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From the Chair by Sonnet Ireland

It's...conference time! Oooh, conference time...and everybody's having fun!

Yes, it's that time of year again. Conference time. The time when you get to see your colleagues from miles away. The time when you get to learn and grow as a professional. The time when you get to eat baked potatoes.

Yes, let me get that out of the way first. The Academic/ACRL-LA Meet and Greet is now the Academic/ACRL-LA Unbusiness Meeting. And we are having a glorious baked potato bar. That's right--a baked. potato. bar. And it includes soup, salad, and garlic bread. So vampires, beware.

Please purchase a ticket to our lovely meeting (which I will keep brief and interesting, I promise). It will be during this meeting that we elect new officers. I'm looking forward to having some new faces at this meeting! All types of library folk are welcome--no matter what type of library you work in.

Speaking of the 2016 LLA Annual Conference... The Academic Section had a plethora of submissions! Thank you all for that! As a result, we have some exciting sessions planned! First, the preconference: ACRL Framework Decoded: Now What? This preconference will break down the Framework for you. We've kept the price of registration down, so that more librarians can attend. This preconference is open to anyone interested in the topic--you do not have to be an academic librarian to attend any of our ticketed events. In fact, some of the school and public librarians just might find some great ways to use the Framework in their libraries! The presenters are: Patricia Brown (LSUE), Allison Gallaspy (ULL), Hayley Johnson (Nicholls), Jeremiah Paschke-Wood (ULL), Sarah Simms (Nicholls), and yours truly (UNO).

We also have the Commissioner of Higher Education Dr. Joseph Rallo and the ACRL President Ann Campion Riley presenting on Wednesday, March 9th. Both promise to be exciting sessions that sandwich our wonderful baked potatoes...I mean, meeting.

Aside from the sessions I've mentioned above, we are sponsoring or co-sponsoring 26 sessions! Topics range from how to deal with special collections to figuring out how to revolutionize textbooks to information literacy and many, many more. I tried very hard to make sure there was a nice variety--something for everyone. Just see for yourself! http://llaonline.org/documents/LLA_2016_Conference_Brochure_Web.pdf

If you have any questions or want to get more involved in the Academic Section, don't hesitate to email me. After all, we're all in this together.

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Chair

Academic Section news

Election of Officers

Elections for Section Officers will be held at the Academic Section Unbusiness Meeting at the LLA Annual Conference on Wednesday, March 9th, from 12:00-1:20 pm. Officers include Chair, Vice Chair/Chair-Elect, and Secretary.



Louisiana Library Association Annual Conference

Academic Section to sponsor a variety of events and breakout sessions

Tuesday, March 8th

Preconference Events (ticketed events - additional registration fees required)

ACRL Framework Decoded: Now What? (10:00 am - 3:00 pm)

RDA for Non-Catalogers (1:00 pm - 4:00 pm)

Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library Tour (1:30 pm - 3:30 pm)

Literary Bash - Opening Social (7:00 pm - 9:00 pm)

Wednesday, March 9th

President's Program

9:00 am - 9:50 am

A Day in the Life of LOUIS

10:00 am - 10:50 am

Louisiana Public Broadcasting: Engaging Digital Minds

10:00 am - 10:50 am

The Speeches of Paul M. Hebert: Finding a Voice Lost to Time

10:00 am - 10:50 am

National Trends and the Impact on Library Planning, Decision Making and Resource Allocation

11:00 am - 11:50 am

Rediscovering "America in the Depression Years": A Tale of a Teacher's Resource Kit and Its Visual, Historical, and Sociological Applications for Students Today

11:00 am - 11:50 am

What We Saved: The Preservation of Print Journals During This Age of Digitization

