

DCLA, the American Library Association chapter of our nation's capital

- ◆ <http://www.dcla.org>
- ◆ 202-872-1112 (messages only)

Upcoming DCLA Programs and Meetings

- ◆ **Oct. 7 (Fri.) 9:30-Noon Communication (p. 5)**
- ◆ *Oct. 11 (Tues.) 6:00-8:00 p.m. DCLA Board Meeting (p. 5)*
- ◆ **Oct. 20 (Thurs.) 6:00-9:00 Members Recept. (p. 3)**
- ◆ **Oct. 20 (Thurs.) 9:45-noon Assistive Technology (p.4)**
- ◆ **Nov. 1 (Wed.) 6:00-9:00 Veteran Librarians (p. 12)**
- ◆ *Nov. 8 (Tues.) 6:00-8:00 p.m. DCLA Board Meeting (p. 6)*
- ◆ **Nov. 10 (Thurs) 6:00 p.m. Happy Hour (p. 4)**

Inside this issue

<i>Upcoming Programs</i>	5-6
<i>Beta Phi Mu Tea/ALA Wash Office Open House</i>	7
<i>Adaptive Services at DC Public</i>	8
<i>People News</i>	9
<i>Katrina Report</i>	10
<i>2005-2006 Financial Contributors</i>	11

November issue deadline: October 15. Send submissions to Susan Randolph at psard@comcast.net or 3710 N. Vernon St., Arlington, VA 22207.

Communication: The Theme for October by Kathryn Ray

It's October and time for the DCLA Fall Members' Reception. It is our tradition to invite new, first-time members to be our association's guests. Continuing and reinstated members please send in your check or log on to www.dcla.org and pay using PayPal. You won't want to miss the newly renovated Botanic Gardens or the fabulous food that Liane Rosenblatt has arranged for our dining pleasure. Two flutists (friends of Bill Turner) will enhance the ambience with musical entertainment. Special thanks go to Eleanor Holmes Norton, D.C.'s Delegate in Congress, for sponsoring our use of the Botanic Gardens.

If you feel sometimes that the main library is Mars and the branches are Venus, or that Tech Services is Mars and Reference is Venus, then Jennifer Nutefall has the program for you. On Friday morning, October 7, join the Instruction Interest Group for an interactive workshop "Communication: The First Step in Collaboration." Details are on page 5 of this issue and on our Web site.

Joint Spring Workshop

DCLA is the lead organization for the 2006 Joint Spring Workshop. I am very pleased that Lorna Dodt of the State Department

Library agreed to Chair the event. Laura Hjerpe will be returning as Treasurer. Lorna and her committee will be looking for program topics that will be of interest to a broad range of librarians. Any ideas? Contact Lorna at 202-647-0450 or dodtla@state.gov.

Marketing Ourselves

One of the recommendations of the Strategic Planning Committee is to develop an attractive brochure that will help get the word out about our association. We would be interested in hearing from you if you have experience or contacts that might help us produce a top quality brochure.

DCLA, Katrina, and the Armory

In an electronic message, I asked members to think about ways we as an association could help those displaced by Hurricane Katrina. Thank you for the many thoughtful responses. I registered DCLA with the agency charged with providing services to those sheltering at the Armory. I will let you know when our services are requested.

Decisions, Decisions...

Would you like to guess how much we've budgeted for *Intercom* this year?

