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Leadership & Programming Update

By Jill Strand, Program Chair

Hope everyone is enjoying the onset of spring and looking forward to summer. Whether or not your summer plans include traveling to Baltimore for the SLA Annual Conference, the Minnesota Chapter has some exciting events coming up soon.

On May 10th we will gather at Hennepin County Southdale Library over lunch for a brief annual business meeting and to hear representatives from the Copyright Clearance Center talk about "CCC and Copyright Law: The Digital Dilemma." Stephen Garfield, Director of Corporate Accounts Manager, and Troy Baker, Strategic Account Manager at the Copyright Clearance Center, will discuss what you can and cannot do with digital content, along with a case study of how the CCC assisted a major pharmaceutical company with their Enterprise rights management. They will also provide a glimpse at what their organization will be showcasing at this year's national SLA event in Baltimore, MD.

For more information on this and other upcoming events, visit the MN Chapter website at <http://www.sla.org/chapter/cmn/>.

Member News

- **Deb Rash** is the new Chair-Elect for the SLA Division of Advertising and Marketing, responsible for session planning for the 2007 Annual Conference in Denver.
- **Chelsy Shoger** was hired in March 2006 as the first library intern at Donaldson Co.
- Congratulations to spring MLIS graduates **Casey Duevel, Lynn Lucking, Sally Oss, Sara Rezek, Wendy Roehlke, Chelsy Shoger, Stacy Simpson, Jacob Westendorp,** and **Bonnie Wittkop!**

New Faces

By Julie Eskritt, Membership Committee – Hospitality Chair

As of April 1, 2006, our chapter had 243 members, down slightly from the 255 members we had at the same time last year.

The following are short profiles of some of our new members. If you see any of them at a meeting or event, be sure to introduce yourself!

Amy Gustafson: Amy graduated from UW-Madison with a BA in English Literature. After graduating, she traveled around the US and Europe before moving back to Minneapolis where she now lives and works as a writer in corporate marketing and communications. Amy is currently working on her MLIS at the College of Saint Catherine. Her goal is to work as a corporate librarian/information specialist/researcher. Amy enjoys canoeing in the Boundary

Waters, hiking, doing yoga, traveling, reading, and eating really good food (and drinking good wine). She'd love to go back to Budapest and Paris, and would someday love to explore Costa Rica.

Mary Markland: Mary is a returning SLA member. She belonged from 1985-1993. She was the recipient of the SLA scholarship in 1985. She has a BS in biology (French minor) from Iowa State University, and an MA in library and information studies from UW-Madison. She is a senior member of MLA's Academy of Health Information Professionals.

Mary is currently the Southeast Clinical Campus Librarian for the Harley E. French Library of the Health Sciences, University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences. She is also a solo librarian in a way; the main library is in Grand Forks, but she works from an office in Fargo with remote access to the Library's resources. She works with medical students, residents, faculty and clinical faculty physicians within the southeastern quadrant of North Dakota. Her energies are focused on outreach and education.

Mary's interests include the use of PDAs in medical settings, gardening, and travel. Currently Mary and her husband are fascinated by Mexico, but they have also enjoyed their time in Paris, Istanbul, and on the Oregon coast.

Isabel Sanz: Isabel graduated in 1992 with a Library Science degree from the University of Zaragoza in Spain. During her last year of studies she started an internship in the Archives Department of a newspaper in her hometown. She worked there for twelve years until she met her husband and moved to the US in 2003. While living in Tennessee, she earned a bachelor degree in Political Science from Lipscomb University. Since last December, Isabel has been working in the archives at General Mills.

Lynn Strand-Meyer: Lynn expects to finish her MLIS from St. Kate's in May of 2007. She holds a BA in Social Science from Metropolitan State University. She had an epiphany in her last course at Metro State and realized she was meant to be a librarian. She thought that she wanted to be a school librarian, but had another epiphany while doing a practicum at Carmichael Lynch and feels she was truly meant to be a special librarian. Lynn and her husband Jaime have two sons, Lukas and Ethan. One of her favorite things to do is vacation on islands, the warmer the better. Lynn also is a voracious reader and has successfully turned Lukas into one, too!

