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Sangria and Tapas, Anyone? by Kathryn Ray

"First Lady of the Press" Helen Thomas is to be the Banquet Speaker on May 23. She's been cited as one of the 25 Most Influential Women in America. For over 50 years, Helen Thomas served as White House correspondent for United Press International. She covered every President since John F. Kennedy, breaking through barriers and blazing a trail for future women reporters. Ms. Thomas has some great stories to tell us. Wait until you hear what Fidel Castro said about her!

Ms. Thomas's career in journalism began as a copy girl at the old Washington Daily News. In 1943, she joined United Press International where she wrote radio news. In November 1960, Ms. Thomas began covering John F. Kennedy. She followed him to the White House in January 1961 as a member of the UPI team. During this first White House assignment, Ms. Thomas began closing presidential press conferences with her signature, "Thank you, Mr. President." In 1972, Ms. Thomas was the only female print journalist to accompany Nixon to China. She has the distinction of having traveled around the world several times with Presidents Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, Bush, and Clinton, during the course of which she covered every Economic Summit.

Ms. Thomas was the first female president of the White House Correspondents Association, the first female officer of the National Press Club and the first woman member, later president, of the Gridiron Club.

Ms. Thomas has written three books, including her latest, *Thanks for the Memories Mr. President: Wit and Wisdom from the Front Row at the White House*.

Sangria and Tapas, anyone?

DCLA President-Elect Elaine Cline arranged for Ms. Thomas to speak to us at La Tasca restaurant, located directly across from the 7th & H Street exit of the Gallery Place metro on the Red Line. On the menu will be assorted tapas (savory dishes of vegetables, seafood, chicken, rice and more.) The sangria and desserts are fabulous, too. Reserve for the banquet today.

Banquets, Past and Present

What do Eleanor Roosevelt, Helen Keller, Alex Haley, David McCullough, Bob Woodward and Tom Friedman have in common? Each of these eminent Americans has been a featured speaker at a D.C. Library Association banquet.

2006 marks the sixtieth anniversary of First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt's address to our association. Mrs. Roosevelt's speech, "What Libraries Mean to the Nation," emphasized the need for libraries in rural and under-served

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DCLA
Annual Spring Banquet and Awards Presentation

Tuesday
May 23

6:00 p.m. cash bar
7:00 – 8:30 p.m. dinner

Helen Thomas
Guest Speaker

Commonly referred to as "The First Lady of the Press," former White House Bureau Chief Helen Thomas is a trailblazer, breaking through barriers for women reporters while covering every President since John F. Kennedy. For 57 years, Helen also served as White House correspondent for United Press International. She recently left this post and joined Hearst Newspapers as a syndicated columnist. Helen Thomas has written three books, including her latest, Thanks for the Memories Mr. President: Wit and Wisdom from the Front Row at the White House.

La Tasca
722 7th Street, N.W.
(between G and H Streets)

Metro Red Line - Gallery Place stop

Parking available nearby

Visit <www.dcla.org> to pay via PayPal
or
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Enclosed is my check for $_____ Member @ $45 ____ Student Member @ $35 ____ Non-member or Guest @ $55 ____

Name _____

Phone number _____ ____ Vegetarian meal requested

E-mail _____ ____ Sign language interpreter requested

Guest Name _____

Tour

House of the Temple Library

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Washington DC's
first public library collection

May 6

10 a.m. – noon

1733 16th St., N.W.

R.S.V.P. to
Joan Sansbury, Librarian/Curator

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When Albert Pike moved from Arkansas to the capital area after the Civil War, he brought with him as much of his personal library books as he had managed to save from the war. He willed his entire collection to the Masonic Supreme Council, 33°, with the proviso that the collection be made available to the general public at no charge. Thus, in 1891, the House of the Temple Library located at Third and D Streets, NW, became D.C.'s first "public library." This unique library is housed in the headquarters building of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction and is one of Washington's architectural jewels. A landmark building begun in 1911 and finished in 1916, it was designed by John Russell Pope in his first major public commission.

