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Throughout this issue, you will find articles highlighting some of South Carolina's library paraprofessionals.

Kim Williams-Odom

takes her role as a mother and her role with the Charleston County Public Library very seriously. It is her love of children and young adults that are a driving force behind her desire for continuing excellence, improving outreach and being a customer-focused communicator who builds strong relationships with library users and professional clients.

Since joining CCPL in 1999, she served in a variety of paraprofessional positions, primarily working with children and young adults. She's now sharing her enthusiasm with the residents of the rural Hollywood community in Charleston County, serving as manager of the St. Paul's branch. During her time at CCPL, she has chaired the Library's Cultural Diversity Task Force and, in 2005, was honored with the Library's "Extra Mile Award" for all her community and outreach efforts.



A mother of two girls (Imani, 7, and Nia, 3), Kim has served as a member and team leader on two School Improvement Councils, been an active member of PTA and a reading volunteer at Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church. She is the recording secretary of the Charleston County School District's Title I Parent Leadership Institute/Parent Advisory Council and a member of Charleston County Community of Readers.

Convinced that collaboration is the key to successful teen programming, she helped develop CCPL's

LINKS (Library Initiative to Network with K12 Schools) project. Her efforts were the focus of a workshop at the recent S.C. Association of School Librarians Conference where she was part of a Charleston County panel speaking on "Community: Collaboration for Teens and Their Families." Last year, she was on a team that presented a session at the S.C. Library Association Annual Conference.

For nearly three years, Kim has worked with the REACH 2010 Charleston and Georgetown Diabetes Coalition working to eliminate health disparities of African American adults diagnosed with diabetes in the two counties. She worked at health fairs to promote library services and health education and assisted with the planning, implementation and evaluation of community health information technology programs. The Reach 2010 initiative was the state winner for the 2006 Health Awards competition sponsored by the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science.

Whether working at the library, sharing her talents with the community or raising two young daughters, Kim's commitment and enthusiasm is unwavering. She is always determined to seek ways for improvement. Her next challenge ... taking classes and graduating from the Master of Library Information Science program at the University of South Carolina. *Submitted by Jamie Thomas, Charleston County Public Library ~ 843.805.6817 thomasj@ccpl.org*

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Grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Supports Pilot Exchange Program for Librarians from HBCUs

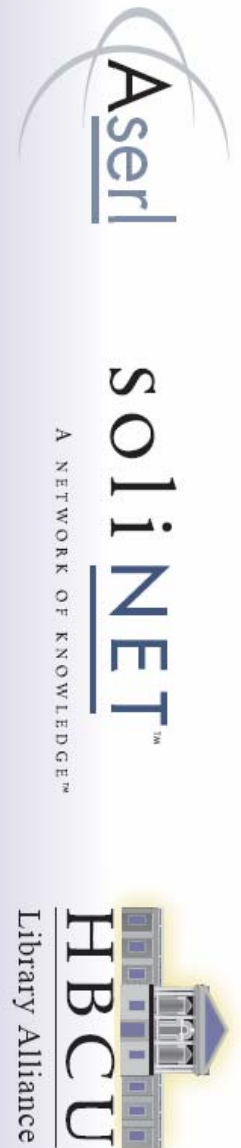
The Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET), in partnership with the HBCU Library Alliance and the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL), received a \$20,000 grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to support a pilot test of an exchange program for librarians from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). The pilot will place librarians from HBCUs at five southeastern research libraries for two weeks during the summer of 2006. Exchange librarians will be selected through an application process and matched to an ASERL host based on an identified strategic issue that the librarian and HBCU library wish to advance within their campus.

According to Lillian Lewis, Program Officer for the HBCU Library Alliance, "The exchange program will support personal professional development, leadership development within individual HBCU libraries, and leadership development within the larger HBCU library community." In addition, John Burger, Executive Director of ASERL, notes that "The project will strengthen connections between libraries to build knowledge, foster collaboration, infuse new ideas into the HBCU and ASERL library environments, and advance resource sharing among all partners." The exchange program builds on ongoing leadership development activities currently sponsored by

the HBCU Library Alliance and SOLINET.

The project to test the exchange program includes an intensive evaluation to assess effectiveness, identify short-term outcomes, and assess impact at partner libraries. A report on the pilot will be distributed in early 2007.

Created by the deans and directors of HBCU libraries in 2002, the HBCU Library Alliance is a consortium that supports the collaboration of information professionals dedicated to strengthening Historically Black Colleges and Universities and their constituents. The purpose of the HBCU Library Alliance is to ensure excellence in HBCU libraries through the development, collaboration, coordination, and promotion of programs and activities to enhance members' collections and services. Visit the HBCU Library Alliance website at www.hbculibraries.org - for more information, contact Lillian Lewis at llewis@solinet.net.