Judith Teumer: Judith received her degree in library science from the FHB Stuttgart (a college of library science in Germany). She has recently transitioned into a Research Librarian position at MGI PHARMA in Bloomington. Judith lives in Woodbury with her husband and she enjoys reading, bicycling, traveling overseas, and lots of good chocolate.

Other new members include: **Jeff Birkeland, Matt Grupa, Rebecca Hass, Susan O'Leary, RaeAnn Palmer, Elizabeth Petsan, Stacy Simpson, Robyn Smith and Wendy Williamson.** Welcome to SLA!

Treasurer's Annual Update

By Julie Weston, Treasurer

In April 2006, the Chapter received a dues allotment based on a December 31, 2005, membership of 249 members. This is a slight decrease, but our dues allotment has remained relatively consistent for the past three years. The following list provides the breakdown of income and expenses for the Chapter.

Total expenditures for CY 2005 compared to 2004	Up 8.2%
Total income for CY 2005 compared to 2004	Down 21.0%

Compared to fiscal year 2004–2005...

Total expenditures from 4/1/2005 - 4/10/2006	Down 21.8%
Total income from 4/1/2005 - 4/10/2006	Down 22.7%

4/1/2005- 4/10/2006

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Income</u>
Meetings as a percentage of total expenses	87.8%	
Meetings as a percentage of total income		66.9%

Additional income sources as a percentage of total income

Dues allotment	22.8%
Interest income	1.1%
Sponsorships	9.2%
Great Lakes Conference	0%

Additional expense sources as a percentage of total expenses

Postage and Supplies	4.8%
Quality in Action Award	1.9%
Contribution to Student Conference Scholarship	5.5%

Account balances as of 4/15/2006...

Show a slight increase over totals from the same date one year ago. This is due in part to the generosity of the companies that employ our current leadership. The Chapter has not had to sponsor the leadership conferences for the past two years.

Chapter meetings and continuing education events, as expected, are the major portion of both the Chapter expenses and the Chapter income. We receive additional income from dues allotment given by the Association and from generous sponsorship from the companies that support our programming. This allows the Minnesota Chapter to continue to produce excellent events while keeping the member cost reasonable and affordable.

The Chapter also continues to support the Grieg Aspnes Memorial Scholarship Fund that provides monetary support for educational expenses to an MLIS student showing interest in special libraries. Some corporate sponsorship is received for this scholarship annually, but we also look to Chapter members for donations to support and encourage these students.

If you would like to donate to the scholarship fund, or if you would like additional information on any of the information above, please contact Julie Weston at 612.758.4624 or via email at jweston@hga.com.

Consultation Chair's Annual Update

By Elizabeth Meylor, Consultation Chair

This year the Consultation Chair received one request: how to move a library, including finding movers, space planning, etc. After initial conversations with the client, who is also a librarian, the request morphed into how to design a library space that encouraged collaboration and knowledge exchange, and how to convince the facilities people that the library shouldn't be assigned to a space (whether it worked well or not) just because the total square footage was there. I found a librarian who had been through this process recently (which, as it happened, was me). After a few phone conversations, e-mail, and a tour, the client had more information to make a better decision.

As the Consultation Chair, I had first-hand experience with doing a consultation. It was fun and rewarding. I hope you will consider saying "yes" if I ask for your help in the future. It doesn't take much time, and it is a good way to stretch your skills.

Solo (and Duo) Group Annual Update

By Colleen Clish, Solo Group Co-Chair

The Solo (and Duo) Group, led by Melissa Yauk of the Northwest Area Foundation and Colleen Clish of Media Loft, have had three well-attended meetings this year.

The first, hosted by Elizabeth Meylor and Julie Weston of HGA, was a panel discussion about SLA National Conference attendance. We learned strategies for selling the importance of the conference to financial decision makers within our companies, budgeting considerations, and heard informal reports of attendees' experiences.

Melissa hosted our second meeting during a December blizzard. Jane Dysart gave a presentation titled, "Communicating the Value of Your Service" to a scaled back group in possession of four wheel drive vehicles or courageous temperaments.