DCLA and Iota Chapter, Beta Phi Mu
at the
Maryland Library Association
Annual Conference

Thursday, May 4
4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Clarion Hotel
On the beach
at
Ocean City, MD

Libraries Are Fundamental

Bette Ann Hubbard
Director, External Affairs and Strategic Planning,
DC Public Library

Donald Collins
NOAA Oceanographer and Embedded Librarian

Elaine Cline
Chief Librarian, U.S. State Department Library

DCLA members register at the MLA member rate
More information at 410-947-5090 (MLA office)
or <www.mdlib.org>

Friday, May 26
9:30 – 11:30
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Memorial Library, Room 443
901 G St., N.W.

Metro Center stop-11th St. exit
Garage parking available

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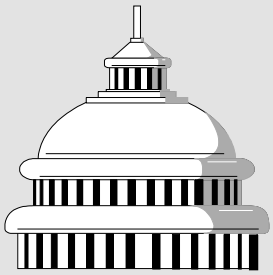
Sponsored by the
DCLA Library Technology Interest Group

Upcoming program: Word/Excel Tips
Friday, June 16
Watch Intercom and the DCLA listserv for details.



32nd Annual National
Library Legislative Day

Tuesday, May 2

On Capitol Hill

Sponsored by ALA, DCLA, & SLA

To volunteer, contact Bill Turner
at DC Public Library
202-727-4968 or bill.turner@dc.gov

Happy Hour!

Thursday, May 4

6:00 p.m.

Fado Irish Pub

808 7th St.
(near Gallery Place – Chinatown Metro)

Sponsored by DCLA
New Librarians Interest Group
Ming Wong
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May 2 (Tuesday)

National Library Legislative Day. Capitol Hill. Contact: Barbara Folensbee-Moore 202-739-5131, bfolensbee-moore@morganlewis.com or Bill Turner 202-727-4968, bill.turner@dc.gov.

Freedom of Information Around the World. Sponsored by DC/SLA, Law Librarians' Society of Washington, DC, and others. 6:00-7:00 p.m. with reception. Venable LLP, 575 7th St., N.W. Contact: Linda Davis, ldavis01@law.georgetown.edu.

May 3 (Wednesday)

Information Rights: An Informal Discussion of Information Rights Around the World. Society for International Development/Development Information Workgroup Meeting. Noon – 2:00. Development Information Center Conference Room. 1001 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. Suite 300 South. Bring photo ID. No reservations required. Contact: Kenlee Ray 202-483-2423 KenleeR@aol.com.

May 4 (Thursday)

Libraries Are Fundamental: DCLA/Beta Phi Mu Program at the Maryland Library Association Annual Conference. 4:00-5:15 p.m. Clarion Hotel, Ocean City, MD. Contact: Andrea Gruhl 301-596-5460, andreagruhl@aol.com.

Happy Hour with DCLA New Librarians Interest Group. 6:00 p.m. Fado Irish Pub, 808 7th St (near Gallery Place/Chinatown Metro). Contact: Ming Wong, 202-452-8331.

May 6 (Saturday)

The River of Imagination: Fiction and Nonfiction Storytelling. 17th Annual Celebration of Children's Literature. 8:15 a.m.-4:15 p.m. Germantown Campus, Montgomery College. Contact: 301-279-5188.

DCLA Tour of the House of Temple Library. 10 a.m.- noon. 1733 16th St. N.W. Contact: Joan Sansbury, 202-232-3579, jsansbury@srmason-sj.org.

May 8 (Monday) - May 11 (Thursday)

Book Blitz I: Making MARC Records That Work. Sponsored by the Federal Library and Information Center Committee Education Working Group. 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Mumford Room, Madison Bldg., 6th floor, 1st and Independence Ave., S.E. Contact: 202-707-4800.

May 8 (Monday) - May 13 (Saturday)

28th Institute on Federal Library Resources. School of Library and Information Science, Catholic University of America. Contact: Amy Taylor 202-319-5085, slis-institutes@cua.edu.

May 9 (Tuesday)

DCLA Board Meeting. 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Gelman Library, George Washington University, 2130 H St., N.W. Room 202. Contact: Katherine Ray, 202-244-0770, ray@american.edu, KCRDLB@gmail.com.

