



### *Chair's Column* by Jud Copeland

The LLA Conference is just around the corner. As noted earlier, this year's conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Select in Baton Rouge on Tuesday, March 6 through Thursday, March 8.

The Academic Section is well represented this year with 20 presentations on the LLA Program! These presentations underscore this year's conference theme – Louisiana Libraries: Bridging Communities. In effect, the Academic Section's wide range of topics serves as a bridge to those interests found in the Public, Special, and Private Library areas.

Be sure to watch for the following programs at LLA Conference:

- “Escaping the Island of Forgotten Faculty: Optimizing Committee Work, Library Instruction, and Faculty Speaking Engagements” by Tony Fonseca and Van Viator of Nicholls State University
- “Bridging Communities: Librarians of Color Over the Decades” (Panel Discussion) with Jacqueline Jones of Baton Rouge Community College (Presider) Note: Panel includes Alice Burns Grigsby of El Camino College at Torrance, California.
- “Zero-Based Collection Development” by Don Smith of the University of Louisiana at Monroe
- “There and Back Again: Organizational Structure for the Single-Site Academic Library” by Robert J. Bremer of Louisiana Tech University
- “Regrettable Research: Designing Research Assignments to Avoid Common Student Pitfalls for Faculty” by Megan Lowe of the University of Louisiana at Monroe
- “Publish, Don't Perish! How to Cross that Bridge: A Panel Discussion on the Perils and Pitfalls of First-Time Publishing” by Denise Goetting, Susan Marshall Richard, Sheryl Moore Curry, and Betsy Bryan Miguez of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette
- “Less is More: Bibliographic Instruction for Freshman College Students” by Dayne Sherman and Herbert W. McGuin of Southeastern Louisiana University
- “Bridging the Gap from Technology to Service: The Changing Role of the Academic Systems Librarian” by Sheryl Curry and Lance Chance of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette
- “Gulf Coast Libraries Recovery Project” by Brenda Banks of SOLINET with Gerald Patout of Museum, Arts & Humanities Division of SLA (Presider)
- “Making Lemonade from Lemons: Surprise Data Results on Library Instruction” by Michelle Anfenson-Comeau of Louisiana State University at Eunice
- “Write Here, Write Now: Outreach with the National Novel Writing Month” by Michelle Anfenson-Comeau of Louisiana State University at Eunice
- “Bridging Time and Place: Interacting in Instructional Courseware” by Beth Stahr and Ladonna Guillot of Southeastern Louisiana University

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## Library news from around the state

### Louisiana State University



**Stephanie Braunstein** is the new Senior Government Information/Microforms Librarian.

**Alexis Carrasquel** is the new Patents & Trademarks Librarian.

**Aaron Lercher** is the new Mathematics Reference Librarian.

**Joseph R. Nicholson** is the new Catalog Librarian. He comes to LSU from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He holds an MLS from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a MA in English Literature from the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA.

**Elisabeth Pankl** made a presentation on information literacy at the Modern Language Association's Annual Convention in Philadelphia PA. on December 29, 2006.

**Peggy Chalaron** was appointed to the Reading Partners Advisory Committee, which is a statewide reading program developed by the

Louisiana AgCenter's Youth Development Program.

**Alice Daugherty** is Co-Chair of the ACRL Distance Learning Section's Instruction Group for 2006-2008 and is chair of the ALA New Members' Round Table Governance Committee for 2006-2008.

Daugherty contributed "Finding Historical Information to Prepare a Speech" in *Teaching Information Literacy Skills to Social Sciences Students and Practitioners: A Casebook of Application*.

**Sylvia Frank Rodrigue** and **Faye Phillips** published *Historic Baton Rouge: An Illustrated History*.

**Sigrid Kelsey** contributed articles on "The Democratic Party in WWII," "Eleanor Roosevelt," and "Franklin D. Roosevelt." in *The Home Front Encyclopedia: United States, Britain, and Canada in World Wars I and II*, edited by James Ciment.

**Jennifer Ryan, Alice**

**Daugherty, and Emily Mauldin** published "Exploring the LSU Libraries' Virtual Reference Transcripts: An Analysis." in the *Electronic Journal of Academic and Special Librarianship* v.7 no.3 (Winter 2006). Available at [http://southernlibrarianship.icaap.org/content/v07n03/ryan\\_j01.htm](http://southernlibrarianship.icaap.org/content/v07n03/ryan_j01.htm).

LSU Libraries will present "An Unnatural Metropolis: Wrestling New Orleans from Nature," an exhibition based on the award-winning book by Craig E. Colten. The exhibition will run February 5 through June 2, in Hill Memorial Library. A reception and talk by Colten will take place on Sunday, March 18, at 3 p.m., in the lecture hall in Hill Memorial Library.