Our final meeting was a well-received tour of the Doris S. Kirschner Cookbook Collection at the University of Minnesota's McGrath library, given by Julie Kelly in February. We learned about the collection, discussed the cataloging strategies used, and ogled pictures of chocolate cakes. (See more on this event in the article that follows.)

We hope to have one more meeting in June, possibly with Judith Seiss, the author of *The New OPL Sourcebook: A Guide for Solo and Small Libraries*.

Solos Visit Kirschner Cookbook Collection

By Melissa Yauk, Solo Group Co-Chair

A group of nine of us from the Solo Group met for a tour of the Doris S. Kirschner Cookbook Collection on February 21st, 2006.

Doris Kirschner graduated from the University of Minnesota as a Home Economics major. An avid cook, she lived in Italy for a time, where she developed a taste for international cooking. She planned all her meals on monthly calendars (which have been preserved), and also kept a Kosher kitchen! The collection includes about 1700 cookbooks of all kinds, with themes varying by type of food, country/region, chef, cooking technique, and dates back to the 1870s.

Before her death in the late 1990s, Doris donated the collection to the University. It ended up in the Food Science Department, but was not easily accessible to the public.

An interoffice e-mail from Julie Kelly, Food Science Librarian, presented an opportunity for the collection to be moved to the Magrath Library. It had always been the wish of the family for the collection to be available to the public, so negotiations ensued and funds were donated by the family to have the collection cataloged. That was over a year ago. Today, the collection is on open shelving units (non-circulating collection) near comfortable upholstered chairs, creating an inviting reading area. Each book has its own bookplate and is listed in MNCAT.

The Kirschner family currently lives in New Mexico and have kept about 200 titles of the collection for personal use. An open house was organized for the family last October and future annual events are expected to take place to raise awareness of the collection. An article about Doris Kirschner appeared in the "Taste" section of the *Star Tribune* in 1995.

The Minneapolis Public Library also has a cookbook collection, and there is quite a large collection at General Mills. If there is enough interest, another tour can be arranged for the General Mills Kitchens. Let me know!

MN Special Libraries Celebrate National Library Week & ISLD 2006

Every year, National Library Week is recognized during April. International Special Librarians Day is typically scheduled on the Thursday of that week.

We asked our chapter members to tell us how they celebrated this event. Following are summaries of some real-life examples that were shared.

Mary Ettl, Librarian at Springsted Inc.:

We always do a party based around the SLA theme (or ALA's theme, if nothing else is available). We twist the theme to match our line of work, public finance. We send out emails to tell/remind people of the party, and I create a page on our intranet.

We have a trivia contest that connects our theme and the work we do. We also have a chocolate chip cookie contest.

We try to keep the parties as non-library-ish as possible in order to get people to think of the Library as a fun place to be. We get so many comments each year about the party and how much people look forward to it every year; a highlight was the air guitar contest during 2003's "Orchestrating a World of Information"!

Sara Rezek, Health Resource Center Specialist at Regions Hospital:

We celebrated Medical Information Day; the three libraries at Regions Hospital collaborated for a joint open house. Our poster and PR materials contained the following information this year:

"Tap into the 4-1-1 on medical information, on Tuesday, April 11, 2006, when the Medical Library Association (MLA) celebrates "Medical Information Day" in recognition of the invaluable information and vast range of services medical librarians provide for their institutions and local communities ...

Celebrate Medical Information Day and learn how medical librarians can help you by visiting the Medical Library, Health Resource Center, and Lundborg Cancer Library on Tuesday, April 11th, between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Pick up a 4-1-1 library card at your first stop and get it marked at each library to earn a treat! In addition, in order to make room for the latest in health information we will have a selection of older editions and duplicate copies of books that may find a home on your bookshelf. All are welcome!"

