

## College of DuPage Training Series Available to La Library Staff

The State Library of Louisiana and LOUIS have joined forces to offer the College of DuPage Library Learning Network training series to all library staff and librarians in Louisiana. Two series are offered in 2008: *Soaring to Excellence* and *Library Challenges and Opportunities*. These teleconferences are available to all public, academic, and K-12 school library staff.

The *Soaring to Excellence* theme is "Mapping the Library Landscape: Every Library Worker a Trendspotter" and offers three training sessions:

- Finding the Trends That Matter:

Get Your Environmental Scan On  
Broadcast date: October 26, 2007\*\*

- People Watching With a Purpose: Meeting Needs Before They Need It

Broadcast date: February 8, 2008

- Trends, Fads or Folly: Spotting the Library Trends That Really Matter

Broadcast date: April 11, 2008

The *Library Challenges & Opportunities* offers two sessions:

- Library Spaces: Future Needs  
Broadcast date: March 7, 2008

- Library Challenges and

Opportunities...Into the Future  
Broadcast date: May 9, 2008 (Tentative Date)

\*\*If you missed the College Of Dupage web cast of "Finding The Trends That Matter: Get Your Environmental Scan On" that originally aired on October 26<sup>th</sup> 2007, a link to the streaming video of the teleconference is now available. The link will be active for approximately 30 days: <http://www.dupagepress.com/COD/index.php?id=2628>

For more information, please contact Riley Bordelon at the State Library, [rbordelo@state.lib.la.us](mailto:rbordelo@state.lib.la.us), 225-342-0798.



Author Van R. Mayhall, Sr and narrator Ralph Sims meet in the Louisiana Voices studio.

## Louisiana Veterans Meet at the State Library

The State Library of Louisiana is hosting an exhibit honoring our nation's veterans throughout the month of November. Featured in the display is the book, *Cranking up a Fine War: a Louisiana Soldier from Boot Camp to General's Aide* by Van R. Mayhall, Sr. The Baton Rouge native chronicles his distinguished US Army career as a WWII Colonel and details his meetings with British royalty, Hollywood elite, and the life long love affair with his wife, Marie.

Long time volunteer narrator Ralph Sims recorded the book in the Louisiana Voices studio. Louisiana Voices records audio books for patrons of Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Production of the

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## Viewpoint

On October 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> I attended the fall COSLA (Chief Officers of State Library Agencies) meeting. This group meets four times a year, but due to obvious reasons, this was only the second meeting that I have been able to attend since my appointment as State Librarian. It was good to see the faces of those that I met no more than a month after hurricane Katrina and who comforted me during that time. They are still supportive and still concerned about Louisiana and our recovery.

The meeting was an informative one where we discussed many of the issues and concerns that we all share (E-rate, keeping up with technology, construction needs, digitization of the talking book program). It made me feel better to know that my fellow state librarians, and their public librarians, are dealing with many of the same issues that we are dealing with at the State Library and that you are dealing with in the field. There was a lively dialogue on the relevance of public libraries and the services they provide and how to compete with the Barnes and Nobles of the world – through marketing, signage and an overall new attitude of what a public library space can and should be.

We also discussed strategies for securing federal and private dollars for construction – a great need that we all share. As these strategies take shape and direction I will share our plans with you and will likely call on you to speak to our lawmakers.

Although I felt we were in the “same boat” so to speak on many issues, I came away with a sense of accomplishment for what we do here at the State Library. We have been operating at a 25% staff reduction since FY05-06 yet producing a level of work that I believe is commendable – all due to my incredible team. We provide many services and resources that other state library agencies do not and we do it with a big heart. We are large enough and strong enough to command state and federal dollars on your behalf but small enough and attentive enough to give hands on customer service with sincere desire to give you the best that we can. In other words, in the world of state libraries, I think we are just right.

State Librarian



## Veterans *(continued)*

audio book included six months of one-hour weekly reading sessions produced by the program’s manager, Angela Cinquemano.

A veteran himself, Sims was a staff sergeant in the US Army Air Corp in 1944. He served with 452<sup>nd</sup> Bomb Group of the Eighth Air Force as a tail gunner, on the B-17, “The Flying Fortress”. He completed 32 missions over Europe. At the completion of the project, Sims and Mayhall met in the Louisiana Voices studios. Mayhall expressed his gratitude to the State Library of Louisiana for both bringing his story to a special population and allowing him to meet Sims, “a fine and worthy man”.

Those interested in reading the book in special format can contact Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped toll-free at 1-800-543-4702, or in Baton Rouge, (225) 342-0035.

