

President's Corner: It's Conference Time!

By Greta D. Ober, gretaob@gmail.com

First, a recap of the past month. In **May** the DC Chapter honored new members at the annual **New Members Reception**. Once again this reception was held at the **Elizabeth's on L Street**, a renovated federalist townhouse in downtown Washington, DC. Not only were we honoring new members to the DC Chapter within the past year, we were honored to have **SLA President, Gloria Zamora** and **President-elect, Anne Caputo** present to discuss the future of SLA and our profession.



I posted this on the DC Chapter discussion list, but wanted to repeat it here since my message contained some important alignment project links that were mentioned.... "it certainly was an evening of leaders! Also present was **M-J Oboroceanu**, President of DCLA, and **Roberta Stevens**, soon to be President of ALA (2010-2011 term). In addition, many DC Chapter past-presidents attended. In total, there were 80 attendees of which approximately 25% were new DC Chapter members. For those who missed this excellent reception and presentation, and those who would like to learn more about **SLA's Alignment Project**, information is available on SLA's website:

<http://www.sla.org/content/SLA/alignment/index.cfm>. For more on dial testing that Anne referred to, be sure to take a look at videos available on YouTube:

http://www.youtube.com/results?search_type=&search_query=sla+alignment" Thanks again to **Layla Heimlich** and **Lisa Pogue**, our **Hospitality Committee**, who took care of registration and all arrangements at Elizabeth's on L.

I hope everyone had a chance to fill out the **Strategic Planning Survey**. Your responses are what shape the future of our Chapter. I can't wait to see the results! Thanks again to **Jessica Beauchamp**, DC Chapter Second Vice-President, who formed a committee to create this survey and will report the outcome. My thanks also go to **Dow Jones** who had agreed to donate \$1 to the **Lubuto Library Project** for each completed survey.

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Note to DC/SLA Members:

Effective this year, the *Chapter Notes* newsletter has changed to a bimonthly publication schedule. As ever, members are encouraged to submit articles and announcements to the editor for inclusion.

Well, the time has come! It's hard to believe a year has gone by; at this time last year I was planning my trip to Seattle, and searching the conference planner (http://www.sla.org/rcm20/sla_ac09_dc/attendee/confplan_attendee.cfm?cookie_user_name=TSCentral_Guest_Access&login=guest&CFID=19857537&CFTOKEN=85188030) to select the programs I would be attending (be sure to take advantage of **SLA's Online Conference Planner**; it's a great way to organize your schedule). Now as I represent the DC Chapter, I have so much more on my mind that I will probably be deciding which program to attend as I am walking the halls of the DC Convention Center!

As the host Chapter, we are proud to offer the **DC Hospitality Booth** which will be located near registration at the convention center. It was over a year ago that **Sharon Lenius** and **Nancy Minter** began the **2009 Conference Planning Committee**. As we all know it takes someone to get us started, but it ends up being so many more to be successful. Along with all the hard work and dedication of Sharon and Nancy, many others stepped forward. You've seen **Ellie Briscoe** 'out and about' at Chapter events selling the red DC Chapter Centennial polo shirts (often sporting the fashionable shirt-- I'm sure she'll be at a loss after the conference, wondering what to wear to events!). Ellie even put together an online form on our website, which has generated even more sales. Thanks to **Karen "wiki" Huffman**, we have a **2009 conference wiki** (<http://wiki.sla.org/display/SLA2009>) that beats anything else I've seen for previous conferences! With as much information posted there, I wouldn't be surprised if attendees only came to our Hospitality Booth to thank us for providing them with so much information in advance! **Barbie Keiser** took charge of setting up a booth schedule, which many, many DC Chapter members have volunteered to staff during the conference. Our 2009 Conference Planning Committee also put together **excellent training sessions** for booth volunteers, held at the office of DC Chapter Past-President, **Susan Fournier**. I can't begin to name everyone, so let this be a global "Thank-You" to all those involved in the organization, and volunteering of the Hospitality Booth.

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At the 2009 SLA Conference, be sure to attend the **International Reception** which will be held on **Monday, June 15th** from **6:00 to 7:30** at the **Zambian Embassy**. Always an elegant affair, this annual reception is organized by the **Social Science Division** (thank-you **Ann Sweeney**, International Relations Chair!), and co-hosted by the Europe Chapter, the International Information Exchange Caucus, and the Washington, DC Chapter. **Dow Jones** is the sponsor of this event and will be providing a free shuttle bus to and from the Convention Center.

