque, TX. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in History with a minor in African American Studies from Morehouse College and a Master of Science degree from Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science with a concentration in archives management. Mosley is very interested in preserving history and making sure that it is available for future generations to enjoy.



Derek Mosley



April Grey

**April Grey** is now Assistant Professor of Library Science/Head of Cataloging in the Technical Services Department. After completing her Master of Library Science degree at the University at Buffalo, April cataloged for Coutts Information Services and Ingram Content Group. April served as Catalog Librarian at Medaille College in Buffalo, New York. Her degrees include Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from SUNY Fredonia and Master in Education in from Medaille College. April is interested in current and emerging discovery technologies.

### Cajun and Creole Music Collection Celebration: Exhibit & Opening

The opening celebration for the Cajun and Creole Music Collection (CCMC) in its new location on the third floor of Edith Garland Dupré Library will be held on Sunday, November 6, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come hear live performances by Cajun and Creole musicians and enjoy local food with CCMC staff and friends.

The library is showcasing the Cajun and Creole Music Collection with the exhibit, "Working in Rhythm: Building the Foundation of the Cajun and Creole Music Collection." The exhibit, which features recordings, photographs, costume accessories and other music-related materials, presents the history, development, collaborative efforts and future plans for the collection. The "Working in Rhythm" exhibit will be in the 1<sup>st</sup> floor grand hallway through November 7.

The Cajun and Creole Music Collection consists of commercial recordings published since 1928, selected unpublished recordings and other resources that represent the diverse styles, genres and musical influences of Louisiana Cajuns and Creoles. The Cajun and Creole Music Collection is open to the public for listening, viewing and research. Audio-visual stations are available. The library encourages the use of the collection and offers tours and instructional sessions.

For more information contact Sandy Himel, CCMC Librarian, at 337.482.1174 or [shimel@louisiana.edu](mailto:shimel@louisiana.edu).



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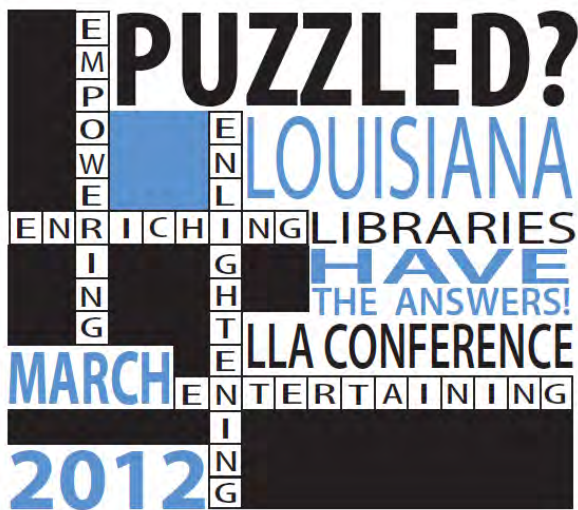
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### Louisiana Library Association 2012 Conference

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March 21 - 23, 2012

Shreveport Convention Center

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