

Newsletter of the LLA Academic Section

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CHAIR'S CORNER

by
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This is my last message to you as Academic Section Chair. Jules Tate, Nunez Community College, will become Chair at the June 12, 1999 LLA Board Meeting. Normally new officers are announced at the LLA Conference but this year election results were disqualified; therefore, a new election was held after the conference. Your new section officers will be Nancy Colyar (LSU, Baton Rouge), Vice Chair/Chair Elect, and Peggy Schenk (Louisiana Tech), Secretary. Congratulations to them and I know they will do a great job.

The Section has had a good year and thanks to Jules, we had an excellent conference in Baton Rouge. Sessions sponsored by the Section were held on Wednesday, March 17, 1999 and on Thursday, March 18, 1999. The sessions were all excellent and they were very well attended. "Innovations in Library User Education" program was a series of mini sessions highlighting different training approaches being used in the state: "Web-Accessible OPAC and Database Tutorial," Lisa Stigall, LOUIS/LLN staff; "Hands-on-Sessions," Tom Butler and Van Viator, Nicholls; "Peer Training: Using Student Assistants," Peggy Schenk and Matthew Paris, Louisiana Tech; "Course Integrated Library Instruction: A Pilot," Karen Leeseberg, Nunez; "Interdepartmental Collaboration: Off-site Access," Dinah Williams, Northeast; and "Using Lexis/Nexis Legal Resources," Catherine Jannik, Northwestern. The "Librarian's Role in the Future of Distance Education" was presented by Dr. Tom Abbott from the University of Maine with Mike Abbiatti, Louisiana State Board of Regents, responding. "Community College Libraries in Louisiana: Current Development" was a topic addressed by Jules Tate, Nunez, Lenora Lockett, Delgado, and Ginger Bryan, Bossier Parish Community College. "CLARR: How to Get Started... and Other Electronic Solutions" was presented by Natalie Palermo, LSU.

At the "Joint Business Meeting: Academic Section and ACRL," a major topic of discussion was the criteria for the Outstanding Academic Librarian Award. The existing criteria were revised. The Award Committee will now serve as a candidate search committee accepting nominations from LLA members and/or directly nominating candidates. The committee will prepare a report on their decision prior to the annual meeting. The committee will inform the person or persons nominating a candidate of the committee's decision regarding their nominee. If a candidate was not chosen, the candidate may be re-nominated another year. The award recipient is to be determined from the nomination forms and supporting data using an evaluation instrument

based on a point structure. The Award committee will serve overlapping two year terms. I have appointed Joe McNeill, McNeese, and Martha Henderson, Northwestern. The new chair, Jules Tate, will appoint two other members. The new guidelines are provided in this issue.

Many thanks to all of you who worked so hard and for your willingness to help.

LLA Academic Section Annual Meeting

March 18, 1999

Minutes

Chair Rebecca Stenzel called the meeting to order at 12:35pm. There were approximately 45 persons in attendance. She introduced the current officers of the section: Jules Tate, Vice Chair/Chair Elect; and Susan Richard, Secretary.

Copies of the minutes of the 1998 meeting were distributed. The minutes were corrected stating Cinderella Hayes not Cinderella **Brazile** reported on the ACRL/LA activities. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Vice Chair Jules Tate discussed the programs sponsored by the Academic Section. They included: "**Innovations in Library User Education, Part I and II**"; "**Working with Vendors: Avoiding the Pitfalls and Negotiating the Biggest Bang for Your Library Buck**"; "**Librarian's Role in the Future of Distance Education**"; "**Community College Libraries in Louisiana: Current Development**"; "**CLARR: How to Get Started**"; and co-sponsored "**So You Are Planning a Document Scanning Project**". He stated there was a high number of attendees at each program.

Rebecca discussed the year-round activities that involve the Chair of the Academic Section. She encouraged the membership to volunteer to run for office.

Rebecca distributed the guidelines for the Outstanding Academic Librarian Award. Discussion followed and proposed changes were suggested. A motion was made to accept the changes and include the following additions:

- The committee will prepare a report on their decision prior to the annual meeting.
- The committee will inform the person or persons nominating the candidate of the outcome of the decision and will encourage the person or persons to re-nominate the candidate if the candidate was not chosen.
- The committee will prepare an evaluation instrument on the candidate.

The motion was approved and the guidelines were amended to reflect the changes. Jules discussed his plans for the coming year:

- Have representatives from ACRL/LA, Academic Section, Continuing Education Committee, and others meet to discuss their mission statements.
- Research grants for monies to bring more national speakers for Academic Section programs.
- Brainstorm ideas for year-round Academic Section programs.