Be sure to also attend the **Mid-Atlantic Chapters Reception** on **Tuesday, June 16th**, from **8:00 to 11:00**. It will be held in the **Renaissance Hotel**, Congressional Hall AB. Co-hosted by the DC, Maryland, Virginia, and New Jersey Chapters, this reception is sponsored by **Leadership Directories**. End your evening with food, drink, and tarot card readings!

As a final note related to the conference, I am pleased to announce the DC Chapter **conference stipend award** winners. Congratulations to DC Chapter members **Kimberly Lyall** and **Lorette Weldon**; funding was provided to cover their conference registration fees. In addition, I am also very pleased to announce that thanks to a contribution from **Dialog** (**thank-you Dialog!**), and remaining conference stipend funds, the DC Chapter was able to award the following three DC area library students funding for conference registration: **Ann Buki** (May 2009), **Rhonda M. Clossum** (December 2009), and **Jennifer McDaniel** (May 2010). Thanks to **Shirley Loo**, chair of the DC/SLA awards committee.

I hope to meet all these stipend winners and see many DC Chapter members at the SLA Annual Conference!



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Caputo briefed the gathering about the Association’s Alignment Project. They outlined the issues and the opportunities that confront us as individual professionals and as a professional association. An initial outcome of the year-long effort may be a proposal for a new name for SLA, and other more substantive efforts will evolve in the near future, too. For those who want to know more about the evolution and objectives of the Alignment Project, go to <http://www.sla.org/content/SLA/alignment/index.cfm>

Stars Align for New Members' Reception
by Bill Tuceling, DC/SLA Communication Secretary

A converted townhouse called Elizabeth’s on L was the location of the 2009 DC/SLA New Members’ Reception on May 21, 2009, from 6:00 until 9:00. After getting name tags on the first floor, more than 70 guests proceeded upstairs for an open bar, heavy hors d’oeuvres, and lots of networking.

After an hour of socializing, various DC/SLA board members began the evening’s program. President Greta Ober-Beauchesne welcomed the event’s attendees, acknowledged the new members (who had stars on their nametags), introduced the board members in attendance, and discussed some highlights of the upcoming Annual Conference. Past President Diane Schnurpusch urged all members to complete the Strategic Planning survey, and she thanked Dow-Jones for contributing \$1 to the Lubuto Library project for every survey submitted. Recording Secretary Eileen Deegan announced a Conference program “How to Become a Federal Librarian,” co-sponsored by the Government Information and Military Libraries divisions; she also said the Government Information Division is celebrating its fifth anniversary with a special cake at its annual Business Meeting and Presentation.

The event’s main presentation (and the subsequent questions and answers) lasted about an hour. Following introductions by Ober-Beauchesne, SLA President Gloria Zamora and President-Elect Anne



SLA President Gloria Zamora and President-Elect Anne Caputo speak about SLA's ongoing Alignment Project.





DC/SLA members got together to pack a shipment of books for the Lubuto Library Project.

SLA Members Pitch In To Help Librarians Make a Difference in Africa

By Richard Huffine

Co-chair, DC/SLA Community Relations Committee

Twenty-seven members and friends from the DC SLA Chapter took the opportunity on May 1, 2009 to spend a little of their free time to make a difference in the world. The volunteers were all a part of the “pack out” of the second full collection destined for a new library being built in the African country of Zambia by the Lubuto Library Project. The Lubuto Library Project is the realization of an idea conceived by DC/SLA Member Jane Kinney Meyers.

Lubuto libraries are special places where Africa's street kids and other marginalized children can read for themselves, look at books or have books read to them. The libraries are havens from a harsh life, where children can just be children, and where books can allow them to dream and envision a better future. The Lubuto Library project is distinguished from traditional book donation programs. The project is unique in providing complete library collections of excellent children's books, already organized. On delivery, an instant library with books covering a wide range of subjects and levels is created.