**DCLA Board, Interest Groups, and Committees
2005-2006**

Executive Board Members	Interest Group Chairs	Interest Group Chairs	Liaisons and Others
--------------------------------	------------------------------	------------------------------	----------------------------

President
Kathryn Ray
(202) 244-0770
KCRDLB@verizon.net
ray@american.edu

Adaptive Services
Patrick Timony
202-727-1335
patrick.timony@dc.gov

Reference
Candice Townsend
202-698-3377
candice.townsend@dc.gov

ALA Advocacy Assembly Representative
William L. Turner, Jr.
(202) 727-4968
bill.turner@dc.gov

Immediate Past President
Noel Rutherford
(202) 282-0213
nrutherf@yahoo.com

Audio-Visual and Multimedia
Eric White
(202) 727-2179
avdcpl@yahoo.com

Committee Chairs

DCLA Archivist
Faye Haskins
(202) 727-2272
faye.haskins@dc.gov

Vice-President/President Elect
Elaine Cline
202-647-3002
ClineCE@state.gov

Children, Y.A., School Libraries
April King
(202) 727-4802
april.king@dc.gov

Joint Spring Workshop
Lorna Dodt
202-647-0450
dodtla@state.gov

Intercom Editor
Susan Randolph
(703) 533-1971
psard@comcast.net
3710 N. Vernon St.
Arlington, VA 22207

Treasurer
Sara Striner
(202) 707-2957
sstr@loc.gov

Genealogy, Local History, and Preservation
Jacque-Lynne Schulman
301-594-2019
schulm@erols.com

Membership
Liane Rosenblatt
(202) 282-0220
l_rosen_98@yahoo.com

Webmaster and DCLA-L Manager
Tracy Myers
dclawebmaster@yahoo.com

Secretary
Bill Tuceling
202-512-5025
tucelingw@gao.gov

Library Instruction
Jennifer Nutefall
202-994-9863
jennifer.nutefall@gwu.edu

Andrea Cheney
202-645-0218
ACheney910@msn.com

Membership Secretary
Kirsten Allen
202-885-3849
allen@american.edu

ALA Chapter Councilor
William L. Turner, Jr.
(202) 727-4968
bill.turner@dc.gov

Library Technology
Tracy Myers
dclibrarian@gmail.com

Nat. Library Legislative Day
Barbara Folensbee-Moore
202-739-5131
bfolensbee-moore@morganlewis.com

Director
Sharon Lenius
(703) 601-2710
sharon.lenius@us.army.mil

Management
Mike Wallace
202-441-2812
dcla_mig@yahoo.com

Nominations
Jean B. Craigwell
202-458-6172
jcbwell@juno.com

Director
Francis Buckley, Jr.
(202) 727-1101
francisjbuckley@aol.com

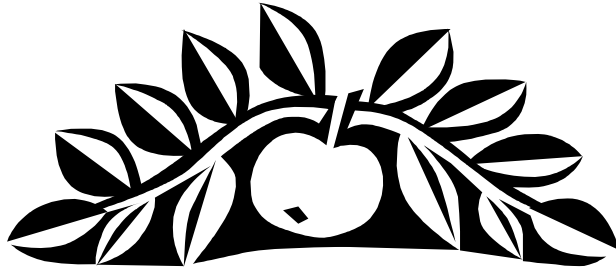
New Librarians
Ming Wong
202-452-8331
miss_ming21@hotmail.com

Student Financial Assistance
Shirley Loo
(202) 707-6785
sloo@crs.loc.gov

Reach DCLA

On the World Wide Web
<http://www.dcla.org>

By telephone
(202) 872-1112 (messages only)



*District of Columbia Library Association
Fall Members Reception*

*Thursday, October 20
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.*

Buffet dinner with complimentary wine

*The U.S. Botanical Gardens
100 Maryland Ave., S.W.*

*Located on the National Mall across from the U.S. Capitol
along First St., S.W. between Maryland Ave. and C St.*

Metro: Federal Center SW blue or orange line

Handicapped parking on Maryland Ave. at Garfield Circle

Limited number of metered parking spaces

*R.S.V.P. by October 10
to Liane Rosenblatt
l_rosen_98@yahoo.com*

*Information about the Botanical Gardens at
<www.usbg.gov>, 202-225-8333*

Member @ \$30 Non-member @ \$35

First time member free (but please R.S.V.P.)

