From the Chair  by Ellen Jenkins

It’s almost time for “Wisdom and Wonder” at Louisiana Libraries!

Conference time is right around the corner and we are bringing you this newsletter’s edition early, so everyone can get an inside scope on the events. Registration is open online at: https://llaonline.org/LLA/Events/2018Conference/Registration.aspx?EventKey=ANNCONF18&WebsiteKey=127c597f-ed84-4fc1-8d92-05240deaf87c

It’s a long link, but you can easily copy and paste into your browser. This link will bring you directly to the Registration page where the conference program can be downloaded as well. The quickly approaching deadline for pre-registration is February 21st, 2018! Register today!

Speaking of programs, have you had a chance to review the programs for the conference? There is a pre-conference event that would interest academic librarians. The Academic Section is collaborating with the Subject Specialists Section providing the opportunity to attend the Grants and Proposal Writing pre-conference session. The National Network of Libraries of Medicine South, Central Region will be presenting and any librarian wanting to learn more about writing grant proposals and budgets with hands-on activities would benefit from this session.

There will also be a President’s Program, “How to be a Librarian-Activist Without Burning Down Your Library (or Burning Up Your Career).” In this program, presenter Dayne Sherman, Southeastern Louisiana University, will be discussing history, theory, and urgency for the 21st-century revaluation of public education. I feel this program would especially inspire academic librarians facing today’s workplace challenges. It addresses advocacy for our profession, an aspect that the Executive Board would like to promote. You will not want to miss this presentation!

There is a huge surprise in the program: “The Academic/ACRL-LA/Subject Specialist/Preservation IG Luncheon.” Indeed it is a long title, but all of these section’s officers and interest group leaders have been collaborating together to bring this opportunity for conference participants to enjoy a nice luncheon, followed by an inspirational speech from Teri Oaks Gallaway, Associate Commissioner for LOUIS, titled: “Defining the Value of Consortial Approaches and Shaping the Next 25 Years of Supporting Academic Libraries.” Seating is limited for this event with ticket purchase required. LOUIS was also gracious to sponsor this luncheon and help bring ticket costs down. The Academic/ACRL-LA Business Meeting will take place in the same venue after the luncheon. There will be special presentations during the business meeting as well.

The conference committee has been working hard to bring social and networking opportunities to the conference. Thursday evening will be the Formal Awards Ceremony followed by an Awards Reception. This event is to celebrate the library profession by honoring distinguished librarians and a chance to mingle, meet, and network with library professionals from all around the state.

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Academic Section news

Election of Officers
Elections for Section Officers were held in January. Nominations were:
Vice Chair/Chair-Elect: Heather Plaisance
Secretary: Sarah Dauterive

Louisiana Library Association Annual Conference
Academic Section to sponsor a variety of events and breakout sessions, and other programs of interest

PRE-CONFERENCE EVENTS & SESSIONS
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2018
Grants and Proposal Writing
SEPARATE PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Rapides Parish Library - Westside Branch
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Digitization: The Process of a Completed Digitization Project
SEPARATE PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Holiday Inn - Admiral Porter Room
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Historical Trolley Tour of Downtown Alexandria
SEPARATE PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
Rapides Parish Library - Main Library
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Dine-Arounds with Book Discussions
Various Restaurants & Books are paired for a fun evening!
Contact Jeremy Bolom, jbolom@mylpl.org, by Monday, March 5th
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

CONFERENCE EVENTS & SESSIONS
THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018
Preservation Interest Group Business Meeting
2:00 PM - 2:40 PM
Poster Sessions
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM
Speak Out: Government Documents Learn and Share Session
3:30 PM - 4:20 PM
Maybe I Need a Hat Rack: Wearing Many Hats in an Evolving Library Environment
3:30 PM - 4:20 PM
Downsizing a Federal Documents Collection Using the ASERL Disposition Tool: New Orleans Public Library 2 Year Progress Report
4:30 PM - 5:20 PM
Teaching with the Louisiana Digital Library
4:30 PM - 5:20 PM
WHY-brarian
4:30 PM - 5:20 PM
Awards Ceremony & Awards Reception
6:00 PM - 6:50 PM & 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM

