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## Editor's Corner

Ted Baldwin, QCG Chief Editor and Publications Committee Chair

As you can see, the format of the Gazette has changed a bit, based on feedback from members. The table of contents is displayed first, and links to the full articles. Also, reports and other chapter business have been brought together at the beginning of the issue. Hope you find this useful, whether you read online or print and read offline. If you have other suggestions for the Gazette, please let me know - [ted.baldwin@uc.edu](mailto:ted.baldwin@uc.edu).



## Nonnie's Notes: President's Report

Nonnie Klein, Chapter President

The times they are a changin' and this year is certainly shaping up to be some very interesting times for SLA. By now you all should know that our Executive Director Roberta Shaffer has resigned, effective February 22, 2002 because she and the Board "are not in sync in terms of the pace of change." [from the press release 2/14/02] You

should also have received my summary of the proposed changes to SLA Bylaws and the link to the SLA website where you can read the documents: <http://www.sla.org/content/SLA/Structure/recbylaws/httpwww6596.cfm>.

Meanwhile, we're still working for you at the Chapter level, planning meetings and offering the chance to talk about things at the dinners with me and other officers during dinner. The first one held in January was small but we had a good exchange of ideas along with a good meal. The second one was held February 26 and brought forth some additional ideas. Another dinner will be in the spring. Thanks to those who attended.

We also are working on plans for the celebration of our Chapter's 75th anniversary, which is in May. The big celebration will be in the early fall but we plan on publicity, archival reprints, and just some fun things to do starting in May. This is a major chance to highlight what we as special librarians and information professionals do and promote our contribution to our organizations. Whenever I can explain to people what I and other librarians really do, they're amazed and come away with a new respect for the profession. We need to let the Cincinnati world know that we've been doing all these things for 75 years and will continue for another 75.

We want to increase our networking opportunities especially in this time of downturn and uncertainty. Your librarian colleagues are your biggest resource and SLA is one of the best ways to take advantage of diverse expertise. The chapter wants to encourage this interaction among members.

One of the most interesting programs at the Chicago meeting was on bridging the generational gap in the workplace and with SLA volunteers. Stephen Abram's presentation is available on the web at the Micromedia site at <http://www.micromedia.on.ca/indinfo.htm> Scroll down to **SLA Leadership Development Institute: Jan. 26, 2002** and you will find the presentation entitled **Relay Race: Cross Generational Team**. For a bit more on the winter meeting, see the report from Tracey and me in this issue. I hope to see you at dinner or at the next meeting in April.



## SLA Winter Meeting Update – Chicago, IL (January 23-26, 2002)

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By Tracey Stivers, Chapter President-Elect and Program Planning Committee Chair and Nonnie Klein, Chapter President

We attended the SLA Winter meeting in Chicago from January 23-26. It proved to be a very busy and interesting meeting this year. The SLA administration and the current Board have decided that the Association must make radical changes to our bylaws if we are to stay competitive in the future. However, many of us attending the meeting were not aware of the previous discussions about these bylaw changes, so we were concerned about rushing into anything without obtaining appropriate feedback from the membership. The Board took no final actions at the Winter meeting. Instead, they decided to use the time between now and the annual meeting in June to solicit feedback from members. This feedback will be used to revise the documents further and members will be allowed to vote on these changes at the June meeting. Please read about the specific changes below and let either of us know what you think.

### Bylaws

The proposed bylaws are intended to “streamline the governance” of SLA and allow to Board to react more quickly

to changes. To view a copy of all the documents related to the bylaw changes, please go to SLA's website : <http://www.sla.org/content/SLA/Structure/board-index/WtrOpenAgenda.cfm>. Document B02-21 provides background and rationale for the changes. The new proposed bylaws are available as Revised A02-33. These bylaws are much less specific and shorter than the current bylaws. Revised A02-34 contains the Board guidelines which provide for a more detailed description of how the Board actually operates.

## Conference Planning

The Conference Task Force II proposed changes to planning the SLA Annual conference. These changes were proposed because the task force feels that current conference planning suffers from "over-programming" with too many activities going on simultaneously, programs that overlap or duplicate in content, and not enough focus on the conference theme and tracks. These changes solicited lots of discussion and concern, especially among divisions, who felt that these changes would restrict their subject specific programming. Due to these concerns and the need to get additional feedback from members, the proposals were withdrawn. However, the task force will continue to work on this issue, as it is clear that problems with the current conference planning do exist.

