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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Colleagues,

I have two words for you: past and future. These are the two areas that concern your leadership team.

It seems we have not been taking care of our past very well. We had an excellent report from our student intern Michelle Brown on the state of our chapter archives. We hope to put both her PowerPoint presentation and her updated chapter history on our website soon. She accomplished much, creating finding aids, organizing, removing duplicate materials. She also made recommendations on the future of our archives. Yet, she made it clear that there were gaps in our records: missing documents, membership directories and issues of this publication. She also mentioned that although she had the basic facts to update our chapter history, it lacked personality. There wasn't the same character to the more recent records that appeared in the older materials. It was apparent that we have neglected our history. *How can you help?* Do you have past membership directories? How about issues of the SLATE? Would you be willing to be interviewed for an oral history project? Would you be willing to interview someone else? Sometime soon, someone could ask you to do any of the above, so please think about it. The future of our past is in our hands.

So is the future of our chapter; our strategic plan is beginning to gel. Your chapter leadership has many ideas for where we should be in five years. Now it is up to you, our members, to contribute to this process. The strategic plan for the next five years has three areas of focus: **LEARNING — ADVOCACY — NETWORKING**. If you have ideas that would help advance our chapters efforts in these three areas, ***don't wait to be asked!*** Contact any member of our Strategic Planning Team: Chris Tighe (Chris_Tighe@lb7.uscourts.gov), Bryan Young (bryan.s.young@monsanto.com), or Nora Wikoff (nonohoskins@gmail.com).

It looks like we have work to do, but remember, many hands make light work.

Marianne Cavanaugh, President.

St. Louis Metro Area Chapter of SLA

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Chapter Program Updates
By Rosie Weiss, Chapter President-Elect.

Please note that most dates and locations have now been established, but not all. If anyone has comments or concerns on programming (restaurants, speakers, the annual awards banquet, etc.), please feel free to contact me at: rosie.g.weiss@monsanto.com

November 14, 2006.

65th Chapter Anniversary/Chapter Business Meeting/Annual Meeting. Margaret Conroy, the new Missouri State Librarian, will be our guest speaker. The slate of 2007 chapter candidates will be announced. This event will be held in the Bradshaw Room at the Coronado Hotel, from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. Our sponsors are *The International Language Center/Brunetti Language School* and *Ovid: a WoltersKLuwer business*.

December 4, 2006.

The eighth annual Holiday Happening at Anheuser-Busch, including a social and networking hour, recognition of the 2006 Chapter chairs, announcement of any awards, and introduction of the new 2007 officers. Monday, December 4, 2006. Invitations will also be extended to the St. Louis Library Club, St. Louis Public Library, St. Louis County Library, and MLNC. Sponsors include *The International Language Center/Brunetti Language School* and *EBSCO*.

February 26 and 27, 2007.

SLA President Rebecca Vargha will be coming to St. Louis, and will speak at a chapter program. Please watch for the announcement !

Recent Chapter Events
by Rosie Weiss, Chapter President-Elect.

August 18, 2006.

A professional development program followed by a social and networking hour. The program was titled "The Impact of New and Emerging Technologies on Business, Work (and Life)" and was presented in the Friends' Room at the St. Louis Art Museum from 3:00 until 4:30 pm. This program, which originally aired February 8, 2006, was brought to us by SLA's "Click U Live!" programming, and featured Paul Gladen or Muzeview. This program was free to members. Total attendance was 18. After the program, chapter members met for networking and the Free Exhibition Fridays at the Art Museum.

(See next page for more events)

Recent Chapter Events (Continued)

September 20, 2006.

Career Planning Workshop and Networking Reception, offering career planning for students and current members wanting to update their resumes. The program included a resume review team of 12 members and non-members and a panel discussion featuring librarians from a variety backgrounds: Joel Berger (President, C. Berger Group), Tracy Byerly (Executive Director of Missouri Library Network Corp.), and Stephanie Tolson (Dean, Learning Resources, St. Charles Community College). This event was held from 4:30 until 8:00 pm at the Washington University West Campus Conference Center. The St. Louis Metro Chapter of SLA partnered with the St. Louis Regional Library Network, AALL and others to bring you this program, which was sponsored by Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS). There was a total of 50 people in attendance, including 2 who joined SLA at this event.

