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Greetings from the President

Librarianship: Be All You Want to Be!

We are in the middle of an intense and challenging year at a national and international level. I hope that our organization will prove to be your oasis of camaraderie and professional development through our members, your colleagues and friends, and through our diverse and well-thought programs. Let me know your ideas about things that might interest you or if you would like to host us for a library tour.

DCLA has implemented free first-year membership for library school students as our way to mentor and welcome into the profession our future. Do you know a library school student who is not a DCLA member yet? How about giving them my contact information so I can follow up with each student about this opportunity to join DCLA? Many thanks!

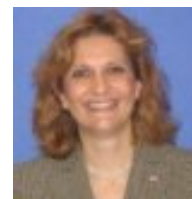
Our organization strives to give back to you, our members, through opportunities to follow your calling into our marvelous profession, librarianship. This is why I chose the theme of my presidency as:

Librarianship: Be All You Want to Be!

I am looking forward to a spectacular journey with you this year full of professional and personal accomplishments.

Truly,
M-J Oboeroceanu

**Librarianship:
Be All You Want to Be!**



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Are You Running For Office?

The U.S. Presidential Election may be over, but there are plenty of librarians who are just now starting their campaign bids. Are you one of them?

Let us help your prospects by announcing your intentions in the next issue of *Capital Librarian*. Send your information to **Nancy Lucchese** at [n_lucchese\(at\)verizon.net](mailto:n_lucchese@verizon.net)

Jennifer Manning tells us that the Library of Congress's own **Roberta Stevens** is running for ALA President.

Maybe you want to launch your leadership career as a DCLA officer? Contact Nominating Committee Chair and Past President, **Elaine Cline** at [ClineCE\(at\)state.gov](mailto:ClineCE@state.gov) to volunteer.

Fall Members Reception at Chef Geoff's

By Angela Fisher Jaffee, VP/President Elect



VP Angela Fisher Jaffee
Photo by Eric White

DCLA held its annual Fall Members Reception on Tuesday, October 7 at Chef Geoff's downtown. The event was very successful and a good time was had by all who attended! We celebrated all of our new members, current members and some former members who rejoined.

We also welcomed many former DCLA past presidents including, Barbara Folensbee-Moore, Shirley Loo, Kathryn Ray, and current DC/SLA President Diane Schnurpusch.

It was great to see everyone enjoying the very good food at Chef Geoff's and networking with fellow DCLA'ers. Several members of the current DCLA leadership were in attendance including President M-J Oboroceanu, Vice President Angela Fisher Jaffee, Treasurer Carol Bursik, Membership Secretary Eric White, and Jane Sessa, ALA Chapter Councilor, and Adaptive Services Interest Group Chair Patrick Timony.

Some of our New and Returning Members

- Gretchen Asmuth
- Ginnie Cooper
- Ada Cornell
- Lori Eakin
- Renee Goods
- Sean Hogan
- David Miller
- Lyle Minter
- Carolyn Smith
- Roberta Stevens
- Jewel Ward
- Michelle Williams

*Did
you
know?*



Do you know a library school student who is not a DCLA member? Contact M.J. for information on how to activate a free one year membership.

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News of Note ...

*Holiday Party
December 8
Hosted by the
New Librarians Interest Group
Special Guest Speaker
ALA President Jim Rettig
@
D.C. Public Library
Watch for details on the listserv dcla-l*

**Myers- Briggs for Librarians!
Coming March 2009**

Myers Briggs is a tool designed to implement the theories of C. G. Jung, a Swiss psychiatrist, who developed one of the most comprehensive theories explaining human personality. It is an instrument popularized by Katherine Briggs and Isabel Briggs Myers to make C.G. Jung's theory of personality types practical and useful in people lives. Currently it is the most widely utilized personality preference instrument in the world. It reflects an individual's preferences and does not profess to measure abilities, likelihood of success, intelligence, skills, maturity, or mental health. It is an extremely useful and practical tool for achieving an understanding of oneself and the differences of others.



**Save the Date!
April 2, 2009
Joint Spring Workshop**

DCLA began co-sponsoring the workshops in 1968 with the Washington Chapter of the Special Libraries Association; other groups participated later. Attendance at the 1982 workshop under the chairmanship of DCLA's Signe Larson recorded 400 attendees. Eyes rolled and a few laughs were heard when Signe told the audience that someday, we would all have computers on our desks.

*Check out DCLA's website
WWW.DCLA.ORG
For fascinating and fun facts about
our 114-year-old
association*



Capital Librarians

News About Libraries and Librarians

Edited by Nancy Lucchese

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Kirsten Allen, past Secretary of the DCLA Executive Board, relocated to Edinburgh, Scotland in July 2008 to pursue her LLM (Master of Law) degree at the University of Edinburgh. She was formerly Reference and Instruction Librarian at American University Library.