Of course, that “instant library” requires a whole team of volunteers that work diligently to review donated materials, organize and process materials for

the collection, and finally, prepare and ship the materials to Zambia. The second Lubuto Library collection has been growing for months. Ever since the first collection was shipped a year ago, volunteers have been meeting weekly to process over 4,000 books that have been either donated or purchased specifically for the street children of Zambia. The “pack out” was the last step and DC/SLA was able to contribute an army of helpers, ready to pack up the collection for its long journey by ship to Zambia, thanks to assistance from Lubuto’s friends at the National Geographic Society.

The effort was coordinated by the co-chairs of the DC/SLA Community Relations Committee, Kenlee Ray and Richard Huffine. The Community Relations Committee works throughout the year to find volunteer opportunities where librarians and information professionals can give back in their community. The Committee has coordinated efforts to support public, school, and special libraries with cataloging, weeding, and shifting their collections. Last year the Committee began assisting the Lubuto Library Project.

In 2008, DC/SLA members participated in a book drive that donated over 250 books that were included in the collection for the second Lubuto Library, that we just packed for shipment. The second Lubuto Library is actually being built thanks to the generous support of Dow Jones. Dow Jones staff all over the country participated in their own book drive and the company donated the funding to construct the second Lubuto Library. Dow Jones staff was also present and ready to help pack the collection with other DC/SLA members. SLA’s President-Elect Anne Caputo was on hand with other Dow Jones staff from the area and a whole crew of friends.

The pack out was initially planned to span two work days and crews of DC/SLA members were split across three shifts. The actual project required constructing over 70 boxes, filling each box fully so they wouldn’t collapse when they were stacked and placed on pallets for the long sea voyage to Zambia. The packing included counting the number of books in each box and recording which collections were included in the box. The Lubuto Library Project has created a unique classification scheme that organizes and provides access to its collections (stories, people, places, etc.). *(continued...)*

Once packed, the boxes were sealed and set aside in order to number the entire shipment once the collection was completely packed. All of the boxes were then relocated to hallways in the church so they were out of the way for Sunday services and ready for the National Geographic Society to pick them up. The National Geographic Society is just one of many organizations that have stepped up to offer in-kind services to help the Lubuto Library Project. Starbucks provided refreshments to the DC/SLA volunteers that helped with the pack out. Students from the Edmund Burke School were on hand to do the heavy lifting involved in the pack out.

The effort of the DC/SLA crew of volunteers on Saturday morning was so successful that the afternoon crew only had a few things to clean up and finish. It was truly amazing to watch the entire collection packed up and ready to ship out in less than four hours. While packing up a library collection may not have required the advanced training of a team of librarians and information professionals, it was still satisfying work for everyone involved.

The connection between DC/SLA and the Lubuto Library Project is a natural fit and volunteers are now meeting weekly on Sunday afternoons to start building the third Lubuto Library Collection. The Lubuto Library Project is an effort where librarians can change the fate of children in Africa by giving them libraries. And libraries are something every information professional knows has the potential to change lives. If you'd like to volunteer, keep your eyes on the DC/SLA e-mail list for opportunities. If you want to get involved with the Lubuto Library Project, you can contact them at webmail@lubuto.org.



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Patrick Jones speaks to DC/SLA members about the pros and cons of open source library systems.

Open Source ILS: Ready for Prime Time?

By Lisa Haakon Pogue

Have you been hearing and reading about open source ILS systems but don't picture one for your library? Does open source bring to mind the old "shareware," which would often share more than you wanted? And, you mean to tell me that just anyone can make changes to open source? You're not quite sure that you would entrust your library's ILS to some hacker in New Zealand writing code in her basement. Is an open source ILS truly ready for prime time?

If you got the opportunity to see Patrick Jones' presentation, "Open Source ILS: Ready for Prime Time?" May 13 at EPA, you would have replaced your conjecture with information about how open source works, how an open source ILS is different from a commercial ILS, and how to evaluate whether one is right for your library. Jones, of Progressive Technology Federal Systems (PTFS), provided a review of the current state of the art of Open Source (free) Integrated Library Systems, focusing on Evergreen and Koha.

A couple of years ago Jones stated that he would not have considered open source, but librarians now need to look at open source as a truly viable option. Open source software is free and includes the original source code used to create it so that users can modify it to make it work better for them. Although you can download and use open source software for free, you can also use a developer or distributor for installation, migration of data, training, technical support and special programming and customization.

