

"We have had a busy year planning for the upcoming conference."

Van Viator, Chair

# Notes & Tracings

Lea Wade moved out of the state at the end of the year and I have taken over her duties. We have had a busy year planning for the upcoming conference and there are several programs our section is sponsoring that will be of interest to the academic community. There will be no Academic Section Business Meeting this year at the conference.

I will be moderating the "How to Break Into the World of Library Publishing" session. We have an impressive panel lined up who will be discussing this topic: Beth Paskoff and Bert Boyce from the LSU Library School, Sigrid Kelsey and Barbara Wittkopf from LSU, and Florence Jumonville from UNO. The program will be March 19 from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. and the last part of the session will be devoted to questions and answers.

The Academic Section will be sponsoring "Information Literacy

## Chair's Corner

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in Louisiana: A Status Report" on March 19, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. in which the LALINC Information Literacy Committee will be discussing their survey presented to academic institutions and technical colleges about their efforts to implement information literacy. Louisiana's efforts will be compared to other states.

Another program sponsored by the section will be "Reference Desk Approachability: Making Your Information Desk a Comforting and Hassle Free Area" on March 19, 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. I will be one of the presenters along with Dinah Williams from ULM and Fran Middleton from NSU. Fran will be providing comic relief in this informative yet funny session. The issue of making the reference desk a friendly and comforting environment will be discussed along with desk positioning and positive body language and ap-

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pearance.

"Digital Libraries: An Overview and Look at Louisiana Initiatives" will be March 20 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Various current library projects in Louisiana will be discussed.

An interesting program entitled "Know your Work Behavior Type and Myers-Brig Type Indicator" will be a must for everyone to attend. Effective working relationships will be explored during this session. To register for the test contact Ed Rock at [erock@tulane.edu](mailto:erock@tulane.edu).

"An Introduction to OpenURL Linking and SFX Linking" will be held March 20, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. This will be an introduction to the OpenURL concept and will identify possible benefits for libraries. The Ex Libris's SFX Linking product will be examined.

Several other programs not sponsored by us but might be of interest to the academic community include: "Working with Difficult People" on Wednesday, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; a session exploring the *Bayou State Periodical Index Online* on March 20, 9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.; and on March 20, 8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. will be "We Just Don't Have the Money! How to Improve Security, Protect Visitors, Staff, and Collections with Reduced Staff and Budgets."

It looks like there will be a wide variety of programs to choose from in this year's conference lineup that will keep the academic community informed and enlightened. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

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## Library News

### LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

**John Dubuisson** and **Paul Hrycaj** are new reference/instruction librarians.

**Angela Akinniyi** left the LSU Libraries to work for the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry. The Institute of Museum and Libraries Services grant project on which she worked, entitled "The Louisiana Purchase: A Heritage Explored" has come to an end. Most of the digital resources generated by the project are currently available via the LSU Digital Library at <http://www.lsu.edu/diglib/>. An exhibition with the same title will open in Hill Memorial Library on April 14.

**John Anderson** presented "Animating and Spatially Analyzing the New Orleans Yellow Fever Epidemic of 1878" with Andrew Curtis at the American Studies Association Annual Meeting in Houston, TX, November 16, 2002. He also gave a presentation entitled "Maps and Geographic Information Systems" at Walker High School for World GIS Day, November 20, 2002.

**William Armstrong** has had a proposal accepted as chair of the Physics, Astronomy, Mathematics (PAM) Professional Development Committee for a continuing education course to be given at the Special Libraries Association (SLA) Annual Meeting in New York in June 2003. He has been elected vice-president/president-elect of the Louisiana/Southern Mississippi Chapter of SLA and nominated to run for vice-president/president-elect of the New Members Round Table (NMRT) of the

American Library Association (ALA). Armstrong moderated the Physics Roundtable for the PAM Division of SLA, in Los Angeles at the annual SLA meeting.

**Kelly Blessinger** has published "Problem Patrons: All Shapes and Sizes." in *The Reference Librarian* 75/76 (2002): 3-10. Blessinger is chair of the GIS Awareness Grant of SLA; secretary of the SLA Louisiana/Southern Mississippi chapter, and chair of the LSU Faculty Senate Committee on Committees.

**Marilyn Christianson** is publicity chair for the Association of College and Research Libraries, Louisiana chapter (ACRL/LA), 2002-2003.

