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**Run for Office and Help Shape DCLA's Future** by Noel Rutherford

By the time you receive this newsletter, the American Library Association's 2005 elections will be just around the corner. This year, ALA will once again allow members to vote online with a number of enhancements to ease the process (paper and electronic). Voters will be able to view council candidates biographies online and there will be a longer period to request paper ballots – call (800-545-2433) or email your ballot request ([membership@ala.org](mailto:membership@ala.org)) by March 9. The convenience of the online voting option proved highly successful with a huge 28% increase in voter turnout last year. ALA hopes to experience further gains when the polls open March 15, 2005.

DCLA members have often held leadership positions within ALA and I would like to remind our members to let DCLA know when they are running for elected office. This year, Jane Sessa, a former DCLA director is running for a seat on the ALA Council. We wish to congratulate Jane and support her in her election bid.

In a few months, DCLA will also hold its annual elections. Mary Augusta Thomas, our nominations chair, is eager to hear from individuals interested in running for office. If you want an opportunity to make changes, further your career, develop leadership skills, and represent your colleagues, DCLA has the job for you.

Why should you run for office? Your decision should be based on your own personal reasons and may be influenced by a number of factors. Before

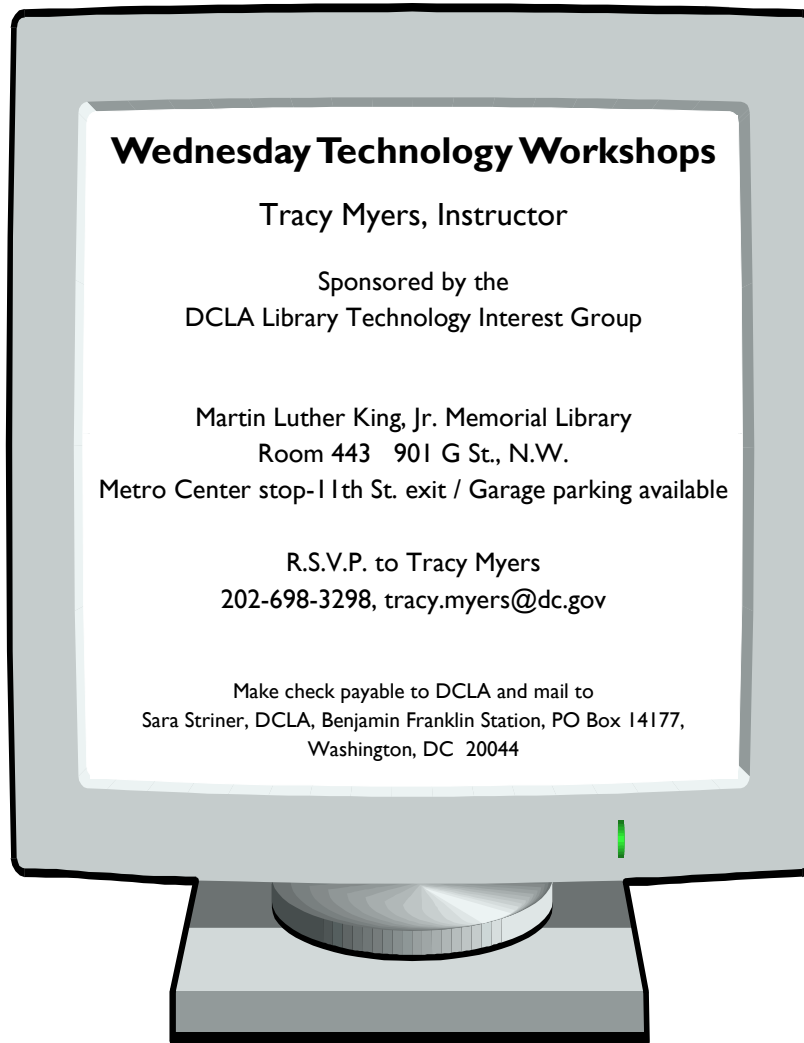
taking that step, make some notes about why you are running. Are there some things you think DCLA should be doing differently or are there some key issues you think need more attention? What can you offer in terms of experience, commitment, enthusiasm or a new perspective? What position do you want to run for? What are the responsibilities of that position? To help answer the last of these questions, DCLA has on its Web site at [www.dcla.org](http://www.dcla.org) a complete job description for each elected office holder.

One of the chief rewards for running for office and serving is the opportunity for personal growth. You will find strengths in yourself that would've been hard to discover in any other way – a knack for explaining complex subjects, for example, or the ability to talk easily with different kinds of people. In addition, you will learn about the larger library community. You will interact with members from different types of libraries and library organizations. As a result, you will know your library community in a way few others do – and you'll have friends and acquaintances everywhere.