Enclosed is my check for

\$ _____

Name _____

Phone number _____

E-mail _____

Please **R.S.V.P.** Then go to <www.dcla.org> to pay using **Pay Pal** or send **check**, made payable to DCLA, with this form to Sara Striner, DCLA, Ben Franklin Station, PO Box 14177, Washington, DC 20044

Assistive Technology in Libraries

Thursday, October 20
9:45 a.m. – noon

Room 443
Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library
901 G St., N.W.

Metro: Red/Yellow/Green line—Chinatown/Gallery Place
Parking available in Library garage

Sponsored by DCLA Adaptive Services Interest Group
Additional information: 202-727-1335, patrick.timony@dc.gov

Talk and demonstration by Patrick Timony,
Assistive Technology Specialist, Adaptive Services Division of the DC Public Library.

Exhibits from a number of technology vendors.

Special guests demonstrating different software and hardware assistive technologies.

Question and answer hour.

Thursday, November 10
6:00 p.m.

Aroma
3417 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.
(Metro: Red line/Cleveland Park)
202-244-7995



Happy Hour

Join fellow librarians for an evening of libations and networking at “a place you might choose over your own living room as a hangout.” (Washington Post)

Sponsored by DCLA and DC/SLA

October 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28	29

November 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS

**October 4
(Tuesday)**

Looking Under the Hood of a Search Engine. Taxonomy Tuesday workshop led by Denise Bedford, Senior Information Officer, World Bank. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Keck 208. Keck Center of the National Academies, 500 Fifth St., N.W. Contact: Lisa Loyo, lloyo@nas.edu.

**October 5
(Wednesday)**

The Embedded Librarian: Making and Leading the Team. Federal Library and Information Center Committee Brown Bag Lunch sponsored by the FLICC Content Management Working Group. 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Dining Room A, 6th floor, Madison Bldg., Library of Congress, 101 Independence Ave., S.E. Contact: <www.loc.gov/flicc/ma/2005/ma0538.pdf> or 202-707-4800.

**October 7
(Friday)**

Communication: The First Step to Collaboration. Sponsored by the DCLA Library Instruction Interest Group. 9:30-noon. Room 202, Gelman Library, George Washington University, 2130 H St., N.W. Contact: Jenifer Nutefall at jnutefall@gwu.edu.

Innovations in Reference Service: Expanding Our Reach and Grasp with New Technologies. Sponsored by the Academic & Research Libraries Division, Maryland Library Association. 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Campus Commons Room, Whittaker Campus Center, Hood College, Frederick, MD. Contact: Shana Gass, 410-704-2395, sgass@towson.edu.

**October 10
(Monday)**

A Visit to Strathmore: The New Second Home of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. Sponsored by the Maryland Chapter, Special Libraries Association. 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. Strathmore Performing Arts Center, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda, MD. Contact: Nancy Perlman, pearlmann2000@yahoo.com.

**October 11
(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@verizon.net.

**October 12
(Wednesday)**

Library Benchmarking and the Information Product Development Lifecycle—Part 1. SLA Virtual Seminar presented by Roger Strouse, V.P. and Lead Analyst, Outsell, Inc. 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Contact: Susan Fournier, Susan.Fournier@icba.org

**October 17 (Monday) -
October 28 (Friday)**

E-Reserves and Copyright. Online workshop sponsored by the Center for Intellectual Property at the University of Maryland University College. Contact: <www.umuc.edu/cip/ipa>, 240-582-2965.

**October 19
(Wednesday)**

American Library Association Washington Office Open House. 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. 1615 New Hampshire Ave., N.W. Contact: Roz Reynolds, 202-628-8410.

The Last Mile and Off-Grid Energy for ICTs Initiative. Society for International Development, Development Information Workgroup brown bag lunch. Noon – 2:00ish. 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.

**October 19 (Wednesday) -
October 20 (Thursday)**

Transition to Leadership. Sponsored by OCLC CAPCON. 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Contact: Shawna Culter, culters@OCLC.org, <www.oclc.org/capcon/training/courses/descriptions/M203.htm>.