## Leadership Development Institute

In addition to all the major work in the Board and Cabinet meetings, we were also able to attend the Leadership Development Institute (LDI). The LDI provided an opportunity to hear speakers on a variety of topics including governance, technology services, membership recruitment, as well as the opportunity to network with leaders of other chapters and divisions. Overall, it was a very informative and enjoyable meeting, and to top it off, Chicago was unseasonably warm.



# Program Planning Committee Report

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Tracey Stivers, Program Planning Committee Chair and Chapter President-Elect

On January 30, 2002, the Cincinnati chapter of SLA co-sponsored an all-day workshop with GCLC, SOASIST, and CAHSLA. The program was titled **Handheld Computers in the Information Age**. The keynote speaker was Mari Stoddard from the University of Arizona Health Sciences Library. Other speakers included Stephanie Sorrell and Donna McClamroch from Eminence Middle School (Kentucky) and William Zimmerman from LexisNexis. The presenters discussed the many types and uses of handheld computers including their benefits in classroom and medical settings. The future of handheld computers was also discussed. Overall, it proved to be a very informative and enjoyable program.

The program committee's next event will be the all-day education workshop on April 10, 2002 at Cincinnati State Technical & Community College. The topic will be **Virtual Reference** and this event will be co-sponsored by GCLC and SOASIST. The keynote speaker will be Blythe Bennet from the Virtual Reference Desk (<http://www.vrd.org>). Stay tuned for more details about this event in the near future.



## Chapter Awards: Nominations Needed

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By Debbie Bogenschutz, Chapter Past-President

The Cincinnati Chapter of the Special Libraries Association sponsors three annual awards recognizing the achievements of individuals and an organization. Now is the time of year that we ask for nominations for these awards - winners will be announced at the annual chapter business meeting. The nominations form is on our website at [http://www.sla.org/chapter/ccin/gazette/backfile/qcg02-02/Awards\\_Nominations.doc](http://www.sla.org/chapter/ccin/gazette/backfile/qcg02-02/Awards_Nominations.doc). Please turn in nominations to me by March 15th. My contact info and a description of each award are given below. Thanks.

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**Meritorious Achievement Award** - Given to a Chapter member who achieves distinction in professional concern and activity. Nominees must excel in one or more of these areas: outstanding leadership in the Chapter, special and notable service to the Chapter, and other commendable and noteworthy activity

**Horizon Achievement Award** - Given to a member of four years or fewer who demonstrates: outstanding leadership in the Chapter special and notable service to the Chapter, and other commendable and noteworthy activity

**Information Management Award** - Recognizes an organization for its support of their special library, the chapter, the Special Libraries Association, and their acknowledgement of the value of special libraries to the parent organization. The criteria include: Encouragement of the library and its mission, Advocacy of the library in the organization, Contribution to the library's service to its patrons, and Outstanding support for the Special Libraries Association or the Cincinnati Chapter



## Membership Committee Report and New Chapter Members

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Edith Starbuck, Membership Committee Chair

Since the holidays I've been working toward creating a print directory of our Chapter's members. During the

process, I've learned a great deal about what format is necessary for manipulating the chapter roster. I've also been reminded how important clear communication can be to accomplishing a task. The directory is still in the creation process but I hope to get it sent out to Chapter members some time this Spring.

The Chapter has grown to 126 members with the addition of four new members who joined during the past few months. Please join me in welcoming **Kristiana Burk**, **Frank Dugan**, **Phillip Elam**, and **Connie Song** to our Chapter.



## Free Dialog Training Sessions: March 6th

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By Pat Currie, Dialog

Dialog will be offering free training sessions at the University of Cincinnati's Langsam Library on Wednesday, March 6. These sessions are free but you must register at 1-800-334-2564 or online at <http://training.dialog.com>. At this site you will also be able to see full descriptions of the seminars.

9AM - 12PM Intellectual Property: Trademark and Copyright Applications

1PM - 4PM Developing Dialog Searching Expertise Parts I & II: Fast Start and Intermediate.

For more information, contact Pat Currie at 513-774-8533



## Looking Back: Where We've Come From

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By Ted Baldwin

In anticipation of the chapter's upcoming 75th anniversary, I have started browsing through the archives to find items to reprint that may help us get a better glimpse of our chapter's fine history, understand the importance of special libraries and librarians throughout the years, or just make us smile or laugh. I wanted to share a few of my finds. I hope that those of you out there who may have some interesting historical items or back issues of the Gazette will bring them forth to me so that they may be included in future issues. My email is [ted.baldwin@uc.edu](mailto:ted.baldwin@uc.edu).

### April ~ 1951 - SLA *Cincinnati* Chapter Bulletin

#### Announcement of the Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Special Libraries Association will be held on Friday evening, May 4th. We will have dinner at the Y.W.C.A. cafeteria at 6 p.m. A room will be reserved for us and a short business meeting will be held there. We will then go to the Ohio Mechanics Institute where we will be guests of Mrs. Joseph Olah, the Librarian.