As we look toward the future, I'd like to encourage you to get involved with DCLA. The surest way to do this is to run for office. Contact Mary Augusta Thomas ([thomasm@si.edu](mailto:thomasm@si.edu)) if you wish to take on a leadership role with DCLA. In addition, go to DCLA events, check our Web site for committees and interest groups that sound interesting to you and/or that could use your expertise. DCLA is a member organization – the best way

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2004-2005**

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## MICROSOFT ACCESS DATABASE SOFTWARE

Learn how to create a database and manipulate the data

Wednesday, March 2

6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

DCLA Members: \$15

Nonmembers \$35



Wednesday, April 6  
6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

MS Word and Its Many Uses



For handouts from technology workshops,  
visit Tracy's Web site and click on "DCLA  
Library Technology Interest Group."

# DCLA's Children, Young Adult, and School Libraries Interest Group Programs, Past and Future

by April King, Interest Group Chair

The Children, Young Adult, and School Libraries Interest Group of DCLA sponsored a Reading Africa Program held on Dec. 3, 2004 at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library. The program jump-started the DC Public Library's Reading Africa program for elementary and middle school students, which starts in February, 2005.

Keynote speaker Brenda Randolph is a noted children's literature specialist. She is the founder of the Children's Africana Book Awards and the online database Africa Access. Recently, she started an on-line book club, Africana Book Buddies, for elementary through high school readers. She is also the assistant editor of *Sankofa, A Journal of African Children's and Young Adult Literature*. Her talk "Expanding Perspectives

on Africa Through Children's Literature" riveted audience members with her thought provoking comments. Veronica Jenke, curator of education at the National Museum of African Art, spoke about the importance of linking literature and art in school and public programs. Both speakers

organized the event in light of their trip with the Center for the Book, Library of Congress Tour to promote literacy and reading in South Africa. Eric White, the chair of the DCLA Audio-Visual and Multimedia Interest Group, and Liane Rosenblatt, the co-chair of DCLA's Membership Committee,

showed a video of the tour's visits to schools and libraries. Aaron Casey, tour guide for the trip, commented on the innovative reading promotions designed by South African librarians.

African dishes, fruit, sweets, and drinks were served to an appreciative

brought many handouts for the 50 attendees.

DC Public Library librarians Peggy Flynn, Angelisa Hawes, and Liane Rosenblatt

audience. April King, chair of the Children, Young Adult, and School Libraries Interest Group, oversaw the program arrangements.

**Upcoming Programs  
of the  
Children, Young Adult, and School Libraries Interest Group**

<p>Tuesday, February 8 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library</p>	<p>Martin Luther King-Reading Africa Kick-Off Celebration featuring Lorato Trok, the coordinator of an award-winning family literacy project in the Western Cape, and the KanKouran West African Dance Company. Contact Liane Rosenblatt at l_rosen_98@yahoo.com or 202-282-0215 for additional information.</p>
<p>Sunday, February 27</p>	<p>The "Coretta Scott King Award Panel" will discuss numerous titles by African-American authors and the Coretta Scott King award winner. Contact April King on 202-724-8707 or april.king@dc.gov for additional information.</p>

## February 2005

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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS

**February 2  
(Wednesday)**

**Google: More Than Meets the Eye.** A workshop sponsored by the DCLA Library Technology Interest Group. 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, 901 G St., N.W., Room 443. Contact: Tracy Myers, 202-698-3298, tracy.myers@dc.gov.

**Egov – An Update for Librarians and Information Specialists.** Brown bag lunch sponsored by the Federal Library and Information Center Committee Content Management Working Group. 11:30-3:00. Dining Room A, Madison Building, Library of Congress, 101 Independence Ave., S.E. Contact: <[www.loc.gov/flicc/ma/2005/ma0512.pdf](http://www.loc.gov/flicc/ma/2005/ma0512.pdf)>.

**February 4  
(Friday)**

**Screening of *Desk Set* starring Katherine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy.** Cosponsored by DCLA, DCSLA, FLICC, and LOC Professional Association. 6:30-8:30. Mumford Room, 6th floor, Madison Building, Library of Congress, 101 Independence Ave., S.E. Contact Kathryn Ray, ray@american.edu; 202-244-0770.

**Through February 8  
(Tuesday)**

**NVCC Presents 50 Books/50 Covers: Exhibition of the Best Book Covers of 2003.** Northern Virginia Community College Alexandria Campus, Tyler Teaching Gallery, 3001 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Contact: Gleeson, 703-845-6163, ngleeson@nvcc.edu.

**February 8  
(Tuesday)**

**DCLA Board Meeting.** 6:00-8:00 p.m. Gelman Library, George Washington University, Room 202. Contact: Noel Rutherford (202) 282-0213 or nrutherford@yahoo.com. **Note change of venue!**

**Martin Luther King – Reading Africa Kick-Off Celebration.** Sponsored by the DCLA Children, Young Adult, and School Libraries Interest Group. 1:00 p.m. Martin Luther King Jr., Memorial Library, 901 G St., N.W. Contact: Liane Rosenblatt, 202-282-0215, l\_rosen\_98@yahoo.com.

