

# Newsletter of the LLA Academic Section

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## CHAIR'S CORNER

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The Louisiana Library Association Conference will be March 16-19, 1999, at the Radisson Hotel in Baton Rouge. The Academic Section is sponsoring a number of excellent sessions on Wednesday and Thursday, March 17-18. Full conference details are available at <http://www.leeric.lsu.edu/lla/conference/>. The Academic Section Business Meeting jointly held with ACRL/LA will be at a new time this year, Thursday, 12:30 at the Radisson. Please make every effort to attend this session. A major item for discussion will be the Outstanding Academic Librarian Award.

The Academic Section voted to institute the Outstanding Academic Librarian Award in 1995 at LLA, Lafayette. The purpose is "To publicly recognize an individual who has made a significant contributions to further the development of academic libraries/librarians/librarianship in Louisiana." In 1996 the award was presented to Dr. Carolyn Hargraves, and in 1997 it was presented to Jennifer Cargill. In 1998 and again in 1999, the Academic Librarian Award Committee decided not to present the award based on their interpretation of the guidelines. Outstanding librarians have been nominated but our committee felt these librarians did not meet the intent of the award guidelines. It may be that the letters of nomination did not adequately address the guidelines, or that nominees were outstanding at their libraries but not at a state level, or that those who should be nominated have not been, or that the guidelines may be too restrictive, or that the committee's interpretation may be too restrictive.... The award should be meaningful and achievable. Please review the guidelines to be prepared for our discussion March 18 in Baton Rouge.

## OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC LIBRARIAN AWARD

Purpose:

To publicly recognize an individual who has made significant contributions to further the development of academic libraries/librarians/librarianship in Louisiana.

## Prerequisites:

1. Nominee must be an academic librarian currently active in his/her profession in Louisiana. On rare occasions, a non-librarian who has made exceptional contributions to academic libraries/librarians/librarianship in Louisiana may be considered.
2. Contributions must be of value to libraries or librarians as a whole and 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 its creation.
3. Nominations must be made by a current member of LLA.

## Evaluation criteria:

The award recipient is to be determined from the nomination forms and supporting data. Nominees should be characterized by one of more of the following:

1. Actively participates in/contributes to professional activities and organizations which significantly impact academic libraries.
2. Conducts research and shares this research with other Louisiana academic librarians (either through publication or through public presentation) which enhances 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; helps further the impact of Louisiana academic libraries on the education and/or livelihood of Louisiana's students and residents.

If you would like to send your comments about this or other issues, please contact Rebecca Stenzel at [stenzel@latech.edu](mailto:stenzel@latech.edu) or 318/257-2577.

# Association and Conference News

## **Louisiana Libraries 2000: Advocacy, Technology, Tradition**

The 1999 Conference Committee invites you to the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Baton Rouge for four days of dynamic programs, hands-on technology workshops, product demonstrations and the opportunity to network with your colleagues from around the state. Pre-conference workshops begin on Tuesday, March 16th and the excitement won't end until late in the afternoon of Friday, March 19th. President Idella Washington's theme, Louisiana Libraries

2000: Advocacy, Technology, Tradition, is both timely and timeless. Some of the highlights will be:

**Keynote Speakers** - Chuck Stone, columnist, editor, author and professor of Journalism and Mass Communication at University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, will speak on library advocacy at the first general session. Pam Berger, media specialist, writer and international lecturer on technology issues, will address the second general session and lead a forum of Louisiana library professionals in discussion of the direction and impact of technology in state libraries.

**Exhibits** – Old favorites and some new faces will gather to display their wares and answer your questions about products and services. Author's Row book signings and Swap and Shop will also be included. A casual mixer, "Tailgate with the Vendors" will be held in the exhibit hall with lots of drawings, door prizes, entertainment and munchies.

**Our History** – You are invited to stroll down memory lane during one of the many sessions scheduled by the Oral History Committee. Bring your stories and LLA memorabilia to share and help identify the "lost souls" in our photo contest.