Following a trip through the Library, a colored movie entitled "A Trip to Hawaii" will be shown. In as much as this is guest night, members are urged to bring friends who may be interested in becoming affiliated with the association.

**S.L.A. Banquet** - May 19, 1954  
Netherland Plaza



Mrs. Hook, Banquet Chairman (10 from right)  
C.P. Taft - speaker (13 from left)

1955 - CINCINNATI Chapter members visit the **Films and Recording Department** of the new Public Library. The machine is one of three to which patrons may listen with ear phones. Each machine includes two recorders and each recorder has two sets of phones. The mural in the background illustrates the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.



Standing, left to right

Roscoe Eads, Bulletin Editor  
Cincinnati Enquirer

Jacob Epstein, President-Elect  
Public Library

Barbara A. Begg, Secretary  
General Electric Co.

Jean Orr, History Comm. Chmn  
Public Library

Evelyn Widner, Secretary-Elect  
Kettering Lab. of Applied Physiol.

Persis Long  
Public Library

Seated;

Mrs. Alice P. Hook, President  
Historical & Philosophical Soc.

Dorothy McNutt, Publicity Chmn  
Public Library

# Meet the Executive Board: Larry Richmond, Chapter Secretary

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OCCUPATION: Assistant Law Librarian for the Cincinnati Law Library

BIRTHDAY: July 11

BIRTHPLACE: Oneida, TN

MOST RELAXING ACTIVITY: Sleeping.

THE MOST INTERESTING EVENT I RECENTLY WITNESSED: The riots of April 2001 outside my office window.

FAVORITE FOOD / FOOD GROUP: I enjoy most foods. However, recently I have been developing a real taste for Indian cuisine.

WHAT I CONSIDER MY GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT: I pride myself on education, especially as my family history is characterized with such a lack of it.

IF I WON \$295 MILLION PLAYING POWERBALL I WOULD: I think there's a great deal to be said for doing nothing. I think that I would give that a go for a while.

MY FAVORITE WEBSITE: It's really difficult to pick one site as I use so many for disparate purposes. If I were to pick one I think that it would have to be the New York Times online (<http://www.nytimes.com>) as I enjoy keeping up on politics and current events and it has proven to be a good start to the day.

LAST GOOD BOOK I READ: I am by no means a prolific reader. However, when I do read, I read almost exclusively non-fiction on subjects, people, places, or activities in which I am interested. Not too long ago I read Edmund Morris's *The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt*.

IF I WEREN'T A LIBRARIAN I'D BE: A farmer, a history professor, or perhaps a politician.

**MOST UNUSUAL INCIDENT WHICH HAPPENED IN A LIBRARY I'VE WORKED IN:** The time when a lady called the reference desk to solicit the answer to a trivia question but before I could respond she proceeded to give me a word to unscramble.

**I DECIDED TO GO TO LIBRARY SCHOOL BECAUSE:** I enjoy very much an environment in which knowledge and education is given so much deference. Although it sounds like a cliché, I enjoy helping individuals satisfy their information need.

**THE ONE THING I REALLY HATE TO DO IN THE LIBRARY IS:** Anything that involves me and a MARC record.

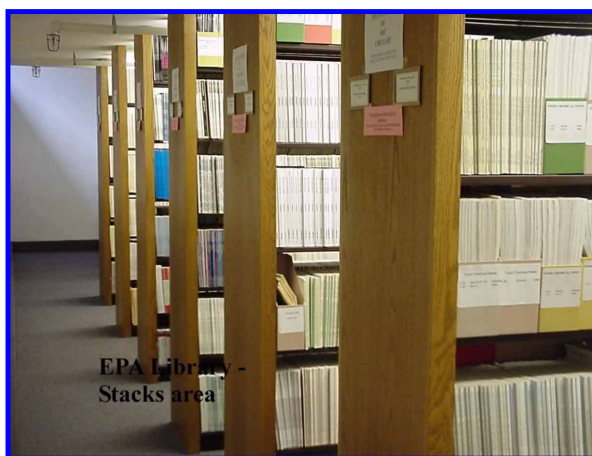
## **Library Profile: Andrew W. Breidenbach Environmental Research Center, EPA**

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By Fred Marcotte

Welcome to a new series of library profiles. Now that I've completed my sabbatical leave I'm back and ready to do more profiles. It is always enjoyable visiting a library that I have never visited before so I was glad to volunteer to do these when Ted called me. If you are interested/willing in having your library profiled, please contact me by email [fred.marcotte@uc.edu](mailto:fred.marcotte@uc.edu) or by phone (513) 732-5232.