**February 8 (Tuesday) -  
February 22 (Tuesday)**

**Best Practices in Information Literacy in Undergraduate Education.** Online information seminar offered by the Association of College and Research Libraries and the TLT Group. Live Webcasts on Tuesdays, 3:00-4:00 p.m. Contact: <[www.acrl.org/e-learning](http://www.acrl.org/e-learning)>.

**February 9  
(Wednesday)**

**Licensing Digital Resources.** Brown bag luncheon cosponsored by DCSLA. Noon-2:00 p.m. AeA David Packard Conference Center, 601 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., North Bldg. Ste 600. Contact: Barbie Keiser, barbieelene@att.net.

**February 10  
(Thursday)**

**Iota Chapter, Beta Phi Mu Initiation and Membership Meeting.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. National Public Radio, 635 Massachusetts Ave., N.W. Contact: Temple Wright, 202-745-4414, ttwright@fas.harvard.edu.

**SLA Virtual Seminar: Competitive Intelligence, Part 1: Competitive Intelligence Building Blocks: Research.** 1:45-3:30 p.m. Location to be determined. Contact: Charlotte White, 202-523-5762, cwhite@fmc.gov.

**February 14  
(Monday)**

**Scrolling Forward: Making Sense of Documents in the Digital Age.** A Managing Knowledge and Creativity in a Digital Context Lecture by David M. Levy. Sponsored by The John W. Kluge Center, Library of Congress. 6:30 p.m. Mumford Room, 6th floor, Madison Building, Library of Congress, 101 Independence Ave., S.E. Contact: Robert Saladini, 202-707-2692, rsal@loc.gov.

**February 15  
(Tuesday)**

**Taxonomy Tuesday.** Community of Practice open lunch discussion. Noon-2:00 p.m. Location to be determined. Contact: Denise Bedford, 202-458-1928, dbedford@worldbank.org.

**February 17 (Thursday) -  
February 18 (Friday)**

**2005 Web-Wise Conference on Libraries and Museums in the Digital World.** Hyatt Regency Hotel on Capitol Hill. Contact: [www.uic.edu/depts/lib/webwise](http://www.uic.edu/depts/lib/webwise).

**February 18  
(Friday)**

**Census Bureau Library Open House.** 10:00-11:00 a.m. Contact: Tina Plottel, 301-763-2511, library@census.gov.

**February 22  
(Tuesday)**

**Web Resources for Reference II.** 1:30-4:30 p.m. OCLC/CAPCON, 1990 M St., N.W. Contact: Shawna Culter, 202-331-5771, ext. 214, culters@oclc.org.

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS (cont.)**

- February 23 (Wednesday)**      **News and Current Events on the Internet.** 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. OCLC/CAPCON, 1990 M St., N.W. Contact: Shawna Culter, 202-331-5771, ext. 214, culters@oclc.org.
- February 24 (Thursday)**      **SLA Virtual Seminar: Competitive Intelligence, Part 2: Competitive Intelligence Building Blocks: Analysis.** 1:45-3:30 p.m. Location to be determined. Contact: Charlotte White, 202-523-5762, cwhite@fmc.gov.
- February 27 (Sunday)**      **Coretta Scott King Award Panel.** Sponsored by the DCLA Children, Young Adult, and School Libraries Interest Group. Contact: April King, 202-724-8707, april.king@dc.gov.
- March 2 (Wednesday)**      **Microsoft Access Database Software.** A workshop sponsored by the DCLA Library Technology Interest Group. 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, 901 G St., N.W., Room 443. Contact: Tracy Myers, 202-698-3298, tracy.myers@dc.gov.
- March 3 (Thursday)**      **Code and Other Laws of Cyberspace.** A Managing Knowledge and Creativity in a Digital Context Lecture by Lawrence Lessig. Sponsored by The John W. Kluge Center, Library of Congress. 6:30 p.m. Mumford Room, 6th floor, Madison Building, Library of Congress, 101 Independence Ave., S.E. Contact: Robert Saladini, 202-707-2692, rsal@loc.gov.
- March 7 (Monday) - March 18 (Friday)**      **Records, E-Records, and E-Government.** University of Maryland College of Information Studies Online Worksho on Virtual Reference and Legal Issues. Contact: Betsy Alexander, elizalex@umd.edu.
- March 8 (Tuesday)**      **DCLA Board Meeting.** 6:00-8:00 p.m. Gelman Library, George Washington University, Room 202. Contact: Noel Rutherford (202) 282-0213 or nrutherf@yahoo.com. **Note change of venue!**
- March 8 (Tuesday) - March 9 (Wednesday)**      **2005 Legal Research Institutes I and II.** Sponsored by the Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D.C. 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Georgetown University Law Center, Edward Bennett Williams Library, 111 G St., N.W. Contact: Jane Walsh, 202-662-9199.
- March 9 (Wednesday)**      **Reference 24/7: Serving the Troops.** Sponsored by the DCLA Reference Interest Group. 4:30-6:30 p.m. Charles Sumner School, 17th and M Sts., N.W. Contact Kirsten Allen, allen@american.edu, 202-885-3849.
- March 10 (Thursday) - March 24 (Thursday)**      **Effective Collaboration for Campus-wide Information Literacy.** Online information seminar offered by the Association of College and Research Libraries and the TLT Group. Live Webcasts on Thursdays, 3:00-4:00 p.m. Contact: <www.acrl.org/e-learning>.
- March 11 (Friday)**      **Dealing with Difficult People.** Soaring to Excellence 2005 Teleconference for Library Technicians. Sponsored by Federal Library and Information Center Committee Education Working Group. 9:00 a.m.–noon. Mary Pickford Theater, Madison Bldg., 3rd floor, Library of Congress, 101 Independence Ave., S.E. Contact: FLICC, 202-707-4800, <www.loc.gov/flicc/ma/2005/ma0506.pdf.
- March 14 (Monday)**      **Implications for the Creation and Distribution of Knowledge in Today's Digital Environment.** A Managing Knowledge and Creativity in a Digital Context Lecture by Edward L. Ayers. Sponsored by The John W. Kluge Center, Library of Congress. 6:30 p.m. Mumford Room, 6th floor, Madison Building, Library of Congress, 101 Independence Ave., S.E. Contact: Robert Saladini, 202-707-2692, rsal@loc.gov.
- March 16 (Wednesday) - March 18 (Friday)**      **Computers in Libraries 2005.** Conference sponsored by Information Today, Inc. Washington Hilton Hotel. Contact: 609-654-6266, custserv@infotoday.com.
- March 28 (Monday)**      **From the Library of Information to the Library of Things.** A Managing Knowledge and Creativity in a Digital Context Lecture by Neil Gershenfeld. Sponsored by The John W. Kluge Center, Library of Congress. 6:30 p.m. Mumford Room, 6th floor, Madison Building, Library of Congress, 101 Independence Ave., S.E. Contact: Robert Saladini, 202-707-2692, rsal@loc.gov.
- March 31 (Thursday)**      **The Entrepreneurial Librarian.** Presentation by Edwin S. Clay, Director, Fairfax County Public Library. Sponsored by the Virginia Library Association, Region V. 9:00 a.m.-noon. Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville, VA. Contact: Bill Fleming, wfleming@gmu.edu.