The catastrophic flooding accompanying hurricanes Katrina and Rita is only the latest episode in the ongoing struggle between the Crescent City and nature. "An

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LSU Hill Memorial Library

### Louisiana State University at Alexandria

**Jules Tate**, Director, attended ALA Mid-winter Conference in Seattle in January 2007; Tate serves on the ACRL CLS Nominations Committee and on the ALA Legislation Assembly.

**Debra Rollins**, Instruction and Reference Librarian, was a virtual participant of the High School to College Transitions Committee of the Library Instruction Roundtable (LIRT) during Midwinter. Rollins attended the ACRL National Institute for Information Literacy in Boston, MA in July, 2007 and delivered the presentation "Development of Infor-

mation Literacy Competencies through an Interdisciplinary Course-Embedded Research Project" at the Georgia Conference on Information Literacy in Savannah in October, 2007. Debra is the 2006 recipient of the LLA A.H. Benoit Mid-Career Award and is a candidate for ALA Councilor-at-Large.

Debra Rollins and **Rusty Gaspard**, Reference Librarian, are co-authors of *Occasional Occurrences at Owl Creek University*, a chapter in *Primer on Reference Services in Academic Libraries*.

**Bonnie Hines**, Collection Development Librarian joined

the LSUA library faculty in 2005. She was one of several other contributors to a publication entitled *Managing Student Assistants: A How-to-do-it Manual* to be published in 2007.

**Nancy Radonovich**, Cataloger, also joined the LSUA library faculty in 2005. She is currently cataloging over 300 new materials that were acquired when the university formally assumed ownership of the Alexandria Museum of Art. The completed records will be added to the catalog of LSUA's library materials.



## McNeese State University

**Rebecca Troy-Horton** is new Government Documents Librarian. Ms. Horton previously worked as a Reference Librarian at the McNeese University Library. She succeeds **Brantley Cagle**, who retired from the university in September, 2006. Prior to McNeese, Rebecca worked in the reference and Government Documents departments at the University of Rhode Island and also taught courses on Information Literacy.

Former Serials and Reference Librarian **Janet Woolman** is now Director of McNeese Research Services.

The Reference Department has recently launched a Trillian instant messaging service. Reference Librarians provide assistance to patrons using three instant messaging programs: AIM, Yahoo, and MSN. Details are available at: <http://library.mcneese.edu/depts/ref/index.htm#IMREFERENCE>.

As part of the Louisiana Newspaper Project, the Archives and Serials departments have each received a microfilm scanner and printer to provide enhanced access to existing microfilm collections of newspapers and other materials. The LSU Libraries and Special Collections Department received a Board of Regents grant (\$466,869) and chose to partner with McNeese and LSU-Shreveport for this project. This new equipment makes it possible not only to read and print microfilm images but also to scan and download images to a computer, where it can be e-mailed or saved.

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## Tulane University

**Hannah White** joined the staff on January 2 as Reference Librarian for the Humanities. White has an MLS degree from Indiana University Bloomington, and a BA from University of Kansas in Russian Language and Literature.

**Leon C. Miller**, Manuscripts Librarian, has been appointed

to the advisory board of the Archives Leadership Institute. Sponsored by the NHPRC, the institute is envisioned as a one-to-two-week program that will tailor contemporary best practices in leadership skills to issues specific to archives. The program is administered by the School of Library and Infor-

mation Studies at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

**Lance Query**, Dean of Libraries and Information Resources, has been appointed Special Consultant for Administration to the New Orleans Library Board. Query has also recently been named President of the Board of the Associa-

tion of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL).

**Stephen Fowlkes**, Reference Librarian & Bibliographer, contributed a section on Sociology Reference Sources in *Resources for College Libraries* published by Bowker in November 2006.

## University of Louisiana at Lafayette

**Sherry T. Broussard** was a featured storyteller at the Louisiana Book Festival on October 28, 2006. Broussard also organized the 2007 African American Read-In, sponsored by Lafayette Parish Library and the Bayouland Storytellers Guild of Southwest Louisiana. She coordinated the Black History Month exhibit and program at Dupré Library. The theme for the month was "Louisiana's Black Heritage: Reflections of History, Culture, and Treasure."

**Sheryl Curry**, Head of Internet Access Services and Review Column Editor for *Louisiana Libraries*, spoke at a forum on publishing at LSU SLIS on February 13, 2007.