The AWBERC Library (since this is a government agency we MUST use acronyms or initialisms! Check the full name above.) has been in the EPA facility at Vine St. and Martin Luther King Dr since 1976. The library occupies a floor and a half in the center of the building starting on the fourth floor. The half floor is a ring of stacks around the center atrium area. Post 9-11 they have increased security so you must now have a library escort to get beyond the lobby to use the library. In the past they have been open to the general public (particularly UC students).



The library is one of 28 EPA facilities in the U.S. In Cincinnati the library primarily supports water quality research. The library was at one time the focal point for all EPA libraries and it is the largest of the EPA libraries. The libraries share a home grown online catalog (available on the Web at: <http://cave.epa.gov>). There is no other EPA library presence on the general Web, as the library uses the EPA intranet to support most of its services.

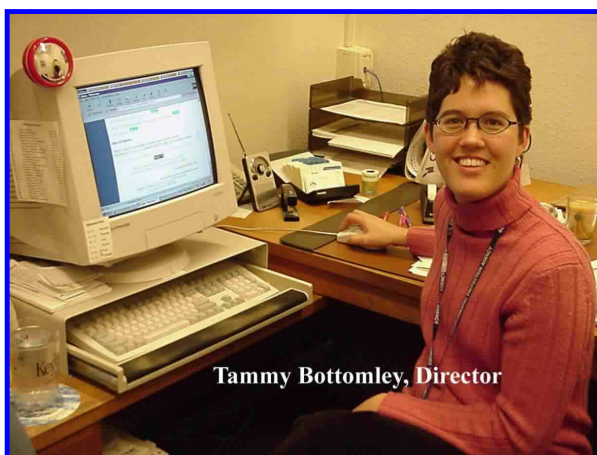
Although the catalog is on the web, circulation and serials control are on local PC's using older telnet software. An upgrade and integration is "in the works" but is moving slowly because of the necessity of coordinating with all EPA libraries to get the work done.

The collection of the library is primarily journals and technical report literature and has been around since 1950, before the EPA was formed from a number of environmental agencies in the federal government. Parts of the original collection are from the Public Health Service and the Federal Water Pollution Control Administration. As

with most other libraries, the EPA library has converted from print, to CD-ROM and now to Web based online resources. Microfiche technical reports continue to comprise a significant part of the collection. The library struggles with the archival function of what to do with older print journals, and trying to make sure contemporary Web based resources (such as electronic journals) will be available in the future. Researchers love having desktop availability of resources, but the library must consider long-range access as well. They currently have access to about 20 online databases. Tammy faces the same problem as many of us: as in-library use of resources falls and physical traffic decreases. How do you appropriately document usage of library provided resources such as online databases instead of print indexes when the users no longer have to physically go to the library to use the materials?

All EPA libraries are run on a contract basis including Cincinnati. The current contractor ASRC Aerospace (Artic Slope Regional Corporation) has had the contract for two years. This complicates life somewhat for the library as they must clear things through a contract administrator on site, and that person is not normally a librarian. The library staff members are employees of the contractor, not the federal government and interactions between contract employees and government employees are regulated. Despite this, the library is able to do a good job in providing resources to its clientele. (A historical note: The push to convert government libraries to contract was started with the issuance of OMB circular A-76 in the late 70's. This document specifically mentioned libraries as potentially appropriate services to be run as contract operations. A number of federal agencies have since converted to contractor operated libraries, not just the EPA.)

There are two SLA members working in the library, Heather Wright, and Director Tammy Bottomley. Tammy's experience indicates the general relevance of library education and special libraries since all of her previous experience in libraries as a librarian had been in law libraries! She came to the EPA library last year from the position of Director of the law library at Dinsmore and Shohl and working in two other law libraries in Cincinnati. Tammy said that the biggest difference is that the researchers at the EPA are willing to wait for regular ILL to work whereas the law library patrons generally wanted everything "yesterday." Otherwise the basics of providing relevant and current information to patrons and a service orientation are the same.



I hadn't been in the EPA library in more than 20 years (since Jo Ann Johnson was the Director before it was made a contract library). I enjoyed my visit and was fascinated by Tammy's switch from being a law librarian to a director of

a technical library and her take on the transferability of skills. Feel free to contact Tammy for more information at: (513) 569-7992 or e-mail [Bottomley.Tammy@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:Bottomley.Tammy@epamail.epa.gov).