## Now at a Computer Near You – Google Print by Kirsten Allen

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In the six years since its inception, Google Inc. founders Sergey Brin and Larry Page have worked tirelessly to become the number one search engine for Internet users around the world. As Google engineers continue to harness technology to remain ahead of the competition, new and improved search features are emerging from Google's labs. The latest announcement by Google looks to please the literary lover in all of us.

In October of last year, Google announced a new search interface available from their Web site called *Google Print* ([print.google.com](http://print.google.com)). This new search option allows Google, in cooperation with book publishers, to digitize and make available either portions of a text or the entire book online. The amount of text made available will depend on the agreements between the publishers, authors, and Google. For those interested in purchasing the item they have searched, there will be a "Buy the Book" link to online booksellers.

Initially extended to book publishers only, Google changed their criteria this past December when they contacted five of the world's largest libraries about digitizing items in their collections that are within the public domain. This specific aspect of the Google Print project will focus on digitizing collections from the 5 major universities: Stanford, University of Michigan, Harvard, University of Oxford, and the New York Public Library (NYPL). By commencing with the books already falling in the public domain, the issue of copyright, for now, will be sidestepped. When the digitizing of books outside the public domain commences, searchers will search the full text of a book but only be provided with three brief excerpts from the books listed in their search results.

The University of Michigan, the university providing access to the largest number of items, will allow Google to digitize all of their collection, an extraordinary 7.8 millions volumes. The project has been going forward for several months and looks to take six years to complete.

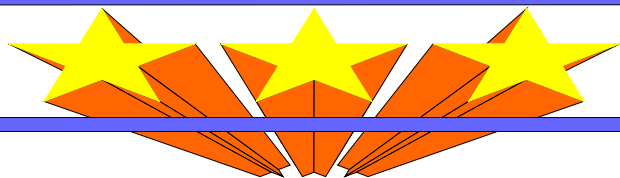
Harvard, Stanford, and the NYPL, on the other hand, have initially agreed to a pilot with Google. Harvard will allow 40,000 randomly selected volumes to be scanned, and Stanford will allow scanning of over 100,000 items that fall within the public domain, with a decision to be made in the future about other items in their collection. The NYPL has agreed to allow Google to scan somewhere between 10,000 and 100,000 public domain items to be selected by the librarians. Oxford University will allow Google to scan all of its volumes from the 19<sup>th</sup> century, some 1.5 million items.

As information continues to explode on the Internet, Google has forged ahead with a worthwhile initiative that will make millions of valuable books available for full text searching on the Internet. The added benefit is that Google is spending the money to take the project forward, at a cost of ten dollars per book, meaning no cost for the libraries so far involved in the project.