September 30, 2006.

Board meeting at the St. Louis Art Museum, 9:00-11:00 am. Main agenda items: to amend the chapter's Practice Manual to allow electronic voting, and to discuss the chapter's Strategic Plan. The board was treated to a multimedia presentation by Bryan Young and MLS candidate Michelle Brown regarding the overhaul and documentation of the chapter's archives performed by Michelle (with Bryan's guidance) as part of her practicum requirement. Total attendance was 13.

October 10, 2006.

"Time Management Tips and Tricks," a lunch-and-learn program, was held from 12:00 noon until 2:00 pm at Favazza's (on The Hill). Our guest speaker was Judy Siess, president of Information Bridges International and publisher of The One Person Library newsletter. Seventeen members and three others attended and enjoyed good food and a good talk.

October 23, 2006.

A professional development program titled "Always Fresh: Fast Content for Your Web Site and Users," followed by a Chapter social hour. The event was held in the Training Room at MLNC (Missouri Library Network Corporation) in Webster Groves. MLNC was also a sponsor for this program. The program was presented by Darlene Fichter, Data Library Coordinator, University of Saskatchewan Library. This presentation was designed for professionals interested in expanding their knowledge of RSS syndication and publishing. This program was a replay of the session which originally aired May 17, 2006. Total attendance at the event was 16 people. After the program, we convened at Cyrano's in Webster Groves for a social hour.

Nominations for Chapter Awards
by Judy Harris, Awards Chair

The Awards Committee is seeking nominations for two Chapter awards: the Elizabeth Owens Award and the St. Louis Metro Area Chapter/Special Libraries Association Leadership Award. The deadline for submitting nominations is October 31, 2006. Please read on for more information about these awards.

The Elizabeth Owens Award recognizes a St. Louis Metro Area Chapter member for distinguished service to the Chapter and the library profession. The criteria for receiving this award are:

1. This award is conferred upon a member once during his/her SLA membership.
2. Award is limited to one member per year.
3. The award is not necessarily presented each year.
4. Nominee must be a dues paying member for at least 5 years.
5. Nominee has maintained membership in SLA for 10 years or more.

The Leadership Award recognizes a member whose ability to lead and inspire others has furthered the Chapter's goals and objectives. The criteria for receiving this award are:

1. The award is conferred upon a member once during his/her SLA membership.
2. Award is limited to one member per year.
3. The award is not necessarily presented each year.
4. Nominee must be a dues-paying member of the St. Louis Metro Area Chapter.
5. Nominee has maintained membership in SLA for 5 years or more.
6. Nominee must have served as an officer or chairperson of the Chapter's various committees.

Please think about the many talented and dedicated members that we are lucky enough to have in our chapter, and consider making a nomination. Below is a nomination form, which should be sent to my attention by October 31, 2006. My fax number is 314-552-8298. I hope to hear from you soon.

Here is a list of past recipients of these awards:

- 2005 No nominations
- 2004 Patrick Hendershot (Leadership) and Maribeth Slebodnik (Elizabeth Owens)
- 2003 Mary Ann Walton (Elizabeth Owens award)
- 2002 Carol Thaxton (Elizabeth Owens award)
- 2001 No nominations
- 2000 Anne Lauenstein (Leadership award)
- 1998 Larry Walton (Elizabeth Owens award)
- 1997 Stephanie Tolson (Elizabeth Owens award)

**ST. LOUIS METRO AREA CHAPTER
SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION
AWARDS NOMINATION FORM**

The St. Louis Metro Area Chapter of the Special Libraries Association recognizes members with two awards. The Elizabeth Owens Award honors a member for distinguished service to the Chapter and Library profession. The Leadership Award recognizes a member whose ability to lead and inspire others has furthered the Chapter's goals and objectives.

This form is provided for you to complete and submit to the Awards Committee. Feel free to submit extra names if necessary. Please read the criteria for nominations. Nominations must be submitted by October 31, 2006.

