

The LaSoMi Newsletter

President's Message

Leadership Together

When you hear the word leader, who do you think of? Mother Theresa, Hitler, JFK, Margaret Thatcher, perhaps yourself? (You might also take a look at "Famous people who were librarians" in another part of this newsletter). Although their backgrounds, motives and goals vary, what are some common characteristics between these leaders? Perhaps initiative, charisma, confidence, determination, strategic thinking or commitment to a common goal. Which characteristics do information professionals need to stay competitive for the new millennium or at your workplace?

You don't have to look far to Leadership is also uppermost in my mind as I prepare to travel on behalf of the chapter January 21-23 to attend DACOLT (Division and Chapter Officer Leadership Training) in San Francisco. I hope that the leadership training, offered at no cost (travel partially funded by the chapter) by the association, will arm me with strategies, resources and professional development ideas that I hope to pump back into the chapter. DACOLT is offered

see leadership and commitment to common goals in our chapter membership. Our members, guest attendees and presenters, recently weathered Tropical Storm Frances to attend the LASOMI chapter meeting at the Historic New Orleans Collection in New Orleans. That took commitment on everyone's part. And a worthwhile effort as we obtained perspectives about corporate Intranets and digital collections (see the program meeting summary in this newsletter).

Leadership is a tradition in our chapter. Since our chapter was established in 1946, you, our committed members, past and current board and committee members, have shared a common goal of delivering timely information and professional development opportunities. Members plan to chapter officers. That's even more incentive to become a 1999-2000 chapter officer. Conferences are inspirational and motivational experiences, perhaps important ingredients in continuing our challenging leadership roles in the association, workplace and community. I hope that you will attend the Maps program/meeting November 14, the annual board meeting in May, or even a national SLA conference.

and coordinate program meetings, newsletters, and board matters. Through eh continued leadership of our members, our chapter continues to thrive.

Beginning in this issue you can read a column about chapter members who have served at the International association level. I encourage you to think about their comments, their reflections about the benefits of your membership. Also in this issue is the continuation of a column written by chapters members who inform you about the library or information centers in which they are the information leaders for their organization. If you are a solo librarian, or would like to write a column about your information or library center, please contact me.

Finally, as leaders, whether in your library or information center, your community, your chapter, what characteristic do you want to possess and what resources does our chapter and association provide for you to meet your goals?

-Sandy Colby



**EVERYTHING YOU
EVER WANTED TO
KNOW ABOUT MAPS
(but were afraid to
ask)**

WHAT:

This will be an opportunity to learn about maps as sources of information:

- *what kinds of maps exist
- *what kinds of information can be found in maps
- *how they are organized
- *how to find the maps you need.

WHO:

Speakers will be:

John Anderson, Librarian at the LSU Cartographic Information Center who will take us to see his collection of maps, one of the most extensive in the South and a valuable resource for other special libraries.

Kathy Weimer, Map Cataloger at Texas A@M, who will provide practical reference advice for librarians who are trying to identify maps using

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cataloging records.

WHEN & WHERE:

Saturday, November 14, 9:30-



12:30

LSU, Coates Hall
For more information, contact
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**Meet Your Board,
Committee Chairs,
and Directors**

*Ferol Foos:
Director 1997-1999
and Membership Chair*

As an ole timer, I have been an SLA member on and off. While selectively seeking just the right job within an advertising or public relations agency library, or as a public relations guru in a public or academic setting, she also writes articles for a variety of newsletters, and can be found at most library conferences around Louisiana.

since 1964 when I graduated from Florida State to begin working in the Research Library of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. Over the years, I have served in several capacities in the Atlanta and Louisiana/Southern Mississippi Chapters. It's important that each member take a turn at board and committee responsibilities. To me, the strength of SLA is that it is one of the few information services professional organizations which holds local meetings so you can attend without large investments of time and money.