**October 20
(Thursday)**

Fall Members Reception. Sponsored by DC Library Association. 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Botanical Gardens Contact: Liane Rosenblatt 202-282-0220, l_rosen_98@yahoo.com.

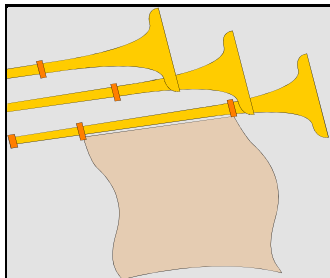
Assistive Technology in Libraries. Sponsored by Adaptive Services Interest Group, DCLA. 9:45 a.m. – noon. Room 443, Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library, 901 G St., N.W. Contact: Patrick Timony, 202-727-1335, patrick.timony@dc.gov.

**October 26
(Wednesday)**

Library Benchmarking and the Information Product Development Lifecycle—Part 2. SLA Virtual Seminar presented by Roger Strouse, V.P. and Lead Analyst, Outsell, Inc. 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Contact: Susan Fournier, Susan.Fournier@icba.org

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS (cont.)

- October 28 (Friday)** **Navigating Into the Future.** 81st Annual Meeting, Potomac Technical Processing Librarians. 8:30 a.m.– 3:00 p.m. President’s Conference Center West, Miller Senate Office Building, Annapolis, MD. Contact: Suzanne Picken, 301-390-2039, picken@wrlc.org, <www.virginia.edu/ptpl>.
- November 1 (Tuesday)** **“Veteran” Librarians.** Cosponsored by the DC Library Association, Military Librarians Group of DC/SLA, and Veterans History Project of the Library of Congress. 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Mumford Room, 6th floor, Madison Building, Library of Congress, 101 Independence Ave., S.E. Contact: 202-707-6179, vhrsvp@loc.gov.
- November 4 (Friday) - November 5 (Saturday)** **New Ways of Listening to Library Users: Tools for Measuring Service Quality.** Workshop sponsored by the Association of Research Libraries. Washington, DC. Contact: <https://db.arl.org/listen>.
- November 5 (Saturday)** **An Afternoon with Children’s Book Authors Susan Stockdale and Mary Quattlebaum.** Sponsored by the Cleveland Park Neighborhood Library, DC Public Library. 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Contact: Beth Meyer, lmeyer8090@aol.com.
- November 7 (Monday) - November 18 (Friday)** **The Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) and the University Campus: A Safe Harbor?** Online workshop sponsored by the Center for Intellectual Property at the University of Maryland University College. Contact: <www.umuc.edu/cip/ipa>, 240-582-2965.
- November 7 (Monday) - December 9 (Friday)** **Digital Content Management: Compliance in the Digital Age.** Federal Library and Information Center Committee online course. Contact: 202-707-4800, <www.loc.gov/flicc/ma/2005/ma0536.pdf>.
- November 8 (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@verizon.net.
- November 10 (Thursday)** **DC Area Young Professionals Gathering.** Happy Hour sponsored by DCLA and DC/SLA. 6:00 p.m. Aroma in Cleveland Park. Contact: Ming Wong, 202-452-8331, miss_ming21@hotmail.com, miss_ming21@hotmail.com
- November 12 (Saturday)** **Children’s Book Week Luncheon with Caroline Arnold, Donna Jo Napoli, and Brian Selznick.** Sponsored by The Washington Post & The Children’s Book Guild of Washington, DC. Noon. Capital Hilton Hotel, 1001 16th St., N.W. Contact: 301-469-2070, marilyn@childrenslit.com. For information on pre-luncheon seminar with Guild members on writing and illustrating for children, contact 202-357-3030 or <www.smithsonianassociates.org>.
- Beta Phi Mu Scholarship Tea & Harp Concert.** 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Mayflower Hotel, Promenade Café, 1127 Connecticut Ave., N.W. Contact: Andrea Gruhl, andreagruhl@aol.com.
- November 14 (Monday) - December 16 (Friday)** **Reference Interview.** Online course sponsored by the Reference and User Services Association of ALA. Contact: <www.ala.org/ala/rusa/rusaevents/onlinereferenceinterviewcourse/refinterview.htm>.
- November 17 (Thursday)** **National Press Club Book Fair.** 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. National Press Club, 529 14th St., N.W.
- November 21 (Monday)** **Disaster Planning and Recovery.** Presentation by Walter Cybulski, Disaster Recovery, Preservation & Collection Management Section, National Library of Medicine. Sponsored by DC Area Health Sciences Librarians. 2:00 p.m. Room B103, Himmelfarb Library, George Washington University. Contact: Robert Mohrman, 202-782-6762, robert.mohrman@us.army.mil.