**Aimee Fifarek** presented "iLink Customization" with Marcy Stevens at the South Central Unicorn Users Group (SCUUG) Conference, October 18, 2002, Texas Wesleyan University, Ft. Worth, TX and at the LOUIS Users Conference (LUC), October 28 and 29, 2002 in Natchitoches, Louisiana. She has been selected as the liaison to the LITA Legislation and Regulation Committee. Fifarek has published "Technology and Privacy in the Academic Library." *Online Information Review: The International Journal for Digital Information Research and Use* 26.6 (December 2002); "Celebrating History and Innovation: the Louisiana Purchase Digital Library Project at Louisiana State University" *OCLC Systems and Services* 18.4 (November 2002): 186-194; and "Preserving Access to Digital Collections: Annotated Glossary," distributed at the Technical Issues in Digital Data Interest Group program

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Sunday, June 16, 2002, Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, GA, American Library Association Annual Conference.

**Paul Kelsey** presented "Beyond the Desk: Outreach Services at the LSU Libraries" at the ACRL/LA 2002 Conference with **Tom Diamond**, **Dawn Lowe-Wincentsen**, and **Linda Smith-Griffin**. He has been nominated to run as a candidate for the United States Agricultural Information Network (USAIN) office of Director for the 2003-2005 term.

**Sigrid Kelsey** has been appointed to the Louisiana Library Association (LLA) Academic Section Awards Committee. She has published with David Robins "Analysis of Web-based Information Architecture in a University Library: Navigating for Known Items." *Information Technology and Libraries* 21. 4 (December 2002) : 158.

**Tara Zachary Laver** has been elected vice-president/president-elect of the Louisiana Archives and Manuscript Association.

**Faye Phillips**, associate dean of libraries for special collections, is on sabbatical, January-June, 2003.

**Lamara Williams-Hackett** has published a book review of *Off-Campus Library Services*, edited by Anne Marie Casey in *Portal: Libraries and the Academy* 2. 4 (Oct. 2002): 682-683.

The LSU Libraries are participating in the second annual LSU GEMS (Galleries, Exhibitions, and Museums) open house on Sunday, April 6, from 1 to 4 p.m. Hill Memorial Library will be open so that visitors can view two exhibitions related to Black History month: "Beyond

Face Value" and "The Color of Money: Paintings by John W. Jones." For more information see <http://www.lib.lsu.edu/special/exhibitions.html>.

### MCNEESE STATE UNIVERSITY

**Pati Threatt** and **Janet Woolman** have joined the faculty of the library. Pati assumes duties as assistant archivist on March 1, and Janet serves as reference librarian.

### OUR LADY OF HOLY CROSS COLLEGE

Douglas Brinkley will present and sign the book he co-authored with Stephen Ambrose, *The Mississippi and the Making of a Nation from the Louisiana Purchase to Today* on Sunday, March 9 at 2 p.m. in the library. Books will be available for sale. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

### TULANE UNIVERSITY

**Andy Corrigan**, **Anne Houston**, **Jean-Paul Orgeron**, and **Kate Montgomery**, all of Tulane's Howard-Tilton Memorial Library, were awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The \$242,000 grant will fund outreach initiatives to New Orleans public schools.

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### UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE

**Sherry Broussard**, special projects librarian, has been named as a storyteller to the Louisiana Artist Roster. Broussard began her professional career as a storyteller in 1986. She has performed and conducted story programs for public libraries, schools, churches, festivals, and community organizations throughout the state and also in Texas and Tennessee.

**Sandy Himel**, government information librarian, and Beate Kukainis, head of technical services, received a UL Lafayette Student Technology Enhancement Program (STEP) grant to purchase a new micro-opaque reader and ScreenScan digital scanner from Indus International, a Dell workstation, and an HP laser printer. The equipment allows for printing, saving, downloading and e-mailing of microcard and microprint images. Edith Garland Dupré Library's micro-opaque collections total nearly one million pieces.

**Betsy Miguez** and **Steven Ring**, general reference librarians, were awarded a Student Technology Enhancement Program (STEP) grant to implement digital technology for the library's microfilm and microfiche collections.

The Special Collections Department received a donation of 217 audio and video recordings of Cajun, zydeco, swamp pop, and rhythm & blues music. Most of the items are out-of-print, 45 rpm vinyl records from the Swallow, Maison de Soul, and Jin (Ville Platte, LA) recording labels.

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### Louisiana Library Association Annual Conference

Lamar-Dixon Expo Center, Gonzales - Tuesday, March 18 - Thursday March 19, 2003

#### Featured Speakers

**Kimberly Willis Holt** will be the featured speaker for the LASL Author Luncheon. Her first novel, *My Louisiana Sky*, won the *Boston Globe* – Hornbook Award for Fiction (among other awards). She then published *Mister and Me*, a chapter book for younger readers, followed by National Book Award children's novel winner *When Zachary Beaver Came to Town*. Her latest novel is *Dancing in Cadillac Light*.