Of particular interest to me is raising awareness of special libraries among other information specialists and students. I have made presentations about special libraries to middle school students, library school students and the Baton Rouge Area Library Club. I even lectured the Louisiana Library Association executive board once to always include special libraries when they list types of libraries. LLA has been known to only cite academic, public and school libraries even though there is a Subject Specialists Section in the organization.

I did cataloging and reference

She currently makes her home in Broussard, LA, with hubby Jerry Fox, and their retired greyhound (i.e. 45 mile-per-hour couch potato), Duffy.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for LaSoMi Networking, please contact Dani at Foxport@iname.com.

at the Federal Reserve Library. For a year, I served as Coordinator of the Louisiana Government Information Network through the State Library of Louisiana. Since 1983, I have worked for Ethyl/Albemarle Corporation doing records management, business reference and now administration of our information services group.

For the last 34 years, my mantra has been that at least 50% of library work is public relations. In today's language, that translates to marketing, client service and outreach.

*Dani Porter:
Networking Chair*

Dani, a self-described freelancer, is an August 1998 graduate of LSU's School of Library and Information Science. A native of South Lake Tahoe, California, she holds a BA degree in Public Relations Journalism from California State University at Long Beach. She was the 1997-98 recipient of the LaSoMi Chapter's Student Achievement Citation, and won the 1998 SLA Advertising/Marketing Division's First-Time Conference Attendee's Travel Award to Indianapolis.

She promises to give credit, and full citations, for any good ones.

*David Duggar:
Bulletin Editor*

One of four reference librarians at the LSU Medical Center in Shreveport Library,

David among other things conducts literature searches, hands-on help, general reference, and assists or teaches one of the four hours composing LS 211 and LS 221, the required library science courses taken by the First and Second Year Medical Students. A native of Tallahassee, Florida, he has moved from the Capitol to the Ark-La-Tex in little ole Louisiana. He likes to travel and is a member of many library organizations, including the Louisiana Library Association and Medical Library Association. He awaits the 300th Anniversary Celebration of French Louisiana with Franco-Fete in 1999.

Address Changes

If you have a change of address or phone numbers, send these to SLA so that they can be updated. You can mail those changes to: Membership Department, SLA, 1700 18th St. NW, Washington, DC 20009 or e-mail changes to: christine@sla.org

BATON ROUGE AREA LIBRARY CLUB

The Baton Rouge Area Library Club annual holiday dinner will be Wednesday, December 9, at Glynnwood, adjacent to Ralph & Kacoo's on Bluebonnet Road, Baton Rouge (not far from The Mall of Louisiana). A cash bar will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by a Cajun buffet at 7:00. There will be readings by State Librarian Tom Jaques.

CHAPTER MEMBERS AT THE ASSOCIATION LEVEL

WHO LEADS?

There's a rising star in our midst - Elizabeth "Libby" Black, a solo librarian at Mobil Exploration & Production in New Orleans. Libby has experience as both Treasurer and President at the Chapter level. She's now the Chair of SLA's Petroleum & Energy Resources Division - a national leadership position!

WHY LEAD?

Libby considers her membership in the PER Division is "the most important professional development tool available to me." Solos need a support structure, and Libby refers to the PER Division as a network of people to call on should she need any form of assistance, including moral support.

WHAT DUTIES?

The chair sets the agenda for the division breakfasts held during the annual SLA. You are invited to attend.

Questions may be directed to the following BRALC officers: Barbara Wittkopf, Tricia Husband, Elisabeth Spanhoff, Betty Jo Finley, or Sandy Colby. Dues for the calendar year are \$7, \$5 for retirees, and \$2 for students.

*Barbara Wittkopf
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MLA SCHOLARSHIP

conference. Libby arranges for speakers, hotels, catering, and funding for these meetings. To save the division time and money, Libby will oversee the transition from a printed division newsletter to an electronic document accessible through the SLA web site.

WHICH PERKS?

Even though she's not an official member of other SLA Divisions, Libby receives a copy of the other division newsletters.

WHEN DO YOU LEAD?

"Everyone needs to take their turn. The association does not run on air," says Libby. Libby views "her turn" as SLA Division chair as a way of giving back.

