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P RESIDENT'S LETTER

Hello Michigan SLA Members,

SLA 2009 Conference Update

Both I and Nathan Rupp attended the 2009 SLA Annual Conference in Washington, DC and connected with other division and chapter leaders. I learned that the SLA had decided to do away with the Communities of Practice documents by the end of this year. As for the organization's use of technology, the SLA has decided to start using Drupal, an open-source content management system.

In addition, the next Leadership Conference is slated to be held January 27-30th in St. Louis, Missouri. The next Annual

Conference is being scheduled for June 13-16th in New Orleans, Louisiana. Conference planners are thinking about providing attendees with an opportunity to volunteer with nonprofits in New Orleans. Some of the ideas suggested included volunteering with a local food bank or helping to gut houses that were destroyed by Hurricane Katrina.

Chapter Update

For our October event, Nathan and his programming committee scheduled a tour of the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research. Librarian Linda Richter provided attendees with an informative presentation about

the organization's beginnings and insight into the Institute's current work.

A special thank you to Nathan Rupp and the rest of the program planning committee for a job well done!

Volunteer to serve as next year's Chapter officers!

The Chapter's Nominating Committee recently sent a message to the list announcing their search for volunteers to serve as next year's officers. This would be a great opportunity to serve your fellow SLA members as well as make valuable connections. Taking an active role in your chapter helps you gain extra value from the dues you pay each year for membership.

In conclusion, I look forward to seeing you at future chapter events!

Respectfully Submitted,

Sophia Guevara



Holiday party

The chapter holiday party and silent auction will once again be held once again at the VistaTech Center at Schoolcraft Community College. This year's event will take place on the evening of Monday, December 7. More details about this event will be forthcoming.



10K Wizard name change

10-K Wizard is now Morningstar Document Research. The new Document Research platform goes beyond the US annual filings (10-K form) to enable streamlined global company research. Its new name is intended to reflect the breadth of the offering.

While the name has changed, Morningstar Document Research continues to provide the full-text search capabilities, real-time

alerts, and robust data extraction tools that are a vital resource for clients who conduct in-depth research. We are also planning to take advantage of additional features and functionality we'll be able to offer as part of a larger, global organization.

-Katie Bayer

Chapter Meeting Review

The chapter has had a busy summer and fall with several meetings scheduled throughout southern Michigan.

In late June, members met at Pier Park in Grosse Pointe Farms for a recap of the annual SLA conference which had taken place earlier in the month. Members had an opportunity to network and discuss what they had learned in Washington

The August meeting at the Southfield Public Library was well-attended by members who listened to Joel Berger from the C. Berger Group, a library staffing firm in Chicago. Berger talked about various tips and tricks the members could use to update their resumes and as they interviewed for available library positions.

Gloria Zamora, president of SLA, spoke at the September meeting at the Hatcher Library on the University of Michigan's central campus. She talked about the rationale behind the Association's alignment effort and why an Association name change was needed.

In October, the chapter met in Kalamazoo at the Upjohn Institute for Employment Research. Linda Richer, director of the Institute's library, gave an overview of the library and talked about its recent effort to digitize the Institute's research.

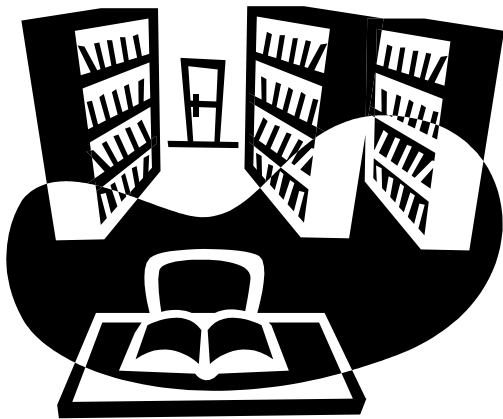
-Nathan Rupp



Officer Nominations

The chapter is still accepting nominations for the position of president-elect. Nominations must be received by November 29, 2009. Please send nominations to Bryce Rudder at rudderb@yahoo.com with the following information about the person being nominated: name, address, and phone number; position sought; length of current SLA membership; current/

previous officer positions and committee memberships; other professional activities such as publications and conference attendance; and why the candidate is ideal for this position. A curriculum vitae is not necessary, but is helpful.



“Alive in the morgue:

‘Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it’”

The Catlin Memorial Library of the Detroit News was named to honor George B. Catlin, a

devoted custodian to the collections.

In 1929 Detroit News librarian Ford M. Pettit helped form a new professional group, The Michigan Chapter of the Special Libraries Association.

Mr. Ford also served as the first president helping to form relationships with librarians from General Motors, Detroit Edison, Chrysler, National Bank of Detroit, Ross Roy, Parke Davis and others.

Additional Detroit News librarians have held the position of Chapter president, including Frances Curtiss (1931-1933), Esther Hooper (1936-1937), George Gilfillan (1941-1943), Ruth Braun (1952-1953), Robert Diehl (1957-1958) and most recently Diane Rockall (1987-1988).

The library's book collection and the reference department containing thousands of clippings, photos and pamphlets were once separate collections,

but have been combined as one department for many years.

From 1885 until 1968 the reference department in the library was called the Scraparium, which was often shortened to 'Scrap' on files and photos. This practice was abandoned when 16 envelopes on Alfred M. Pelham labeled "Detroit News Scrap" were accidentally put in with waste paper and literally scrapped. Since then the department has been called the Detroit News Reference Department. Long gone is the third department called "Question and Answer", though we still take many calls from the public offering just that service.

The Detroit News went digital in 2000 with the installation of a browser -based electronic archive called DC4 (digital collection). This archive allowed users to browse text back to June of 1991. This system allowed multiple browsers to access the same information at the same time, and did so with the use of

keywords, rather than traditional library subject headings. Instead of having to cross index a story several ways, Catlin librarians only had to touch the article once when archiving. This has not replaced the need for librarians at Catlin Memorial - only how they provide information!

In 2008, DC5 was installed at *The Detroit News*, providing the library and the new staff with a much more robust and dynamic internal archive system, that also boasts a much more accessible and user-friendly interface. Our information is immediately exported to Newsbank, Lexis and Proquest Direct (which will also receive the physical documents to create our microfilm). Our collection includes microfilm dating back to 1873, the originating year of the paper, up to the present day.

No matter what you call it now there are diehards who come in to the library and call it the "Morgue". Though this place may be in a quiet room of old envelopes filled with photos,

pamphlets, newspaper clippings (some brown and crinkling at the edge), contained in drawer after drawer, in filing cabinet after filing cabinet, the information contained here is anything but lifeless. Our future is rooted in the past and without a record of past

events and times we may be destined to repeat it. Here at Catlin Memorial Library we hope to ensure that does not happen!

-Danielle Kaltz

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Information Management Service: Briefing

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Document Delivery - Best Practices and Vendor Scorecard

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