**Danny Gillane**, former Development and Gifts Librarian, has been named to the ALA Notable Books Committee for 2007-2009. Gillane is now a Library Consultant for the State Library of Louisiana.

**Jean Kiesel**, Louisiana Room Librarian, has joined the ALA RUSA History Section's Bibliographies and Indexes Committee. On October 21, 2006, Kiesel presented two programs, "Land Records as Sources of Genealogical Information," and "Using the University Library for Genealogical Research," at the Lafayette Genealogy Society Conference.

**Bruce Turner**, Head of Special Collections, was recently elected treasurer of the Louisiana Archives and Manuscript Association. Dr. Turner wrote the foreword for *In a Cajun Kitchen: Authentic Cajun Recipes and Stories from a Family Farm on the Bayou* by Terri Pischoff Wuerthner (St. Martin's Press, 2006).

The Cajun and Creole Music Collection (CCMC) and **Sandy Himel**, Project Coordinator for the CCMC, have received mention in the Acknowledgments of a book published by the Center for Louisiana Studies, UL Lafayette. The book, entitled *Accordions, Fiddles, Two-Step & Swing: A Cajun Music Reader* and edited by Ryan A. Brasseaux and Kevin S. Fontenot, includes eight scanned images of recordings with credits to the Cajun and Creole Music Collection, Special Collections, University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

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### Chair's Column, (Continued from page 1)

"How to Find and Evaluate Government Information on the Web: Lessons Learned" by Judith Haydel of the National Wetlands Research Center  
"Welcome to YOUR Library! Building Relationships between Patrons and the Library" by Nicole F. Morello and Jacqueline Jones of Baton Rouge Community College

"Thinking Outside of the Box: Engaging the Millennial Learner" by Angela Dunnington and Mary Lou Strong of Southeastern Louisiana University  
"Intellectual Freedom Update: Follow-up to ALA's Law for Libraries" by Ladonna Guillot of Southeastern Louisiana University

"Getting Your Collections in the Louisiana Digital Library on the Cheap!" by Gina Costello and Katy Stowe of Louisiana State University  
"The Librarian / Scholar in General Reference Wonderland: How to Keep Your Scholarly Identity and Build a Niche while Bridging Communities" by Melissa Ursula Dawn Goldsmith of Nicholls State University

"The 'Transformational Experience' Model: How to make the Academic Library the NEXUS of the Campus" by Jud Copeland of Louisiana State University at Eunice

"Academic Libraries are Librarians & Archivists for a Knowledge Network for Researchers via ETDs ( Electronic Theses & Dissertations)" by Ursula Irene Anna Goldsmith of LSU

The Academic Section is also co-sponsoring the "Ollie H. Burns Scholarship Endowment Celebration" Banquet scheduled on Tuesday, March 6 at LSU Faculty Club by Alma Dawson. Speaker is Alice Burns Grigsby, Director of El Camino College Library in Torrance, California

Special thanks to Carla Clark, our Vice-Chair/Chair Elect, for coordinating a dynamic array of programs.

The Academic Section Business Meeting is scheduled on Wednesday (March 7) at 3:00 PM during the conference. I hope you make plans to attend this meeting. It is an opportunity for you to meet the new 2007-2008 officers and also to learn how you can become more involved in the Academic Section.

I want to thank Jeremy Landry of Nicholls State University and Heather Credeur of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette for volunteering to be on the Tellers Committee for this year. My thanks also to Melinda Matthews and Dinah Williams of the University of Louisiana at Monroe for serving on the Outstanding Academic Librarian Award Committee. Melinda was the Committee Chair. And thanks to Dinah Williams who served as Chair of the Grassroots Committee.

As Chair of the Academic Section, I look forward to seeing at LLA Annual Conference in Baton Rouge next month!

### Louisiana State University, (Continued from page 2)

"Unnatural Metropolis" outlines the history of this battle between people and place, illustrating the many obstacles faced by founders and citizens during more than two centuries. The exhibition documents yellow fever epidemics, flooding, drainage, sewage and sanitation issues that have challenged New Orleanians since 1718. The exhibition also explores the 20th century push to "reclaim" lands from the surrounding swamp for commercial and residential use, which proved to be a major factor in the magnitude of destruction suffered by New Orleans in 2005.



## Louisiana Library Association Annual Conference Holiday Inn Select, Baton Rouge – March 6 – 8, 2007

### Featured Speakers:

**Chris Rose**, a popular columnist for the New Orleans Times Picayune, will be the featured speaker for the Public and Trustees Sections Luncheon. He joined The Times-Picayune as a crime reporter in 1984. Over the years, he has covered national politics, economics, Southern regionalism, pop culture and New Orleans nightlife, traditions, lifestyles and entertainment. On Aug. 29, 2005, he became a war correspondent. His book *1 Dead in Attic* is a collection of stories recounting the first four harrowing months of life in New Orleans after Katrina.