Randi Madisen, Head of Public and Electronic Services at the MN State Law Library:

The State Law Library invited all staff in the Judicial Center to join us in celebrating National Library Week through the following activities:

- Stop by for cookies anytime during the week.
- Take a look at daily Staff Picks, favorite library resources highlighted by staff.
- Bring a laptop and check out our new public access wireless area.
- Join us for Twin Cities author Thomas M. Daly's discussion of his book *For the Good of the Women*, a history of MCF-Shakopee from the dramatic death of its first supporter in 1915 through the 1990s.
- Bring any and all hardcover books for people of all ages to donate to our book drive for libraries damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

Virginia Ferestad at Campbell Mithun:

We posted the following proclamation to promote National Library Week:

"WHEREAS, libraries are part of the American Dream – places for opportunity, education, self-help and lifelong learning;

WHEREAS, our nation's public, academic, school and special libraries help people change the world;

WHEREAS, our library plays a vital role in providing CMers with the resources they need to learn and work in the 21st century;

WHEREAS, libraries are changing and dynamic places and librarians are the ultimate search engine, helping all employees find the information they need in print and online;

WHEREAS, libraries bring you a world of knowledge both in person and online, as well assistance in finding what you need, when you need it;

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Library proclaims National Library Week at Campbell Mithun April 2-8, 2006. We encourage all employees to take advantage of all our library has to offer and come discover all the ways you can change your world @ your library. And to discover how 'sweet' it is to have a library at Campbell Mithun."

Karen Stauber, Property Development Librarian at Target Corp.:

The Target Property Development Library had an open house on ISLD. We sent out an invite in the form of a meeting notice to everyone in Property Development. The list did include people out in the field, but even though they couldn't physically attend, we figured it's a good way for them to know about us. We also had it posted to the Top News on the PD Zone within our intranet.

We had a great turn out; free food always brings them in! This year we had one of our continuing educational videos showing. We also had a survey and anyone that completed it was entered into our drawing for a \$25 Amazon gift certificate.

Karen Wood, Corporate Librarian at Donaldson Co.:

We celebrated ISLD this year with an open house including popcorn, lemonade, and a prize drawing. We also gave out notepads with our library intranet site printed as the header.

Since our physical space is limited, we had the popcorn machine in the hallway outside the library. The smell of popcorn wafting down the hall and up the stairs lured people to the open house, and the library space was less congested so people could wander and browse.

Last year we had a similar event, but we borrowed a laminator and made luggage tags for our guests using their business cards. That was a big hit!

National Library Recommendations Grow from Minnesota Paper

Contributed by Jerry Baldwin, Director, Mn/DOT Library

At the January 2006 Annual Meeting of the Transportation Research Board, a National Academy of Sciences panel released a report including its findings and recommendations regarding U.S. transportation-related information services. The study that led to the report grew out of a paper written by Minnesota Chapter member Jerry Baldwin, "Access to U.S. Transportation Information Resources" (<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/library/infoakss.html>). The report "provides strategic

advice to the federal government and the states regarding a sustainable administrative structure and funding mechanism for meeting the information service needs of the transportation sector," and "identifies the core services that need to be provided, how those services should be provided, and funding options to support those services."

Among the recommendations is the development of additional transportation knowledge networks at regional and national levels patterned on the successful Midwest Transportation Knowledge Network (MTKN, www.mtkn.org). That organization was founded in 2001 at a gathering of transportation librarians, hosted by the University of Minnesota's Center for Transportation Studies.

Other recommendations include:

- A national-level coordinating structure to manage and coordinate the activities of the transportation knowledge networks.
- The coordinating structure be located within the Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA) at USDOT.
- Federal grants of \$3-5 million during the first three years to develop the system and, subsequently, \$5-8 million per year, with a required local match for continuing network operations.

The report also acknowledges Jerry's contributions to the study for "numerous baseline surveys on state DOT library staffing and budgets." The full report can be seen at <http://www.trb.org/publications/sr/sr284.pdf>. A summary is also available at <http://trb.org/publications/sr/sr284ReportSummary.pdf>.

A Look Inside the U of MN Mathematics Library with Kris Fowler

By Kristine Spanier, Adjunct Faculty Member, College of St. Catherine

Kris Fowler has been the Mathematics Librarian at the University of Minnesota since 1997. Her unique background and experience have helped to earn her a new credential: author. The publisher, Marcel Dekker, approached Kris about writing a book in their series, "Using the ... Literature." After she investigated the alternatives, which were aimed at libraries, she decided there was a need for a book aimed primarily at math grad students. She developed a detailed book proposal that was immediately accepted. Kris wrote some of the chapters, specifically those on the mathematics culture and on mathematics reference sources and skills, and then recruited mathematicians to write chapters of recommended resources in their subject areas. She co-authored four of those chapters and edited all of them.