11:00 am - 11:50 am

Academic Section Unbusiness Luncheon

Ticketed event \$20

12:00 pm - 1:20 pm

Showin' Your Stuff: Poster Session Success from Concept to Presentation

1:30 pm - 2:20 pm

National ACRL Comes to Louisiana

1:30 pm - 2:20 pm

Praxical: A Reconsideration of Ethics in Librarianship

2:30 pm - 3:20 pm

They Won't Throw Tomatoes: Implementing Change without Alienating Your Patrons

2:30 pm - 3:20 pm

Digital Libraries Research and the Future of the Louisiana Digital Library

2:30 pm - 3:20 pm

Training Daze: Integrating Information Literacy into Student Worker Training

2:30 pm - 3:20 pm

Memorabilia from the DCC/Charity School of Nursing

2:30 pm - 3:20 pm

Thursday, March 10th

GODORT Breakfast & Business Meeting

Ticketed event \$15

7:30 am - 8:50 am

If You Build It, Will They Come? Introducing EBSCO's Curriculum Builder to Faculty

8:00 am - 8:50 am

Road Conditions: Increasing Experiential Learning in Information Literacy

8:00 am - 8:50 am

Breaking Bad Organizational Customer Service Habits

9:00 am - 10:50 am

The Fault of Our STAR Committee

9:00 am - 9:50 am

Isn't That Special? What Happened When Two Librarians Were Thrust into the Unfamiliar World of Special Collections

9:00 am - 9:50 am

Getting Off the Ground: Designing a Coordinated Approach to Reducing Textbook Expenses in Higher Education

9:00 am - 9:50 am

Marketing Your Library Through Google

10:00 am - 10:50 am

Embracing the Framework: Tales of Implementation

10:00 am - 10:50 am

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Library news

Louisiana State University submitted by *Lois Kuyper-Rushing*

Cara Key joins the Resource Description & Metadata Services Department on February 29, 2016. She most recently served as a Library Research Analyst for General Dynamics IT, Joint Staff J-7, Future Joint Force Development in Suffolk, Virginia. Prior to that, Cara was an assistant librarian at South University in Virginia Beach, Virginia. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (2004) and a Master of Science in Library and Information Studies from Florida State University (2009).

LSU Libraries received national recognition at the annual Book & Media Awards Ceremony at the 2016 midwinter meeting of the American Library Association (ALA). "Free People of Color in Louisiana: Revealing an Unknown Past," a collaborative digital project led by LSU Libraries, was one of only four resources nationwide to make the annual list of Best Historical Materials, announced by the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA) during the Book and Media Awards Ceremony at the ALA's Midwinter meeting in Boston.

On December 10, 2015, LSU Libraries hosted a reception honoring its receipt of the Regional Federal Depository Library of the Year Award. This award, presented formally in October at the 2015 Depository Library Council and Federal Depository Library Program Conference held in Arlington, Virginia, was shared with the other Federal Regional Library in Louisiana - Louisiana Tech University in Ruston. Notable guests and speakers included **Stanley Wilder**, Dean; **Lois Kuyper-Rushing**, Associate Dean of Public Services; Jane Cassidy, Senior Vice Provost, LSU; and Stacy Schlieve, Community Liaison & Deputy Communications Director from the Office of Congressman Garret Graves, the US Representative for District 6 in Louisiana. **Stephanie Braunstein**, Head of Government Documents & Microforms, thanked everyone, past and present, who had worked to make the department worthy of the award. Attending the event was **Smittie Bolner**, who had been Head of Government Documents for many years and had helped shepherd the department into the digital era when bibliographic records from the Government Publishing Office (then known as the Government Printing Office) were first made available electronically through a third party entity, MARCIVE. Current staff members **Doris Hutson** and **Paulette Rogers**, who had worked with Smittie on the MARVCIVE Pilot Project, were also in attendance at the event.