DCLA Members Are Invited To....

*Beta Phi Mu International Library
Science Honor Society
Scholarship Benefit
Tea and Harp Concert*

Saturday, November 12

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

*Mayflower Hotel, Promenade Café
1127 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.*

(Metro: Red Line/Farragut North or Blue-Orange Line/Farragut West)

*Enjoy elegant surroundings; a delicious
selection of tea sandwiches, sweets, and
teas; and the performance
of a professional harpist.*

*\$50/person, by check payable to
Beta Phi Mu, Iota Chapter.
Payments must be received by
Tuesday, November 8.*

*R.S.V.P. to andreagruhl@aol.com.
Mail check to Andrea Gruhl, Iota
Chapter President, 5990 Jacob's
Ladder, Columbia, MD 21045-3817.*

*Beta Phi Mu is a 501c3 organization, so \$20 of
attendee payment can be considered a tax-deductible
contribution to its scholarship fund.*

***The
American Library Association
Washington Office
recently moved into new space
on the first floor of
1615 New Hampshire Ave., N.W.,
one block north of the corner
of 18th and Q Streets
and accessible via Red Line
METRO (Dupont Circle stop).***

***Join them for light refreshments
and a tour of their new office
from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. on
Wednesday, October 19.***

***R.S.V.P. please by October 6
Roz Reynolds,
202-628-8410***

Adaptive Services at DC Public by Patrick Timony

Adaptive services are those library services that accommodate customers with a wide range of disabilities in order that they may have access to “standard” library materials, services and programs. Today, the accommodations made may include fairly sophisticated assistive technologies.

The DCPL Adaptive Services Division serves library customers who need some form of accommodation in order to fully access the Library’s materials, programs and services. The Division houses the Older Adult Service, a program that uses a Bookmobile to reach adults over the age of 55 with Large Print books and programs delivered by the Older Adult Service Coordinator. The Librarian to the Deaf Community conducts programs of interest to the deaf and hard of hearing community, and about Deaf Culture. She also coordinates some 20+ volunteers to join with her in giving American Sign Language classes throughout the library system and in locations (which vary from time to time) outside the library. The Division serves as the Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in the Library of Congress network of regional libraries distributing Talking Books and Braille books to

blind, visually impaired, and other properly certified individuals who cannot read, hold or turn the pages of standard print reading materials. A component of this latter service is the delivery of Large Print and Talking Books (with playback equipment) to persons with limited mobility living in their own homes, or in a variety of institutions. Persons may be eligible for Talking Books for the short term, such as patients in hospitals, or for the long-term, such as persons in nursing homes, or assisted-living establishments. Last, but not least, the Division includes an Assistive Technology Program that provides assistive technology (such as JAWS, MAGIC, a variety of print magnifiers, etc.) for blind and visually impaired readers to access our computers. The number of Assistive Technology workstations is expected to double for the next fiscal year.

Recently the Washington Post came to the division to interview and photograph customers using assistive technology. The July 13, 2005 article that then appeared shed a positive light on the division and will be a good foundation for further outreach and growth.