May 17 (Wednesday)

Podcasting Potential for Special Libraries. Noon-1:30
Always Fresh! Fast Content for Your Web Site and Users. 2:00 –3:30.
Both sponsored by DC/SLA and held at National Geographic Society, 1146 16th St., N.W. Contact: Barbara Ferry bferry@ngs.org, 202-857-7051.

May 17 (Wednesday) - May 18 (Thursday)

Mexican Chamber of Publishers Book Expo/Meeting. Sponsored by the State Department of Foreign Relations through the Mexican Embassy in the United States. 9:00-noon and 3:00-6:00. Mexican Institute, 2829 16th St., N.W. Contact: Elissa Miller, 703-228-5985, emille@arlingtonva.us.

May 22 (Monday)

Research Orientation to the Library of Congress. Sponsored by the Library of Congress Humanities and Social Sciences Division. 10:30-noon. Jefferson Bldg, Room G-07, Library of Congress, 101 Independence Ave., S.E. Contact: Abby Yochelson, 202-707-2138. Additional dates: June 5, 12, 19, 26.

May 23 (Tuesday)

DCLA Annual Spring Banquet. 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. La Tasca, 722 7th Street, N.W. Contact: Elaine Cline, 202-647-3002 (afternoons), clinece@state.gov.

May 24 (Wednesday)

Taxonomy KM: Where to Go Once the KM Program Is Already in Place. Sponsored by DC/SLA. 2-3:30 p.m. Lexis Nexis, 1150 18th St., N.W. Contact: Jennifer Boteler, Jennifer.Boteler@fhwa.dot.gov.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS (cont.)

May 25 (Thursday) — **Soaring to Excellence 2006 – Teleconference Series for Library Technicians: Serving Immigrant Populations.** Sponsored by the Federal Library and Information Center Committee Education Working Group and the College of DuPage. 9:30-noon. Mary Pickford Theater, 3rd floor, Madison Bldg., Library of Congress, 101 Independence Ave., S.E. Contact: 202-707-4800.

May 26 (Friday) — **Blogs: What Can They Do? Do You Want One? How Do You Get One?** Sponsored by the DCLA Library Technology Interest Group. 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library, 901 G St., N.W., Room 443. Contact: Tracy Myers, 202-727-2079, dclibrarian@gmail.com.

June 5 (Monday) - June 6 (Tuesday) — **Book Blitz II: Tackling Complex Cataloging Rules.** Sponsored by the Federal Library and Information Center Committee Education Working Group. 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Dining Room A, Madison Bldg., 6th floor, 1st and Independence Ave., S.E. Contact: 202-707-4800.

June 7 (Wednesday) — **SID/DIW June Planning Meeting**. Society for International Development/Development Information Workgroup Meeting. Noon – 2:00. Development Information Center Conference Room. 1001 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. Suite 300 South. Bring photo ID. No reservations required. Contact: Kenlee Ray 202-483-2423 KenleeR@aol.com.

June 7 (Wednesday) - June 9 (Friday) — **Beyond Borders & Bindings: Society for Scholarly Publishing 28th Annual Meeting.** Marriott Crystal Gateway Hotel, Arlington.

June 11 (Sunday) - June 14 (Wednesday) — **Special Libraries Association Annual Conference.** Baltimore, MD

June 13 (Tuesday) — **DCLA Board Meeting.** 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Gelman Library, George Washington University, 2130 H St., N.W. Room 202. Contact: Katherine Ray, 202-244-0770, ray@american.edu, KCRDLB@gmail.com.

June 14 (Wednesday) - June 16 (Friday) — **6th Annual Symposium on Intellectual Property.** Sponsored by the Center for Intellectual Property, University of Maryland University College. UMUC Inn and Conference Center, Adelphi, MD. Contact: <www.umuc.edu/cip/symposium>.

June 16 (Friday) — **Word/Excel Tips.** Sponsored by the DCLA Library Technology Interest Group. 9:30 – noon. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library, 901 G St., N.W. Contact: Tracy Myers, 202-727-2079, dclibrarian@gmail.com.