## Keeping Up With Your Technology: PDA's

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Heather Wright AWBERC Library, U.S. EPA Cincinnati, OH

Heading out for the day? Got your keys, your pager, your cell phone, and your PDA? These days it's not uncommon for a PDA to be included on the list of items one can't forget. Personal digital assistants (PDA's) have been gaining popularity and usability since Apple Computer's introduction of the Newton Message Pad in 1993. Now one can perform multiple tasks on them: scheduling, email, internet access, and much more. But which model is right for you? Where can you find software for them? This overview offers websites that provide rich content when it comes to PDA's.

<http://www.pdastreet.com>

PDA Street focuses on PDA daily headlines, hardware and software. Product reviews are available for hardware, software, and accessories only. A message board is provided for interaction between users. PDA Street offers access to over 200 different software programs.

<http://www.pdaforums.com>

This site strictly offers message rooms for PDA users to post tips, tricks, questions, problems, and comments on pretty much every kind of PDA available. Boards for the more popular PDA's are fairly active.

<http://www.pilotzone.com>

When it comes to downloads, Tucows is a hit. Tucows, which owns many subsidiaries including Electric Library and Encyclopedia.com, offers over 30,000 software, freeware and shareware programs from all over the world. You can search their extensive software library (they offer an advanced search page) or view the top 10 or 100 downloads for your PDA.

<http://www.memoware.com>

Looking for a novel to read on your next flight? Trying to find an electronic version of the *Federal Rules of Civil Procedure* for an attorney? How about the National Cancer Institute's *Cancer Treatment and Staging Information*? These works and thousands more are offered free on this site. The works are organized by type of literature as well as searchable. Many reference works are available (including almost 100 dictionaries).

<http://educ.ahsl.arizona.edu/pda/index.htm>

Mari Stoddard, keynote speaker at the January Handheld meeting, has compiled an enormous directory of resources relating to PDAs for the Arizona Health Sciences Library. Although it is entitled "PDAs for Health Care Providers", many general resources and tips are included.



# Accolades: Member Accomplishments and News

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By Heather Maloney Noyes, External Relations Committee Chair

Marketing ourselves internally leads to more successful marketing within our communities, so send in those **Accolades** !

The chapter congratulates Kristiana Burk, winner of the Cincinnati-SLA student scholarship to attend the Annual Conference this summer in Los Angeles.

Mary Lynn Wagner, Library Director at Keating, Muething & Klekamp, PLL, gave a presentation on "Surviving the Internet" for the CBA Health Law Committee on February 5th.

Mary Lynn will also be giving a presentation with Lynda Roesch, attorney from Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, to a group of Ohio paralegals on February 19th > entitled "Internet Strategies for the Paralegal in Ohio".

Larry Richmond and Tom Enneking of the Hamilton County Law Library gave a presentation to the Lawyers Club on February 21st entitled "Ohio Legislative History: It's Easy!"

Please send your "Accolades", or those of a colleague or friend, to External Relations Committee Chair Heather Maloney Noyes at [heather.maloney@thompsonhine.com](mailto:heather.maloney@thompsonhine.com), or by phone at 513-352-6711.



## Treasurer's Report

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Below is the Chapter Treasurer's summary report. If any chapter member desires more detailed information or explanation, please contact Treasurer Alice McKee at [mckee.ab@pg.com](mailto:mckee.ab@pg.com) or 513-558-3849.

Treasurer's summary report as of 2/26/2001:	
Checking - Star Bank	\$112.72
Savings - Star Bank	\$1,317.74
SLA Pooled Fund	\$2,955.28
Cash Account - CDs	\$1,616.63
TOTAL	\$6,002.37



## Chapter Officers & Committee Chairs (link)

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The current list of chapter officers and committee chairs with contact information can be found at the following link. Those receiving the printed version of this issue have the list attached as a separate document.

<http://www.sla.org/chapter/ccin/chapter-info/contacts20012002.html>

## **Board and Executive Board Minutes (link)**

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The minutes of the Executive Board and Board meetings can be found at the following link. Those receiving the printed version of this issue have the minutes attached as a separate document.

<http://www.sla.org/chapter/ccin/chapter-info/minutes/minutes.html>

## **Job Openings (links)**

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The Cincinnati-SLA Chapter uses the GCLC / Cincinnati-SLA **JobLIST listserv** (<http://www.gclc-lib.org/announcements/joblist.html>) and the GCLC **Job Openings list** (<http://www.gclc-lib.org/announcements/jobs.html>)

If you have any questions, problems, or need help in obtaining job information, please contact the GCLC office at (513) 751-4422 or by email at [gclc@gclc-lib.org](mailto:gclc@gclc-lib.org).

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