

# Newsletter of the LLA Academic Section

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## CHAIR'S CORNER

Martha Henderson

This academic year is disappearing rapidly. The LLA Conference, scheduled two weeks earlier than usual on March 3-6, is upon us. Pre-registration deadline is February 14th. Rebecca Stenzel, vice-chair/chair-elect, has organized a number of interesting and informative programs.

The annual breakfast and business meeting will be held on Thursday, March 5, at 7:30 a.m. The Automation and Technology Committee will co-sponsor a program on Wednesday, March 4, at 1:00 on Digital Library Initiatives. Charles Thomas from LSU and Pati Threatt and Sonny Carter from Northwestern State will describe major projects underway at those two libraries. Two interesting and extremely relevant programs on Full-Text Access Evaluation and Distance Learning are scheduled for Thursday. NASIG is co-sponsor of the program on full-text, and Corinne Ebbs from James Madison University will be a major presenter.

The Awards Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday evening at 7:00. However, the section will not present an Outstanding Academic Librarian Award this year. Rebecca DiCarlo, chair of the Award Committee, will serve the second year of her term during 1998-99 and has agreed to involve the committee in clarifying the criteria for the award. The committee's recommendations will be considered during the section's business meeting at LLA.

Conference information is available on the LLA web page at [www.leeric.lsu.edu/lla](http://www.leeric.lsu.edu/lla).

The names of the candidates for office for 1998-99 are included in this newsletter. You should receive the ballot from the LLA Office. Thanks to Charles Triche, III for chairing the Nominating Committee.

Adoption of bylaws for the section will be a major item on the agenda for the business meeting. A draft of the proposed bylaws appears on pages 5-7 of the newsletter. Thanks to Phoebe Timberlake, chair, Anne Stanton, Jean Kiesel, and Eleanor Elder for their work on the ad hoc Bylaws Committee.

Hope to see you at LLA!

## Candidates for Office

### Vice Chair/Chair Elect

Ramona Niffenegger, Reference Librarian, University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette, LA  
Jules Tate, Director of Library Services, Nunez Community College, Chalmette, LA

### Secretary

Beverly Laughlin, Director of Bayouland Library System, Lafayette, LA  
Susan Richard, Interlibrary Loan Librarian, University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette, LA

## Directory of Academic and Research Libraries

The tenth edition of the Directory of Academic and Research Librarians was produced by the ACRL/Louisiana Chapter in October 1997. The 56 page book gives a listing of the librarians at 61 Louisiana academic and research institutions, 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 Section breakfast during the LLA Conference in Shreveport on March 5, 1998.

## Bayou State Periodical Index Online

Plans are underway to put the Bayou State Periodical Index online through LOUIS. A committee of academic, public and school librarians was recently formed to explore the possibility. As it is currently envisioned, the database will be completely searchable and will include all back issues of the index as well as future years. The advantages are numerous: faster and more frequent updates, more titles indexed, more in-depth indexing, improved searchability, all years covered in one search, and accessibility from anywhere with Internet access.

An online database can be almost unlimited in size, allowing the BSPI to cover many more periodical titles than before. But in order to accomplish this, more indexers will be needed. If you would like to contribute indexing to an

expanded, online Bayou State Periodical Index, please contact:

Jean Kiesel  
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It is a great way to get published!



## LIBRARY NEWS

### LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY EUNICE LeDoux Library

The Louisiana Chapter of ACRL met at LSU Eunice on November 14, 1997. Eighty-nine librarians attended and the national president of ACRL, Dr. Lee Hisle, was the noontime speaker.

### LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY Prescott Memorial Library

**Rebecca L. Stenzel** is the new director of libraries. Rebecca has been employed at Tech as head of access services since 1991 and served as interim assistant director of technical services 1996-1997. The new head of access services is **Anita Dotson**. She comes to Tech from Tennessee Wesleyan. Her masters is from the University of Tennessee.

Peggy Schenk, health sciences librarian, has been elected vice-president/president elect of the Health Sciences Library Association of Louisiana for 1997/1998. Her term begins with the end of the annual fall meeting.

Prescott Library opened its Electronic Reference Center. The center contains 20 personal computers with Internet access to LOUIS, Searchbank, GaleNet, Uncover, GPO Access, and local cd's. The Center is modeled on the Unified Workstation concept from LSU Libraries.

Louisiana Tech is establishing a 50 user Internet lab on the 10th floor of Prescott Library. The lab will provide students with open access to the Internet, word processing, and instructional materials. The lab opened in November 1997.

### NICHOLLS STATE UNIVERSITY Ellender Memorial Library

**Stephen Bannister** has been promoted to the position of assistant professor/assistant director effective January 1998. He recently published an article in *LLN Newsletter* entitled "Learning About NOTIS...The Acquisitions Module."

