I hope you’re doing well after the recent winter storm! The Louisiana Library Association conference at Sam’s Town is coming up soon, so take advantage of the current low pre-registration price.

Did you know that LOUIS provides Louisiana Academic Library Data? They used Microsoft BI to create graphs using IPEDS data from 2006-2021, featuring statistics on enrollment, circulation, collections, interlibrary loans, and more. Visit their website to learn more.

Do you have non-traditional items available for lending at your library? Dupré Library at UL Lafayette has a Library of Things that allows students to borrow unique items they may not have access to otherwise. The collection includes various items across different categories to meet individual learning needs and interests, such as cooking utensils, stuffed animals, a Cricut die-cutting machine, Legos, anatomic models, and umbrellas.

Check out the National Parks’ National Center for Preservation Technology and Training podcast episode "Expanding the Louisiana Library Collections with the Y’ALL” Award," where Sophie Ziegler and Leah Duncan discuss their initiative to increase the diversity of the Louisiana Digital Library Holdings.

Lastly, congratulations to Brandy Burbante for being named the director of Nicholls' Ellender Memorial Library!
Academic Section news

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
SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM
- REGISTRATION DESK HOURS

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
- Empty Cup: Real Talk & Strategies for Addressing Burnout in Library Staff at ALL Levels
  **SEPARATE PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

1:00 PM - 2:25 PM
- Self-Defense Presentation

2:40 PM - 4:00 PM
- What Would You Do? Library Safety & Security
  **SEPARATE PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM
- Exhibit Hall Ribbon Cutting and Reception

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
- SAM’S TOWN LIVE - After Hours Party

CONFERENCE EVENTS & SESSIONS
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024

7:30 AM - 4:00 PM
- REGISTRATION DESK HOURS

8:00 AM - 8:50 AM
- Academic Section/ACRL-LA Breakfast
  Speaker: Piper Hutchinson, Journalist "The Louisiana Illuminator"
  **TICKET REQUIRED**

8:00 AM - 8:50 AM
- Poster Sessions

9:00 AM - 9:50 AM
- Didn’t You Learn That in High School? A Study of First Year College Students Information Literacy Skills

10:00 AM - 10:50 AM
- Fostering Creativity and Wellness Through Passive Programming at an Academic Library

11:00 AM - 11:50 AM
- Libraries: A Gateway to Academic Success

12:00PM - 12:50PM
- You are Hereby Summoned to Comply with the Demand Contained in the Petition: Two Louisiana Supreme Court Cases Involving the Status of Women, Particularly Women of Color

1:00PM - 1:45PM
- Grab & Go Boxed Lunch and No Conflict Vendor Session

2:00PM - 3:00PM
- LLA Membership Committee Meeting
  Going to the Ballot in Contentious Times

2:30 PM - 3:20 PM
- LLA Annual Membership Meeting

3:30 PM - 4:20 PM
- Let’s Get Creative: Understanding and Using Creative Commons Licenses

CONFERENCE EVENTS & SESSIONS
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024 (cont.)

6:30 PM - 7:00 PM
- Exhibits No Conflict/ & Cocktail Reception

7:00 PM - 9:30 PM
- Awards Reception and Ceremony

CONFERENCE EVENTS & SESSIONS
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024

7:30 AM - 1:30 PM
- REGISTRATION DESK HOURS

8:00 AM - 8:50 AM
- GODORT Breakfast
  Emergency & Disaster Preparedness
  **TICKET REQUIRED**

9:00 AM - 9:50 AM
- Government Documents: Developments, Discussion, and the Digital Transition

10:00 AM - 10:50 AM
- The Louisiana Public Document Depository Program at 75

11:00AM - 11:50AM
- Libraries: A Gateway to Academic Success

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LSU Libraries is pleased to announce that, in Fall 2023, its e-Textbook Initiative achieved unprecedented success by saving LSU students and their families more than $3.6 million—the highest savings in any semester to date. The program provides access to e-textbooks at no cost to LSU students and their families, and since it began in 2014, it has saved LSU students $21.2 million.