**Cindy Foust**, author and president of Alpha-kidZ, a publishing company that develops educational media teaching reading and reasoning skills to children, will be the featured speaker for the LASL Author Luncheon. Foust has written a collection of 26 rhyming stories (one for each letter of the alphabet), each one featuring a different animal character on a unique adventure. Her first book was *Austin Alligator, I'll See You Guys Later*. Foust lives in West Monroe, Louisiana with her husband and son.

### Registration

Wednesday, March 7th      Thursday, March 8th  
7:00am – 4:00pm              7:00am – 2:00pm

### Internet Cafe

Wednesday, March 7th and Thursday, March 8th  
7:30am – 4:00pm

### Exhibits & Swap-n-Shop

Wednesday, March 7th      Thursday, March 8th  
10:00am – 4:00pm              9:00am – 2:00pm

### Tuesday, March 6, 2007

#### Using Macromedia's Flash to Create a Library Research Tutorial Pre-conference. Registration \$20 LLA Members, \$30 non-members.

Middleton Library, Room 230B, LSU Baton Rouge

Tuesday, 8:30am—12:00 pm

A workshop that will walk participants through the process of using Flash software to create an online tutorial. Familiarity with either Photoshop or Microsoft Paint will be helpful.

Speaker: Sigrid Kelsey, Electronic Reference Services & Web Development Coordinator, LSU. LaSSAL

#### Census Workshop: Learning Your Numbers

#### Pre-conference. Registration \$20 GODORT Members, \$30 non-members

Computing Services Center Frey Building, LSU.

Tuesday, 9:00am—12:00pm

Accessing Census Bureau information. Learn about the American Community Survey data sets and where to find flood information.

Speaker: Paula Wright, US Census Bureau Dallas Regional Office. GODORT

#### Banquet: Ollie H. Burns Scholarship Endowment Celebration

#### Dinner: \$35

LSU Faculty Club, Highland Rd. at Raphael Semmes Rd., LSU

Tuesday, 6:30pm (cash bar from 5:30pm—6:30pm)

The banquet will celebrate the endowment of the Ollie H. Burns Scholarship. Ollie H. Burns was the first African American to earn a graduate degree in library science from L.S.U. The first scholarship will be awarded at the 2007 LLA Conference.

Speaker: Alice Burns Grigsby, Director, El Camino College Library, Torrance California. LASL; Diversity Interest Group; LSU SLIS.

### Wednesday, March 7, 2007

#### GODORT Breakfast: Geographical Sources on the Internet

Wednesday, 7:30—9:00am

(Ticketed event by pre-registration only)

Government and other resources freely available on the web relating to Geography.

Speaker: Kelly Blessinger, Reference Assistant Coordinator. Louisiana Tech University.

#### LaSSAL Business Meeting

Wednesday, 8:00—8:50am

#### Opportunities for Collaboration: The Comprehensive Curriculum

Wednesday, 8:00—8:50am

This presentation focuses on ways that librarians can assist teachers in coming to terms with the comprehensive curriculum through encouragement and collaboration.

Speakers: Doris Roseborough, Librarian, McKinley Middle School and William Haydel, Librarian, Glasgow Middle School. LASL

#### Explanation of SIP2 and NCIP as it pertains to Interlibrary Loan

Wednesday, 8:00—8:50am

Speaker: Mary Jackson. Public; Outreach & Bookmobile Interest Group.

#### Academic Libraries are Librarians and Archivists for a Knowledge Network for researchers via ETDs (Electronic Theses and Dissertations)

Wednesday, 8:00—8:50am

The advocate for change in graduate education has institutionalized ETDS. The library shares with the university the responsibility that ETDS will be available to the scholarly community. The future of this network of libraries has a possible hierarchical structuring of their research as communicating infrastructure. This already has been partially occurred through by the open archives protocols but what of the future?

Speaker: Ursula Irene Anna Goldsmith, Ph.D. LSU Student. Academic.

#### Bridging Communities: Librarians of Color Over the Decades — Panel Discussion

Wednesday, 8:00—9:50am

Panel discussion by SLIS graduates and Louisiana librarians of color.

Speaker: Alice Burns Grisby, Director of Learning Resources, El Camino College, Torrance CA. Academic; LASL; Diversity Interest Group.