Internet Link of the Month

Clusty <http://clusty.com>

Clusty is a meta-search engine that searches Looksmart, Lycos, MSN, Open Directory, Teoma (now merged with Ask.com), Gigablast, and Wisenut. Clusty then "clusters" these results into related groups. For example, if you type in a topic like "New Orleans," it displays the top 224 results of the 17,893,225 sites from the different search engines. On the left hand side, you can see how Clusty has divided all the sites into groups, such as "Louisiana," "hurricane," "hotels," "music," and "pictures." Beside each cluster is the number of sites in the group. There are also tabs at the top that allow you to search by images, news, blogs, Wikipedia, or even jobs. These different tabs search other sources. For example, news will search such sources as Yahoo News!, AP, CNN, and Reuters. Clusty may never replace Google, but it has found things—for me, at least—that Google missed. It may be worth a look. Happy searching! –Tracy Myers, dclibrarian@gmail.com.

Librarian in Russia by Barbara Conaty

Barbara Conaty is a former secretary of DCLA and long-time employee of the Library of Congress, where she coordinated the Library of Congress Professional Association's Embracing the Memory project, a tribute to 9/11 that can be found at <http://911digitalarchive.org/embracing_the_memory/conaty.html>. She is now an information resource officer with the U.S. State Department's Bureau of International Information Programs and is stationed in Russia. Earlier this year, I invited Barbara to send us a Janet Flanner-type report of her experience there. Barbara's bibliography, "Into the Looking Glass: Americans Travel in Contemporary Russia," is posted at the DCLA Web site at <www.dcla.org> – the editor.

In July 2004, I was assigned to Moscow as my home post. The U.S. Department of State maintains Information Resource Centers in more than 170 embassies and consulates worldwide. Information resource officers (IROs)—there are about 28 of them—are librarians who travel in their regions to assist these centers to carry out their annual plans and work with local audiences and readers. Historically, IROs trace their lineage back to the United States Information Agency, formed shortly after World War II and headed for a time by the highly-regarded broadcast journalist Edward R. Morrow. Though I live in Moscow and work in the embassy's Public Affairs Section, I travel widely throughout Russia, Moldova, Ukraine, and Belarus. I want to share with my DCLA friends and colleagues some of the highs and lows of this peripatetic lifestyle. Here, in no particular order of importance, are the experiences that gave me the thrills of excitement or the chills of dismay.

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Vladivostok, Russia's portal to the East, will remind you a bit of San Francisco. It was built on a picturesque bay (like Istanbul's Golden Horn) with steep hills where early settlers in the mid-1800's brought an urban look to the landscape. Indeed, one of the city's surviving architectural gems was built of bricks hauled the long way 'round to assure a handsome façade for the offices of a mercantile prince. The Russia Far Eastern Fleet is stationed there so the young sailors in their blue and white striped singlets add a maritime flair to the youngsters flocking to the bistros and nightspots. Despite its location, Vladivostok enjoys mild winters and attracts Americans. Some come for the extreme sports now available on nearby islands and some to the UNESCO-protected wilderness reserves while still others come on the occasional cruise ships that dock at the city's handsome marine terminal, which is also the easternmost post of the transcontinental railway.

Yekaterinburg, an industrial giant nestled in the foothills of the Ural Mountains and the birthplace of Boris Yeltsin, was once called Sverdlovsk. It is a city on the rise as the many building cranes dot the landscape. The growth is fuelled by huge mineral and energy reserves now making their way to foreign markets. Infamous as the city where Nicholas II and his family and retainers were murdered, it now hosts pilgrims coming to venerate the forested place where their remains were hidden. This spot is now built up with wooden churches and a monastery, as the royal family were named to the sainthood by the Russian Orthodox Church The area is a wonderland of semi-precious stones and substances like malachite carved and polished into stunning decorative objects. Several museums and galleries show the most distinguished pieces by famous local artisans and craftsmen. A sterling example of this city's avant garde character is the restaurant "Sunday." (This is where I first saw a modern dance company cross the line into male frontal nudity in a performance by a Hungarian choreographer.) As you enter the turnstile you get a "credit card" and as you go to various ethnic cuisine stations, your charges are toted up. Then, leaving by turnstile, you pay what you accumulated. If you "lose" your card, you pay a fine of 1000 rubles—about $30. Said to have an American owner, this is a popular venue in Yekat.