USC Plans Ground-Breaking Ceremonies New Thomas Cooper Library Wings

Ground-breaking ceremonies will be held soon for Thomas Cooper Library's two new special collections wings. The ceremony for the South Carolina Political Collections wing will be held on May 10 at 5:00 p.m. and the ceremony for the Rare Books and Special Collections wing will be held in the morning of June 14.

Illustration: Drawing of TCL with wings





PASCAL Celebrates Anniversary of the SC Academic Virtual Library

Columbia, SC — South Carolina's 210,000 students and faculty can use a large and increasing store of knowledge in core academic subjects, health sciences, and business, thanks to a program funded over the past two years by the General Assembly. The SC Academic Virtual Library, or "Electronic Library," provides a treasure trove of research materials, including millions of articles in over 16,000 electronic full-text periodicals. Most of these periodicals are core academic research journals. Also in the works for the upcoming year is completion of a system that will make 12 million volumes -- almost every book in every academic library in South Carolina -- available to all students and faculty members in the state, usually within 24 hours, regardless of the size or location of their technical college, four year college, university, or medical school.

For the past two fiscal years, the legislature has provided \$2 million/year funding for the "Statewide Electronic Library" for higher education in the S.C. Commission on Higher Education budget. The vast expansion of resources is extremely cost-effective. "We bring in at least \$7 of value for every dollar we spend on electronic resources," notes Rick Moul, who coordinates the Virtual Library's programs. "For example, our first two major license agreements for electronic journals and research material will cost \$3.8 million over five years, but would cost South Carolina institutions \$30.8 million if licensed individually." Similarly, by making it easier and cheaper to borrow materials, the statewide catalog and delivery system will generate a 3-fold increase in use at a fraction of current transaction costs. "I think this program represents as well as any, the Governor's call to a wise use of state funds in a collaborative, shared fashion," says Mark Herring, Dean of Libraries at Winthrop University.

"We're providing research materials well beyond the financial reach of our individual academic libraries," observes Moul. "This is an important pro-

gram," says Cynthia Davies, Director of Library Services at Piedmont Technical College. "Our students are now on more equal footing with counterparts at larger research universities and institutions in other states."

Mr. Moul is Executive Director of PASCAL (Partnership among South Carolina Academic Libraries), an organization that was created in 2001 by academic library directors to address information-access challenges at virtually all of South Carolina's public and independent institutions of higher education. The Academic Virtual Library is organized into several major programs. Millions of research articles are provided through *Collegiate DISCUS*, which builds on the State Library's DISCUS foundation of general resources, and provides access to thousands of core academic resources in electronic form to college students and faculty. Access to all books in SC academic libraries will be provided through *PASCAL Delivers*, a statewide academic library catalog of over 12 million volumes. This will be a single place to look for books, coupled with an overnight delivery of material to requestors. With a simple web-based request, books will arrive at a user's home library within two days or less. Full service to all colleges and universities will be phased in during in 2006. A third component of the Virtual library is *South Carolina Memory*, an evolving statewide digital library program emphasizing expanded access to cultural and historical resources for researchers, students at all levels and citizens through collaboration and digitization.

In addition to state funds, the Academic Virtual Library is supported through member library dues, and has been awarded several small federal grants through the State Library for digitization. In the past year PASCAL has doubled its receipts from member library dues so that they account for 7.5% of the total operating budget. However, state funds provide the key to sustainability. They are primarily used for database and electronic journal licensing fees, and ongoing costs such as delivery, hardware and software maintenance. "These are recurring annual expenses on which libraries have come to rely heavily," Davies notes. Establishing ongoing funding for the Virtual Academic Library is important in order to continue to meet the crucial challenge of providing the resources necessary to level the education and economic playing field in the global information economy for South Carolina's 210,000 college and university students. For more information contact, Rick Moul rmoul@gwm.sc.edu.

Palmetto/Pine Scholar Promotes Literacy in Blacksburg

Laura Jones, a Palmetto/Pine scholar at the USC College of Library and Information Science, was recently awarded the Literacy Award from the South Carolina International Reading Association (SCIRA) for her literacy partnership.

As Children's Librarian at the Blacksburg Branch Library, Jones initiated a literacy partnership with Blacksburg Elementary in fall 2005. "My goal with this partnership was to promote literacy and encourage the love of reading," Jones said. "I have seen great results. The children are coming to the library on their own."