#### A Year in the Life of an Outreach Librarian at LSU

Wednesday, 9:00—9:50am

Want to know how to conduct effective outreach programs? Mitch Fontenot, Outreach Librarian at LSU in Baton Rouge will describe his yearlong efforts to make students aware of what the library has to offer.

Speaker: Mitch Fontenot, LSU Libraries, Baton Rouge. LaSSAL.

#### The "Transformational Experience" Model: How to Make the Academic Library the NEXUS of the Campus

Wednesday, 9:00—9:50am

The "Transformational Experience" model is being used by the Kansas Regents System and it places the library in a pivotal role on the college campus.

Speaker: Jud Copeland, Louisiana State University at Eunice. Academic.

#### Making Accelerated Reader Work for High School Students

Wednesday, 9:00—10:20am

Learn how one high school fully implemented the Accelerated Reader Program and improved its implementation index. Discuss strategies on how to use AR and STAR Testing at the high school level. Presentation will include data analysis, class competitions, student reward systems, and favorite types of books and authors.

Speakers: Betty Brackins and Leola Mitchell, Librarians, Baton Rouge Magnet High School. LASL.

#### Genetics Education Outreach Through Louisiana Libraries

Wednesday, 9:00—10:20am

A coalescence of history, genealogy, anthropology, and medicine, the burgeoning science of modern genetics directly affects each individual, especially those with family members affected by heritable disease. We will review our outreach program and explain the value of library partnerships in Louisiana.

Speaker: John P. Doucet, Ph.D., Nicholls State University. Subject Specialists; Public; Academic.

#### Meeting the Challenge of Maintaining Public Computing and Internet Services

Wednesday, 9:00—9:50am

The MaintainIT Project, supported by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, is working with public libraries to identify best practices of technical support for public access computers (PACs) and distilling this information into practical guides. This session will provide examples of how small and rural libraries maintain their PACs. It will be of special interest to librarians whose tech support plan is to "just hope it doesn't really break."

Speaker: Barbara Gersh, MaintainIT Project Manager, Techsoup. Public.

**Wednesday, March 7, 2007 (cont.)****Introduction to the Catalog of U.S. Government Publications**

Wednesday, 10:00—10:50am

The Catalog of U.S. Government Publications, a bibliographic database created and maintained by the U.S. Government Printing Office, will be demonstrated. Speaker: Lori Smith, Government Documents Department Head, Sims Library, Southeastern Louisiana University. GODORT.

**LASL Executive Board Meeting**

Wednesday, 10:00—11:20am

**Automation & Technology Interest Group Business Meeting**

Wednesday, 10:30—11:20am

**And You Thought We Were Just Books; Quick and Easy Adult How-to's**

Wednesday, 10:30—11:20am

Demonstration of easy, inexpensive hands on how to's for adult programming. Speakers: Candace Chatham and Jamie Holman, Ouachita Parish Public Library. Public.

**Subject Specialists Section Business Meeting**

Wednesday, 10:30—11:20am

**Regrettable Research: Designing Research Assignments to Avoid Common Student Pitfalls—for Faculty**

Wednesday, 10:30—11:20am

A presentation that outlines common problems with research assignments and how to avoid those problems, with an eye toward educating faculty/instructors. Speaker: Megan Lowe, University of Louisiana – Monroe. Academic.

**Collecting Gray Literature**

Wednesday, 11:30am—12:20pm

Only 40% of government documents make it to GPO. What sort of materials fall outside the program?

Speaker: Cynthia DuBois, Documents Librarian, Nicholls State University. GODORT.

**Louisiana Libraries Editorial Board Meeting**

Wednesday, 11:30am—12:30pm

**All About ISBN 13**

Wednesday, 11:30am – 12:20pm

What is ISBN 13? What is the impact of ISBN 13 on our state's libraries?

Speaker: Zehra Zamin, Information Analyst, LOUIS. Public.

**LASL Author Luncheon with Cindy Foust**

Wednesday, 11:30am—1:30pm

(Ticketed event by pre-registration only)

Speaker: Cindy Foust, author of 26 rhyming stories including *Austin Alligator, I'll See You Guys Later*.

**Thinking Outside of the Box: Engaging the Millennial Learner**

Wednesday, 1:00—1:50pm

Learning styles and teaching methods have changed. How can librarians accommodate the different learning styles of today's students in the technology rich world of iPod's, Facebook, and multi-tasking? The presenters will share how librarians can engage the millennial learner by incorporating active learning techniques into the learning process.

Speakers: Angela Dunnington, Coordinator of Library Science and Mary Lou Strong, Reference/Instruction Librarian, Southeastern Louisiana University. Academic; Reference Interest Group.