In August, LSU Libraries launched its first annual Special Collections Faculty Fellowship program, designed to enable digitally engaged and archive-centered teaching across campus. The program provides hands-on workshops, ongoing guidance, and support from Libraries’ partners, as well as access to archival collections and digital tools. This year’s cohort of six LSU faculty fellows collaborated with library partners to develop archive-centered curricula for a diverse array of courses in the departments of English, History, Architecture, Social Work, Art, and Art History.

Three new employees joined LSU Libraries in the last quarter. In the main library, Ashli Gachassin was hired as a resource sharing specialist, and Angela Rippetoe was hired as the business office coordinator in September and October, respectively. In November, Camille Boechler joined Hill Memorial Library as an assistant processing archivist for LSU Libraries Special Collections.


John Miles, published, “In Defense of the Dog-and-Pony Show: Rethinking One-Shot Instruction in Special Collections Libraries,” in volume 6, issue 4 of *Codex*.
Library news

Louisiana Tech University submitted by Angela Dunnington

Several new employees joined Prescott Memorial Library. In November, Ben Quinnelly, Administrative Coordinator 4 was hired to oversee the day-to-day operations of the Louisiana Tech’s Institutional Repository (Digital Commons). In December, Katie Guillot, Library Specialist 2 (Serials) was hired to oversee the dissertations and theses binding. In February, Cynthia Liner, Library Specialist 3 (User Services) was hired to oversee the library’s evening and weekend services points and building supervision.

Boris Teske, College of Liberal Arts Librarian, published, “Judge Henry Bry, Promoter of Sericulture in Antebellum Louisiana,” in North Louisiana History (54.3-4).

Robin Goertz is the new advisor for the Lambda Sigma Honor’s Society at Louisiana Tech.

Jeffrey Stepp, Cataloger/System Administrator/Electronic Resources Librarian, was featured on Season 3 Episode 2 of Listen with LOUIS “Building a Campus Outreach Initiative from the Ground Up at Prescott Memorial Library.” https://louislibraries.org/about/news/listen-with-louis.

University of Louisiana at Lafayette submitted by Susan Richard

Duke Meche was hired as the Library’s IT Systems Specialist in early January. Duke’s position focuses on supporting WorkFlows and Enterprise, the database website listings and EZproxy, ILLiad, and the library’s computers, printers, and scanners. Madison Manuel joined the Research and Access Services Department as a Library Specialist 2. McKenzie Spears is the Library Specialist 2 in Special Collections/Archives.

In January, Peter Klubek was named Head of Research & Access Services/Assistant Professor. He was previously interim head and a research librarian within the department.

The University’s Student Center for Research, Creativity, and Scholarship awarded two grants to the library. The 2023 Advance Equipment Grant funded “Library of Things: Anatomical Models, Skeletons and Histology Slide Sets.” Tiffany Ellis was awarded $9,987.43 to purchase 31 anatomical models and 2 histology slide sets for the Library of Things collection. The Fall 2023 Advance Faculty Grant funded “VIPathways.” Olivia Peltier and Andrea Broussard were awarded $2,500.00 to purchase supplies, food, decor, marketing, and swag for 6 events to be held in the Spring and Summer for students enrolled in Pathways of Distinction or Excellence. VIP (Very Important Pathways) is a proposed program that expands upon the existing connection between Advance, the Pathways program, and Dupré Library.

Zachary Stein and his co-author, Roxanne Bourque (UL College of Education), won the "Best Paper" award for the paper they presented at the International Organization of Social Sciences and Behavioral Research (IOSSBR) conference in Biloxi in November. The paper is titled “Autoethnographic Archives and Folklore: Building a Collection of Undergraduate Children’s Stories on the Institutional Repository.”
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