In October 2004, Philip Wong-Cross, head of

Adaptive Services at DCPL, initiated the DCLA Adaptive Services Interest Group (ASIG). The first year of ASIG featured three program meetings: a planning meeting; a visit to a local expert, Michele Magana at American University Libraries; and an informal networking meeting for professional staff of local public and university libraries in the DC/MD/VA area, including, Baltimore Regional LBPH, Rockville Special Needs, Alexandria Talking Book, Galludet University, American University, University of Maryland, and George Washington University.

In the second year of ASIG, we hope to further define our roles as adaptive services practitioners by networking and observing the various accommodations made in the varied library settings in which we work. We hope to include a presentation by the chair who, as DCPL’s assistive technology specialist, will be doing a four hour workshop on assistive technology for library staff and ASIG members.

Patrick Timony is Assistive Technology Specialist, Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library, and the chair of DCLA’s Adaptive Services Interest Group. He is a 2004 graduate of The Catholic University School of Library and Information Science.

LIBRARIANS AND LIBRARIES

(submissions welcome to psard@comcast.net)

Frank Kurt Cylke, director of the Library of Congress' National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, has been awarded the National Federation of the Blind's Newel Perry Award.—*American Libraries*, Sept. 2005.

Harriet Henderson, formerly director of the Montgomery County (MD) Public Library, is the new director of the Richmond (VA) Public Library.—*American Libraries*, Sept. 2005.

Kathryn Ray reports that **Mykie Howard**, DCLA's secretary from 2003-2005, gave birth to her son Tommy on July 20 after only 26 1/2 weeks of pregnancy, and shortly after she went to work at the National Agricultural Library. Tommy wasn't much bigger than his daddy's hand. Happily, Tommy should be home by now. However, caring for him has left Mykie seriously in debt for sick leave at a time when she still needs to be at home with Tommy. She has been approved as a recipient in the Leave Transfer Program (LTP). She would appreciate any leave that would be donated. Federal employees who are interested in donating leave to Mykie, please complete the Leave Donor Application Form, REE-4, and fax it to Monetta Harvey, Leave Transfer Coordinator, at 301-504-1493. If you have questions, you can contact Monetta at 301-504-1457. Please make sure you give the original of the REE-4 to your timekeeper to become part of your official T&A records. Please also be sure to include your timekeeper's name, phone number and email address as requested on the form.

American University's **Stacey Marien** has been appointed to the Resources for College Libraries editorial board by the Association of Research Libraries and CHOICE.—*C&RL News*, Sept. 2005.

Crystina J. Stephens and her boyfriend **Larry L. Miler, Jr.** have been convicted of stealing almost 500 books from the Prince George's County (MD) Memorial Library System, according to a story in the September 2005 *American Libraries* and the August 4

Washington Post. They jointly owe \$20,000 in restitution.

Pat Wand, University Librarian at American University, will leave her position in December 2005 to become Dean of Libraries at Zayed University in Dubai. Pat reports that Zayed University was founded by Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates, in 1998 and offers western-style education, professional training, and academic degrees to Emirate women. She will assume her new position in February 2006.

April King reports that **Faith Williams** is the new librarian at Shepherd Elementary School in the District of Columbia. Faith hosted a shelving party at the school's newly renovated media center on October 1 and would welcome additional help. You can leave her a message at 202-576-6140 or contact April at 202-727-4804 if you would like to volunteer.

Georgetown University's Lauinger Library was awarded the \$2,500 Thomas Gale Financial Development Award for its Gallery Tour and Private Auction fundraising project. The award recognizes achievement "in carrying out a library financial development project to secure new funding resources for public or academic libraries." Lauinger invested \$2,500 and raised \$30,000.—*American Libraries*, Sept. 2005.

Communication (cont.)