**Ronda Rich** will be the featured speaker for the Public and Trustees Sections Luncheon. Now a professional marketing consultant, she blazed trails as one of America's first female sports reporters. She covered NASCAR Winston Cup racing for Gannett newspapers, and served as a Winston Cup Series publicist for five years. From her NASCAR experiences she wrote *My Life in the Pits*. She is also the author of *What Southern Women Know* and a popular speaker.

**Douglas Brinkley** will be the featured speaker for the Book Dinner. He is the director of the Eisenhower Center for American Studies at the University of New Orleans, where he is a distinguished professor and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He is the author and editor of numerous books of U. S. history, including *Wheels for the World: Henry Ford, His Company, and a Century of Progress*, *Unfinished Presidency: Jimmy Carter's Journey Beyond the White House*, a Penguin Lives biography of Rosa Parks. He has also been a contributor to other works, including *The Mississippi and the Making of a Nation: From the Louisiana Purchase to Today*.

#### Registration

(Trade Mart Building)  
Wednesday, March 19  
7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 20  
7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

#### Internet Café

(Trade Mart Building)  
Wednesday, March 19  
7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 20  
7:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

#### Exhibits

(Trade Mart Building)  
Wednesday, March 19  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (Reception)

Thursday, March 20  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

#### Swap 'n Shop

(Trade Mart Building)  
Wednesday, March 19  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 20  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

#### Tuesday, March 18, 2003

##### Inside the Box: PC Repair

Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
River Parishes Community College  
For more information and to register,  
contact Carolyn Coco at  
(225)578-3722 or coco@lsu.edu

##### LLA Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Ascension Parish Library

#### Wednesday, March 19, 2003

##### Best Books for Children

Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

##### LLA Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

##### How to Break Into the World of Library Publishing

Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
Panel discussion with library professionals who have published, or have edited for publications, or are just getting started in the research process, about their success and pitfalls in the publishing process.

##### Those Pesky Public PCs: Software Applications for Managing Printing and Access on Patron Workstations

Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
This program will focus on various software applications available for limiting and/or charging for printing from public access workstations, and for managing the amount of time patrons may use a workstation.

##### Best Books for Young Adults

Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

##### How Much Does "Priceless" Cost? Basic Financial Training for LLA Executive Leaders

Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 noon  
All incoming section, committee, and interest group leaders are expected to attend this meeting in order to gain access to LLA revenues.

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### **YA 101**

Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

This program will cover the basics of building and sustaining a Young Adult department.

### **Information Literacy in Louisiana: A Status Report**

Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

The LALINC Information Literacy Committee surveyed Louisiana academic institutions and technical colleges about their efforts to implement information literacy. The committee will present the results and discuss how Louisiana compares nationally.

### **Working With Difficult People**

Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

This presentation takes a look at 10 different difficult behaviors that people may exhibit as well as why we may all sometimes be a little less than pleasant. It includes information on how to discover hidden agendas and tips on how to diffuse a difficult situation without losing ground-while you will not win every situation, you can walk away without too many “battle scars.”

### **Beyond the Textbook: Primary Documents Bring History to Life**

Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon

This session describes the Teaching American History Grant program.

### **Priceless Programs for Your Library: Prime Time and RELIC**

Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Prime Time Family Reading Time and RELIC, both sponsored by the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, are designed for implementation in Louisiana libraries. Information about these programs funded by the LEH will be available, along with applications.

### **Bring Out Your Dead . . . a Look at the Obituary Index Project**

Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

The speakers will describe how to organize the computerization of an enormous card file indexed from newspapers.

### **LASL Author Lunch**

Wednesday, 12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.

*Speaker:* Kimberly Willis Holt

### **The TEACH Act: Implications for Copyright and Intellectual Property Issues**

Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The TEACH Act will impact copyright and intellectual property issues for both librarians and faculty. How can one effectively respond?

### **Preservation Interest Group Organizational Meeting**

Wednesday, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

For people interested in forming a Preservation Interest Group.

### **Reference Desk Approachability: Making Your Information Desk a Comforting and Hassle Free Area**

Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Presentation in making a reference desk comforting to the patron, reference desk positioning and layout will be discussed as well as the librarian’s appearance and body language inviting patron response.