The partnership allows the third grade class at Blacksburg Elementary to visit the library each month. Jones shares various activities with the children.



The students get to check out books with their own library cards. This literacy project also garnered Jones the county award.

Jones is continuing to promote literacy by starting a library program using a therapy dog. "The purpose of the program is to help children overcome shyness and problems with reading." Jones plans to start the sessions in May with Casey, a therapy dog owned by a patron in the Blacksburg community.

The session will involve the child as reader, the dog's owner, and Casey. The child has a chance to read to the dog. Jones says, "Studies have shown that the program increases reading scores and a confidence in reading." Jones also plans to have the owner present a "Dog Safety" program during the library's Summer Reading Program.

One Stop for New Library Grant Opportunities

The new Library Grants Blog, by librarians Pam MacKellar and Stephanie Gerding, provides a free resource for finding library grant and award opportunities. This blog is the only single online location where a librarian can find the latest grants from all types of sources - government, foundations, corporations, organizations, and professional associations - as well as additional opportunities for awards and internships.

Examples of current postings include government grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Institute for Museum and Library Services, foundation grants from the Verizon Foundation and the For All Kids Foundation, awards from the National Library Commission and the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, a corporate grant from the Bank of the West, an internship at Cornell University Library, and grants from the American Library Association.

For more information on all aspects of library grants, purchase their new Neal-Schuman title, *Grants for Libraries* at <http://www.neal-schuman.com/db/5/505.html>. Visit the Library Grants Blog at <http://www.librarygrants.blogspot.com/> for a complete listing of grant opportunities. For more information, contact librarygrants@earthlink.net.



Cooper Recognized with State Trustee Award

Dr. Noble P. Cooper Jr., who currently serves as vice chair of the Richland County Public Library's Board of Trustees, has received the **Margie Herron Outstanding Library Trustee Award** from the South Carolina Association of Public Library Administrators.

Dr. Cooper was appointed to the RCPL Board of Trustees in 1995. He served as secretary from 1996 to 2000 and as chairperson from 2000 to 2002 and 2003 to 2005. An active volunteer for numerous civic organizations, Dr. Cooper is a vocal advocate for the impact public libraries have on the community as well as each and every individual library user.

As a child, Dr. Cooper spent most Saturdays at RCPL and participated in the Summer Reading Club each year. He admits that getting to know the librarians, and having them know him and his parents, helped him develop a sense of community.

"I consider myself to be a tough guy, but I still get goose bumps when I walk into our library," said Cooper recently. "While my early memories of the library are fond ones, I know firsthand how far we've come. It is exciting to see all the opportunities that my children—and *everyone* in the community—have available because of RCPL."

Report on the ALA 2006 Midwinter Conference ~ submitted by Tom Gilson, South Carolina ALA Councilor

The San Antonio Midwinter ALA conference was rewarding and interesting on a number of levels. Thankfully, the weather cooperated, being mild and sunny all but one day. Convention Center facilities were conveniently located and the meetings easy to find. As always, the exhibits were a highlight with publishers and vendors out in full force. And on the social side of the equation, the Riverwalk area near the convention center was a great place to take a break and grab a bite to eat, as well as, get in some after meeting shopping. In short, it was a pleasure to be in San Antonio doing SCLA's business.

This being my second conference as ALA Councilor, I was more familiar with the flow of the meetings and felt more a part of Council's delibera-

Noble P. Cooper Jr., D.D.S., a partner with Drs. Cooper and Cooper, is also a Commissioner and Vice Chair for the South Carolina Arts Commission, a Board member for the United Way of the Midlands Health and Recovery Council, the 2006 Community Chair of "Give Kids A Smile Day," and the 2005 recipient of the Whitney M. Young Award given by the Indian Waters Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He is a member of several professional organizations including the American Dental Association and the South Carolina Dental Association-Central District.



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tions. I attended all three Council meetings, as well as, the two Chapter Relations Committee meetings and one of the Council Panel discussions.

Oh! For those of you interested in statistics, final attendance at Midwinter was 11,084, a drop from the Boston attendance of 13,232 in 2005 but a jump from 10,788 participants that made the San Diego Midwinter in 2004.

Resolutions:

Dues Increase

Council approved a resolution to forward a dues increase to the membership for a vote on the April ballot. ALA has not had a dues increase in 10 years and given the goals set forth in last summer's new strategic plan, "Ahead to 2010", a dues increase is believed necessary. In fact, it is only one part of a plan to raise additional revenue. ALA hopes to match the dues increase with more fundraising and in-

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Karen Rodman, Library Specialist at Midlands Technical College wears many hats. She works primarily at the circulation/reference desk, but is always willing to take on additional projects.