Name of nominee: _____

Nominated for:

Elizabeth Owens Award

Leadership Award

Nominee has been a member of the Chapter since: 19 _____

Chapter Achievements: _____

Offices/Committee Assignments held: _____

Special contributions to the Chapter: _____

Submit completed form to: Judy Harris
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2006 SLA Recruit-A-Member Campaign
by Kristin Schieffer, Membership Chair

SLA's 2006 Recruit-A-Member Campaign is here!

As an SLA member, you know the value of SLA membership in your career, for professional networking and to advance your profession. Now, SLA is asking you to spread the word! For each new member you recruit who joins SLA no later than 31 December 2006, you will be eligible to **win great prizes**, including gift certificates from Hyatt Regency Denver, Adam's Mark Hotel, and the Denver Marriott, SLA Marketplace Gift Certificate, Complimentary registration to SLA 2007 and SLA Membership Renewals! Additionally, the chapters and divisions with the most new members are also eligible to win complimentary annual conference registration.

SLA's Recruit-A-Member site provides tips on recruiting new members and a Toolkit for recruiting. The Toolkit provides an email template, making it very easy to reach out to your colleagues with an invitation to join. There is also an online SLA Membership application in the Toolkit.

I urge you to share your SLA networking and learning experiences with your colleagues, and encourage them to join.

The Recruit-A-Member site at <http://www.sla.org/content/membership/getamember/index.cfm> allows you to access the Toolkit and gives you more details on the guidelines and awards. Please visit the site and start recruiting !!

If you have questions, please contact Kristin Schieffer, St. Louis Metro Chapter Membership Director, at kristin.schieffer@edwardjones.com.

Libraries for Africa's Street Children



Special Librarian and SLA member Jane Kinney Meyers sees it clearly: a network of small, open-access libraries across sub-Saharan Africa providing basic education and literacy skills to as many of the 43 million orphaned and street children as possible. And so, her Lubuto Library Project (www.lubuto.org) was incorporated as a non-profit in January 2005. The first Lubuto Library is slated for completion in November 2006 in Lusaka, Zambia, with 2 more to follow shortly.

Living and working in Zambia and Malawi for some 7 years, Jane witnessed the dire circumstances of these kids first-hand. In Zambia, she became increasingly involved with services to street children offered by the

Fountain of Hope, a drop-in shelter in Lusaka. Among her many contributions to the center, she established a reading program, served on the Board, raised funds, and created a library for the children. But that was not enough.

Most of the 40-plus million African orphans are collateral victims of the HIV/AIDS pandemic, and at least 11 million of them have had both parents die of AIDS. In 10 sub-Saharan African countries, more than one of every five 14-year-olds are parentless. According to US government and UN estimates, this number will continue to grow due to the high proportion of adults there already living with HIV/AIDS and the difficulties in expanding access to life-prolonging antiretroviral treatment.

While international relief and development agencies and national governments strive diligently to meet the basic needs of food, medical care, and clothing, most of these children cannot attend school and face a lifetime of poverty and despair engendered by a lack of education.

A former World Bank and U.S. AID librarian, Meyers aims to build and staff libraries complete with excellent, carefully compiled book collections, using the professional expertise and volunteerism of librarians, writers, booksellers, and U.S. schoolchildren. Lubuto Libraries will afford a safe gathering place and an opportunity for an informal education for orphans, street children, and other vulnerable children. The libraries will hold events with traditional storytellers, giving the children the opportunity to transcribe and help preserve a vanishing oral culture, as well as create their own books. Beyond this, while participating in the Lubuto effort, American students will learn of the plight of their African peers who deal with HIV/AIDS on a personal, daily basis. To this latter end, Lubuto produced a film, *Kids Just Like You*, which is narrated by Julian Bond and made its debut in May 2006.



Architect's Model of a Lubuto Library in the Style of Traditional Zambian Homesteads: Entry (center), Activities Building (right), Library Reading Room (left)



**Construction of 1st Library, Lusaka, Zambia.
Completion Date: November 2006**

The Lubuto Project plans to ship the first collection of 5,000 donated books to fill the shelves of its Lusaka library before the end of the year. As of late July, appeals had raised 3/4 of the funds required for construction, with a need for some \$15,000 remaining. Every penny donated to the project goes for this purpose, and the project is appealing to you, as people

who understand the value of books and reading, to find a way to reach out now to the children in Zambia who need books to nurture their imaginations and hope. Please visit the Lubuto Library Project website to contribute.