Rebecca made the following announcements:

- The LLA election of officers was disqualified. New ballots will be sent with a deadline of mid-April. The results should be posted by May in the LLA Newsletter.
- The Academic Section currently has 208 members.
- The Bayou State Periodical Index, indexed and published by USL, is working with LLA to become a LLA publication with state-wide indexing by Louisiana librarians.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Susan Richard, Secretary
LLA Academic Section

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. 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 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 and/or the Outstanding Academic Librarian Award Committee.

Evaluation Criteria:

The award recipient is to be determined from the nomination forms and supporting data using an evaluation instrument based on a point structure.

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.

Nomination:

The Outstanding Academic Librarian Award Committee shall serve as a candidate search committee accepting nominations from LLA members and/or directly nominating candidates. If a candidate is selected to receive the Outstanding Academic Librarian Award, the Committee will make its recommendation to the Academic Section Executive Committee (Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary) for final approval.

1. Letter of nomination
 - A. Must be submitted directly to the Chair of the Award Committee.
 - B. Should include the full name, work address, telephone number, and e-mail address (if available) of the nominee.
 - C. Outline the nominee's contributions to academic librarianship.
 - D. List all special accomplishments credited to the nominee.
2. Letter/s supporting the nomination
 - A. Must be submitted directly to the Chair of the Award Committee.
 - B. Should provide further evidence that the candidate is deserving of this recognition.
 - C. The committee will compile a scrapbook of letters to be given to the award recipient the night the award is given.
3. All letters and supporting documentation for the candidates not selected become the sole property of the Outstanding Academic Librarian Award Committee. Information contained in the documents will be confidential and will be maintained for 60 days after the Conference. At that time, documents will be destroyed.

Committee Composition:

1. The Award committee consists of four members of the Academic Section appointed by the Section Chair. Committee composition will be reflective of types and sizes of

academic institutions, and of geographic regions of the state.

2. Committee members will serve overlapping two year terms. Two members will be appointed each year by the Section Chair.
3. The chairperson of the Award Committee will have served at least one year on the committee and will be appointed by the Section Chair.

Major Responsibilities of the Committee:

1. Prepares a notice for the following publications in order to publicize the award and solicit nominations:
 - A. LLA Bulletin (Summer issue)
 - B. Notes & Tracings
 - C. Communique
2. Obtains from the section chair a financial allotment for expenses.
3. The deadline set by the LLA Awards Committee will be used to determine dates for review of nominations.
4. Determines if an award is merited. (An award should be given to recognize especially significant contributions.) If so, notify the section chair for Academic Section Executive Committee approval.
5. If an award is to be given, the committee:
 - A. Selects, orders, and engraves the plaque.
 - B. Orders a certificate.
 - C. Compiles a scrapbook containing the letters of recommendation written for the candidate.
6. Coordinates with the Academic Section chair to arrange for presentation of the award at the LLA Conference.
7. Prepares a news release announcing the winner, sends release and photo (if available) to the LLA Bulletin and to the Conference Publicity Chairperson. Ensures that the release will not be published before presentation of the award.
8. Committee chairperson presents the award at the LLA Conference.
9. The committee will inform the person or persons nominating a candidate of the committee's decision regarding their nominee. If a candidate was not chosen, the candidate may be re-nominated another year.

Reports and Record Keeping:

1. An expense statement will be submitted to the Academic Section chair as soon as possible after the LLA Conference.
2. The Committee Chairperson will submit a written report of the committee's activities to the Academic Section chair prior to the LLA Conference.
3. The Committee Chairperson will maintain a file of sample documents including examples (without names) of letters of nomination, notices to various publications, bills, news releases, clippings, sample certificate, and other relevant documents. These

materials will be forwarded to the succeeding committee chairperson.

Approved: March 18, 1999, Academic Section Meeting, LLA Conference, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

LIBRARY NEWS

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY Eunice

Cinderella Hayes has been promoted to the rank of associate librarian with tenure and **Hal Mendelsohn** has been promoted to the rank of assistant librarian.

Sue Forrest, Director, **Cinderella Hayes**, and **Hal Mendelsohn** spoke at the annual meeting of the Louisiana Historical Association on March 5. The title of their presentation was "Librarians, Libraries, and Researchers: A Time of Transition."

The Noontime Program Series at the Library continued with programs on "Meeting of the Minds: Historian Anthony Baltakis' Theory of the JFK Assassination," "The Life of Selena: La Reina Tejana," "Mary Manheim: *The Bone Lady*," and "P. L. Davidson: Director of the Louisiana Black Bear Conservation Committee."

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY Medical Center -- New Orleans

Wilba Swearingen was named director of libraries effective November 1, 1998. Wilba began her career in medical librarianship at LSUMC when she helped open the new Dental Library in 1971. After spending nearly fifteen years as a librarian and publisher's representative in Wisconsin, Louisiana, and throughout the southwest, she returned to LSUMC in 1988 to take the position as associate director. Since then she has served as acting director twice, in 1994-1995 and from September 1997 until her appointment as director.

