

Subject Specialists Newsletter

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From the Chair--

Best wishes for a happy new year to everyone!

The Section has had another successful year, thanks to the hard work of many of its members. We have a wonderfully exciting program planned for the annual conference in Shreveport. I hope that many of you will be able to attend. We will be meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4, for a program on the Louisiana environment and economy, and will have short business meeting immediately following. Ms. Linda Brown, from the Louisiana DEQ, and Dr. Paul Templett, LSU, will present a program on the topic "The State of the State: Louisiana's Environment and the People's Right to Know." The program is offered in cooperation with the

LLA Economy, Environment and Public Health Interest Group. I strongly commend Sherry Moore and Adam Chandler for their hard work in coordinating this effort.

The Subject Specialists Section is in very capable hands for this coming year. Sherry Moore has done an exceptional job as Vice-Chair, and will make an excellent Chair. We have some very good candidates for office in the upcoming election, and I want to encourage everyone to vote. The slate of nominees appears later in the newsletter.

I also want to thank David Duggar for his continued dedication to excellence for the Section. His hard work on the newsletter and in many other areas has always been remarkable.

I hope to see you in Shreveport!

*-Lea Wade
Section Chair*

The State of the State:

Louisiana's Environment and the People's Right to Know

The Subject Specialists Section's program at the 1998 LLA Conference in Shreveport, Louisiana, will be "The State of the State: Louisiana's Environment and the People's Right to Know." We believe the theme works well with the general LLA theme of ensuring the rights of our users to have access to information. The program will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 1998 from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. in the Expo Hall. It is being co-sponsored by the Economy, Environment and Public Health Interest Group.

Our featured speakers are Ms. Linda Brown, Toxics Release Inventory Coordinator for the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, and Dr. Paul Templett, Louisiana State University Institute for Environmental Studies. As an administrator in the TRI Task Force, Ms. Brown oversees the data input and organization of the annual "Toxics Release Inventory Report" published by the Office of the Secretary, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality. The publication presents data submitted by facilities such as chemical and petroleum industries in Louisiana which have released toxic chemicals into the environment. In the latest year reported (1995), a total of 185,102,963 pounds were released or transferred into the environment, the main contributor being facilities in Ascension Parish.

TRI data has become a significant tool to help improve the quality of our state's environment. We are excited to hear Ms. Brown's presentation on the TRI and how it can benefit the public's awareness of environmental conditions in Louisiana.

The Section is also one of the co-sponsors to NMRT's Friday program, "Shining a Light on Filters in Libraries: A No-nonsense Look at How Filters Work". Karen Schneider, columnist for *American Libraries*, will be presenting her findings from a study of the pros and cons of filtering technology.

Meet the Candidates

We are happy to present the slate of candidates for election to office within the Subject Specialists Section. Don't forget to vote!

Vice Chair/Chair Elect

Catherine Mungall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge
Judy Smith, State Library of Louisiana, Baton Rouge

Secretary

Pamela Arceneaux, Historic New Orleans Collection, New Orleans
Doug McGee, University of New Orleans, New Orleans

Celebrate a Specialist

We have a winner for the Lucy B. Foote Award this year. Come to the Awards Dinner, Wednesday night, March 4, 1998, at the LLA Conference in Shreveport, Louisiana, to acknowledge and cheer on our award recipient. The Dinner starts at 7:30 p.m. with a cash bar at 7:00 p.m. The Awards Dinner will be in the North Hall of the Expo Hall.

LLA Homepage

<http://www.leeric.lsu.edu/lla/> **CHECK IT OUT!!!**

The LLA Conference information is all there too!!

Going to Shreveport

The 72nd LLA Annual Conference will be held in Shreveport, March 3-6, 1998, at the Expo Hall. The main conference hotel is the Holiday Inn Downtown/Riverfront located on Lake Street. Preliminary programs will be mailed out to all LLA members around the 16th of the January. Due to the turn-around of staff occurring in the LLA Office, registrations for conference this year will be sent to Mr. Pelton, Director of the Shreve Memorial Library instead

of the LLA Office.

As you prepare to travel to Shreveport, take note of one new road project. Construction began January 5, 1998 on repairs to I-20 as it crosses the Red River and it is doubtful that construction will have finished by conference time. Be prepared for some traffic congestion and rerouting to get to downtown Shreveport proper. For those coming to Shreveport from the East, you'll probably need to take the Texas Street bridge from Bossier City over the Red River. As we get closer to conference time, we'll know more clearly what to say for those taking I-49 to I-20.