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**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
LIBRARY ASSOCIATION  
RUTH FINE MEMORIAL  
STUDENT LOANS**

For the fourth year, DCLA will award two \$5,000 Ruth Fine Memorial student loans to library school students. Previously, loans have been awarded based on commitment to pursuing a professional career in the library/information science field, academic background, previous work experience, and financial need. Preference will be given to a District of Columbia resident or someone employed in the District of Columbia. The loan may be forgiven after evidence of superior academic achievement in library school.

Interested applicants should go to the DCLA Web site ([www.dcla.org/dcla-loan.htm](http://www.dcla.org/dcla-loan.htm)) for more information and application forms. The deadline for applications is **Friday, April 15, 2005**.

Questions may be addressed to Jean Craigwell, DCLA Student Assistance Committee, at **202-458-6172** ([jcraigwell@oas.org](mailto:jcraigwell@oas.org)).

**LIBRARIANS AND LIBRARIES** (*submissions welcome to [psard@comcast.net](mailto:psard@comcast.net)*)

**Alice L. Hagemeyer** has been appointed chair of the National Association of the Deaf's Ad Hoc Committee on National Deaf History Month. The committee is charged with developing a resolution for Presidential proclamation that Deaf History Month be observed annually from March 13 to April 15. At the time of her retirement in 1991 from the DC Public Library after 34 years of service, Hagemeyer had served as librarian for the deaf community for 15 years. In 1986, she founded the Friends of Libraries for Deaf Action, whose mission is to promote library access and quality resources for the deaf community.

**Thomas R. Harrington** of Gallaudet University Library is also serving on the committee. Hagemeyer invites others who wish to be involved to e-mail their names and e-mail addresses to [FOLDA86@aol.com](mailto:FOLDA86@aol.com).

**Mykie Howard**, formerly the serials acquisitions librarian at George Washington University's Gelman Library, assumed the position of serials acquisitions

librarian at the U.S. National Agricultural Library on January 10. She reports that "after being a member and active in the Special Libraries Association for five years, I am very excited to be working in a special library, doing the serials work that I love. My responsibilities are similar to my last position (leading the library in all aspects of serials acquisitions: fiscal control and serials management), except that I will work with about 19 thousand serials, instead of 8 thousand! I will also serve as a contracting officer and will do collection development." She can be reached on 301-504-5210 or [mhoward@nal.usda.gov](mailto:mhoward@nal.usda.gov).

**Elena Tscherny** of the DC Public Library, **Elissa Miller** of the Arlington (Va.) Public Library, and **Maria Elisa Martines** of the Prince George's County (Md.) Memorial Library have been honored by the ParaEsoLaPalambra collective for their contributions to the promotion of Latino literature.





**C**atastrophe battered the world in 2004 — four big hurricanes in Florida alone, as well as a Japanese earthquake, an Asian typhoon, and, finally, the tsunami that devastated South Asia on December 26. Here are several ways you can help affected libraries:

### Sri Lankan Libraries

The National Library and Documentation Services Board (NLDSB) of Sri Lanka seeks assistance to reconstruct and repair damaged libraries and restore damaged books and other library material. The damage is huge and donations in the form of library material or financial assistance is welcome. Monetary donations can be sent to the NLDSB account no. 00251620073963 at the Peoples Bank, Park Street Branch, Colombo, Sri Lanka. For more information, go to <[www.natlib.lk](http://www.natlib.lk)> or <[www.lankapage.com](http://www.lankapage.com)> or contact Upali Amarasiri, Director General, National Library and Documentation Services Board, 14 Independence Avenue, Colombo 7, Sri Lanka. E-mail: [dg@mail.natlib.lk](mailto:dg@mail.natlib.lk) Telephone: +94 11 2687581

### Florida Libraries

The Florida Library Association (FLA) has established a Hurricane Relief Fund to assist libraries and library staff that suffered devastating storm damage from Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan, and Jean that struck Florida in 2004. Eligible libraries and individuals apply for funds by completing an application form. A group of FLA representatives, under the direction of FLA president Derrie Perez, evaluates the applications and selects the recipients. Contributions should be sent to the Florida Library Association, 1133 W. Morse Blvd., Suite 201, Winter Park, FL 32789 and earmarked for the FLA Hurricane Relief Fund. All funds in the relief fund will be expended by March 31. A description of the fund and the selection process is available at <[www.flalib.org/hurricane.html](http://www.flalib.org/hurricane.html)>. Questions should be directed to Gloria Colvin, [gpcolvin@yahoo.com](mailto:gpcolvin@yahoo.com), 850-645-1680.

### **Other News of Note ...**

Gary Pattillo, in his “Fast Facts” column in the December 2004 *C&RLNews*, reports that “the nationwide **median salary** for full-time employed 2003 graduates in the library profession is \$36,335. The lowest median starting salaries are in Canada and the South-eastern United States. The highest median starting salaries are in the Western United States.”