Can you remember times you were assisted along the way? In which way will you choose to give back?

-Nancy Faget

FOR MINORITY STUDENTS

The purpose of the MLA Scholarship for Minority Students is to encourage candidates who show excellence in scholarship and potential for accomplishment in health sciences librarianship. The applicant must be entering an ALA-accredited graduate library school or must have completed more than half of

his/her graduate program in health sciences librarianship. The recipient receives student membership in MLA, and free, inclusive registration at the annual meeting.

Scholarship amount: \$2000

Application deadline:
December 1, 1998

For further information contact:
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CHAPTER STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP TASK FORCE

This past summer the Board approved to establish an SLA LASOMI Chapter student scholarship. The scholarship is intended to pay for the conference attendance fee at the association level for one

active chapter student.

We are seeking a few members who are willing to serve on the Task Force to recommend eligibility criteria and report at the annual business meeting. Maybe this is something that can be accomplished by a few members via e-mail or after a program meeting.

If you are interested, please contact Sandy Colby, smcolby@erenj.com, 225-359-4369 or a Board member.
Sandy Colby

FREE LEADERSHIP TRAINING

DACOLT (Division and Chapter Officer Leadership Training) is open to all of your chapter officers who wish to attend. We strongly encourage the presidents and presidents-elect of each chapter to be present if possible.

The DACOLT agenda is put together by the SLA Chapter Cabinet and Division Chairs-Elect. Information regarding

SLA's Winter Meeting, of which DACOLT is a part, will be available in the coming weeks. A "Call-to-Meeting" will be mailed to the full leadership following the October SLA Board of Directors Meeting at the end of October. The information will also be available on the SLA web page. Preliminary agendas for the Board Meeting and DACOLT will be available at that time.

We look forward to seeing you in San Francisco in January!

*Christine Kennedy
Director, Membership
Development, SLA*

NEW BYLAWS COMMITTEE CHAIR AT SLA

As of the 1998-99 year, Betty Eddison is the new Bylaws Committee Chair for SLA.



LASOMI CHAPTER WEB SITE

With direction from our chapter's immediate past



president, Mitchell Brown,

and the work of a number of LSU SLIS graduate students and Dr. Paskoff, academic advisor to the student chapter, our chapter has a revised and updated web site.

Web address:
<http://www.sla.org/chapter/cla/index.html>

give us your feedback about your web site!

LASOMI CHAPTER LISTSERV

Join the chapter listserv to be in sync with the most current employment opportunities, conference and workshop announcements, information and management resources that are distributed in between newsletters, and program meetings. If you belong to other listservs that you find helpful, please consider forwarding some of the more valuable messages from those lists to the LASOMI

listserv. To join send the message "subscribe SLA-CLA your name" to Listserv@listserv.sla.org.

If you need assistance, please either contact the computerized administrator: Listserv@listserve.sla.org, Human administrator, mcbrown@lsu.edu, or Sandy Colby at smcolby@erenj.com.

FAMOUS PEOPLE WHO WORKED AS PROFESSIONAL LIBRARIANS

Casanova*, J. Edgar Hoover, Golda Meir, Berlioz, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, Pope Pius XI, Mao Tse-Tung.

*Casanova was a librarian the last 13 years of his life.

Source: World Feature Syndicate

LIBRARY PROFILES

The LABI Library

The Louisiana Association of Business and Industry is a trade association that represents business interests both at the state legislature and before state regulatory agencies. Business issue areas of particular interest are environmental quality, education, liability, health care, taxation, employee relations, small business, energy, trade and tourism, and good government/ ethics.

The LABI library collection supports all of these issue areas. However, we are not

FAX ON DEMAND AT SLA

This system will permit members and non-members to request Association information 24 hours a day, seven days a week with toll-free access. Callers to this toll-free number may request membership information, publication order forms, bibliographies, professional development registration forms, award nominations, press releases and more. The only requirements to use this system are a touch-tone telephone and access to a fax machine.