A native of Texas, Wilba received a Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education and a Master of Arts in English from North Texas State University. She earned her Master of Library Science from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1977.

Pauline Fulda has been named associate director of libraries. She has served as the acquisitions and collection development librarian since 1990. A native of Louisiana, Pauline's Bachelor of Science in biology/library science and her Master of Science in library science were awarded at LSU.

LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY

Prescott Memorial Library

David Cargill was appointed by Governor Mike Foster to the Louisiana Historical Records Advisory Board. David had an article in the Fall 1998 issue of the *North Louisiana Historical Association Journal* entitled, "A History of Vienna, Louisiana, 1809-1865: The Settlement of Colvin's Post." He also attended the fourth annual Mid-South Instructional Technology Conference hosted by Middle Tennessee State University, March 28-31.

Stephen Henson, head of government documents, attended the annual Federal Depository conference, April 12-15, in Bethesda, Maryland. He presented a session on writing the depository self-study.

MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY Frazar Library

Patrick Webb joined the library as a new reference librarian. Patrick is a graduate of LSU's School of Library and Information Science.

The archives department prepared an exhibit on the Calcasieu River Lighthouse, a lighthouse built in 1876 that no longer exists. **Kathie Bordelon**, archivist, was awarded a Shearman Research Initiative Grant from McNeese to study the lighthouse and obtain material about it. The exhibit will be on display during July at the Sabine National Wildlife Refuge and during August at the Cameron Prairie Wildlife Refuge.

Kathie Bordelon has recently received the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution Excellence in Community Service Award and the 1999 President's Award from the Southwest Louisiana Historical Association.

Additional Internet workstations have been purchased for the Reference Department. In addition, laptops and a multimedia projector have been purchased to establish an electronic, hands-on classroom in Library Meeting Room A.

NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY Watson Library

Archivist **Mary Linn Wernet** presented "Preserving Kate Chopin: The Kate Chopin Home in Cloutierville, Louisiana," at the South Central Women's Studies Association, New Orleans, May 11-13. She directed the highly successful fifth Chopin Conference, "Kate Chopin at Century's End: The Centennial of *The Awakening*, April 8-10, on the Northwestern's campus. Wernet spoke on "Women's History Collections in the Cammie G. Henry Research Center" at Fort Polk for Women's History Month on March 16.

Systems librarian **Dominique Hallet's** presentation, "Providing Library Support for Distance Learners: One Library's Approach," was accepted for the fourth annual Teaching in the Community Colleges Online Conference, April 7-19. Hallet presented "You Found What on the Web?!" at the LACUE Conference on the Northwestern campus, April 17.

Catherine Jannik, reference librarian, delivered "Gladys Noel Bates: Educator and Activist" at the Tougaloo College Gladys Noel Bates Teacher's Conference, April 29-30.

Martha Henderson, head of media-serials, continues to serve as vice chair/chair elect of the National Commission for the Accreditation of Teacher Education board.

NUNEZ COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Library

The library web page was introduced in January. The page offers access to all databases that the library subscribes to through LOUIS. Other features of the web page include library hours, new acquisitions lists, collection development information for each program, and a staff directory. The library web page address is: <http://www.nunez.cc.la.us/library/ncclib.htm>

TULANE UNIVERSITY

Howard-Tilton Library

Andy Corrigan, **Stephen Fowlkes**, **Felice Maciejewski**, and **Bruce Raeburn** have been promoted to librarian IV. **Jennifer Cella** was recently promoted to librarian II.

Philip Leinbach has resigned as university librarian as of July 1. However, he will remain at the university on half-time working on SACS reaffirmation of accreditation for another year, after which he will retire to North Carolina.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA

Edith Garland Dupr Library

Barbara Flynn has been named associate director for resource delivery. **Susan Richard** has been appointed as head of reference department. **Sheryl Moore** is the head of the new Internet access services department.

The Library addition is nearing completion and books are being transferred into the newly opened stack area. The Library will not have to close during the transition to the new building; the remodeling of the current facilities will begin in June.

Megan Farrell, Internet access librarian, has a collection development article in *Library Journal* 124, no.4 (March, 1999):53-56, entitled "Collection Development: Passport to the Baltics, Balkans, and Bohemia [Travel Guides to Eastern Europe]."

Carol Casey, head of cataloging, has published "Accessibility in the Virtual Library: Creating Equal Opportunity Web Sites," in *Information Technology and Libraries* 18 (March, 1999): 22-25.

Sheryl Moore has been appointed to serve on the State Department of Environmental Quality Toxics Release Inventory Task Force. The Task Force is compiling the ninth annual Toxics Release Inventory which will be ready in the Fall of 1999.