St. Petersburg, Peter the Great's Window to the West, continues to

be a cosmopolitan city. In contrast to Moscow, whose monumental proportions diminish the individual, St. Pete's proportions are on a human scale. In short, St. Pete's center is walkable. Except for the suburban palaces at Peterhof, Pavlovsk, and Pushkinskoe, three jewels in the crown, most museums and other notable spots are in the heart of the city. The legendary Hermitage is here; its vast collections are now viewable on the small screen at http://www.hermitagemuseum.org/html_En/index.html

Strolling along the Neva River during the white nights of June makes an impression that no place in the USA can replicate. Fine dining, though costly, is widely available. American and local fast food is also easily enjoyed. The fabulous Marinskiy Theater and Symphony Orchestra, which have toured widely, are beautifully housed while at home in a tsarist-era theater of unusual fin-d'siecle gorgeousness. St. Pete is the home of one of Russia's two national libraries. It houses enormous holdings of treasures and some are now featured in special venues such as the Voltaire reading room dedicated to the correspondence between the French philosopher and Catherine the Great.

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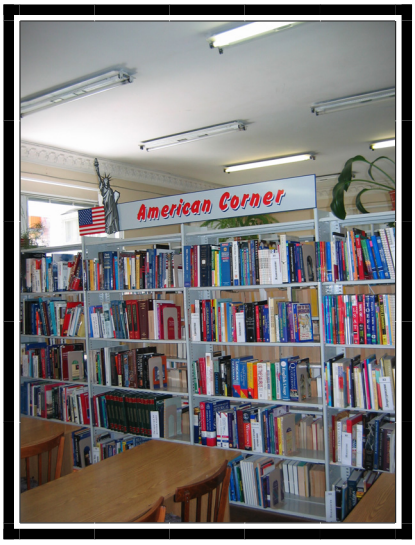
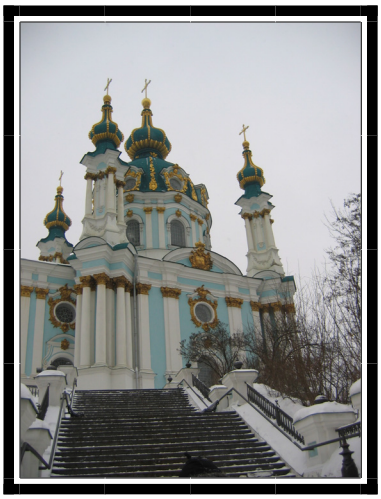
Just an overnight trip away on the railroad is Moscow. It is home to 15 million people so the pressure on public institutions like the Metro is enormous. As in every major Russian city, traffic control simply can't keep up with the number of vehicles. Paralyzing traffic jams result in oddities like SUVs on sidewalks jostling with pedestrians. Lines at museums can be daunting while lines at sushi restaurants will make you wish you had packed a lunch.



The Kremlin and its "power vertical" exert a profound influence, almost palpable in its centrifugal force. Indeed, all traffic stops twice a day as President Putin's entourage races down the main road leading from his dacha to his office. Lesser personages make do with a flashing blue light (rumored to be available to anyone with $10,000 for the paperwork"), which gives them free access to the center lane normally reserved for cops and parliamentarians.

Moscow brutally destroyed vast tracts of its mercantile-era building, whose now-cherished remnants cheer up the cityscape along streets like Ostozhenka. The huge oppressive apartment blocs sit like vast toads in every quadrant of this city of the plain. In contrast, the urban flatness enjoys sinuous curves formed by the Moscow River. Indeed, a river tour is one of the best ways to spend $15 and an hour in this city. Moscow, once known as the city of seven times seven hundred churches, now relies mostly on the Cathedral of Christ the Redeemer to trumpet the religious note. The original church was destroyed by Stalin and the site was planned to be the Communist Party's headquarters. The land is said to have rejected every building project until finally a public swimming pool gave the vast hole a social purpose. The new Cathedral, easily the size of a football stadium, is topped by golden domes probably visible from the moon.



To visit Russia, it is still necessary to start with a letter of invitation. Commercial travel firms help you with all the paperwork and with registering with the local militia. It is said that some 3000 Americans live in Russia, though amazingly few come as tourists. Many commentators are on record linking the Russian psyche with a passion for suffering, so perhaps the tourist's agony is a small effort to give us insight into the national character. Sticking to a tourist itinerary you will find that English is rare in Russia only if you diverge from the well-trodden path.