Currently Karen is leading two separate and varied projects in the library and is a member of a third project. The first is the Annual Library Week Celebration/Art Show which Karen initiated last year. She contacted the art department to assess initial interest, and she approached the college foundation to arrange for prizes, money for supplies, etc. Karen also handled the publicity and set up. Since last year's show was a success, she is in the process of organizing this year's show. She has made arrangements for molding to be added to the library for easier display of the artwork. In addition to painting, photography, and 3 dimensional items, she has expanded the competition to include edible art.

Her second project is organizing a complete library inventory. The library's collection has not been inventoried for many years. Using SIRSI we will do this by scanning barcodes and running reports. Karen has run a trial section to see what works and has attended a conference session on library inventory. In May she will have all the library staff involved in this major undertaking.

Finally, as a member of the PASCAL (Partnership Among South Carolina Libraries) Univer-

sal Borrowing Committee, Karen worked to establish the procedures for borrowing between academic libraries. This is a statewide initiative that has involved meetings and telephone conferences. Karen was recently asked to be a member of the committee's evaluation team for the shuttle service.

Karen is an asset to the MTC Library and we appreciate all her work to make the library a better place. Submitted by Susan Payne paynes@midlandstech.edu.



Greenville County Library System's 'Two Library Guys and A Laptop' Answer Questions on Main Street

In September 2005, two members of the reference staff of the Greenville County Library System's Reference Department literally took library services to the street and answered reference questions on Greenville's Main Street.



The Two Library Guys, Kevin Miller and Jonathan Newton used wifi technology to demonstrate how a library card can help solve such stumpers as "What's the longest word in the English language?" and "How many Elvis Presleys are there listed in the phone book?"

In addition, The Two Library Guys also signed people up for library cards as part of National Library Card Sign-up Month. The Two Library Guys plan to go out to the Panera Bread Co. in Haywood Mall in the near future.

Original Bookmobile Artwork Creates Whimsical Intro to Library Service— Greenville County Library System Welcomes New Bookmobile

In January, the Greenville County Library System welcomed a bookmobile - the first new one in 10 years. The custom-built vehicle features vibrant and colorful original artwork by the library system's graphic designer, Maija Hurst.

For the design, Hurst created black and white



hand drawing of different people with a bookshelf background. She then converted the drawing to a digital image and colored it in Photoshop. The result is an eye-catching digitally enhanced organic design.

"I'm very pleased with the way the bookmobile turned out. It was remarkable to see my design blown up to truck size after working with it on my 20 inch computer screen," said Hurst.

The bookmobile was partially funded by a grant of \$62,000 from the South Carolina State Library under the Library Services and Technology Act, State Administered Program P.L. 108-81, as amended, through the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). To learn more about the South Carolina State Library please visit www.state.sc.us/scsl/index.html and to learn more about the IMLS, visit www.ims.gov.

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Paraprofessional Staff Members Maintain Statistics for Library's Electronic Resources

By Felicia Yeh, USC School of Medicine Library

With libraries continuing to shift their collections from print to electronic format, collecting and generating statistics for e-resources can be quite cumbersome and overwhelming. Two paraprofessional staff at the USC School of Medicine Library, Laura Howell and Marge Terracio, play key roles in performing these tasks.

Laura Howell, Acquisitions Specialist, collects usage statistics for e-books and databases, such as Harrison's Online, MD Consult, etc. Marge Terracio, Serials Specialist, collects usage statistics for e-journals, such as, PubMed LinkOut, TDNet, etc. In an effort to better organize the information, both staff members took the initiative to create a spreadsheet that tracks the usage statistics of both databases and e-journals. The data they collect and compile not only serves as an important tool in the area of collection development, it significantly simplifies the

process of statistical reporting. Now, when the Library is asked to participate in the annual statistical reports distributed by AAHSL (American Academic Health Sciences Library), ARL (the Association of Research Libraries), and the Annual Library Statistics from the South Carolina State Library, the statistical figures in different categories are readily accessible.



Jean Carter Townsend has been working at the Marion County Library for almost sixteen years. She was hired in September 1990, as a Circulation Assistant, fulfilling a lifelong dream to work at the library, despite the fact that leaving her production job at Heritage Sportswear meant a substantial pay cut. Within a couple of years, the then-Youth Services Librarian discovered Jean's ability to work with children and her overwhelming enthusiasm, and capitalized on these strengths by encouraging the Director to send Jean to an intensive two-week seminar at USC-CLIS Davis College on *Storytelling for Paraprofessionals*. Jean soaked up every moment of this training, and both Dr. Pat Feehan, the instructor, and fellow classmates remember her as a star student. By 1994, Jean was not only regaling preschoolers with her lively story times, but she had also added Bookmobile Driver to her resume. Today, Jean serves as the Children's Department Assistant, as well as the Bookmobile Supervisor.