### NORTHEAST UNIVERSITY LOUISIANA Library

**Bradley Tolppanen** has been appointed the new humanities reference librarian. Brad comes to the library from Alberta, Canada where he was previously employed as a reference/instruction librarian with the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology in Edmonton. He has a MLS from the University of Alberta, and a MA in history from the University of New Brunswick.

### NUNEZ COMMUNITY COLLEGE Library

**Albert "Jules" Tate** is the new director of library services. He previously was archivist of St. Joseph Abbey and for a brief time, he was acting director of the undergraduate library at St. Joseph Seminary College. He was appointed library director of the graduate theology library at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans and for the past five years, he was a department chair at the UNO, Earl Long Library.

**Karen Leeseberg** presented a paper entitled "Teaching the Electronic Way" at the Louisiana Association of College and Research Libraries meeting in November, 1997 at LSUE.

**Jules Tate, Karen Leeseberg, and Doreen Singh** attended LA-NUGM in November 1997 at LSU Shreveport. **Jules Tate** attended OCLC "Boot Camp" in Atlanta in December 1997 as part of Nunez Library becoming a member of SOLINET.

### SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA UNIVERSITY Sims Memorial Library

**Jean Caswell** is the new systems librarian. Jean formerly held positions as assistant university librarian for technical services and systems librarian at Rice University. She received her M.A. in Library Science from Northern Illinois University.

## LIBRARY NEWS

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### TULANE UNIVERSITY Howard Tilton Library

**Darby Syrkin** has joined the Information Services Department as instruction/information technology librarian. Syrkin's MLS is from the University of Texas at Austin where she worked in the undergraduate library.

### UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA Edith Garland Dupré Library

**Sheryl Moore**, Internet librarian, joined **Alicia Towster**, director of computing support services, to present a number of Internet workshops during the fall semester. In the spring semester basic and advanced seminars on the Internet will be taught in the library.

In conjunction with the annual Daguerreian Society symposium in Washington DC, **Megan Farrell**, electronic resources department, led a tour in several national museums in November 1997. The behind scenes tour visited the Smithsonian photography collections and the Library of Congress' art and photography collections. She has served as the society's book review editor for several years.

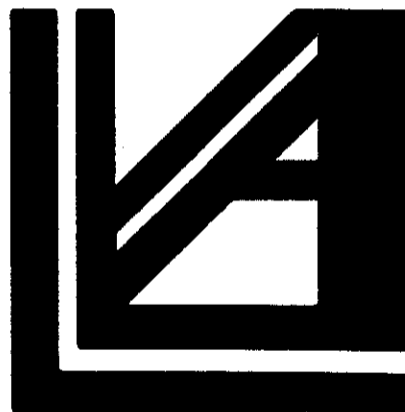
A reviewer's consortium web page has been launched by **Chuck Hamsa**, electronic resources department, and **Carol Casey**, head of cataloging. The website was designed by Carol and 150 reviews were revealed to the public in October 1997. The consortium has produced over 2,000 reviews of books, recordings, and videos from about 250 publishers. Over 1,600 viewers have visited the site. Only 300 reviews are available online. The consortium aims to provide positive and descriptive reviews of books for popular magazines. The URL is <http://members.aol.com/reviewers/consortium.html>.

### Dupré Library cont.

The first annual Awards Ceremony to honor staff and faculty who had served the library for a substantial period of time was held in October 1997. **Chuck Hamsa** was honored for his 25 year tenure. **Charles Triche** received a 20 year award and **Barbara Flynn** was recognized for 15 years of service. Seven librarians received 10 year awards.

The back volumes of the *Bayou State Periodical Index* are available. The 1997 edition will be published in late Spring 1998. Please contact **Jean Kiesel** at 318/482-6031 or write to Dupré Library, USL Louisiana Room, 302 E St Mary Blvd., Lafayette, LA 70504.

Dupré Library is sponsoring the 1997-98 Caffery Competition for the most outstanding scholarly research paper. The best entry receives the Jefferson Caffery Research Award in the amount of \$500. The award is based on competitive review of original research papers. Papers are judged on quality of research, clarity, and writing skill. Ambassador and Mrs. Jefferson Caffery established the award in 1967 with a \$5,000 donation.



### **Publish, Don't Perish**

*LLA Bulletin* needs articles. Please send your ideas or submissions to the Editor, Mary Cosper LeBoeuf, at Terrebonne Parish Library, 424 Roussell Street, Houma, LA 70360.

**Louisiana Library Association  
Academic Section  
Bylaws**

Article I: Name

The name of this organization shall be the Louisiana Library Association Academic Section.

Article II: Purpose

The purpose of the Academic Section is to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas, to enhance leadership for college and university libraries, and to promote study and research relevant to academic libraries.