**"Bridgin' da Gap" or Getting Adult Readers into the Seats of a Reading Discussion Group at the Library without Needing a Car from Ronnie Lamarque**

Wednesday, 1:00—1:50pm

The Terrebonne Parish Library has hosted RELIC programs for many years, and, after some early shortcomings in audience development, it has grown its adult reading program audiences to remarkable levels. Is it miracle working, or working smart?

Presenter: James Segreto, Director, RELIC Programs, Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities. Public.

**There and Back Again: Organizational Structure for the Single-Site Library**

Wednesday, 1:00—1:50pm

Why and how a library that adopted a team-based organization more than 20 years ago and flirted with a matrix organization a couple of years ago returns to a traditional hierarchical organizational structure.

Speaker: Robert J. Bremer, Head of User Services, Prescott Library, Louisiana Tech University. Academic; Library Manager's Interest Group.

**Bridging Time and Place: Interacting in Instructional Courseware**

Wednesday, 1:30—2:20pm

The presenters will describe their involvement as embedded librarians in undergraduate and graduate BlackBoard courses to meet the library research needs of distant learners.

Speakers: Beth Stahr and Ladonna Guillot, Southeastern Louisiana University. Academic; Reference Interest Group.

**Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award Program 2008: Grades 6-8**

Wednesday, 1:30—2:50pm

Short, snappy booktalks and ways to implement the Young Readers' Choice Award program will be presented by members of the committee. Come find out the winning title for 2007 and hear about the terrific title son Ballot 2008.

Speakers: Gale Criswell, State Library of Louisiana and Members of the LYRC Committee. LASL; State Library of Louisiana.

**It's in the Bag: Preschool Outreach Plus**

Wednesday, 1:30—2:50pm

The speakers will present information on Rapides Parish Library's award-winning Preschool Outreach Plus program, along with advice on how attendees can start a similar program themselves.

Speakers: Tammy DiBartolo, Youth Services Manager and Susan Barker, Preschool Outreach Plus Manager, Rapides Parish Library. LaSSAL.

**LLA Finances—Bride to LLA Future**

Wednesday, 2:00—2:50pm

Annual session for LLA to introduce incoming officers to LLA's financial terms and guidelines.

**Fiction that Bites: Supernaturals Nibble Away Genre Boundaries**

Wednesday, 2:00—3:50pm

Vampires & werewolves, witches & psychics – when the real world meets their world, mayhem follows – and so do readers! Discover the core authors and titles in the hottest fiction this side of moonrise.

Speakers: Jeremy Bolom, Head of Public Service and Sarah Rabb, Reference Librarian, Lincoln Parish Library. Public.

**The Librarian/Scholar in General Reference Wonderland: How to Keep Your Scholarly Identity and Build a Niche While Bridging Communities**

Wednesday, 2:30—3:20pm

Librarians with scholarly expertise who work in general reference can use their specialized knowledge to increase interest in and access to libraries. Employing strategies like designing drop-in classes and organizing a lecture series shift perceptions of the library from being in the periphery to being the heart of academic institutions.

Speaker: Melissa Ursula Dawn Goldsmith, Assistant Professor/Reference Librarian, Nicholls State University. Academic.

**Academic Section Business Meeting**

Wednesday, 3:00—3:50pm

**To Genre or Not to Genre**

Wednesday, 3:00—3:50pm

Think outside of the box! Why and how we rearranged our fiction collections by literary genre. Our middle and high school students love it!

Speakers: Annie Miers, Riser Middle School, Jan McGee, West Monroe High School, and Elizabeth Dumas, Good Hope Middle School. LASL.

**Assisting Library Patrons Who Have Disabilities**

Wednesday, 3:00—3:50pm

Presentation will provide suggestions on how to make your library more user-friendly and how to make patrons who have disabilities more at ease when they visit your library.

Speaker: Benjamin Cornwell, Office of Disability Services, LSU. LaSSAL.

**1st General Session**

Wednesday, 4:00—5:00pm

**LLA Book Dinner**

Wednesday, 7:00—9:00pm

(Ticketed event by pre-registration only)

Speaker to be announced.

**Thursday, March 8, 2007****Bridging the Gap from Technology to Service: The Changing Role of the Academic Systems Librarian**

Thursday, 8:00 – 8:50am

The position of the academic systems librarian was created in response to the need for a technical liaison for information specialists. This individual has traditionally provided hardware, software, networking support and training to library staff and patrons. As staff becomes more technologically adept and campus-wide systems became more integrated with the library, the role of the systems librarian has changed.

