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President's Message

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Welcome SLA members, students and friends to another exciting year! In the past month and a half, a lot has happened within the chapter and surrounding library community.

Near the end of August, the Central Ohio chapter was saddened by the news of Dr. Mary T. Kim's passing, as she was the Director and professor for the Columbus campus of Kent State University's Masters in Library and Information Science program. Almost everyone in the chapter either had Dr. Kim for classes and/or as an academic advisor in the Columbus KSU program or knew her as a colleague and felt that she impacted their careers in some way.

As a result, the Central Ohio SLA Chapter Board has renamed our scholarship The Central Ohio SLA Mary T. Kim Memorial Scholarship and the CO-SLA Board approved a one-time donation to the Kent State University's Scholarship fund in honor of Dr. Kim.

Other business that was conducted included acknowledging Mary Lou Baker Jones as the chapter's new web master for this year and looking into different fundraising opportunities for our chapter.

Looking ahead, President-Elect Joyce Klayman has been diligently getting exciting and relevant programs planned for the coming year. The specifics of each program will be presented later in this issue. For information about CO-SLA programs, they are listed in the chapter's bulletin and posted on the listserv.

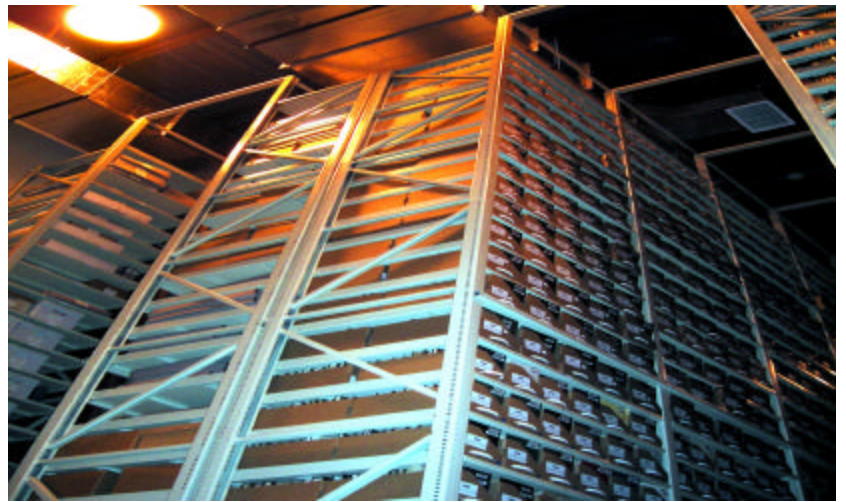
I hope this year you will be able to take advantage of CO-SLA's program offerings. The main thrust for SLA this year is professional development and I hope the chapter will help, at least in part, to meet your professional development needs.

Even though the chapter is working on a lot of activities, please do not hesitate to bring up something that we need to explore as a chapter. Please feel free to contact any chapter officer or me regarding any concerns or suggestions you may have.

Mary T. Kim

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CO-ASIS laments the passing of Mary T. Kim on August 26, 2004. Mary was Assistant Professor and Coordinator at the Kent State University School of Library and Information Science, Columbus campus. She earned her A.M.L.S. from the University of Michigan and her Ph.D. from The Ohio State University. Mary joined the Kent State faculty in 1987, and was instrumental in developing the Columbus campus library and information science program. Mary coordinated the program and taught library and information science research methods and library management classes. Mary was active in professional library organizations including the American Library Association, Association for Library and Information Science Education, and the American Society for Information Science and Technology. She also served as Research Record column editor for the professional publication, *Journal of Education for Library and Information Science*. She will be sadly missed by the many friends, students and cohorts who were blessed to have been touched by her. Those wishing to perpetuate her legacy by making a contribution to the Mary T. Kim Scholarship Fund should send donations to the Kent State University Development Office, P.O. Box 5190, 1061 Fraternity Circle, Kent, OH. 44242, indicating "In Honor of Mary Kim" on the check and cover note. The Central Ohio chapter has made a donation to the fund.



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SLA LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

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Sunshine and warm temperatures greeted the SLA members who attended the Leadership Summit in Tampa, Florida. Many thanks and much appreciation goes to the Florida and Caribbean Chapter who so graciously hosted and planned this two-day packed event.

Gary Heil, keynote speaker opened the conference asserting, “those who control the flow of information can significantly influence the future,” and continued with “people without information cannot take responsibility—people with information cannot help but take responsibility.” His high powered, humorous, motivational talk entitled “The Art of Leading an Inspired Team” set the tone for the conference.

Changes

There were changes instituted this year. First and most obviously, the name change from Mid-Winter Meeting to SLA Leadership Summit. Why the name change? Because this year SLA welcomed the newly formed Australia/New Zealand Chapter who, in January, are enjoying their lovely summer. SLA leaders saw the need for a more inclusive conference name. Another change was the institution of a membership forum. This provided a 90 minute opportunity for members to discuss issues being considered by the SLA Board of Directors. Another membership forum will be scheduled for the SLA Annual Conference in Toronto.

A major change that affects all chapters and divisions was announced at the cabinet meeting. The government year will be adjusted to match the fiscal year and is to be implemented for fiscal 2007. This will take some coordination and discussion within the chapter to make the transition.