Mario A. Ascencio was recently named Library Director at the Corcoran College of Art and Design. He began his new position on Nov. 17. The Corcoran, an accredited college of art and design, is an innovative leader in visual arts education and one of only three museum-college partnerships in the nation. Mario has held previous positions at D.C. Public Library and George Mason University.



Longtime DCLA member **Carolyn Clugston Michaels** passed away on Saturday, November 1, 2008. Carolyn was originally from Chicago, but moved to Maryland where she graduated from Bethesda Chevy Chase High School in 1935. Carolyn graduated from Catholic University with a Master's in Library Science in 1956, and went on to a long and successful career as a school librarian, with positions at the Maret School, Holton-Arms School, and St. Albans School. She served as Curriculum Laboratory Librarian at the professional library for the public schools in Montgomery County, Maryland. Carolyn's interest in children's literature and libraries also took her to the National Geographic Magazine, where she worked as a researcher in the Special Publications Division. She was a Staff Librarian at the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, where she collaborated in the development of a catalogue for the Genealogical Library with her colleague, **Kathryn S. Scott**. Carolyn wrote two books: [School Libraries Worth Their Keep](#) (Scarecrow Press, 1972) and [Library Literacy Means Lifelong Learning](#) (Scarecrow Press, 1985). With her husband Bill, she wrote [Children's Book Collecting](#) (Shoestring Press, 1993). Following their retirement in the early 1980s, Carolyn and Bill made their home in Charleston, South Carolina, where she continued her engagement with libraries as a part-time Reference Librarian at the Charleston County Public Library. She will be remembered for her significant contributions to D.C. Libraries and DCLA.



Sean Hogan is the new Access Services Librarian at Catholic University. Welcome to Washington, Sean. He will be helping with *Capital Librarian*. Thanks!

Barbara Robinson, a long time DCLA member, is now living in the South of England, in a small town called Lewes not far from London. Barbara reports that she remains busy with her management consulting firm, but still had time to come home to campaign and vote. She is particularly elated about the election results and the positive reaction from Europeans. She can be reached by e-mail: barbara(at)broeo.co.uk.



Director **Yvonne Carignan** of the Historical Society of Washington D.C. (HSW) Kiplinger Research Library announces the receipt of the 2008 Washington Conservation Guild's Angels Project. The Project will improve storage for the HSW textile collection which consists largely of historic costumes which include, for example, a dress purchased by Marian Hooper Adams from the noted Parisian designer Worth in 1879. Adams wore the dress to a January 1882 dinner attended by the new Cabinet and President Arthur.

Angels Projects are pro-bono work days for which Washington Conservation Guild members volunteer their conservation expertise at a particular historic site. They are generally conducted all in one day, although the preparation and follow-up require additional time. Angels Projects pair conservators with collections that need care. A group of conservators typically preservation. The Foundation for the American Institute for Conservation granted nearly \$1,000 for supplies for proper storage of the HSW textile collection. The history of Angels Projects dates back to the late 1980s when members of WCG's parent group, the American Institute for Conservation, began incorporating Angels Projects at sites near their annual meetings. During the following years, Angels have rehoused collections for storage upgrades, preserved daguerreotypes



*Marian Hooper Adams
Memorial in
Rock Creek Cemetery*

and tintypes, backed paintings, rolled large textiles, and prepared collections for moving. Joanna Dunn, Angels Project Coordinator, has worked with Kiplinger Research Library Director Yvonne Carignan to develop projects.

William F. Tuceling, Reference Librarian at the US Government Accountability Office Technical Library, reports that for the sixth straight year, the Knowledge Services (KS) team at the Government Accountability Office (GAO) hosted a day-long InfoFair in the main hall of the headquarters building in Washington, DC. All five of KS's offices – Information Assets (Records), Information Services (Library), Publicity and Graphics (PAGs), Shared Services Centers (SSCs), and Web Content – mounted multi-table displays, provided product demonstrations, and handed out literature describing their services. Two other related GAO units – the Learning Center and the Office of Security – presented displays as well. In addition, seven outside vendors – Congressional Quarterly, Dialog, Leadership Directories, Lexis-Nexis, OCLC/FirstSearch, ProQuest, and Thompson Reuters – which provide agency-wide access to information resources were on hand to share knowledge of their services' contents and operations with the more than 500 GAO analysts and attorneys who visited InfoFair'08. Bill Tuceling is a past member of the DCLA Executive Board and recipient of the DCLA Distinguished Service Award. He currently chairs the **Ruth Fine** Student Financial Assistance Committee. Learn more about **Ruth Fine** on page 8 of this newsletter.