When Jean received the gift of a monkey puppet from new director Salley Davidson in 1995, "BK" (as he became known) boosted Jean's confidence in her storytelling talents and together they became beloved ambassadors for the Library and were frequently in demand. "BK" has since retired from full-time work, but Jean is still going strong!

In 2002, Marion County Library Director Salley Davidson and Even Start Program Director Helen Smith co-authored a grant to boost the literacy levels of very young mothers in the County. Jean was a natural choice to attend Motherhead training and to provide weekly classes for these new mothers, teaching them how to share books with their babies and describing to them why it is so important that they do. Jean knows this firsthand, since her own mother could not read, a fact that Jean did not discover until she was in elementary school herself and realized that as her mother was urging Jean to read and re-read her homework assignments, Mrs. Carter was striving to learn right along with her. One reason why Jean did not become aware of this truth about her mother sooner is that Peggy Carter was a wonderful storyteller despite her illiteracy, and Jean has inherited this ability as well as a passion for helping others learn.

The Library was without a professional Youth Services Librarian for four years, from 1998 until I was hired in March 2003. It was during these years that Jean not only performed many of the duties of this position, but she also served as the only Bookmobile driver



for a portion of this time. With her loyalty and dedication, it is no wonder that she has a huge amount of leave accumulated, since she was reluctant to take any days off, knowing that there was no one to fill her shoes. Indeed, for the first few weeks of my employment, I spent many moments wondering why I *was* hired, when there existed this Superwoman who could do it all! What I discovered, however, was that having Jean as my assistant was a blessing beyond compare. Despite my education and previous experience, as a lifelong perfectionist, I have often been plagued with incapacitating feelings of self-doubt regarding my job skills. Not here! With Jean as my consultant, supporter, personal cheerleader, and friend, I have been able to feel successful in my efforts, and also have been able to laugh at and learn from my mistakes. Together, "The Twins," as we are known, have established a growing summer reading program and have taken on programs for teens, day care providers, and more.

To many people in Marion County, Jean is the Library! From her work with preschool children during scheduled story times at the Main Library and both branches, to her extensive travels on the Bookmobile to both distant rural reaches as well as city nursing homes and housing developments, to her outreach storytelling in schools and recreation centers, Jean impresses everyone she meets with her love of books and stories, and her commitment to the Library's efforts for literacy. I am proud to work with her and to be able to call her a friend. Submitted by Cathy Pruet, Marion County Library.



DIABETES COALITION LIBRARY PARTNERS AMONG TOP-10 FINALISTS FOR NATIONAL AWARD

The REACH 2010 Charleston and Georgetown Diabetes Coalition Library Partnership has been selected as one of ten finalists competing for the 2006 NCLIS Health Award for Libraries. The award is sponsored by the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) and designed to mobilize the resources of libraries to help citizens learn how to live healthy lifestyles and to provide citizens with consumer health information. The REACH diabetes library partnership was chosen by the South Carolina State Library to represent the state's libraries' health programs, and is now honored as one of the top in the nation.

On May 3, 2006, NCLIS will hold a forum for presenting the 10 award-winning programs at the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, Maryland. After the forum the finalists will be honored at a reception, and from the ten, a grand prize winner will be announced. Nine programs will receive \$1,000 each, and the top program will receive \$20,000. Barbara Carlson, MLIS, associate professor in the Department of Library Science and Informatics at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) and REACH health sciences librarian, will represent the REACH Library Partnership at the forum. Other partnered representatives will attend also to be recognized and honored.

The local REACH library-community-campus partnership focuses on expanding Internet access and teaching people to use high quality diabetes information through libraries and the Internet. Partners include the Charleston County Public Library System, the Georgetown County Public Library System, the MUSC College of Nursing, the MUSC Department of Library Science and Informatics, and various community-based organizations. The partnership works to answer the need of medically underserved communities, and demonstrates the value of libraries in helping African Americans and all citizens to partner with their health care providers and be more active participants in their own health.

The library program is guided by the REACH 2010 Charleston and Georgetown Diabetes Coalition. REACH 2010 (Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health) Charleston and Georgetown Diabetes Coalition is a group of community organizations and leaders that works towards reducing disparities for African Americans with diabetes. The lo-

cal coalition focuses on increasing community awareness, improving the quality of health care, and creating education opportunities for African Americans with diabetes. Carolyn Jenkins, Dr. P.H. and a professor at the MUSC College of Nursing, is the principal investigator for the local REACH coalition.