SLA University

Soon to be introduced is the SLA University, a web based system that SLA has been working on with Learn.com for over a year. Beta testing will begin in April, and the hope is to go live in June. The University will include educational programs for the professional, “soft skill” and application courses, live chat rooms created on demand, and a calendar. But wait there’s more! SLA University will provide advanced degrees. Negotiations with Drexel University, Syracuse University, University of Toronto, and other consortiums are in process to offer online MLS degrees with a tuition discount. There is much excitement about SLA University and its debut is widely anticipated.

VOTE

By now, you should have received your Information Outlook with the candidates profiled, and your ballots. Please vote! SLA is counting on you for your input and participation.



COMING EVENTS

- ❖ Our March meeting will be held on March 8, 2005 at 5:30 pm at the new Hobson Science Library of the Ohio Wesleyan University. We will have some time to informally tour the library and enjoy some refreshments and then at 6:00 pm Anne Caputo, Director of Knowledge & Learning Programs at Factiva will present “Perception is Reality” Creating your Elevator Talk and Nine Other Practical Marketing Ideas to Promote your Information Function”.
- ❖ Our April meeting will be held at the Dayton Art Institute on April 14, 2005. We will enjoy a tour of the library, the museum and dine together. It all starts at 4:00 pm and ends at 7:00 pm.
- ❖ Our May meeting will be the annual business meeting and dinner. The date, time and place, will be announced shortly.

Librarian has love of all things Dewey

By Linda Deltch
The Columbus Dispatch

More than 100 years ago, Melvil Dewey used the digits 0 through 9 and a dot to create a scheme that assigned a number to every category of published knowledge.

His Dewey Decimal Classification System left numbers unassigned – to be used for future inventions and discoveries.

The system even classifies the Dewey Decimal System itself.

So who has Dewey’s number?

That would be Larry Olszewski, director of the corporate information center at OCLC Online Computer Library Center in Dublin.

Olszewski is the caretaker of the largest collection in the world of all things devoted to Dewey.

On 17 shelves sit some treasures you’d expect— biographies of Dewey, early versions of the system and foreign-language translations, including Arabic and Vietnamese.

Then there are the “Screw Dewey” board game, marketing posters, yo-yos and T-shirts. There’s a murder mystery novel, *Dewey*

Decimated, some videos—*Party Girl* and *Mr. Dewey and His Dot*—and Tori Amos CD that features songs listed by Dewey number. Olszewski (pronounced Ohl-SHEF-skee), 56, a past president of CO-SLA also teaches in the Kent State University library -science program, writes book reviews on Spanish literature and translates Spanish articles, books, and plays, “for fun.”

Dewey’s system, now used by libraries in 135 countries, also sparks his passion.

“He made order out of chaos,” Olszewski said, “It’s more than just classification schedules. It organized all knowledge. What else does that? The Web?. I don’t think so.”

Olszewski, director of the center’s in-house library since 1993, has worked at the worldwide library cooperative for 18 years.

Terry Butterworth, one of his four employees, said Olszewski is approachable and reliable.

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“We provide a service to people who do not have the time to come browse the library’s shelves or spend a great deal of time talking about their needs,” she said. Anticipating what they need “is the main tool he has developed in his staff.”

After earning his bachelor’s , master’s and doctoral degrees in Spanish literature, he pursued library science. In 1978, he was the first graduate of Kent State’s Columbus master’s program.

“I knew librarianship was the career for me when I realized I could combine all my best talents into one job— a love of research, including the chase; the euphoric satisfaction of helping people; and an insatiable thirst for knowledge,” he said.

“ Whether the solution can be found in books, online, on a cave wall— it doesn’t matter.”

For instance, Olszewski assigns students reference questions such as, “How big is heaven?” and “How high can a mosquito fly?”

The Internet he said, is not an enemy to librarians, but simply another place to look up things.

Librarians “ may be getting fewer questions, but they are more complicated, and some answers you can’t find on the Internet,” he said. “You need value added resources.”

To him, archival, hard copy documents are still important And some more than others. For example, the 1876 draft of the second edition of the system, with revisions in Dewey’s handwriting, is stored in a vault in Pennsylvania.

On the cover, Dewey scribbled, “Melvil Dewey. Private Notes. Return Promptly.”

The Dewey legacy at OCLC continues to grow. Butterworth is compiling a bibliography of Dewey articles, with more than 800 indexed so far, and Olszewski plans to digitize the microfilm of all 22 Dewey editions so researchers can see how the system has evolved.

Despite the nature of his work— or maybe because of it— he spends a lot of his free time reading. He can read in 11 languages and boasts a home library of more than 3,300 titles.

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President- Elect Joyce Klayman, Ann Weeks, Dr. Tom Weeks



*A year in the United Arab Emirates.
November 17, 2004*

Tom Weeks and his wife, Ann spent 2003 living and working in the United Arab Emirates where Tom was a Senior Fulbright Professor at the UAE University in Al Ain. Tom discussed higher education, the University Library collection, usage, and internet use in the Emirates.

Ann Weeks discussed the role of women in Islamic culture and how technology may threaten or reinforce that role.

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