CONFERENCE EVENTS & SESSIONS
FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2018
Exhibits Open
8:00 AM
GODORT Breakfast & Business Meeting
TICKET REQUIRED
8:00 AM - 9:50 AM
Mapping the Field of Mixed Methods Research: A Pathway for Innovative Research
8:00 AM - 8:50 AM
News Literacy: Teaching students to be discerning in a world of fake news, clickbait, and extreme bias
8:00 AM - 8:50 AM
Interdisciplinary Collaboration in the Library
8:00 AM - 8:50 AM
Teachers of Library Science IG Business Meeting
8:00 AM - 9:50 AM
Digitization on a Budget
9:00 AM - 9:50 AM
LLA Business Meeting
11:00 AM - 11:50 AM
Library User Education Business Meeting and Program
1:00 PM - 1:50 PM
Gov Docs: Scholarly or Not?
2:00 PM - 2:50 PM
**Library news**

*Louisiana State University*  
submitted by Sigrid Kelsey

LSU Libraries is saddened to note the passing of Dr. Stephen J. Bensman on Thursday, January 4, 2018. Stephen worked for 37 years for LSU Libraries in a variety of positions, most significantly as bibliographer for the social sciences and cataloging librarian, before retiring from the library in 2015.

Dave Comeaux is the new Systems and Discovery Librarian, managing the support of the ILS and the discovery system and serving as the primary liaison to LOUIS. Dave has been with the LSU Libraries since 2014.

Jacob Fontenot is the new head of the Interlibrary Loan Department (ILL). Jacob is a familiar face at the Libraries, having worked in ILL since 2013.

Mitch Fontenot, Emily Frank, and Andrea Hebert’s article, "Going Where the Users Are: Three Variations on a Theme," appears in volume 80 number 2 of *Louisiana Libraries* (Fall 2017), p. 6-9.

Emily Frank is the new Coordinator of Scholarship and Open Access. Emily has been with LSU Libraries since August 2013 when she started as the Instructional Technologies and Engineering Librarian.

Hayley Johnson, Head of Government Documents & Microforms, and Sarah Simms, Undergraduate and Student Success Librarian, presented their research on Japanese American internment during World War II at the Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies Annual Meeting at the University of South Carolina in January 2018. They were part of a panel speaking on “The ‘Other’: Migrations in and out of Asia.” Information on their research can be found at https://www.extendedlens.org/.

Megan Lounsberry is now Middleton Library’s Electronic Resources Librarian. Prior to this position, Megan worked as the head of Interlibrary Loan Services in Middleton for 2 years.

Cara Key was accepted to the Winter 2018 ARL Digital Scholarship Institute. Part of the ARL Academy, DSI is a cohort-based initiative to train participants in a core set of digital scholarship methodologies and tools.

Melissa Smith has joined LSU Libraries faculty as Assistant Curator of Manuscripts for Special Collections. Melissa has worked as a Processing Archivist beginning with her first internship at Historic New Orleans Collection in the mid-1990s and professionally for the past fifteen years, starting with her position at the Louisiana Research Center at Tulane University’s Special Collections. Since her time at Tulane, Melissa has also worked for Amistad Research Center and the Louisiana State Museum.

Nick Skaggs recently became the new Manuscripts Processing Archivist for Special Collections. Nick has worked for LSU Libraries since July 2016 when he accepted his first position as a library associate in the Public and Research Services Department in Special Collections in Hill Memorial Library.

Scott Ziegler has recently joined LSU Libraries as the new Head of Digital Programs and Services in Technology Initiatives. Scott previously served as the Head of Technology at the American Philosophical Society and has an MA in Philosophy from LSU and an MS in Library and Information Science from Drexel University. He is a certified archivist.

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Dine arounds for this year’s conference have a certain twist where librarian readers will not only have a chance to dine with colleagues, but to also discuss a book. An email was sent via LLA general listerv with details on four restaurants, each paired with a book to discuss with colleagues. This reminiscent club event is a great way to network with other librarians around the state. Check your inbox for the email or contact Jeremy Bolom at jbolom@mylpl.org for more details. Make your choice by Monday, March 5th. Each dine-around will occur from 5:30-7:00pm on Wednesday, March 7, 2018.

Book/Restaurant Pairings:
- Restaurant: Levee Bar (in the Holiday Inn) | Book: *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles
- Restaurant: Crave | Book: *The Killing Moon* by N. K. Jemisin
- Restaurant: Embers | Book: *The Way I Used to Be* by Amber Smith
- Restaurant: Wildwood Pizza | Book: *The Left Hand of Darkness* by Ursula K. Le Guin

There are so many other events happening at this year’s conference and we tried to provide information that would interest academic librarians the most. This early edition issue is just full of conference information. Be sure to read on and I look forward to seeing everyone in March.
Library news

LSU Health Shreveport submitted by David Duggar

Erin Reardon is the new Reference Librarian. Erin holds an MLIS from Valdosta State University in Georgia. She completed field work in health sciences librarianship at Mercer University’s Atlanta campus.