There are many ways an open source ILS is different from a commercial ILS. In open source there is no concept of a client license, so your library doesn't pay for a set number of licenses. However, many of the implementation issues remain the same. You still need to configure the system for your library, migrate data, train staff to use the system and often customize the ILS to suit your library's needs.

On the other hand, open source is somewhat similar to the "Wild West." You have no idea what improvements are coming up as the system is constantly improved. You can wake up the tomorrow and find that more features have been added to the system, which can be installed if you want. Open source is not truly the "Wild West," as new features are vetted by the community and developers know that their code will be evaluated by their peers.

If you're intrigued by open source and are considering it as an option for your library, be sure to read the slides from Jones' presentation at http://units.sla.org/chapter/cdc/events_files/may1309.html. In it you'll learn more about the pluses and minuses of open source, examples such as Koha and Evergreen, and support services needed to implement open source.

Also, Jones' slides walk you through evaluation criteria as well as costs and procurement considerations for commercial and open source systems. If the interest of participants during the presentation and their questions afterwards are any indication, open source will be something we'll be hearing about and considering for libraries in the future.

Library Students Spend a Day with SLA Members

By Jane Sanchez of the DC/SLA Mentoring Committee, with Kera Manion and Mimi Vollstedt

Once again, the “Spend a Day with a Librarian” program was an enriching and valuable experience to both students and hosting librarians. Students from Library and Information Science Master’s programs visited special libraries to learn about these organizations and to gain hands-on knowledge of librarian duties. The goal of the program remains the same – to provide students with knowledge and support, so they will consider a career in special librarianship.

Thirty-eight students signed up for the “Spend a Day with a Special Librarian” program this year. However, one student was unable to participate because they needed to concentrate on finals. Most students spent more than a half a day with their host, and more than 85% of student participants would recommend the program to another student.

When asked to describe their visits, students replied:

- “I learned about becoming a librarian for the Feds, and may be able to work out an internship :).”
- “Everyone was extremely gracious and eager to share their knowledge.”
- “My assignment was a very small library with a very small and friendly staff. They all got along together very well, and took wonderful care of me as their student for the day.”

Students were also asked to rate their experience, and some responses included:

- “My host was excellent. She was enthusiastic, encouraged me to ask questions and offered very helpful advice.”
- “I think it surpassed what I’d expected. The entire staff really put a lot of effort into my visit, not just my host.”

- “I really did not know what to expect, but I was overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of my host and her colleagues. I feel lucky to have be [sic] chosen to meet the librarians at GPO.”

A variety of special libraries hosted students for the “Spend a Day with a Special Librarian” program, including law firms, government, academic, medical, military, museum, corporate and science libraries. Sixty percent of hosting librarians said they would host a student again and sixty percent said it was a very positive experience. By visiting the participating libraries, students were able to observe and be a part of a variety of tasks.

Hosts described their student visits like this:

- “Our student was quite charming, has professional experience in an Archive, but was in her first semester. She attended a class and spoke with each staff member.”
- “The visit included a tour and orientation of the U.S. Department of Justice Main Library, introductions to all available staff, time spent on the Reference Desk in tandem with a librarian, and a visit to one of our satellite libraries.”
- “The student spent a full day at the library, and had a library tour, met with various librarians, sat at the reference desk with me during my shift, and attended a “lunch & learn” session.”
- “It was wonderful to talk to the student who visited about why I like my job as a federal law librarian.”

The “Spend a Day” program is an important tool in providing young professionals with knowledge and hands-on experience about special libraries, so they will consider a career in special librarianship.



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DC/SLA to Co-Host Reception at SLA 2009

The Washington DC Chapter and our Platinum Sponsor, Leadership Directories, in partnership with neighboring chapters (Virginia, Maryland and New Jersey) will host a reception open to all and designed as a "calm in the midst of the conference storm." This event takes place on Tuesday, June 16th and features free Tarot Card readings (compliments of Leadership Directories) and a mini-exhibit of chapter activities from our DC, VA, MD, and NJ chapters.

The reception runs from 8-11pm in Congressional Hall B at the Renaissance Washington DC Hotel (across the street from the Convention Center). Please join us for what is sure to be a great time!

When: Tuesday, June 16 (8:00 PM. - 11:00 PM.)

Where: Congressional Hall B at the Renaissance Washington DC Hotel (across the street from the Convention Center).