Librarians preparing for Martin Luther King Day and Black History Month will want to check out the Web site “**Black Studies**” at <<http://origin.admin.cuny.cuny.edu/library/blacks.html>>. There are resources in 51 subject categories, including the Harlem Renaissance, the Montgomery Bus Boycott, and the Tuskegee Airmen.

According to the IBM Center for The Business of Government, the

impact of **competitive sourcing** on federal employees is more benign than many believe. “Only a small percentage of federal employees are involuntarily separated as a result of competitive sourcing” (*PA Times*, November 2004, p. 7) according to the report *Competitive Sourcing: What Happens to Federal Employees?*, which can be obtained free of charge by calling 202-515-4504 or by downloading from <[www.businessofgovernment.org/pdfs/GanslerLucyReport.pdf](http://www.businessofgovernment.org/pdfs/GanslerLucyReport.pdf)>.

The 2004 edition of *United States Government Policy and Supporting Positions*, commonly known as the **Plum Book**, is now available from the U.S. Government Printing Office. The Plum Book provides comprehensive information on thousands of Federal civil service leadership and support positions and is prepared after each Presidential election. The digital version is available at <[www.gpoaccess.gov/plumbook/2004/index.html](http://www.gpoaccess.gov/plumbook/2004/index.html)>. Copies may be purchased for \$32 at <<http://bookstore.gpo.gov/plumbook04.html>>. The Plum Book will be distributed to Federal depository libraries under Class Y4.G74/7:P75/6/2004, Item # 1016-A (paper), 1016-B (microfiche), shipping list # 2005-0049-P, est. shipping date 12/6/04.

GPO has issued a new **information dissemination policy**, “Withdrawal of Federal Information Products from Information Dissemination Collection and Distribution Programs” (ID 72). The new policy is available at <[www.access.gpo.gov/su\\_docs/fdldp/pubs/sod72\\_policy\\_rev.php](http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdldp/pubs/sod72_policy_rev.php)>.

“**Who Needs Libraries?**” a radio documentary aired in November that explores the future of libraries, can be heard in the archive of Soundprint, the longest-running documentary series in public radio ([www.soundprint.org](http://www.soundprint.org)).

## News of Note ...

Librarians who love lists will want to check out these:

**Best Free Reference Web Sites 2004**, prepared by the Reference and User Services Association, Machine-Assisted Reference Section. Available at <[www.ala.org/ala/rusa/rusaourassoc/rusasections/mars/marspubs/MARSBestRef2004.htm](http://www.ala.org/ala/rusa/rusaourassoc/rusasections/mars/marspubs/MARSBestRef2004.htm)> and in the Fall 2004 (Vol. 44, No. 1) issue of *Reference and User Services Quarterly*.

**BookFinder.com Top Ten Out-of-Print Books of 2004**. Lists in ten categories, including history, biography, children's, and fiction and literature can be found at <[http://report.bookfinder.com/2004\\_01/#c](http://report.bookfinder.com/2004_01/#c)>.

OCLC's "Top 1000" list of "titles owned by OCLC member libraries—the intellectual works that have been judged to be worth owning by the 'purchase vote' of libraries around the globe" can be accessed at <[www.oclc.org/research/top1000/complete.htm](http://www.oclc.org/research/top1000/complete.htm)>.

ALA is offering a two-day Conference within a Conference on Saturday and Sunday, June 25 and 26 in Chicago. It is a separate, specially-priced educational opportunity for **library support staff**, held in conjunction with the 2005 ALA Annual Conference. For more information, go to <[www.ala.org/annual](http://www.ala.org/annual)> and click on "Conference within a Conference."

The deadline for **early bird registration** for the 2005 ALA Annual Conference is **March 4**. Conference registration for members increases by \$25 after this date. You will find a registration form in the December 2004 and January 2005 issues of *American Libraries*, or at <[www.ala.org/annual](http://www.ala.org/annual)>.

**Senior Librarian**, National Public Radio. #WEB 102. Manages Reference

and Broadcast Libraries. Defines missions and sets objectives for NPR's program library, music library, reference library, transcripts, and spoken word collection. Supervises library staffs. Must have ALA-accredited MLS, as least 5 years work experience in special library, 3 years reference desk experience, 5 years library management experience, demonstrated knowledge of standard archival practices and procedures, expertise in electronic communications technologies, knowledge of current events, music and popular culture, ability to work quickly and efficiently under deadline pressure, demonstrated skill in managing multiple priorities and crises, and ability and willingness to work varied shifts. Prefer at least 5 years news library experience, experience managing a seven-days-a-week operation, and experience working in or knowledge of public radio. Send cover letter and resume, indicating job title and number, to National Public Radio, Human Resources Department, 635 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20001. Fax: 202-513-3047. E-mail: [employment@npr.org](mailto:employment@npr.org).