"Lubuto," in the language of the Bemba people of Zambia and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, means "enlightenment, knowledge, and light."

Nancy Minter

Ann Sweeney, M. L. S.
International Relations Section Chair
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Special Libraries Association

Announcements

Introducing Our New-Member Benefit

Here's yet another great reason to become a member of SLA!

When you **join SLA and the St. Louis Metro Chapter**, you will receive a coupon to attend one chapter program of your choice **FREE** of charge. The coupon is good for 12 months from the date issued. Please visit our chapter web site at <http://units.sla.org/chapter/cst/> to view upcoming programs and events.

Moving at the Speed of Byte: Emerging Technologies for Information Management

This MLA Educational Webcast is scheduled for Nov. 8, 2006, at 1:00 p.m. (3:00 p.m., central time.) The goal of the Webcast is to expose information professionals to new and emerging technologies and to encourage their use in information management. Program objectives, a full agenda, and registration options (Registration opens September 2006), are available on MLANET at http://www.mlanet.org/education/distance_ed/technologies/index.html. A list of speakers is forthcoming.

The Big Read

You may be interested to know of a recent literary event. The Big Read, presented by Centene Corporation, was held in downtown Clayton on Saturday, October 7. It featured publishers, book-sellers, national authors, readings, book signings, panel discussions, workshops, demonstrations and an interactive children's area with readings, costumed characters and projects to engage the young and old. For more info, visit www.bigread.net. I recently discovered this event and thought about hosting an information booth which is open to non-profits. But there wasn't enough time to plan. Perhaps next year??

Kathy Hayes, Ameren Corporation

The following slate of candidates has been nominated to serve as chapter officers beginning in January 2007:

Vice-President/President-Elect	Geri Short
Secretary (2-year term)	Barb McKenzie
Director: Business Manager	Kathy Hayes
Director: Membership	Patrick Hendershot

Below is a list of chapter members who have agreed to serve as committee chairs or committee members beginning in January 2007:

Archives	Bryan Young
Awards	Karen Goddard
Career Guidance	Kristin Schieffer
Government Relations	Leann Genovese
Information Technology:	
Chair and Webmaster	Erin Lanham
Discussion List	Gail Hoef
Additional Moderator	Geri Short
Newsletter Editor	Jill Bright
Nominations	Jean Coffman
Programming:	
Chair	Geri Short
Hospitality	Stephanie Hood
Professional Development	Marianne Cavanaugh
Public Relations	Sarah Windau
Student Relations	Karen Robinson

The St. Louis Metro Area Chapter now has its own blog !

To read it, please visit <http://sla-divisions.typepad.com/stlouis/>

The blog is meant as a communication tool for all chapter members. If you have something you'd like to post, please contact Erin Lanham, elanham@stchas.edu, or 636-922-8587, to gain author access. The blog currently has a number of good career tips, and we will be posting additional information in the near future on topics pertaining to special librarianship and the chapter. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to post comments to the postings.

InDesign

If you have any expertise in using the Adobe InDesign software, please contact chapter archives chair Bryan Young. We would very much like to revive the elegant new look featured in the past two issues of SLATE, but the layout and design template exists only as InDesign files, which neither Bryan nor I are able to manipulate.

Joe Katrosh, SLATE Editor for 2006

New Members (Jun. 2006-Aug. 2006)

by Kristin Schieffer

*Please welcome the following new members.
We're glad to have you as part of the St. Louis Metro Area Chapter!*

Monica Anderson.

Ellen Birschel Harris.

Shannon Delaware, Hickey College Library.

Lisa Farrell, East Central College.

Sean Gaffney, Archer Daniels Midland.

Katherine Kromnacker, Arcturis.

Jennifer Nelson, Illinois Association of School Boards.

Cheri Remington.

Robert Sudholt.

Sarah Windau, St. Louis County Library.

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