LLA Bulletin Editorial Board Representative

We are happy to announce that Beth Paskoff will be serving as the LLA Bulletin Editorial Board Representative for the Subject Specialist Section for 1997-99. If you have questions about the Bulletin or would like information about submitting articles or serving as a guest editor, give her a call at (504) 388-1480.

Directory of Academic & Research Librarians

The 10th edition of the Directory of Academic and Research Librarians was produced by the ACRL/Louisiana Chapter in October. This 56 page book gives a listing of the librarians at 61 academic and research institutions in Louisiana, including government and special libraries. The cost is only \$5.00 each. Copies of the Directory can be ordered from:

David Duggar
Treasurer, ACRL/LA Chapter
LSUMC-S Library
PO Box 33932
Shreveport, LA 71130-3932

Copies will also be available at the ACRL/Academic breakfast during the LLA Conference in Shreveport.

Calendar

ALA Midwinter Meeting

January 9-14, 1998
New Orleans, LA

LLA Annual Conference

March 3-6, 1998
Expo Hall
Shreveport, LA
[LLA Conference Home Page](#)

**ALA/LLA Volunteer Day in New Orleans:
a Local Touch**

January 9-10, 1998
For more information see:
<http://info.jefferson.lib.co.us/alavol.htm>

National Library Week

April 19-25, 1998

**SLA Winter Meeting &
Education Conference**

January 22-27, 1998
Washington, DC

SLA Annual Conference

June 6-11, 1998
Indianapolis, IN

La/S Ms Chapter Meeting

Leadership Workshop
February 6, 1998
LSU, Baton Rouge, LA

ALA Annual Conference

June 25 - July 2, 1998
Washington, DC

ALA Annual Conference

June 24-July 1, 1999<
New Orleans, LA

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@lsuic.edu. The deadline for submissions for the next issue is May 1, 1998.

David Duggar, Editor, *Subject Specialists Newsletter*

{Correction: Catherine Mungall is running for Chair-Elect of the Support Staff Section, not the

Leadership/Management Assessment:

Experience a Paradigm Shift in the Way You Manage, Lead, and Provide Services

Friday, February 6, 1998

at Louisiana State University, Coates Hall, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

We all provide services. That's the nature of our information delivery business. Yet do you provide quality, consistent services to a wide range of clients by being attentive to their individual needs? Whether you are a manager or a subordinate you will benefit from our next chapter meeting. LSU's Comprehensive Public Management Training Professional staff (who facilitate these classes to state government, private and university institutions and organizations) will administer a nationally recognized management/leadership test, assess your individual management/leadership style, and provide insights into your leadership/management styles. SLA chapter member Sandy Colby has just completed taking the leadership assessment and said that it has given great insight into her leadership/management style strengths and provides tools and a new perspective to strengthen weaknesses. Please consider giving yourself an opportunity to gain a fresh perspective on how to anticipate individualized leadership needs whether from the perspective of a subordinate, client or your manager/supervisor. And join us for a buffet lunch at the Cotillion ballroom on the LSU campus. A chapter meeting will be conducted following the luncheon. Non-SLA chapter members are welcome to attend.

Schedule:

8:30-9:00 am registration
9:00-12 noon Leadership assessment
12:00-1:45 pm Lunch in Cotillion ballroom
1:45-3:30 pm Chapter business meeting

Cost to Attend:

\$20.00 for students
\$30.00 for current SLA chapter members
\$40.00 for non-SLA chapter members

Make your reservations by January 30, 1998

An LSU Campus map is accessible via the following website: <http://www.lsu.edu/campus/>

For a more specific map where Coates Hall is located see: <http://www.lsu.edu/campus/maps/COAT01.html>

Contact the LSU Visitor and Information Center (504) 388-5030, who will help you obtain a one-day Visitor Parking Permit, Campus Maps, and directions.

Please complete the form below making your check out to: **SLA Louisiana/Southern Mississippi Chapter. Send the form and check to: Virginia Smith, PO Box 517, St. Francisville, LA 70775-0517.**

REGISTRATION FORM

Leadership/Management Style Assessment Program

Friday, February 6, 1998

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Circle one of the following:

Student
\$20.00

SLA chapter
member
\$30.00

Non-SLA chapter
member
\$40.00

Making your check out to: SLA Louisiana/Southern Mississippi Chapter. Send the form and check to: Virginia Smith, PO Box 517, St. Francisville, LA 70775-0517. Deadline: January 30, 1998.