**Religious Studies Librarian**, The Catholic University of America. Responsible for managing all activities of the Religious Studies collections. Participates as subject specialist in collection development and management. Provides reference and research assistance and instruction to users. Serves as liaison to faculty of the Schools of Theology and Religious Studies and Canon Law, the Department of Greek and Latin, and programs in Early Christian Studies and Medieval and Byzantine Studies. Collaborates with staff of Rare Books/Special Collections and the American Catholic History Research Center and works closely with other members of Reference and Instructional Services. Must have ALA-accredited MLS. Second master's degree in religious studies or theology preferred. In-depth knowledge of the Catholic Church, bibliographic knowledge of Latin, Greek, Italian, German, French, and Spanish, skill in using Endeavor Voyager or similar library management system. Send letter of application, resume, and names and contact information for 3 professional references to Employment Manager, Office of Human Resources, The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC 20064. Fax: 202-319-5802. E-mail: [HumanResources@cua.edu](mailto:HumanResources@cua.edu).

**Resident Librarian**, Georgetown University Law Library. The residency is a 2-year program designed to attract candidates from under represented backgrounds to the challenging and rewarding profession of law librarianship. Resident will have ample opportunity to work in all departments of the library to learn firsthand about the wide variety of functions in a large academic law library. Seeking applicants who have demonstrated an interest in and potential for success in law librarianship. Applicants must hold ALA-accredited MLS by August 2005 and have no more than 2 years experience as professional librarian. Residency will start between July 1 and September 1; the 2-year appointment will end on June 30, 2007. Salary is equivalent to entry-level librarian with full benefits. Send following application materials before **February 18**: resume, names of 3 references, library school or law school transcript if you are still in school, and personal statement discussing your reasons for applying for residency, career goals, and any other relevant information to Margaret A. Fry, Associate Law Librarian for Administration, Edward Bennett Williams Law Library, Georgetown University Law Center, 111 G St., N.W., Washington, DC 20001. Fax: 202-662-9168. Phone: 202-662-9162.

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

**Library Systems Librarian/Technician** Information International Associates, Inc.,

headquartered in Oak Ridge, TN, seeks applicants for fulltime position at federal library in Washington, DC. Coordinate all functions of library management system; troubleshoot hardware, software, and systems issues for library staff; act as liaison between library and Information Technology Center; maintain library Web page. Must have ALA-accredited MLS for systems librarian classification or bachelor's degree in information science/computer science for systems technician classification. Minimum one year professional experience in field and experience maintaining Web pages. Prefer knowledge of library management systems such as Dynix and familiarity with Windows XP. Send cover letter, resume, and name, phone number, and e-mail address of 3 professional references to attest to your latest 3 years of professional experience to Martha Wallus, Director of Administration, IIA. Fax: 865-481-0390.

**Supervisory Librarian (American Law Research)**, Knowledge Services Group, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress. Seeking innovative candidate with management and legal research experience to head American Law Consulting Section. This unit works closely with CRS American Law Division, which responds to congressional requests for legal analysis and information involving federal and state statutory and case law. KSG information professionals advise and inform U.S. Congress and CRS analytical staff. Ideal candidate should have management expertise, training and marketing skills, and expertise in reviewing legal research, including writing. Prior employment in high-energy, team-oriented library environment desirable. GS-15 (\$103,947- \$135,136). To apply online (preferred), visit <[www.loc.gov/crsinfo](http://www.loc.gov/crsinfo)> or call 202-707-5627 to request applicant job kit. Refer to vacancy # 050003 in all correspondence. Application must be received by **February 16**.

**Knowledge Management Assistant**, Development Alternative, Inc., an employee-owned international consulting firm located in Bethesda, MD. Serve on Organizational Learning Team. Assist in maintenance of firm's Web-accessible electronic library, intranet portal, and other knowledge management tools. Perform data entry, monitor quality control, assist with training and documentation, and provide general support to Web-based corporate knowledge tools. Must have BA or BS in fields related to international development, knowledge management, or library science. 6 months previous office experience preferred. Salary approx. upper 20s. Send resume and cover letter to Office of Human Resources by fax at 732-358-5072, e-mail at [ohr@dai.com](mailto:ohr@dai.com), or regular mail at 7250 Woodmont Ave., Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814. Visit Web site at <[www.dai.com](http://www.dai.com)> for full job description.

**Academic Librarian**, Manassas Campus, ECPI College of Technology. Responsible for copy cataloging, reference, library instruction. Provides assistance with collection development. Full-time with evening hours. Must have ALA-accredited MLS, desire to work with adult students, at least 3 years library experience, and strong technology background. Send resume and salary requirement to Peggy Kearney, 10021 Balls Ford Rd., Manassas, VA 20109. Fax: 703-369-0530. For more information, contact Rebecca Tabakin, Library Director, ECPI College of Technology, Virginia Beach, VA 23462. E-mail: [rtabakin@ecpi.edu](mailto:rtabakin@ecpi.edu). Phone: 757-671-7171, ext. 215.