The book took almost five years from the publisher's initial message until the book was released, although Kris's work was concentrated in the second, third and fourth years. Marcel Dekker is now part of Taylor and Francis, and the book is available by request through normal book-ordering channels. It's specifically marketed to academic librarians and mathematicians through flyers and at some of their major conferences. Kris says she occasionally gets phone calls and e-mails from readers wanting further information. It has increased her reputation among math librarians and has led to a few inquiries from math publishers who want her opinion on products they're considering. She says it was quite rewarding to work on the book – she learned a lot from it and even consults it for help in answering reference questions.

When Kris isn't working on getting a book published, her days vary quite a bit. She usually has committee work on all-university-libraries projects in addition to her primary duties at the Math Library. During a recent day of work, Kris finalized details for a few pieces of new furniture in the library and for labeling videos/DVDs, met with another librarian she's mentoring, finished drafting a plan for sending journals to storage, chaired a committee meeting to review librarian applications for professional development leaves, handled several minor collection budget matters, corresponded with math librarians at two other institutions about whether or how to get e-access to American Statistical Association journals and continued planning for the workshop she's giving in advanced math literature searching strategies. Phew!

To help make the library a more interesting place to visit, Kris designs two exhibits every year for the display case by the library entrance. The current topic is "Mathematics and Internet Security," which is the topic of Mathematics Awareness Month this year. A previous topic was "Mathematical Grid Puzzles: Beyond Sudoku." Kris maintains awareness of the library by giving an update on the state of the library to the math faculty meeting and writing up news for the math department's annual newsletter. She also runs an intramural science quiz tournament every year for students in the U of M's Institute of Technology.

The Math Library is staffed by Kris, a full-time library assistant, two FTE student workers, and occasionally staff from the other U of MN libraries. The library holds 44,000 books and bound journals and a few videos supporting the curriculum and research for the departments of mathematics and statistics. Many journal subscriptions include electronic access, and the library offers end-user electronic access to the main literature indexes such as MathSciNet and Current Index to Statistics.

Reference questions are answered either by drop-in visits, appointments, e-mail, or phone and Kris says one unique question asked was for as many digits of pi as possible to use in generating a musical composition. Kris found thousands. Other services include instruction either in person with one-on-one tutorials or workshops for graduate students on searching the mathematics literature. Kris and her staff also create web pages of targeted resources for courses with research assignments, manage a reserve collection of current course textbooks and past exams, and offer self-serve copying/printing and internet access with four public terminals. The library offers a wireless network for portables as well.

If you find yourself in the position of needing help with a math question or are just interested in math trivia, here are some of Kris's favorite sites (with her comments) for civilians:

- Ask Dr. Math – <http://mathforum.org/dr.math>
"Lots of middle school-level questions answered."
- Eric Weisstein's World of Mathematics – <http://mathworld.wolfram.com>
"Essentially a free, not quite complete, encyclopedia."
- Furman University Mathematical Quotations Server –
<http://math.furman.edu/~mwoodard/mquot.html>
- Bogomolny. Interactive Mathematics Miscellany and Puzzles –
<http://www.cut-the-knot.org/content.shtml>

Kris has a physics BA from Carleton College and an MS from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She also holds an MS in library and information science from

UIUC. In addition to being the Mathematics Librarian, Kris has also been the Library Collections Coordinator for the Physical Sciences and Engineering since 2003.

CSC SLA Student Group Announces Scholarship Winner

The College of St. Catherine SLA Student Group is pleased to announce that the winner of this year's scholarship is Sara Rezek. The scholarship will send Sara to the SLA 2006 Annual Conference in Baltimore, MD this June.