**Books & Jazz** – Clifton Taulbert, filmmaker, entrepreneur, and author of *Once Upon a Time When We Were Colored*, *Last Train North* and *Watching Our Crops* will speak on community building at the book dinner. Greg Stafford's New Orleans Jazz band will entertain during the cocktail hour.

**Technology Updates** - New this year will be scheduled hands-on technology demos by vendors to showcase new products. There will also be free, off-site technology-based demonstrations at area computer laboratories.

## **Academic Section Candidates Nominated**

The nominations committee, Jim Evans, Grambling; Judy Irvin, La Tech; Denise Repman, Delgado; and Susan Richard, USL, has selected candidates for 1999-2000.

### **Vice Chair/Chair Elect**

Nancy Colyar, Louisiana State University  
Jane Robinson, Southern University

### **Secretary**

Melinda Matthews, Northeast University  
Peggy Schenk, Louisiana Tech University

# LLA Officers Nominated

## **1st Vice President/President Elect**

David Duggar, LSU Med Shreveport  
Ada Jarred, Northwestern State University

## **2nd Vice President**

Sharilynn Aucoin, State Library  
Annette Thibodeaux, Archbishop Chapelle

## **Secretary**

Claudia Fisher, Northwestern Middle  
Beverly Laughlin, Bayouland System

## **Parliamentarian**

Rebecca Stenzel, Louisiana Tech

Penny Johnson, Creswell Elementary

## LIBRARY NEWS

### **DEED-NET GRANT FUNDED**

The Distance Education Electronic Delivery Network (DEED-Net) grant was awarded by the Louisiana Board of Regents under a special initiative to support the development of distance education in Louisiana. The grant of \$149,348.00 will finance implementation of an enhanced Ariel network linking together 22 state academic libraries. Ariel technology supports delivery of compact scanned images, facilitates electronic transmission to other Ariel sites, and decompresses the images for printing on laser printers. The network will incorporate high-end flatbed scanners that provide high image resolution enabling participants to tele-transmit medical and technical images.

This project enables libraries to deliver information in all formats for distance education students and faculty. Furthermore, it enhances the statewide Interlibrary Loan network by providing rapid, high quality, cost effective delivery of all information resources to each Ariel site.

Jane Kleiner, head of collection development and remote document services and grants at LSU, is the principal investigator, with D.W. Schneider, associate dean of libraries at LSU, as the co-principal investigator.

**LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**Middleton Library**

**Thomas Diamond** has been appointed social sciences collection coordinator effective January, 1999. **William Thompson** is the new humanities collection coordinator as of January, 1999. Charles Thomas is now interim curator of the Louisiana and Lower Mississippi Valley collections. **Mary Hebert** is serving as interim director of the T. Harry Williams Center for Oral History while **Pamela Dean** is on fellowship leave. **Fran Huber** is now exhibitions coordinator for the special collections.

Several new librarians have joined the library including: **Sigrid Kelsey** is the electronic reference services/web development coordinator; **Ramona Niffenegger** began as the reference/social sciences librarian; **Ola Carter Riley** became the reference/ science librarian; and **Patricia Threatt** is the new special collections processing department head.

The LSU Libraries is a participant in the current 1998-99 LEQSF grant to LSU Computing Services for a project entitled "Enhance and Expand the LSU Coastal Louisiana Digital Library." The grant is for \$371,739.00. The project director is **Dr. R. Eugene Turner** of Oceanography and Coastal Studies and **Faye Phillips**, special collections, serves as project director.

**LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY**  
**Prescott Memorial Library**

The library's electronic classroom began operation in January. It houses 13 IBM Pentium computers with 300 MHz microprocessors, 32 MB RAM, and CD ROM drives along with Windows 95 and full Internet access. A video data projector is also available for use by the instructor.

**Peggy Carter**, who has recently earned the MLIS from Louisiana State University, has rejoined the library in the special collections manuscripts and archives department.

**Kevin Cuccia's** most recent book reviews for the Shreveport Times include Dream State by LSU creative writing teacher **Moira Crone** and A Life for a Life by Oak Grove native Ernest Hill.