Article III: Membership

Any person who is a member of the Louisiana Library Association and who shares an interest in the purposes of the Academic Section may become a member of this section, either by designating the section on the LLA membership form, or by other written notice, and by paying the appropriate dues. Personal members are eligible to vote, hold office in the section, and receive the official newsletter. Upon payment of the appropriate dues, institutions may also become members of the section and receive the newsletter but they have no voting or office-holding privileges.

Article IV: Officers

Section 1. Officers. The officers of the section shall be the Chair, Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect, and Secretary. The officers constitute the section's Executive Board and shall serve in accordance with the Association's "Code for All Sections".

Section 2. Duties.

A. The Chair, as the chief executive officer of the section, shall conduct meetings and represent the section on the Association's Executive Board. In consultation with the Section's Executive Board, the Chair shall submit the Section's budget, select the editor for Notes and Tracings, the official newsletter, and whenever not provided for elsewhere, appoint various representatives and members of committees. The Chair shall also serve as liaison to the Louisiana Chapter of ACRL.

B. The Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect shall preside in the absence of the Chair. He/she shall serve as an ex officio member of the Association's Conference Program Sub-Committee, and may select additional members of the section to serve as a section program planning committee as needed.

C. The Secretary shall record the actions of the Executive Board and the minutes of the general membership meetings and shall maintain the financial records of the section. The Secretary shall serve as chair of the Nominating Committee.

### Section 3. Terms of office.

Terms of office are one year with the Vice Chair/Chair-Elect serving one year as Vice-Chair and the following year as Chair. Terms run from July 1-June 30 following the election in the spring. All officers must be members in good standing of the section. No officer may hold more than one elected office in the section at a time, and no officer may serve consecutive terms in the same office.

### Article V: Nominations and Elections

Section 1. A nominating committee of no fewer than three members, including the Secretary serving as chair of the committee, shall be appointed from the Section membership.

Section 2. The committee shall prepare a slate of two or more candidates for each office and submit the list, accompanied by brief biographical sketches, to the Association president, the editor of the LLA Bulletin, and the editor of the Section newsletter prior to the pre-conference deadline. Additional names may be added to the ballot by petition containing the consent of the nominee and the signatures of five personal members of the Section.

Section 3. Elections shall be held by mail in conjunction with the election of Louisiana Library Association officers. Results shall be announced at the Annual Conference.

Section 4. In the event a vacancy occurs in the office of the chair, the Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect shall assume the office to complete the unexpired term and may serve out his/her own subsequent term as well. If a vacancy occurs in one of the other offices, the Chair, in consultation with the Executive Board, shall appoint a successor to serve until the next regular election.

### Article VI: Representatives/Liaisons

Section 1. In accordance with the Association's "Code for all Sections", the Chair, in consultation with the Executive Board, shall appoint a member to represent the Section on the LLA Bulletin Editorial Board.

Section 2. In accordance with the Association's "Code for all Sections", the Chair shall recommend two section members to serve on the Association's Tellers Committee.

Section 3. A member of the Section, appointed by the LLA President, shall serve on the LLA Continuing Education Committee.

Section 4. The Chair shall work with the liaison appointed by the Louisiana Chapter of ACRL to coordinate activities of interest to both organizations. Such activities may include shared programs and a joint breakfast meeting at the LLA Annual Conference.

### Article VII: Committees.

Section 1. A Nominating Committee of no fewer than three members shall be appointed by the Chair to perform the duties as described in Article V, Nominations and Elections. The Secretary shall serve as chair of the Nominating Committee.

Section 2. The Publications Committee shall be appointed by the Newsletter Editor and shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Editor. The Committee may also be asked to advise the Executive Board on other publishing opportunities.

Section 3. The Outstanding Academic Librarian Award Committee shall be appointed by the Chair and shall solicit nominations according to the Section's guidelines for this award.

Section 4. Special committees deemed necessary to the work of the Section shall be appointed by the Chair, in consultation with the Executive Board.

Section 5. Terms of committee service shall be for one year or until completion of the task.

Section 6. Each committee chair shall submit to the Section Executive Board a year-end report and other reports as requested.

#### Article VIII: Meetings

Section 1. The annual meeting of the Academic Section shall be held during the Annual Conference of the Louisiana Library Association, and in the same locality. Those members present at the annual meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall meet as necessary to conduct the business of the Section.

#### Article IX: Amendments

Amendments to these bylaws shall be proposed in writing and may be initiated by the Executive Board, a special committee appointed for the purpose of revising the bylaws, or by petition of five percent of the Section membership in good standing. Proposed amendments shall be submitted to the membership in writing at least thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting and must be approved at the Annual Meeting by a two-thirds vote of those present.

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