Tickets: Thanks to generous sponsorship from Leadership Directories and our four participating SLA Chapters (Washington DC, Virginia, Maryland and New Jersey), there is no cost to attend this event.

To ensure that we have adequate refreshments, we ask all attendees to pre-register at the link below. As an additional thank you, members of the DC, VA, MD, and NJ Chapters who pre-register by June 10th will receive a free drink coupon when they check in. Register online at

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=p2W6FMd42RZOb9CHAN7_2bwQ_3d_3d

Chapter Sponsors International Reception

Date: Monday, June 15, 2009

Time: 6 to 7:30 pm

SLA Unit Sponsors: DSOC, SLA Europe, KIIE, & DC/SLA

Luxuriate in "Inside-the-Beltway Washington" glitterati cachet; meet & greet globe-wide SLA attendees; see the SLA Europe Information Professional 2009 Award & the DSOC Murray Wortzel Award presented; refresh! The event is generously sponsored by Dow Jones.

LOCATION: Embassy of the Republic of Zambia, 2419 Massachusetts Avenue, NW (Free, continuous shuttle provided by Dow Jones: 5:30 – 7:45 pm; departing from Washington Convention Center, South Building, L Street Entrance).

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Government Information Division Sessions Will Feature Chapter Members at SLA 2009

By Marie Kaddell

SLA 2009 is going to be a busy conference with many excellent programs. The Government Information Division (DGI) has put together a set of programs that cover a lot of ground including an exciting half-day session on becoming a federal librarian, jointly sponsored with (*continued...*)

the Military Libraries Division. As you organize your conference schedule, make sure to include these DGI programs featuring DC/SLA members.

How to Become a Federal Librarian

Saturday, 13 June 2009 12:00PM - 5:00PM

Moderated By: Marybeth Dowdell, Naval Research Laboratory, Ruth J. Hooker Library

Panelist(s): Nancy Faget, U.S. Government Printing Office Julie Carpenter, *Human Resources Director*, U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, Michele Masias, *Law Librarian*, U.S. Department of Justice Nardia Bennett, *Human Resources Specialist*, Consumer Product Safety Commission Lisa M. Boyd, NN/LM National Network Office/National Library of Medicine

SLA Units: Military Libraries Division, Government Information Division

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Census 2010: Not Your Grandmother's Census

Monday, 15 June 2009 1:30PM - 3:30PM

Moderated By: Elana Broch, Princeton University

Speaker(s): Debbie Griffin, US Census Bureau, Mike Ratcliffe, US Census Bureau Constance Citro, Committee on National Statistics of the National Academies Arnold Jackson, US Census Bureau

SLA Units: Social Science Division, Advertising & Marketing Division, Geography & Map Section of DSCO, Government Information Division, News Division, Public Policy Section of DSOC, Retired Members Caucus

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All About Succession Planning in Libraries: Part 1, Case Studies

Monday, 15 June 2009 1:30PM - 3:00PM

Moderated By: Helen Sherman, *Director, User Services*, Defense Technical Information Center

Panelist(s): Michele Masias, *Law Librarian*, U.S. Department of Justice Jennifer McMahan, *Supervisory Librarian*, U.S.

Department of Justice Keith Lance, *Director (retired)*, Colorado Library Research Center
SLA Units: Government Information Division, Military Libraries Division
Sponsors: Dialog & ProQuest

Government Librarians Get Savvy: The Changing Shape of Federal Libraries

Monday, 15 June 2009 3:30PM - 5:00PM

Moderated By: Richard Huffine, *National Library Coordinator*, U.S. Geological Survey
SLA Units: Government Information Division

Sponsor: Dow Jones & Company

DGI Annual Business Meeting and Presentation

Tuesday, June 16, 2009 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM

Speaker(s): Deborah K. Balsamo, *National Program Manager*, EPA National Library Network Amanda Wilson, *Director*, National Transportation Library

Sponsor: LexisNexis

Additionally, DGI and DC/SLA member Marie Kaddell will be a panelist in this program sponsored by LexisNexis:

Conversation, Collaboration & Community: Web 2.0 Has Something for Everyone

Monday, 15 June 2009 1:30PM - 3:00PM

For more detailed information on all these programs, please check the Division of Government Information 2009 SLA Conference page @ <http://units.sla.org/division/dgi/sla2009/dgi-schedule.html>.