The REACH library partnership supports Internet access and volunteer Internet instructors at five community sites to help people learn health information and technology skills. Program participants are encouraged to use the information to strengthen their communication with their health care providers, and to learn more about health issues from high quality, reliable resources such as MedlinePlus (medlineplus.gov). Partners include Charleston County public librarians from the Johns Island Regional Library, Otranto Road Regional Library, Cooper River Branch, St. Paul's Branch, and Georgetown County's Main Library and a new library, Carvers Bay Branch, due to open this Spring. The REACH 2010 health sciences librarian, community health advisors, and other faculty and staff help coordinate the health information program.

Community leaders, librarians, and REACH staff work as a steering committee to provide Internet access and training, improve diabetes collections in public libraries, produce posters and bookmarks, and raise the awareness of the importance of good quality health information. Representatives from the Wadmalaw Island Citizen Improvement Committee, Greater St. Peters Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Wilton Community Center, Nazareth A.M.E. Church, and the Georgetown County Diabetes CORE Group engage local groups in these efforts.

The U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science is a Federal agency charged by Public Law 91-345 to advise the President and Congress on national and international library and information policies, to appraise and assess the adequacies and deficiencies of library and information resources and services, and to develop overall plans for meeting national library and information needs.

The REACH coalition is based in MUSC College of Nursing and the program is under the direction of the Diabetes Initiative of South Carolina. The local REACH coalition is one of 40 REACH programs nationwide, each specializing in a particular health disparity. The coalition is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the library partnership is supported by funds from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. For more information, call 843-792-5872. www.musc.edu/reach.

Phyllis Pivorun – A Woman on the Move

By Betty Cook, Gunnin Architecture Library, Clemson University

Since the fall of 1973, over 32 years ago, Phyllis Pivorun has been a library paraprofessional with the Clemson University Libraries in the Gunnin Architecture Library located in Lee Hall. From the beginning, as a temporary LTA II to her current position as a Media Resources Consultant, Phyllis has seen and participated in numerous changes along the way.

The location of the library in Lee Hall moved during her tenure, and she has worked with seven of the eight branch heads. Improvements were made to the physical surroundings through new carpet and color-coordinated furnishings; additional staff members were hired; and more services were offered--everything from the public computers to a Printing Facility. Over the years there have been many student workers. In fact, Phyllis maintains a long list of the student assistants that have come and gone in the Slide Room, now called the Media Resources Center, just in case one should stop by to say hello years later, which they often do.

Other major changes have occurred with the collections and how items are checked out of the library. Many years ago lantern slides, images etched on glass, were common. They measured 3 ½ x 4 inches and required a lantern slide projector. These days the 35mm slides are being digitized and made accessible via the Internet. The size of the original slide collection grew from approximately 25, 000 to 140,000 slides. There are now over 1,500 videos/DVDs, 200 CD-ROMs, and equipment galore is available to patrons, in addition to all the books. Back in the early days of the library when items were checked out, a patron signed a card, was given a due date, and was trusted to return the items on time. Now most items, except the slides, are checked out electronically, and a security gate has been in place for many years.



Phyllis Pivorun received the Clemson University Libraries 1996 Classified Employee of the Year Award.

Phyllis, a native of Minnesota, has a B. S. in Family Social Science from the University of Minnesota. In addition, she has studied art and architectural history and attended numerous art seminars. She participated in Clemson University London Studies Abroad and Italian Studies Abroad programs. Her hobbies include hiking, mountain climbing, traveling and photographing architecture, landscape architecture and outdoor public art. In fact, many of her personal slides are in the collection. She can tell some interesting stories about her various adventures in Canada, Norway, Germany, Switzerland, France, and her exciting Alaskan bear escapes.

A long-time member of the Southeastern College Art Conference, Visual Resources Curators affiliated subgroup, Phyllis has also been active over the years in the Visual Resources Association and the Art Libraries Society of North America. She regularly has attended annual conferences and workshops and diligently monitors the listservs to remain current in the field of visual resources and art libraries.

Phyllis has enjoyed working directly with the students and the faculty over the years and has survived the moves, the changes, and the improvements (including the Great Barcoding Project in 1986). Along the way she has participated in numerous birthday celebrations, farewell parties for staff, and more than a few hilarious Halloween parties. There are still pictures circulating of her as Wonder Woman and more recently as a member of the band, KISS.