Want to get some insight into what Americans traveling in Russia since the collapse of the Soviet Union have experienced? Write to me for a copy of a book list featuring travelers' accounts. My assignment in Russia ends in June but I would be happy to share my knowledge with you at:

barbaraconaty@fastmail.fm.

LIBRARIANS AND LIBRARIES

Send submissions via e-mail to psard@comcast.net
or use DCLA's new online reporting form at <www.dcla.org>.

John D. Byrum, Jr., retired chief of the Library of Congress' regional and cooperative cataloging division, is the recipient of the 2006 Melvil Dewey Medal, which ALA awards for distinguished service to the profession of librarianship. **Winston Tabb** of Johns Hopkins University served as the chair of the Melvil Dewey Jury, on which **Shirley Loo** also served.

Diane Kresh is the new director of libraries for Arlington County, as of April 3. In a 31-year career at the Library of Congress, she served as director of the Veterans History Project, director of public service collections, and director of preservation. For her work on the Veterans History Project, she received a "Top 50 Innovations in American Government" award from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, the Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation, and the Council for Excellence in Government. She was featured in a cover story in *Library Journal* in 2001, "The Changing Shape of e-Reference," and is the editor of a forthcoming book entitled *The Whole Digital Library Handbook*. She earned a B.A. cum laude in speech and drama in 1976 and an MSLS in 1980, both from Catholic University.

Shirley Loo, Library of Congress, was on ABC World News Tonight on February 7. She was one of 49,000 women in the Women's Health Initiative study on the impact of a low-fat diet on the incidence of cancer, heart disease, and stroke. Though the study did not find a significant correlation, Shirley said that she will continue with a low-fat diet. She agreed to be part of an extension of the study for another five years.

Anne C. Osterman recently joined the American University faculty as a reference and instruction librarian. Anne comes to AU from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, where she was the reference and data services librarian. She completed her MSLS at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Anne helps coordinate the AU Library's instant messaging reference service and serves as the GIS liaison and subject advisor for biology.

Anne-Imelda Radice has succeeded **Robert Martin** as director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, effective March 13. She is an administrator, art historian, and museum professional. The IMLS directorship alternates between individuals from the museum and library communities.

Michael T. Wallace, chair of DCLA's Management Interest Group, has been appointed to the Financial Advisory Task Force of ALA's Young Adult Library Services Association. The task force is charged with overseeing the implementation of Friends of YALSA, including the development of a recognition program for individuals, organizations, and vendors who donate funds. It also makes suggestions for other viable revenue generating ventures to the YALSA Board.

Chris Matthews, librarian of Bread for the World, shares this message about **The Lubuto Library Project**:

Here's your chance to help provide books to African children! The Lubuto Library Project has been established to provide library collections and buildings that are safe havens for orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) in Africa. The goal is to give the burgeoning numbers of street children the opportunity for non-formal education, improving literacy, language skills, general knowledge, and participation in society, along with practical information to protect them from HIV infection and other health risks.

On June 1, a group of U.S. student volunteers will start constructing the first library, contingent on funding for construction materials and local support. The Project has been offered a MATCHING GRANT, which means that anything you contribute to this project will be doubled! We need to raise $40,000 by June 1. This is your golden opportunity to be part of something big—building the first Lubuto Library! Background on the project is at <www.Lubuto.org>. Please send your tax-deductible donation to:

Lubuto Library Project, Inc.
5505 Connecticut Ave., N.W. #368
Washington, DC 20015-2601

Intercom Needs A New Editor

After four years, Intercom's editor, Susan Randolph, is ready to pass the baton. This fall, Susan sends her son off to George Washington University and will return to full-time employment. Congratulations, and many, many thanks to Susan. If you would like to join the Intercom/Communications team, please send an e-mail to Kathryn Ray, ray@american.edu – Kathryn Ray.

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areas. ALA printed and distributed 15,000 copies. Read more about DCLA's history in John Y. Cole's *Capital Libraries and Librarians: A Brief History of the District of Columbia Library Association, 1894-1994.*

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