More Sessions of Interest to DC/SLA

Members of our Chapter have submitted announcements of these conference programs which will feature participants from DC/SLA.

Globalization: Emerging Opportunities for the Library Profession

Tuesday, June 16, 2009 9:30-11 AM

Envision your future, perhaps. Hear 3 global thought-leaders discuss key globalization trends & amplify rising opportunities for information professionals.

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A Professor of Law highlights the impact of globalization on US professional legal services. Two award-winning librarians share best practices & lessons learned from successful non-profit & corporate library projects in Africa and India, respectively.

Speakers: Larisa Brigevich (Director, Global Research Library, Franklin Templeton Investments), Jane Kinney Meyers (President & Founder, Lubuto Library Project), Saule T. Omarova (Assistant Professor of Law, University of North Carolina School of Law)

SLA Units: International Relations Division

Implementing Federated Databases

Tuesday, June 16th 11-30am - 1:00pm

Location: Convention Center, 145B

Come hear how two libraries have launched a federated search product. From implementation procedures to user feedback, we invite you to have a conversation with us and joint in the discussion.

Audience participation encouraged!

Speakers: Victoria Harriston / Christine Rasmussen, The National Academies; and Karen Eggert / Greta Ober, International Monetary Fund

SLA Unit: Social Science Division

Sponsors: Serials Solutions and Thomson Reuters

Tour - International Monetary Fund/World Bank

Thursday, June 18th 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Ticketed Event: #1030; Price: US \$20.00

Join the Business & Finance Division on a briefing of the International Monetary Fund with the IMF Speakers' Bureau, a tour of the IMF/World Bank Library, then a stop in the World Bank bookstore. The International Monetary Fund was created in 1945 to help promote the health of the world economy through international monetary cooperation. To purchase tickets, visit the SLA Registration website. Special Note: All tours will depart promptly from the L Street entrance of the Convention Center's South Building.

Tour NIH and the National Library of Medicine During SLA

Join the SLA Biomedical and Life Sciences Division (DBIO) for a day-long tour (9:00 to 4:30) of the National Institutes of Health and the National Library of Medicine on Thursday, June 18, during the SLA Annual Conference. You will get a special look at the nation's medical research agency with a tour stretching from the National Library of Medicine (NLM) at one end of the 322-acre campus to the NIH Clinical Center and NIH Library at the other.

While at the National Library of Medicine, you will explore the rare book collection, visit the underground stacks, learn about the vast amount of online resources and databases, and experience the library's current exhibition "Against the Odds: Making a Difference in Global Health."

During a guided tour of the campus, you will learn about the history of the NIH, the cutting-edge research and laboratories, and you will see just how that research translates from bench to bedside during a visit to the NIH Clinical Center, the nation's research hospital. The Clinical Center also is home to the recently remodeled NIH Library.

Please contact Layla Heimlich at Layla.Heimlich@medstar.net if you are interested in attending. The tour is free of charge.

During the Conference-- Join the Catalog/Metadata Group for Dinner

The DC/SLA Chapter's Catalog/Metadata Group will have an informal no-host dinner on Wednesday evening during SLA 2009. Members of other SLA Chapters and Divisions are welcome to join us, although it will be a casual social event instead of a networking function.

We will be meeting at 6:30 at Sticky Fingers Bakery, 1370 Park Road NW, (202) 299-9700 which is one block from the Columbia Heights Metro. Sticky Fingers is a vegan cafe and bakery with sandwiches. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to michael.j.chesnes@nasa.gov.

SLA Mid-Atlantic Chapters Reception

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Join us!

Tuesday, June 16th

8:00-11:00 pm

Renaissance Washington DC Hotel

Congressional Hall B

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Continuing Education Opportunities through DC/SLA and Click U

Here is a full schedule of exciting 2009 SLA Click U sessions coming up in the second half of 2009. (The Chapter's sessions will resume after a short break for the summer conference season.) These sessions are free to SLA members.

UPCOMING SEMINARS:

Gary Price's Research Tool Box

Presenter: Gary Price, Founder and Chief Editor ResourceShelf

Date/Time: The pre-recorded webinar for September will be posted within the month.