Yes, the Gunnin Library will not be quite the same without Phyllis, her daily walk downtown for lunch, and her sage advice. In fact, she is on the move once again. In June 2006 she is retiring and plans to stay on the go by getting involved with community service and maybe doing some more traveling with her husband, Ed, who is also retiring from Clemson but plans to continue doing some teaching and conducting research. It is often said that change is good. Phyllis has been good for the Architecture Library. It is hoped that this change will be good for her and she will remain a woman on the move.

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creased sales income to help fund all of the programs and projects envisioned in "Ahead to 2010."

The new dues structure would increase the regular membership rate of \$100 with boosts of \$10 a year for 3 years starting in 2007. It would also raise the "Other Members" dues salary cap from \$20,000 to \$25,000 helping those at the lower end of the salary scale. Here is a more complete list of the impacts of the dues increase on various forms of membership:

Regular member	2006: \$100	2007: \$110	2008: \$120	2009: \$130
Support staff	2006: \$35	2007: \$39	2008: \$42	2009: \$46
Trustees	2006: \$45	2007: 50	2008: \$54	2009: \$59
Student membership	2006: \$25	2007: \$28	2008: \$30	2009: \$33
Other Members	2006: \$35	2007: \$39	2008: 42	2009: \$46

As you can imagine, there was a fair amount of discussion and a number of questions asked especially regarding the preference among some Councilors for a graduated dues structure. Concerns about lower-income members subsidizing higher-income members were expressed. However, it was noted that ALA changed its former graduated dues in the mid 1970s to gain predictability and this seemed the most convincing argument in favor of the current flat dues structure. Given ALA's need to maintain a professional staff, long-term programs, large annual and midwinter conferences, etc., predictability is an essential factor in the proper funding of an Association as large as ALA. Those interested in more information, please go to: www.ala.org/alaahead for a thorough explanation of the proposed dues increase.

Classification of School Librarians

A number of state legislatures are being asked by conservative activists to pass the "65% solution" that calls for school districts to spend at least

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2006 John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award Winners Announced

Six libraries are winners of the John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award which recognizes and honors outstanding achievement in library public relations. This award, jointly sponsored by the H. W. Wilson Company and the H. W. Wilson Foundation, Bronx, N.Y., with the Library Administration and Management Association (LAMA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), has been awarded continuously since 1946.

"The applications received this 60th anniversary year came from a variety of libraries and library organizations and provided a wonderful picture of the amazing, innovative and creative public relations campaigns being carried out in libraries across the country," said Tim Wadham, award committee chair. "The winning entries represent impressive public relations campaigns that ran the gamut from reading and library card sign-up promotion to reaching teen audiences to the opening and renovation of library facilities. What they all had in common was a remarkable success in raising public awareness of facilities, programs and services."

Two of the six 2006 awards will be presented to SC libraries: Charleston County Public Library (Charleston, S.C.) for its innovative project "Remembering the Cooper River Bridges," an aggressive public relations effort with local media partnerships dramatically increased the public's awareness of the significance of Charleston's bridges and raised the library's public profile with nearly \$800,000 in free news coverage. The James B. Duke Library—Furman University (Greenville, S.C.) for "ICU: Life in the Library" and "Year of the Library," a two-phase building renovation and expansion campaign. Staff members injected a humorous medical theme to ease stress during the construction phase which was followed by a yearlong celebration of the library, its new building and capabilities.



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65% of their budgets on "classroom instruction." On the surface such a proposal seems worth considering; however, librarians and libraries are not considered as part of "classroom instruction" so do not fall with the 65% and may face serious cuts. Council voted to send letters to all legislators in states that are considering such legislation. Speakers also mentioned the need for Chapter involvement to educate school librarians to the dangers of 65% rule.

I have been in contact with Jane Connor, the liaison between SCLA and SCASL, so our two associations can work together on the issue as the need arises.

"Academic Bill of Rights"

Council passed a Resolution in Support of Academic Freedom that opposed the so-called "Academic Bill of Rights" which would impose extra-academic standards on academic institutions possibly leading to interference in course content, classroom instruction, the research process and hiring and tenure decisions. Council resolved "to reaffirm the principles embodied in the American Association of University Professors statement on Academic Freedom and Tenure."

International Relations

Given increased concerns with security on the part of the U.S. government, Council adopted the International Relations Committee's resolution calling on the government to allow librarians and library workers to travel from the U.S. to other countries and librarians and library workers from other countries to travel to the U.S. for professional activities. Attendance at library conferences, developing gift and

exchange programs, establishing ties with other library associations and purchasing books and other materials were all cited as examples of such activities.