This new system will allow members who may not have direct access to the Internet and SLA's Web site, www.sla.org, the opportunity to receive the same information. "Of our nearly 15,000 members, approximately 12 percent do not have direct access to the Internet," said David R.

so much paper oriented as information oriented. Paper publication is usually too late for our needs. Reference includes use of online databases as well as the Internet (which has been a great boon for our research efforts). Since LABI lobbies the legislature, we also have an extensive archive of legislative journals and calendars, and during each session, we receive a copy of each bill and each version of a bill that is considered by the legislature.

Besides traditional duties, the library has responsibility for an annual survey of the LABI membership and a survey of the legislators on key issues,

Bender, Ph.D., SLA Executive Director. "This new service empowers those members with the same valuable information in a quick, convenient manner and at a low cost."

The caller reaches the system by calling 1-888-411-2856. An electronic operator will guide the caller through the options. The caller may request as many documents as desired with one phone call. After entering the caller's fax number, the document(s) is faxed to the caller immediately.

AUTUMN MEETING

Saturday, Nov 14, 1998

Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Maps

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
LSU, Coates Hall,
Baton Rouge, LA

which is done right before the legislative session begins. I serve on the LABI Internet Development Committee (Visit our web site at www.labi.org) and write occasional articles on information topics for the organization's magazine, *Enterprise*.

Primary library patrons are LABI staff and business members, but the general public can also call for information on Louisiana businesses and legislative issues.

Frances Fontenot

LaSoMi Chapter Meets at Historic New Orleans Collection

As Tropical Storm Frances churned in the Gulf of Mexico, nearly bringing Southeast Louisiana and Mississippi to a virtual standstill, over thirty-five participants, LaSoMi chapter members as well as LSU GLIS students braved the weather for the September 11th Fall meeting hosted by the Historic New Orleans Collection.

In an effort to not let the After a "lunch at your own risk" in a drenched French Quarter, nearly fifteen participants returned to the Historic New Orleans Collection for afternoon tours of the Williams Exhibit Gallery as well as the Collection's History Galleries. By mid-afternoon, with the New Orleans metropolitan area under a state of emergency from all of the rising flood waters, some of the meeting participants ventured out of the French Quarter, only to be greeted by long traffic delays and impassable streets. As the water receded, other participants remained in the Quarter browsing the shops and sights until they were able to depart.

Overall, in lieu of the weather conditions, the Fall meeting was well attended and the presentations were ideally suited to an audience of special librarians and information professionals.

Gerald Patout Jr.

Note: The French Quarter

weather conditions "dampen" the scheduled events, the day's activities commenced with a tour of the Historic New Orleans Collection's Williams Research Center at 410 Chartres Street. Working in teams and shifts, most of the participants were treated to a complete tour of the research center, including a look at some of the collections most interesting and noteworthy of collection items. Armed with umbrellas and rain gear, the group trekked over to the Historic New Orleans Collection's Royal Street facilities to listen to enthusiastic and interesting computer based presentations received 6.5" of rain during the meeting. Some members had to spend the night in New Orleans and did not get back to Baton Rouge until the next day.

Member News

Sandy Colby, Intranet Analyst at Exxon Research & Development Laboratories, was recently a presenter at the Networked in Libraries Institute conducted on the campus of LSU in August. The Institute was made possible by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Sandy's presentation was: "Web Design: Creating Pearls in the Midst of Internet Sandstorms."

After the dropping of non-renewed members, the Chapter currently has 85 members.

Calendar

conducted by Jessica Bray of the Greater New Orleans Free-Net and Patrick Haughey of UNO's Division of Community Planning. Ms. Bray addressed the topic of Intranets, offering a host of design tips and planning issues; Mr. Haughey demonstrated the Save Our Cemeteries project database, linking images and text. As Mr. Haughey was putting the finishing touches on his presentation and the meeting's morning sessions, the tropical storm rainfall literally swamped the French Quarter and the City of New Orleans.