**Peggy Schenk**, reference librarian, attended a two day professional development workshop on January 15-16. The workshop titled "Innovations in Large Lectures: Teaching for Active Learning" was held at Louisiana Tech and was funded by the Louisiana Collaborative for Excellence in the Preparation of Teachers. The participants worked together to develop a clearer understanding of active learning in a university course.

**Anita Dotson**, head of access services, and **David Merchant**, systems librarian, exchanged

vows on February 12. They were married at "Sweet Onion," a farm on the National Historical Register, owned by the director of libraries, **Rebecca Stenzel**. **Fred Hamilton**, head of bibliographic management, gave the bride away!

**MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**Frazar Library**

**JoAnne Durand** has retired after more than 30 years of service. JoAnne was a reference librarian and head of interlibrary loan.

**Stacey Magedanz**, reference librarian, recently presented a paper at the Louisiana Council of Teachers of English conference in New Orleans.

**Anne Frohlich**, serials librarian, has been selected as co-chair of LLA's Serials Interest Group. The group is planning a workshop on Electronic Licensing Agreements for the March conference.

The serials department has made its journal holdings list available on the Web. The department has for years printed copies to place around the library for the convenience of patrons. After the list was moved from a mainframe to Microsoft Word, serials librarian **Anne Frohlich** and paraprofessional **Barbara Royer** worked with technical staff to upload the list to the Web. Access the list at the following address: [www.mcneese.edu/depts/library](http://www.mcneese.edu/depts/library) and click on "Journals" then "Journals Holdings List."

**NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**Watson Library**

**Mary Linn Wernet**, archivist, presented "A Call to Order: Women's Organizational Records of the Cammie G. Henry Research Center," at Visible Women and Southern History, first annual conference, LSU Shreveport, in October, 1998. **Barbara Reilly**, head of the nursing education center library, presented "Sister Margaret McCaffrey: Conscience of a City (Shreveport, Louisiana), at the same meeting.

**Linda Cox**, reference librarian, had "Dream or Nightmare: Tales When Implementing NOTIS" published in the Fall 1998 issue of the LLA Bulletin.

**The North Louisiana Historical Association** will meet in the Cammie G. Henry Research Center on Sunday, February 7, 2:30 pm.

**The Fifth Kate Chopin Conference: Kate Chopin at Century's End** is slated for April 8-10, 1999 on the Northwestern State University Campus.

**Mary Linn Wernet**, archivist, is chairing the meeting, which is supported in part by an \$11,000.00 grant from the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities.

## **NUNEZ COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

### **Library**

**Jules Tate** was elected chair of the Circulation SIG at the Notis Users Group Meeting in Rosemont, Illinois October 8-10, 1998.

## **SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY**

### **Cade Library**

**Kathryn Johnson**, head reference librarian, retired on September 30, 1998 after 30 years. She entered the Southern system in Shreveport in 1968 and came to the Baton Rouge campus in 1972. Kathryn held many different positions such as cataloger, head of serials, head of circulation, acquisitions librarian, and then collection development librarian. She was named reference librarian in 1987 and in 1992 her title was changed to head of reference and team leader.

**Dorothy Davis**, art and architecture reference librarian, has retired 46 years after joining the library as an instructor in 1952. She has served in various capacities such as assistant cataloger, film librarian, assistant circulation and reference librarian, black heritage librarian and university archivist. Dorothy taught both graduate and undergraduate courses in children's literature and English composition.

## **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA**

### **Edith Garland Dupre Library**

**Bruce Turner**, head of archives and special collections, was appointed the first Friends of the Library and Board of Regents Support Fund Professor. The endowed professorship was created by the Friends and the Regents specifically for the library faculty and is a three-year appointment.

**Charles W. Triche**, director of libraries, contributed a chapter "The Future of the Library: Repository of the Written Word" to a collection of essays about the place of words in the electronic age. The book is entitled *Word and Icon: Saying and Seeing*, edited by **Lewis Pyenson**.

**Chris Gilcrease** is the new night reference librarian and is a recent MLIS graduate from the University of Southern Mississippi. He has M.A. degrees in Political Science and History from USM.

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