Judge Samuel Alito's nomination

Council passed a resolution opposing the confirmation of Judge Samuel Alito's nomination to the Supreme Court. Finding it hard to see a clearly defined link to library issues in the resolution, I voted against passage.

Resolutions Related to Legislation

Council passed the following resolutions:

- Resolution on the USA Patriot Act reauthorization calling for amendments to Section 215 and 505 - insuring privacy of library records.
- Resolution on OMB's Guidance to Agencies Pertaining to the Implementation of Section 207(d) of the E-Government Act of 2002 - calls for Congressional oversight of OMB policies in this area.
- Resolution on Protecting the Toxics Release Inventory Program - to protect from EPA proposed rules that would diminish the programs effectiveness.
- Resolution on the Changes to the IRS Tax Forms Outlet Program - to insure the needs of participating libraries and the patrons they serve are met.
- Resolution Affirming Equity of Access through Universal Service, E-Rate, and Advanced Broadband Services - to assure equitable and affordable access to these essential services.

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people in the news



The School of Medicine Library welcomed Soumitra Kayal as the new Systems Librarian on January 1, 2006. Soumitra possesses a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering and just recently earned his M.L.I.S. degree from the University of South Carolina.

Staff News from USC Columbia:

- Retirements from Thomas Cooper Library: Jan

Cambre in August with more than 30 years service, Martha Mason in December with more than 30 years service, Charlotte Marshall in December with more than 28 years of service, Linda Allman in December with more than 30 years service.

- Music Library: Scott Phinney's article "2005 SEMLA Annual Meeting in Memphis" was published in the January 2006 issue of <Breve Notes>, the newsletter of the Southeast Chapter of the Music Library Association, pp. 1, 7-8.
- New hire, Thomas Cooper Library: Gerri Corson, Reference Librarian, effective February 1.

calendar of events

May 17—10am-1pm SCLA Executive Board Meeting

May 18—10am-3pm College and University section workshop (see below)

May 19—6th Annual LIBRIS Conference, "Charting Our Future", Trident Technical College, Charleston—<http://sclibris.org/> (see back cover)

Tenure! Great idea, but how? The SCLA College and University Section is so glad you asked! We would love to have you join us, whether or not you are a member of our section, for **Conquering the Tenure Terrors**, a workshop on tackling the tenure process. We aim to answer questions such as:

Why is tenure important for librarians? How do I get published? I know how to do my job, but what opportunities do I, as a librarian, have to meet service and scholarly requirements? What does a tenure committee need to determine whether I should get tenure? How can I describe to the committee how valuable my position is?

Dr. Patricia Senn Breivik, former Dean of Libraries at San Jose State University, will be presenting the keynote speech. For those of you who missed her excellent presentation at the SCLA Annual Conference last October, this is another opportunity to benefit from her experience. Katina Strauch, Editor of *Against the Grain*, will speak to the question of scholarly publishing. She will be joined by two successfully-published librarians, Betsey Carter from the Citadel and Burton Callicott from the College of Charleston. Tenured librarians will lead round table discussions and share their experiences with the tenure process. Last but not least, Dr. Marsha Bollinger, Professor of Geology at Winthrop University, will discuss her experience with what a tenure committee looks for in a tenure candidate. A catered lunch will be served at the workshop.

Date: Thursday, May 18, 2006
Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Location: Richland County Public Library
 Lucy Hampton Bostich Auditorium
 1431 Assembly Street
 Columbia, SC 29201
 (803) 799-9084

Cost: \$20.00

RSVP: Please let us know if you will be able to attend. You will find a registration form on the College and University Section website at

<http://www.scla.org/CollegeAndUniversitySection/HomePage>





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6th Annual LIBRIS Conference ~ <http://sclibris.org>

When: May 19, 2006 ~ **Where:** Trident Technical College, Charleston, SC

The goal of LIBRIS in conducting this conference is to provide an affordable one-day forum for library personnel. This forum will allow attendees to share ideas that will better enable them to carry out the vision and mission of their libraries throughout South Carolina. Founded six years ago as a staff development day, the conference has since grown into a one-day conference with participation from the sixteen technical colleges, four year colleges, the State library, several private colleges, public libraries and PASCAL.

The LIBRIS Conference is an annual gathering of librarians and library staff from across South Carolina who come together each May to discuss issues of importance to them all. This year's conference will be hosted by Trident Technical College in Charleston. The Conference will be held in the 920 Building on the Main Campus located at 7000 Rivers Ave. North Charleston. From I-26 you will take the Ashley Phosphate Rd exit to Rivers Avenue Please refer to Trident Technical College's campus map . The cost this year will be \$35.00, including lunch.

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