**Supervisory Librarian.** Prince George's County Memorial Library System is seeking applicants for a Librarian II (generalist) position at the Glenarden Branch, a Librarian III (Adult Services Age Level Specialist) at the New Carrollton Branch, and Librarian III (Children's Services Specialist) at the Oxon Hill Branch. Also seeking applicants for an eligibility list for Library Associate, which requires only a BA, not an MLS. Complete information can be found at <[www.pgcmlls.info/Lib/Employment.html](http://www.pgcmlls.info/Lib/Employment.html)> or by calling Margaret A. Smith, Human Resources Specialist, 301-699-3500 ext. 230.

**Head of Cataloging Section,** National Library of Medicine. Vacancy announcement nos. HHS/NIH-2005-0813 and HHS/NIH-2005-1144. **Closing date February 4.** GS-1410-14 (\$88,369-\$114,882). Organizes and directs activities, budget, and technology for staff of about 40 professional librarians, library technical support personnel, and contractors engaged in cataloging and catalog maintenance activities for print, electronic, and mixed media materials. Responsible for development and utilization of automation support for section. Directs section participation in development or improvement of related NLM systems. The section provides authoritative cataloging for bibliographic control of biomedical publications procured for NLM, announces these publication to worldwide biomedical community through its bibliographic data distribution service and through online access via Internet and NLM's online public access catalog, develops, maintains, and publishes the NLM Classification, cooperates with the Library of Congress and other libraries in national shared and cooperative cataloging programs, and assists biomedical libraries using NLM's cataloging as the source for cataloging copy. Full job announcement and online application is available at <<https://jobs.quickhire.com/scripts/hhs.exe>>.

**Librarian,** Middle and Upper Schools, Collegiate School, Richmond, VA. Beginning Fall 2005. Full-time, 10-month position. Dynamic educator to serve as librarian for grades 5-12. Work closely with head librarian to maintain and develop library's collection and expand and promote services and programs of the Reed-Gumenick Library. Should have MLS, experience working with students, understanding of developmental and pedagogical issues of middle and upper school students, strong service-oriented philosophy, far-ranging knowledge of middle school and young adult literature, facility in teaching with technology, eagerness to work with faculty, and commitment to participate fully in life of school. Send cover letter, resume, unofficial copies of transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work with faculty application, which can be downloaded from <[www.collegiate-va.org](http://www.collegiate-va.org)>, to Lindy Williams, Associate Head of School, Collegiate School, North Mooreland Road, Richmond, VA 23229. Fax: 804-740-8975. E-mail: [lwilliams@collegiate-va.org](mailto:lwilliams@collegiate-va.org).

**Distance Education and Reference Librarian,** Gelman Library System, George Washington University. Librarian II (minimum 2 years experience, minimum salary \$40,000) or Librarian III (minimum 7 years experience, minimum salary \$45,600). Review of applications begins February 14. Develops procedures and implements programs for this newly-created position. Collaborates with faculty teaching distance education courses. Coordinates with faculty and Gelman library staff and departments to develop library collections, including print and electronic materials, to support distance education programs. Partners with faculty teaching University Writing 20. Provides reference service, including electronic reference, in broad range of subject areas. Some evening/weekend hours required. Must have ALA-accredited MLS with minimum 2 years post-MLS experience, experience in preparation of instruction materials or tutorials, and ability to travel to off-campus centers. Prefer reference and instruction experience in academic library, ability to develop lesson plans, and comfort in teaching in electronic classroom. Send letter of application, resume, and names and addresses (paper and e-mail) and telephone numbers of 3 references to Emma Mosby, Manager, Gelman Library System Administrative Services, The Gelman Library, Room 201, The George Washington University, 2130 H St., N.W., Room 201, Washington, DC 20052.

**Head of Acquisitions,** Jacob Burns Law Library, The George Washington University. Review of applications begins February 10. Supervise 2 full-time support staff. Oversee ordering, receiving, and claiming of library materials and payment of invoices. Monitor materials acquisitions budget. Work with university's accounting system to pay invoices electronically. Must have ALA-accredited MLS or equivalent, or substantial work toward completion of degree, minimum of 3 years supervisory experience in technical services, preferably in academic setting. Prefer experience handling legal materials and experience with automated library systems, preferably Innovative. Send cover letter, resume, and names of 3 professional references to [lee@law.gwu.edu](mailto:lee@law.gwu.edu), 202-994-1430 (fax), or Ms. Leslie A. Lee, Assistant Director for Administration, The George Washington University, Jacob Burns Law Library, 716 20th St., N.W., Washington, DC 20052.

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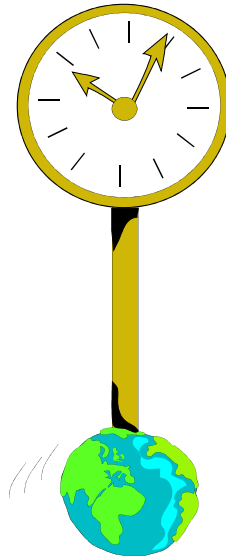
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