Bernadine Abbott Hoduski gave a speech called "New Deal Babies" about the New Deal in Montana and North Dakota at the Montana History Society annual conference in October and is working on book with that title. If there are any New Deal Babies out there, she would like to hear from them. Contact her by writing to Bernadine Abbott Hoduski, Helena, Montana 59601 or by email: bet(at)initco.net. Bernadine is starting her term as a member of the ALA Committee on Legislation and will be attending the COL retreat in DC December 8 and 9. If any DCLA members have legislative concerns please let her know. In 1994, Bernadine received the DCLA Ainsworth Rand Spofford Award.



Anne Osterman, DCLA's webmaster and listserv manager, is now **Anne Elguindi**. Anne and her husband Nader pronounce their surname El-GIN-di with the emphasis on "gin", as in begin. That's not all that is new with Anne. She is now the Acting Acquisitions Librarian at American University and will soon be completing her masters degree in statistics at AU. Congratulations Anne!

John Danneker, 2008 **Ruth Fine** student financial aid recipient, is pursuing his MLS from The Catholic University, with an anticipated completion of spring/summer 2009. He plans to continue to work in administrative/leadership positions in academic libraries after completing his MLS. John's interests in academic libraries include effective management, public services and space use. His eventual goals are to lead a university's main research library or utilize his degrees in musicology as a director of a music library.



With a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Reed College, **Roshin Mathew**, 2008 **Ruth Fine** student financial aid recipient, plans to obtain her MLS from the University of Maryland at College Park in May 2009. As Roshin pursued her MLS she has had the opportunity to teach older adults to use computers to find information at the New Carrollton Public Library, and she hopes to continue to be a librarian who teaches in order to help build people and communities up.

Tony Ross was recently named Adult Services Librarian at the **Petworth** branch of D.C. Public Library. He can be reached at anthony.ross@dc.gov. Petworth Neighborhood Library at 4200 Kansas Avenue, NW was the sixth Neighborhood Library to open in the District, and the third to be funded strictly through public appropriations. The library opened on January 27, 1939 to rave reviews. The two-and-a-half story Georgian Revival-style library building was designed by the DC Municipal Architect, **Nathan C. Wyeth**, and in cooperation with the DC Library's Board of Trustees and the library staff. Sited on public property donated by the DC School Board, the library stands adjacent to MacFarland Junior High School and Theodore Roosevelt High School, along Iowa Avenue between Webster and Upshur streets, NW.

Andres Ciriello, recently completed his library degree at the University of Maryland. While at American University, Andres received the 2007 **Ruth Fine Memorial** Student Financial Aid award. He now works at the University of Maryland.

Christine Hall is in the Leadership Alexandria Class of 2009. Leadership Alexandria's mission is to provide community leaders with a deeper understanding of the critical issues affecting the City of Alexandria in an environment that furthers their leadership skills and encourages graduates to take their knowledge and their experience into the community for the betterment of the City as a whole. Christine, a 2004 **Ruth Fine Memorial** Student Financial Aid recipient, is director of the Alexandria Law Library.



***Ruth Fine** was the Director of the Bureau of the Budget Library. She served as President of DCLA from 1963-64. For her entire career, Ruth was a role model and mentor to many young librarians. In the year 2000, when she passed away at age 92, she left a significant bequest to DCLA for the expressed purpose of assisting promising library students with the cost of their education. Thank you, Ruth!*

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Please check up to three DCLA Interest Groups and Committees that especially interest you:

- Advocacy** **Intellectual Freedom** **Library Legislative Day**
 Reference **Children/Young Adults/School Libraries** **Library Instruction**
 Genealogy/Local History/Preservation **Audio Visual/Multimedia** **Technical Services**
 Library Technology **Support Staff** **Government Information**
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To help us better understand our membership, please respond to the following questions:

In what type of library do you work? (Please check one.)

- Academic School Public Federal Military Law Other Special

Are you Student Retired Part-Time Librarian Job Seeker

1. Are you retired? Yes No

2. Are you a student? Yes No

4. What type of library work do you do? (Please check up to three.)


- Acquisitions Archives Cataloging Children/YA Services Circulation
 Collection Development Community Outreach Database Management Genealogy Government Information
 Instruction Media Services Digital Libraries Preservation Public Services
 Reference Serials Systems/Technology Technical Services Management

5. What prompted you to join or renew your membership this year? Please check all that apply.

- Cost Newsletter (*Intercom*) Advocacy
 Networking List serv (DCLA-L) Scholarship
 Programs offered (please list a few) Web site Other (please specify)



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and
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And all
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