Speakers: Sheryl Curry, Head of Internet Access Services and Lance Chance, former Systems Librarian and currently Bibliographic Instruction Librarian, UL Lafayette, Edith Garland Dupre Library. Academic; Subject Specialists; LaSSAL.

**Less is More: Bibliographic Instruction for Freshman College Students**

Thursday, 8:00 – 8:50am

A “less is more” philosophy can guide academic librarians in providing better bibliographic instruction (BI) sessions for today’s freshman. This presentation will address the key elements for great BI sessions.

Speakers: Dayne Sherman, Interim Coordinator of User Education and Herbert McGuin, Evening Reference/Instruction Librarian, Southeastern Louisiana University. Academic; Reference Interest Group.

**LASL General Meeting**

Thursday, 8:00 – 9:20am

**Performance Management Appraisal System: Improving Staff Performance and Acceptability**

Thursday, 8:00 – 8:50am

Dread annual staff evaluations? PMAS allows both supervisors and staff to actively participate in the appraisal process by clearly defining goals and responsibilities as well as the regular exchange of performance feedback based on set criteria.

Speaker: Patricia Husband, Assistant Director, East Baton Rouge Parish Library. Public; Library Manager’s Interest Group.

**PRIME TIME FAMILY READING: A Primer for Library Partnerships**

Thursday, 8:30 – 9:20am

Join PRIME TIME staff and participating site coordinators as they share the latest news and views surrounding this award-winning family literacy program. Learn how PRIME TIME programs continue to reach under-served, or never served, families and lead them to bond around the act of reading and becoming active library patrons and life-long learners.

Speaker: Miranda Restovic, Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities. Public.

**Welcome to YOUR Library! Building Relationships Between Patrons and the Library**

Thursday, 9:00 – 9:50am

It’s been a number of years since students have used libraries as a major gateway to information. As a result it can be argued that our current generation of patrons are uneducated about traditional library services. We as librarians need to get back to the basics and do what we do best, which is to educate and inform. This program will discuss various strategies that can be used to educate library users about what libraries and librarians can do for them.

Speakers: Nicole Morello and Jacqueline Jones, Baton Rouge Community College. Academic.

**Bridging the Mystery: The Bone Lady**

Thursday, 9:00 – 9:50am

Author Mary Manhein will speak about her profession and book “The Bone Lady: Life as a Forensic Pathologist”. Speaker: Mary H. Manhein, Director, LSU FACES Laboratory. Trustees.

**Library Managers Interest Group Business Meeting**

Thursday, 9:00 – 9:50am

**The Anime-ted Library: Purchasing and Using Anime in Your Library**

Thursday, 9:30 – 10:20am

Carol Spann will discuss the art of Japanese animation, known as anime, and give tips on collecting anime titles in your library as well as starting a teen anime club. Graphic novels and manga will also be discussed.

Speaker: Carole Spann, Reference & YA Librarian, Ouachita Parish Public Library. Public; Teen Interest Group.

**Zero-Based Collection Development**

Thursday, 9:30 – 10:20am

Times of budget reduction can be extremely stressful but the period can be put to productive use that in the end improves the collection.

Speaker: Don Smith, Dean of the Library, ULM. Academic.

**How to Find and Evaluate Government Information on the Web: Lessons Learned**

Thursday, 10:00 – 10:50am

General search engines are useful for finding government information, but they present problems. Come find out how I learned to find, evaluate, and catalog resources for a federal digital library coordinated by the U.S. Geological Survey using Dublin Core.

Speaker: Judith Haydel, IAP World Services, Inc. at National Wetlands Research Center. Academic.

**Louisiana Young Readers’ Choice Award Program 2008: Grades 3-5**

Thursday, 10:00 – 11:20am

Short, snappy book talks and ways to implement the Louisiana Young Readers’ Choice Award program will be presented by members of the committee. Come find out the winning title for 2007 and hear about the terrific titles on Ballot 2008.

Speakers: Gale Criswell, State Library of Louisiana and Members of the LYRC Committee. LASL; State Library of Louisiana.

**Publish, Don’t Perish! How to Cross that Bridge: A Panel Discussion**

Thursday, 10:30 – 11:50am

Panel discussion on the perils and pitfalls of first-time publishing. Topics span many types of publications: book reviews, articles, books and more. Addresses collaboration, proposals, and contracts. Speakers: Denise Goetting, Head of Cataloging, Susan Marshall Richard, Head of Reference, Sheryl Moore Curry, Head of Internet Access Services, and Betsy Bryan Miguez, Reference Librarian, University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Academic.