It's hard to believe that it is over \$7,500. The Executive Board will soon be soliciting your ideas and inquiring about your preferences regarding our newsletter. Please contemplate this in the meantime: What if you were given a choice between receiving a paper copy of *Intercom* each month or receiving an e-mail with a link to the Web site where you could read (or print out) a PDF version? Which would you choose? Don't worry, we will continue to mail out paper copies to those who don't have computers (or just hate their computers!)

The Executive Board meets the second Tuesday of each month from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the GWU Gelman Library. All are welcome to attend.

Katrina



ALA reported on September 22 that the very preliminary count of libraries totally destroyed by Hurricane Katrina stood at nineteen in Louisiana, six in Mississippi, and one in Alabama. Many library organizations are monitoring the impact on and organizing relief for libraries in the Gulf Coast region. Here is a sampling:

American Library Association (ALA)

Excerpts from ALA President Michael Gorman's September 20 announcement of the ALA Hurricane Katrina Library Relief Fund: "Hurricane Katrina and the ensuing flood devastated the lives of thousands of people in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama...The storm which destroyed so many homes and businesses also destroyed or damaged dozens of libraries...These libraries need to be rebuilt, the library staff who work in them need assistance, and the many evacuees created by the storm need to be served...The Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama Chapters are organizing relief efforts, both temporary and long term. They need our help. Please help them by donating to the ALA Hurricane Katrina Library Relief Fund at <<https://secure.ga3.org/03/alakatrina>>. This site allows you to make a donation, large or small, to the reconstruction of libraries in the region, using your Visa or MasterCard credit card...I can assure you that all funds collected will go to the three Chapters for immediate relief and long term reconstruction projects....For more information on the many relief efforts being organized around the country and some of the additional ways in which you can help those affected by the storm, please visit the ALA Hurricane Katrina Web site at <www.ala.org/katrina>."

ALA has a Web page devoted to library-specific relief funds and emergency housing for library workers in the Gulf Coast region at <www.ala.org/ala/cro/katrina/katrina.htm> and a blog of news on libraries affected by Katrina at <www.ala.org/ala/online/hurricanekatrinanews/katrinanews.htm>.

ALA's Chapter Relations Office has established a program that will enable U.S. libraries of all types to adopt a library in the Gulf Coast region. ALA will collect information from libraries that need assistance and will connect those libraries with others that can provide relief, such as donations of books and

computers, volunteers, and fundraising assistance. For more information, visit <www.ala.org/katrina/adopt> or contact Michael Dowling at mdowling@ala.org or 312-280-3200.

The ALA Washington Office is asking library supporters in Maryland, Virginia, and several other states to contact their Congressional representatives and request sponsorship of the Hurricane Katrina Library Grant bill. The ALA-drafted bill would authorize an appropriation of \$100 million for FY 2006 to provide targeted grants to Gulf-state libraries serving communities impacted by Hurricane Katrina. The grants would be used for emergency repair of libraries, temporary relocation of damaged libraries, assistance to libraries providing services to evacuees displaced by the hurricane, and similar purposes. For more information, see ALAWON: American Library Association Washington Office Newslines, vol. 14, no. 96, September 22, 2005 at <ala-wo@ala.org>.

Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)

Statement by IMLS Acting Director Mary Chute: "The havoc Katrina has wreaked has demonstrated that public libraries are absolutely essential to their communities in times of emergency. Under dire circumstances, libraries have stayed open so that library staff can help evacuees find immediate housing, apply for desperately needed FEMA funds quickly online, and most importantly, find their families. All along the Gulf Coast, libraries are providing space, manpower, and phone and Internet service to emergency Red Cross and FEMA workers who have converged upon the region."—9/22/2005 IMLS Press Release.

IMLS is collecting information on how libraries and museums are helping evacuees and each other. Here is one story of some can-do Georgia librarians: "Louisiana libraries' computer needs were met within days, thanks in large part to staff at two Georgia State Library systems who organized a massive

computer collection campaign, shipped the computers, and even developed a simple, standard installation plan that allowed the Louisiana libraries to quickly put the computers to use.”—9/22/2005 IMLS Press.