Online World Conference & Expo
October 12-14, 1998
Washington, DC

South Central Chapter /
Medical Library Association
Silver Anniversary Meeting
October 17-21, 1998
Ft. Worth, TX

Up the Leadership Ladder:
ALSC/ALTA/RUSA National
Institutes
October 29-31, 1998
Indianapolis, IN

Mississippi Library Assn
Annual Conference
October 28-30, 1998
Jackson, MS

Internet Librarian'98
November 1-5, 1998
Monterey, CA

Have You Got the Blues?
November 6, 1998
Historic N.O. Collection
New Orleans, LA

La/S Ms Chapter Meeting
November 14, 1998
LSU Map Library

Baton Rouge, LA

Author Symposium in
Celebration of Children's
Book Week, Louisiana Center
for the Book
November 20, 1998
Shreve Memorial Library,
Shreveport, LA

SLA Winter Meeting &
Education Conference
January 21-26, 1999
San Francisco, CA

ALA Midwinter Meeting
Jan 29-Feb 3, 1999
Philadelphia, PA

La/S Ms Chapter Meeting
February 1999 or March 15

CHAPTER ANNUAL AWARDS/BUSINESS MEETING UPDATE

Please plan now to attend our annual chapter awards and business meeting which will be held Saturday, May 8, 1999, at Captain Anderson's restaurant in Gonzales, Louisiana (near Tanger Outlet Malls). The restaurant, an affiliate of the popular Mike Anderson's Seafood restaurant, is located in the Gonzales Holiday Inn. Sandy Colby is currently working to secure speakers for a program which will follow our annual business meeting. Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by a business meeting, lunch, and presentations. If you would like to assist with a single task for the annual meeting, please contact Sandy Colby, scolby@erenj.com or 225-359-4369.

SELA NEEDS YOU!

Management Workshop
Baton Rouge, LA (tentative)

14th Annual Computers in
Libraries '99
March 7-11, 1999
Arlington, VA

LLA Annual Conference
March 16-19, 1999
Baton Rouge, LA

ACRL 9th National Conference
April 8-11, 1999
Detroit, MI

National Library Week
April 11-17, 1999

La/S Ms Chapter Meeting
Annual Business Meeting
May 8, 1999
Gonzales, LA

SELA, the Southeastern Library Association, is looking for Special Libraries Section members and candidates for office. Contact Thomas Hill, Special Libraries Section Chair of SELA at: Thomas Hill, Librarian, Upper Savannah AHEC Medical Library, Self Memorial Hospital, 1325 Spring Street, Greenwood, SC 29646, 864-227-4851, fax 864-227-4838.

Jobs

The job's column is a recurring column which will feature job opportunities in the two states covered by the chapter first followed by opportunities elsewhere. If you have a position opening, send us the title of position, institution, city/state, salary range, contact address, date position available, and closing date to apply.

Subject Collection
Coordinators in Humanities,
Science/Technology, Social

SLA Annual Conference
June 5-10, 1999
Minneapolis, MN

ALA Annual Conference
June 24 - July 1, 1999
New Orleans, LA

SLA's Second International
Conference on Special
Librarianship
The Information Age:
Challenges & Opportunities
October 16-19, 2000
Brighton, England

Sciences. (Search Extended)
LSU Libraries. \$35,000 min.
Send letter of application,
resume, 3 references to:
Caroline Ware, Collection
Coordinators Search
Committee, 295 Middleton
Library, Louisiana State
University, Baton Rouge, LA
70803. Preference given to
applications received by
October 15, 1998.

Reference Librarian/Social
Sciences. Fayetteville, AR.
\$27,500. Send letter of
application, resume, and 3
references to: Juana R.
Young, Acting Director of
Libraries, University of
Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR
72701-1202.

Reference and Instructional
Services Librarian, Robert M
Bird Health Sciences Library,
Oklahoma City, OK. \$23,000-
25,000. Available October 1,
1998. Send letter of
application, resume and
names of 3 references to:
Shari Clifton, Chair, Search
Committee, Robert M. Bird

Health Sciences Library,
University of Oklahoma
Health Sciences Center, PO
Box 26901, Oklahoma City,
OK 73190.