Montie’ Dobbins, Head of User Access Services, was recently installed as president of the South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association (SCC/MLA) at its annual meeting. As president, she will lead an organization of more than 200 health sciences information professionals from Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico. Her term of office is October 2017-October 2018.

Two librarians were elected to serve as officers in the Health Sciences Library Association of Louisiana (HSLAL). Locrecia Abner, Cataloging & Digitization Librarian, will serve as Secretary during 2018, and Will Olmstadt, Interim Director, will serve as President during 2018.

Congratulations to Will Olmstadt who recently received an award for a paper that he presented at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the South Central Chapter (SCC) of the Medical Library Association. His paper, “A Modified Scoping Review of Burnout in Library Personnel,” was the second place winner in the contributed papers category of the Elizabeth K. Eaton, PhD Research Award presented by the SCC Research Committee.

The South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association recently held its annual conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Along with Will Olmstadt, several LSU Health Shreveport librarians presented their work at the conference:

Julia Esparza, Head of User Education and Outreach Services, presented the contributed paper “From Thought to Liftoff: The Hidden Figures from Research to Launch a Community Project.” This paper was co-written with Dr. Lois Anderson and Dr. Afaf Abdulbaki from the University Health Pharmacy Department; Dr. Gunjan Kahlon, Dr. Meher Mavuram, and Dr. Eric Thomas from the Department of Internal Medicine; high school student Grace Dodd; and college students Derrick Murcia and Jessica Sims.

David Duggar, Head of the Library Liaison Program, presented a Lightning Round session on “What I Learned in Three Months on the Faculty Senate.” In this presentation, Mr. Duggar described his experiences and encouraged librarians to get involved in campus activities. David also presented the contributed paper “The Invisible Ceiling: Success and Failure in the ‘Teaching Science through Gamification’ Project.” This paper was co-written with Julia Esparza, Maria Adams, the Library’s Assistant Director of Systems; and Katrina Bell, Library Associate in Systems. This paper highlighted the results of a recent study of game-based resources for science education, which was funded by an outreach award from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. David also presented the contributed paper “Live United or Die Hard! Lessons Learned from the Front.” The paper was co-written with Barbara Reilly, Interlibrary Loan Librarian and a former United Way campaign co-chair, and David’s 2017 campaign co-chairs, Sue Johnson and Themessa Fenceroy. This paper described the Library’s involvement with the institution’s United Way campaign.

University of Louisiana at Lafayette submitted by Susan Richard

Ian Richardson has been named Head of Distance Learning Services. Ian was previously a research librarian in Reference & Research Services at Dupré Library.

Heather Plaisance, Head of Reference & Research Services, Blair Stapleton, Assistant Dean of Public Services, and Jennifer Hamilton, Head of Instructional Services, published “LLA Conference Programming Trends: 2007-17” in the Fall 2017 issue of Louisiana Libraries.

Blair Stapleton, Assistant Dean of Public Services, presented a program "On Point: Collaborating with Students from Various Academic Disciplines and Organizations to Revitalize Library Spaces and Services" at Brick & Click, An Academic Library Conference on November 2-3, 2017. The conference was hosted by Northwest Missouri State University in Maryville, MO.

Zack Stein, Digitization Archivist, recently curated a digital exhibit on the presidents of University of Louisiana at Lafayette. The exhibit, which explores the lives and the legacies of the University’s leaders, can be found at the following link: http://library.louisiana.edu/collections/digitization/digital-exhibits.

Cheylon Woods, Archivist and Head of the Ernest J. Gaines Center, published “Preserving a Legacy: The History and Mission of the Ernest J. Gaines Center” in the Fall 2017 issue of Louisiana Libraries.
Remember to pre-register for the following Academic Section events!

The Academic/ACRL-LA/Subject Specialist/Preservation Interest Group Luncheon will be held on Thursday, March 8, at 11:00-11:50am. Please purchase your tickets during pre-registration.

Academic and Subject Specialists Sections to co-sponsor a pre-conference session this year. Please purchase the event during pre-registration.