### **Books and Benchmarks**

Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

The presenter will discuss student achievement scores, “standards”, and “benchmarks”, and share ideas and activities on how to create library lessons that incorporate both academic and information literacy goals.

### **Children’s Performer Showcase**

Wednesday, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

A variety of Louisiana storytelling and other performers will demonstrate samples of their children’s programs.

### **Documenting African American Contributions to the Louisiana Library Association**

Wednesday, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Panel discussion by past African American LLA officers.

### **LASL Executive Board Meeting**

Wednesday, 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

### **LLA 1<sup>st</sup> General Session**

Wednesday, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Includes Awards presentations

### **Awards Reception / Conference Social**

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

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## Thursday, March 20, 2003

### ***GODORT Breakfast with John Phillips***

Thursday, 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

The GODORT breakfast and business meeting features valuable government documents with specifics on the War of the Rebellion set.

### ***Motivation in the Middle: Tips and Best Picks for Middle School Librarians***

Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Ways to motivate middle school students to read and books they will enjoy.

### ***Subject Specialists Business Meeting***

Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

### ***We Just Don't Have the Money! How to Improve Security, Protect Visitors, Staff, and Collections with Reduced Staff and Budgets***

Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

How does the astute administrator balance the need to provide a safe environment with a lack of funds and personnel?

### ***El Club de Conversacion: Starting a Conversation Club in Your Bilingual Community***

Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Presenters will share experiences that will help you develop this innovative library program that promotes an exchange of culture and language in your bilingual community.

### ***Surviving National Board Certification: The High School Perspective***

Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

An overview of the trials and triumphs of seeking National Board Certification – EC/YA Library Media.

### ***Bayou State Periodical Index Online***

Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

The *Bayou State Periodical Index* is a *Reader's Guide*-type index to Louisiana periodical literature that has been published since 1985. See how the online version works and learn how to make the best use of its features, and find out how you can contribute to this unique project.

### ***Digital Libraries: An Overview and a Look at Louisiana Initiatives***

Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

An introduction to digital library components and an overview of current digital library projects in Louisiana.

### ***Is Your Library Safe?***

Thursday, 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

A professional, safe, and cost effective approach to violence prevention, preparation, and response.

### ***Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award***

Thursday, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

The winner of the award for 2003 will be announced. Members of the committee will present lively book talks of the 15 titles on the 2003 ballot.

### ***Youth Services Program – State Correctional Centers for Youth***

Thursday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

An overview of the Youth Service Program: mission and programs.

### ***If You Were Paid on Commission, Would Your Library Survive?***

Thursday, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

This program will discuss customer services and ways of improving service. Tips will also be offered to “merchandise” the look and feel of libraries for improved services.

### ***Training Student Workers: A Roundtable Discussion***

Thursday, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

How should you train student workers? Topics include items such as how to familiarize new student workers with the collection and how to train new students to use i-Link.

### ***Video and Media Interest Group Business Meeting***

Thursday, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

### ***Public and Trustees Section Lunch***

Thursday, 12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.

*Speaker:* Ronda Rich

A business meeting will follow.

### ***Useful Tips for Cataloging Government Documents***

Thursday, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Issues with cataloging state and Federal documents,

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### ***Grants for Improving Literacy Through School Libraries***

Thursday, 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Share information from the Department of Education on preparing applications for the Improving Literacy Through School Libraries program.

### ***Know Your Work Behavior Type and Myers Brigg Type Indicator***

Thursday, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

A workshop to help open the door to more effective working relationships.

For more information and to register, contact:

Ed Rock at (504)862-8000, Ext. 1823 or

[erock@tulane.edu](mailto:erock@tulane.edu)

### ***Managing Your Manager***

Thursday, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

How to recognize signs of poor management techniques that can be affecting your library, public services, staff morale, and retention of good employees.

### ***Computer Security in Your Library: Practical Advice and Solutions***

Thursday, 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

This program has been **CANCELLED**

### ***An Introduction to OpenURL linking and SFX linking***

Thursday, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Program will introduce the OpenURL concept and identify potential benefits for libraries. The presenter will then investigate Ex Libris's SFX linking product and its interoperability with the resources of other vendors.

### ***Marketing Your Collection***

Thursday, 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

A panel of government information librarians will discuss outreach and promotional efforts to raise awareness of respective collections and services.

### ***LASL General Session and Business Meeting***

Thursday, 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

### ***LLA 2<sup>nd</sup> General Session***

Thursday, 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

### ***LLA and SLIS Cocktail Party***

Thursday, 6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

### ***LLA Book Dinner***

Thursday, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

*Speaker:* Douglas Brinkley