Director of Information
Services, The American
College of Physician
Executives, Tampa, FL.
Contact: Sherry Vining, Tyler
& Company, 1000 Abernathy
Road, NE, Suite 1400,
Atlanta, GA 30328-5655;
770-396-3939.

Position Reopened. Research
Los Angeles Times Editorial
Library - Director for
Resource Development.
Send resumes by October 15
to: Dorothy Ingelbretsen,
Editorial Library Director, Los
Angeles Times, Times Mirror
Square, Los Angeles, CA
90053 or fax materials to
(213) 237-4502.

LOST MEMBERS

The Post Office cannot find
the following members.
Please contact me to get your
August and October issues
and correct your address
information at SLA.

Melissa Berner - NO
APT/SUITE NUMBER;NOT
DELIVERABLE AS
ADDRESSED.

Anna Stefanowicz - NO
SUCH ADDRESS

Lucy B. Foote Award

The Lucy B. Foote Award
Committee is seeking
nominations for this LLA
award, which honors an
outstanding Louisiana subject

Librarian. Atlanta, GA.
Contact: Susan Klopper,
Director, Atlanta Information
Center, Arthur Andersen, 133
Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta,
GA 30303; 404/223-7390,
404/221-8022 (fax).

Reference Librarian, Linda
Hall Library, Kansas City, MO.
Send a letter of application,
resume, and names of three
references to: Mary Moeller,
Information Services Officer,
Linda Hall Library, 5109
Cherry Street, Kansas City,
MO 64110-2498; fax 1-816-
specialist who has made a
substantial contribution to the
library profession through the
field of special librarianship.
Please send nominations by
December 1, 1998, to:

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Electronic Resources

This column lists web-pages,
homepages, listservs, and
other electronic resources that
are available for librarians.
Please send in sources.

FrancoFete '99
(A year-long celebration of
300 years of French influence
in Louisiana)

926-8790. First consideration
will be given to resumes
received by October 31, 1998.

Health Care Content
Coordinator, Ernst & Young
LLP Center for Business
Knowledge, Cleveland, OH.
Send cover letter, resume,
and salary requirements to:
Siobhan Masteller, Ernst &
Young LLP, 1200 Skylight
Office Tower, 1660 West
Second Street, Cleveland, OH
44113; fax (216) 622-1483.

Call (800) 44GUMBO or visit
the web page
www.louisianatravel.com for
more information on
FrancoFete.

Nominations for 1999 SLA Awards

The Special Libraries
Association is seeking
nominations for the 1999
Awards and Honors Program,
which recognizes the
outstanding accomplishments
of members and the
profession of special
librarianship. Candidates may
be nominated by any SLA
members) (including
themselves), by an employer
or by Association staff.
Candidates must be
members in good standing at
the time of nomination,
selection, and presentation
(exceptions: Professional,
Honorary Member and SLA
Media Award). The winners
are selected by the members
of the SLA Awards and
Honors Committee and its
subcommittees. The Public
Relations Awards are decided
by the Public Relations
Committee. Most of these
awards, with the exception of

the International Special Librarians Day (ISLD) Award, are decided at the Winter Meeting in January, 1999. All SLA and PR awards will be presented and honored at the SLA 89th Annual Conference in Indianapolis, IN.

Deadline for most awards is December 5, 1998 (ISLD Award deadline is May 1, 1999). Please help SLA recognize the outstanding contributions that our members are making in raising the visibility of the profession and of the Association.

The Awards include: Fellow of SLA, Hall of Fame, Honorary Member, John Cotton Dana Award, President's Award, Professional Award, Public Relations Awards, and the Rose L. Vormelker Award.

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Bulletin Deadline: January 1, 1999

The Louisiana/Southern Mississippi Chapter of the Special Libraries Association publishes the Chapter Bulletin in August, October, January, and April. The bulletin is free to all Chapter members and other interested individuals. Special Libraries Association assumes no responsibility for the statements and opinions advanced by the contributors to the Association's publications.

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