The IMLS Web site at <www.ims.gov> provides links to numerous relevant Web pages, including SOLINET’s “Recovery Information & Services for Hurricane Victims,” the Northeast Document Conservation Center’s “Hurricane Recovery,” Librarians’ Index to the Internet’s “Web Site Resources from Aid to Volunteer Opportunities,” the American Association of Museums’ “Hurricane Recovery Information,” Heritage Preservation/Heritage Emergency National Task Force’s “Hurricane Katrina Updates,” and The Geaux Library Project’s “Coordinating Efforts to Bring Computers Staffed by Librarians and Other Trained Volunteers to Shelters in Need across the Region.”

Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC)

Statement by FLICC Executive Director Roberta Shaffer and Head of FEDLINK Contracts Joan Fitts: “FLICC/FEDLINK staff have been in contact with agency headquarters offices to learn about the status of federal libraries in the Gulf region...We...want to alert you to excellent work being done by our sister network, SOLINET. See <www.solinet.net> for further information about their clearinghouse. Their job bank is of special interest...We are following with interest the work being done by the Heritage National Emergency Task Force to help recover materials in libraries and other cultural institutions. The Library of Congress, FEMA, National Archives and Records Administration, NEH, and many others are working together to identify and salvage valuable assets. See <www.loc.gov/preserv> for more information.”—9/20/2005 e-mail.

Serial and Government Publications Division, Library of Congress

Statement by Division Chief Karen Renninger: “We are developing a collection like the one of 9/11, and we are interested in perspectives in foreign countries and coverage from early warnings through the hurricane’s landfall and the aftermath. We want to ask LC staff to try to help us obtain any newspapers they can from friends, relatives, or business contacts in foreign countries.” Foreign newspapers with coverage of hurricane Katrina will be added to a special collection of the Serial and Government Publications Division.

For their financial support
in 2005-2006
DCLA thanks

Sustaining Contributors

Patricia Wilson Berger Andrea Morris Gruhl

Institutional Contributor

American University Library

Sustaining Donors

Francis Buckley	Michael Kolakowski
Elaine Cline	Sharon Lenius
John Y. Cole	Barbara R. Morland
Jean B. Craigwell	Kathryn Ray
Mary Ann V. Gamble	Dennis Reynolds
Nancy E. Gwinn	Diane R. Schnurrpusch
Richard Huffine	Jack Siggins
Elinor Green Hunter	Mary Augusta Thomas
Anna Kasofsky	David J. Vespa
Barbara Webb	

Sustaining Supporters

Jory Barone	Shirley Loo
Paul Berry	Lynne McCay
Mary Feldman	Charles D. Missar
Susan Fifer Canby	Eleanor K. Pourron
Anne Heanue	Karen Towles
Steven Kerchoff	William L. Turner, Jr.
Elisabeth S. Knauff	Susan Uebelacker
JoAnne Logan	Michael Wallace
Abby Yochelson	

Institutional Supporters

OCLC Capcon Service Center

Tuesday, November 1
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Mumford Room
6th floor, Madison Building
Library of Congress
101 Independence Ave., S.E.
Metro: Capitol Hill South,
Blue/Orange Line



No charge, but please register
by October 28
through the Veterans History
Project registration phone line
(202-707-6179) or via e-mail
(vhprsvp@loc.gov)

Light refreshments

“VETERAN” LIBRARIANS

Department of the Army civilian librarians who served in hostile territories
will be recognized for their support to the troops through library service.

Fran Buckley, interim director of the DC Public Library

and

Bill Sittig, Chief, Science, Technology, and Business Division, Library of Congress,
who served in Vietnam and supported the nascent US Army Special Services Library Program,
will speak.

Co-sponsored by DCLA, the Military Librarians Group of DC/SLA,
and the Veterans History Project of the Library of Congress