Louisiana State University Health Shreveport submitted by *David Duggar*

Julie Esparza, who has served as the Library's Clinical Medical Librarian for the last seven years, is the new Head of User Education and Outreach. In this position, she will coordinate all of the Library's classes and outreach activities. Julie currently chairs LSU Health Shreveport's Continuing Medical Education Committee. She has served on the Institutional Review Board since 2011 and is also on the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Committee. She recently completed a three-year term on the Medical Library Association's Board of Directors. Julie was recently elected President of the Health Sciences Library Association of Louisiana (HSLAL). She succeeds Deidra Woodson, Metadata & Digitization Librarian, whose term as President just ended. HSLAL includes librarians from academic health science centers and hospitals throughout the state.

At the recent meeting of the South Central Chapter (SCC) of the Medical Library Association, several presentations were made by LSU Health Shreveport librarians.

- Lightning Talk: "When the River Rises" -- **Montie' Dobbins**, **David Duggar** and Paula Craig
- Lightning Talk: "Intruder Alert! Sharing Safety Resources" -- **David Duggar**, **Montie' Dobbins**, Paula Craig
- Contributed Paper: "Research Information Resources Used to Answer Clinical Questions from Morning Report Follow-Up" -- **Julia Esparza**, **David Duggar**, Taylor Gaston, Deepti Gangireddy, Megan Hughes, Gunjan

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Louisiana State University Health Shreveport submitted by David Duggar

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- Contributed Paper: "Health Literacy with Comics: Using a Comic Book Format to Help Families Prevent Childhood Obesity" -- **Talicia Tarver, Deidra Woodson, Will Olmstadt, Charlie Tudor, Nick Fechter, John A. Vanchiere**

- Contributed Paper: "Are We Meeting the Information Needs of Internal Medicine Residents and Faculty? The Follow Up Study" -- **David Duggar, Julia Esparza**. This paper was awarded third place for best research paper at the conference.

In addition, **Deidra Woodson** facilitated a roundtable discussion, "Cataloging Medical E-Books: Efficiency Versus Quality." **David Duggar** served as co-facilitator of a roundtable on "Crossing the Bridge: How We Liaison to Connect & Collaborate with Our Clients." **Montie Dobbins** served as Fundraising Committee Chair and coordinated the Committee's activities at the meeting. In addition, as part of her responsibilities as Medical Library Association Chapter Council Representative, Ms. Dobbins attended meetings of the SCC Executive Board.

The South Central Chapter includes health sciences librarians from Texas, New Mexico, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana. This year's conference was held in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Will Olmstadt, Associate Director, has co-authored an article in the January 2016 *Journal of the Medical Library Association*. The article describes a recent collaboration between the St. Louis Public Library, Washington University's Becker Medical Library, and Siteman Cancer Center. Funded partially by the National Cancer Institute, the project was designed to expand access to health and cancer information for users of the St. Louis Public Library, and to improve training for St. Louis Public Library employees who answer health-related questions from the public. From 2012-2013, Will was the health sciences librarian involved with the project. Will also was interviewed for the January 2016 issue of *CONNECT!ONS*, the Consortium for Media Literacy newsletter for teachers, parents, administrators and policy makers. The issue theme was "A Day in the Life of a Media Literacy Educator." Will was asked to give specific examples of how library faculty teaching supports the development of skills to identify, analyze and evaluate published works, and provide a foundation for the lifelong learning in future health care professionals.

Former Chancellor Robert Barish recently donated 184 books to the Library's History of Medicine Collection. The books are from the "Classics of Medicine Library" series, which are leather-bound facsimiles of original classic works of medicine. The Library will install additional shelving in the History of Medicine Room to house this collection.



Exhibits

The Art from the Heart exhibit is an annual event to display the hidden artistic talents of the faculty, staff, and students of LSU Health Shreveport and University Health. This event, co-sponsored by the Health Sciences Library and Medical Communications, will be held in the Library between March 15 and May 31, 2016. All forms of the visual and decorative arts including painting, sculpture, printmaking, photography, pottery, jewelry, computer-generated art, and fabric art are eligible.