Sara received her BA in English from Saint Cloud State University and will graduate with her MLIS in May. She currently works as a consumer health librarian in the Health Resource Center of Regions Hospital. It recently turned into a solo-librarian endeavor, so she is very excited for the chance to share ideas and stories with other librarians at her first SLA conference. She would like to thank the board for the wonderful opportunity.

Thank you to everyone who applied for the scholarship and to everyone who participated with and supported the student group this year!

May 15th Deadline for Grieg Aspnes Memorial Scholarship

Library and Information Science students, either full-time or part-time, are invited to apply for the Grieg Aspnes Memorial Award, an award of up to \$2,000 and complimentary membership in the Special Libraries Association and the Minnesota Chapter of SLA. Only one such award will be granted annually and is limited to students who will graduate in December 2006 or later. The criteria are:

1. Interest in special librarianship, as shown by course selection or past experience;
2. Leadership abilities, demonstrated in either academic or extracurricular activities;
3. Overall academic achievements.

Students who are interested in applying should submit a letter addressing the criteria listed above, a resume, and a copy of their transcript of courses in library and information science to:

Mary Wagner, Director of Graduate Studies in Library and Information Science
The College of St. Catherine
P.O. Box 4125
St. Paul, MN 55105

The deadline for application is **May 15th, 2006**. The Award will be formally presented at the September 2006 meeting of the Minnesota Chapter.

The Grieg Aspnes Memorial Award is in honor of Grieg Aspnes, a talented librarian at Cargill, a past president of the Special Libraries Association, and an active leader in its Minnesota Chapter, Information Technology and Advertising Divisions and Education Committee. Grieg was also a strong advocate of the information profession and was a guest lecturer in the library schools at St. Catherine's and the

University of Minnesota. This award, made only to the College of St. Catherine, is funded by the Minnesota Chapter of the Special Libraries Association and by the Cargill Information Center for the purpose of encouraging the recipient to pursue a career in special librarianship. The College of St. Catherine expresses its appreciation to the Aspnes family, the Minnesota Chapter of SLA and Cargill for providing this grant.

New International Opportunity to Donate Library Materials

Contributed by Molly Dinneen, International Relations Chair

Those of you who work in medical libraries may be interested in donating journals and books to a teaching hospital in Africa. Below is a description of the hospital from Dr. Timothy J. Meade. Dr. Tim is the son of Betty Meade, a General Mills Library & Information Services retiree.

University Teaching Hospital (UTH) is the government-sponsored hospital of Zambia and it is located in Lusaka, the capital city. It is the largest and most comprehensive hospital in Zambia, but because of funding problems that have lasted 20 years, it has become dilapidated and shabby. Zambia has a terrible "brain-drain" problem, with 90% of newly trained healthcare workers leaving the country to work in Botswana or South Africa where they make three times as much money. There are also critical shortages of medicine and supplies. Twice in the last two years UTH has had no water at all for more than a two-week stretch. An American visiting UTH would consider the conditions appalling, but in spite of these harsh conditions, UTH manages to train more than 40 young doctors every year. They are vibrant and intelligent young people who graduate with a good understanding of medicine and clinical practice. Anything that could be done to assist them with their education would be not only valuable for them as young doctors, but valuable for the entire country, where there is currently less than one doctor for every 3,000 people, about a quarter of whom have serious medical conditions such as AIDS and TB.

Please mail your donations to Dr. Tim, who will deliver them to University Teaching Hospital.

Dr. Tim Meade
Corpmed Medical Centre
Plot 3236
Cairo Road, North End
Lusaka, Zambia

If you have non-medical textbooks, encyclopedias, children's books or novels, please call Peter Gresser at 763.545.2708 for pick up. These books are sent to Jamaican schools and public libraries.

SLA Midwest Social in Baltimore

Going to the SLA Annual Conference in Baltimore this June? If yes, you're invited to attend the SLA Midwest Get Together.

When: Sunday, June 11, 2006, 8:00 - 10:30 PM

Where: Capital City Brewery, 301 S. Light St. (directions are available when you register)

RSVP by May 31, 2006 to <http://www.info.knovel.com/sla2006midwest/>.

More Upcoming Events

See the Event Calendar at

<http://www.sla.org/chapter/cmn/programs/calendar.html>.

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