**Security Technology in the Library**

Thursday, 10:30 – 11:20am

Discussion of software and hardware technologies. Speaker: Michael Stanaland, Network Specialist, Webster Parish Library. Public; Academic.

**Intellectual Freedom Update: follow-up to ALA’s Law for Librarians**

Thursday, 11:00 – 11:50am

Presentation will summarize issues covered at ALA’s 2006 Law for Librarians course. Topics include the most recent challenges to intellectual freedom.

Speaker: Ladonna Guillot, Health Sciences Librarian, Southeastern Louisiana University. Academic.

**Escaping the Island of Forgotten Faculty: Optimizing Committee Work, Library Instruction, and Faculty Speaking Engagements**

Thursday, 11:00 – 11:50am

This program will use research and anecdotal evidence to give useful information on how to become less “invisible” on the university campus. It goes beyond usual suggestions of getting appointed to committees by suggesting actual roles a librarian can play to draw attention to his/her professionalism and usefulness to fellow faculty.

Speakers: Tony Fonseca, Serials Librarian and Van Viator, Information Literacy Librarian, Nicholls State University. Academic.

**Making Lemonade from Lemons: Surprise Data Results on Library Instruction**

Thursday, 11:00 – 11:50am

When the survey project did not support its primary goal, the data revealed other important aspects of library instruction. This presentation will discuss those additional

aspects. Speaker: Shelby Anfenon-Comeau, LSUE. Academic.

**Thursday, March 8, 2007 (cont.)****Public and Trustees Luncheon with Chris Rose**

Thursday, 11:30am – 1:30pm

(Ticketed event by pre-registration only)

Speaker: Chris Rose, Times Picayune columnist and author of *I Dead in the Attic*.**All on a Mardi Gras Day presented by filmmaker Royce Osborne**

Thursday, 1:30 – 2:50pm

This film documents every aspect of the African-American Mardi-Gras in New Orleans, much of which is unknown outside the African American community. It won first prize at the New Orleans Film and Video Festival, and it has been broadcast on PBS.

Speaker: Royce Osborne, Independent Film Maker. Public.

**Write Here, Write Now: Outreach with the National Novel Writing Month**

Thursday, 1:30 – 2:20pm

Pilot program using the National Novel Writing Month to connect with the community, throughout and beyond campus.

Speaker: Shelby Anfenson-Comeau, LSUE. Academic.

**Gulf Coast Libraries Recovery Project**

Thursday, 1:30 – 2:50pm

Overview and update of the SOLINET grant-funded project aiding and assisting libraries impacted by recent hurricanes.

Speaker: Brenda Banks, SOLINET. Academic.

**Preparing for the Future by Cultivating Loyal Library Customers**

Thursday, 1:30 – 3:30pm

As libraries move into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, they face many challenges in their efforts to attract and retain an ever changing and demanding customer population. Although technology will continue to play a major role in the future, how well staff members are prepared to deliver library services will significantly impact the value a library offers to their community it serves.

Speaker: Steve Wishnack, Founder, Think &amp; Do. Public; Trustees.

**Performing Artist Showcase**

Thursday, 1:30 – 3:30pm

Storytellers and other performing artists connect literature and reading to the arts. So, “trip-trap-trip-trap” across the bridge to sample some delectable programs for children in schools and libraries.

Presider: Gale Criswell, State Library of Louisiana. Public; Storytelling Interest Group.

**Video and Media Interest Group Business Meeting**

Thursday, 3:00 – 3:50pm

**Getting Your Collections in the Louisiana Digital Library on the Cheap!**

Thursday, 3:00 – 3:50pm

Participate in the Louisiana Digital Library by maximizing your current resources. Speakers: Gina Costello, Digital Services Librarian, LSU Libraries Special Collections and Katy Stowe, Resource Center Coordinator, Cancer Services of Greater Baton Rouge. Academic; Library User Education Interest Group.

**Preservation Interest Group Business Meeting**

Thursday, 3:00 – 3:50pm

**One Book One Community: Spanning 9 Parishes**

Thursday, 3:00 – 3:50pm

The East Baton Rouge Parish Library, with co-sponsor Baton Rouge Area Chamber, has launched a One Book One Community project spanning 9 parishes and serving as a bridge between generations, socio-economic levels, educational background, and faith communities.

Speakers: Lydia M Acosta, Director, East Baton Rouge Parish Library, Willie Johnson, Vice President, Baton Rouge Area Chamber, Mary Stein, Assistant Director, East Baton Rouge Parish Library, and other parish librarians. Public.

**2nd General Session**

Thursday, 4:00 – 5:00pm

**Past Presidents Dinner**

Thursday evening by invitation only



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