Library news

University of Louisiana at Lafayette submitted by Jean Kiesel

Emily Deal, Head of Distance Learning and Online Services, has published "Teaching Information Literacy and Library Skills to Online Nursing Students: A Selected Annotated Bibliography," in *Codex: Journal of the Louisiana Chapter of the ACRL*, vol. 3, no. 4 (2016). Link here: <http://journal.acrlla.org/index.php/codex/issue/view/13>.

Andrea Flockton, Head of Collection Development, and **Heather Plaisance**, Interim Head of Reference and Research Services, were awarded a Student Technology Enhancement Program grant by UL Lafayette in December. The grant, "Edith Garland Dupré Library: Replacement for Digital Access to Microfilm Reader", will be used to purchase a ScanPro 3000 digital scanner and printer for microforms.

Jeremiah Paschke-Wood, Head of Instructional Services, was awarded an International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) 2016 National Committee Fellowship grant to attend the 2016 IFLA World Library and Information Congress in Columbus, Ohio in August.

The **Ernest J. Gaines Center** at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette is excited host a one month interdisciplinary NEH Summer Institute on the work of Ernest J. Gaines, titled "Ernest J. Gaines and the Southern Experience". Dr. Ernest J. Gaines is a prominent Southern author whose work focuses on themes such as place, race, equality, and gender in rural Louisiana. These tropes appear in the works of other Southern authors such Lyle Saxon, Alice Walker, Arna Bontemps, William Faulkner, and Charles Chesnutt. This program will take place on the campus of University of Louisiana at Lafayette from May 30 to June 24, 2016, and is open to collegiate faculty and graduate students across the country. Participants in this grant will receive a \$3,300 stipend for the month. The deadline to apply is March 1, 2016. For more information please visit the site: ernestgaines.ucs.louisiana.edu/summerscholar/ Or www.neh.gov/divisions/education/summer-programs.

On Tuesday, January 19, 2016, acclaimed author and recipient of the 2015 Ernest J. Gaines Award for Literary Excellence, T. Geronimo Johnson spoke at the Ernest J. Gaines Center in the Edith Garland Dupré Library. This event was the first time that an award recipient has spoken at the Gaines Center, and was very well attended.

Attica Locke, author and writer for the hit show *Empire*, will speak at the Ernest J. Gaines Center on April 5, 2016. Mrs. Locke, who is the 2013 recipient of the Ernest J. Gaines Award for Literary Excellence and author of *The Cutting Season*, will talk about her upcoming projects and read from some of her more popular works.

University of New Orleans submitted by Norma Mukherjee

Marie Morgan, Principal Cataloger and Chair of the Library's Resources Department, retired on January 15, 2016. She will continue to provide her expertise and guidance in cataloging and database maintenance on a gratis appointment.

Sonnet Ireland was accepted into Design for Learning, a three-year program that teaches participants how to design instruction and teach online.

Earl K. Long Library is finally completing the 4th floor of the library after the initial addition of the 3rd and 4th floors in 1983. Along with Library Administration, the 4th floor will include climate controlled space for Louisiana and Special Collections including the Louisiana Supreme Court collection, a larger reading room for Louisiana and Special Collections and several electronic classrooms, group study rooms, and graduate student study space.

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*See you in
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Thursday, March 10th

LLA Business Meeting
11:00 am - 11:50 am

Creating a Culture of Leadership in Your Library
1:30 pm - 3:20 pm

Collection Accessibility During Renovations
1:30 pm - 2:20 pm

Beyond Excel: Using Microsoft Access for Fun and Productivity
1:30 pm - 2:20 pm

Libraries and the First-Year Experience
1:30 pm - 2:20 pm

MakerSpace Dreams
1:30 pm - 2:20 pm

Gov-Stuff 4 U: Promoting Government Information via Social Media
2:30 pm - 3:20 pm

Louisiana Moonlighting Librarians
2:30 pm - 3:20 pm

All-Conference Activity
3:30 pm - 3:45 pm