Electronic Records Retention: 10 Essential Elements

Presenter: Stephen Foskett, Director of Contoural's data practice

Date: 19 August 2009

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m ET



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Dispatches from the Front Lines of SharePoint-based Collaboration

Presenter: Sadie Van Buren, Manager at Knowledge Management Associates

Date: 26 August 2009

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m ET

Federated Search in a Disparate Environment

Presenter: Helen Mitchell Curtis, Senior Program Director of Enterprise Solutions at Macfadden

Date: 9 September 2009

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m ET

SLA Presents: Ask the Copyright Experts!

(How Have New Technologies and Morals Affected the Use of Copyright?)

Presenter: Adam Ayer, LicenseLogic

Date: 10 September 2009

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m ET

Searching Public Records Online: Tips and Tricks

Presenter: Genie Tyburski, Manager of library services for Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP

Date: 30 September 2009

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m ET

Promoting Effective Use of e-Resources Using e-Tools

Presenter: Barbie Keiser, Prolific speaker and author

Date: 7 October 2009

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m ET

Managing the Intranet (in recessionary times)

Presenter: Howard McQueen, CEO and senior consultant for McQueen Consulting

Date: 21 October 2009

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m ET

Management and Leadership: Which Hat Should You Be Wearing?

Presenter: Pat Wagner, Consultant, researcher and trainer

Date: 4 November 2009

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m ET

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SLA Presents: Ask the Copyright Experts!

(International Copyright Law)

Presenter: Frederic Haber, Copyright Clearance Center

Date: 10 November 2009

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m ET

Gary Price's Research Tool Box

Presenter: Gary Price, Founder and Chief Editor ResourceShelf

Date/Time: The pre-recorded webinar for December will be posted within the month.

Understanding Digital Libraries

Presenter: Michael Lesk, Professor of library and information science at Rutgers University

Date: 2 December 2009

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m ET

Becoming Green (or Greener) in your Workplace: Moving Past the Simple Steps

Presenter: Anca Novacovici, Founder and president of Eco-Coach, Inc

Date: 16 December 2009

Time: 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m ET

For more detailed program descriptions please visit:

<http://www.sla.org/content/learn/members/webinars/index.cfm>

Please contact Marie Kaddell, DC/SLA Click U Coordinator, if you have any questions about attending these upcoming Click U programs. Regular notices of upcoming sessions will be posted to the DC/SLA listserv and on Marie's blog: The **Government Info Pro @** <http://www.governmentinfopro.com>, with information about how to register to attend these live webinar sessions.

Congratulations to Julia Leggett, who has just been selected to receive the SLA Diversity Leadership Development Program Award!

Leggett is one of five information professionals to be chosen for the award this year. Honorees are selected based upon their potential for leadership in SLA. The award, sponsored by EBSCO, includes a \$1,000 cash prize as well as registration for the 2009 SLA Annual Conference & INFO-EXPO. Each recipient is also assigned a career development mentor.

Leggett is an acquisitions librarian in the Congressional Research Service, a division of the Library of Congress. She received a master's degree in library and information science from Catholic University and a master's in international transactions from George Mason University. Leggett is also currently a Director for the DC/SLA Chapter, as well as the Membership Chair. She has previously served as the Chapter's business manager.



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DC/SLA Will Award Two Student Scholarships

The Washington, D.C. Chapter announces its 2009 scholarship program. Two scholarships of \$2,000 each will be awarded by the chapter in August 2009 for studies leading to a Master's Degree from an ALA accredited graduate Library Science program.

DC/SLA wants to encourage talented men and women to join us with a career in special libraries. And so, to assist students who are preparing for a Master's Degree in Library Science, the Washington, D.C. Chapter is offering two cash awards again this year:

- InfoCurrent Scholarship: \$2,000
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Winners will be selected based on a short (one to two pages) essay describing their professional goals and their interest in special librarianship. Applicants must be members of the Washington, D.C. Chapter of Special Libraries Association and enrolled in an ALA accredited Library Science program. If you aren't a DC/SLA member yet, SLA student dues are only \$35 per year. Join today at www.sla.org. Remember to choose the Washington, D.C. Chapter on your SLA membership form.

The scholarship application form and additional details will be available early in May on the DC/SLA website at <http://units.sla.org/chapter/cdc/yp/scholarship.html>.

Don't delay-- the application deadline is July 17, 2009.