## State Library Presents Shine the Light Award on Behalf of Lt. Governor

On September 28<sup>th</sup>, Deputy State Librarian Diane Brown presented, on behalf of Lt. Governor Mitch Landrieu and State Librarian Rebecca Hamilton, a Shine the Light Award to the LSU Library during a ceremony celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their Federal Depository Library program. She also presented the Governor’s proclamation of September 28, 2007 as Federal Depository Library Program Day.

In 1907, LSU was one of 43 land-grant colleges to join the program, providing the citizens of this country free, easy access to information contained in federal government documents published at public expense. The LSU Libraries collection has over 3.5 million print items, microforms and databases of federal government information.

# People & Places

## Around the State

An Open House honoring **Anna Marchiafava**, Director of the West Baton Rouge Parish Library for thirty-five years, is being held on Thursday, December 13, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the West Baton Rouge Parish Library (830 N. Alexander, Port Allen, La., 225-342-7920). A Recognition Ceremony will be held at 4:00.

## State Library

**Brenda Omoike** from the Access Services Circulation department departed to work with the Dept. of Public Safety as a dispatcher.

**Quiana Wright** has begun working as a reference librarian in the Louisiana Section. She received her MLIS from LSU in Dec. 2006. She worked at East Baton Rouge Parish Library as a YA/reference librarian. Her emphasis at the State Library will be the organization of the historic state documents collection.

## Remembrances

We are saddened by the passing of the brother of Basu Baski, State Library staff member. Dipankar Bhattacharyya of Kolkata, India, was 70 years old.

## Mileage Tax Renewals Pass

Congratulations to St. Tammany Parish and Audubon Regional Library! Their mileage tax renewals passed.

St. Tammany Parish said yes by 63%. East Feliciana said yes by 65% and the people of St. Helena said yes by 62%.

## McNeese State University Recognizes State Library Team

In September 2007, the Interlibrary Loan Department in the Access Services Division of the State Library of Louisiana was recognized by McNeese State University for "providing great interlibrary loan service for our students and community." A Certificate of Recognition was presented by Paul Drake, Interlibrary Loan Librarian at Frazier Memorial Library. The State Library ILL team members include Gussie Armstead, Kathe Edwards, Beryl Hawkins and Errin Levingston. Kytara Gaudin is the Head of the Access Services Division.

"There is much great interlibrary loan work happening, but most goes without recognition. When I thought of the great service various libraries supplied us in September, your assistance came instantly to mind," said Drake. "I am pleased to present you with a certificate of recognition for providing great interlibrary loan service for our students and community in September 2007."

## Washington Parish Library Rededication Ceremony

### Franklinton Library and Headquarters Building Formally Reopened



The Washington Parish Library system is pleased to announce that its Franklinton library branch and headquarters building formally reopened on August 29th, 2007. The ceremony started at 11:00 a.m., and consisted of brief remarks by Associate State Librarian Dorothy White, Parish President M.E. "Toye" Taylor, and Washington

Parish Library Director Joseph Sbisa. Over 90 people attended the ceremony, which was held indoors due to inclement weather that reminded some of the storm which affected many lives in this region

Sbisa said, "This isn't just a rededication of the building that was badly damaged by Hurricane Katrina. It isn't just a celebration commemorating the rebuilding of that building. This is a rededication of the Washington Parish Library and its mission 'to provide quality materials and services which fulfill the educational, informational, cultural, and recreational needs of the entire community in an atmosphere that is welcoming, respectful, and businesslike.'"





## Lafayette Public Library System Opens North Regional Library

The Lafayette Public Library System celebrated the grand opening of the new North Regional Library at 5101 North University Avenue in Carencro, with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, September 29th.

Director Sona Dombourian announced, "We are excited to be opening this facility for the community. The building is very traditional on the outside and very modern on the inside. We can't wait to show it off and to have people begin to use and enjoy it."

Opening North Regional Library, which serves all of north Lafayette Parish, marks the completion of the first of four regional libraries in the Lafayette Public Library System's ongoing building program. Plans for the building program also include a complete renovation of the downtown library.

The beautiful 12,564 square-foot North Regional facility sits on 4.3 acres of land donated by the City of Carencro and replaces the existing 2,400 square-foot branch library on East St. Peter Street.

North Regional has something for everyone. Patrons enter the library via a covered walkway and entrance. The library features a large meeting room and two study rooms. The bright and colorful Children's Department includes a storytelling room and puppet theater. An open courtyard is accessible from the meeting room and from the storytelling room. Special spaces are provided for teens, adults, genealogy researchers, and patrons who prefer quiet reading. Public access computers are available and laptop users will enjoy wireless Internet access when working on their own computers.

Checking out library materials couldn't be easier; customers may choose to use the traditional check-out desk or self-checkout. For patron convenience, there is even a drive-through pickup and return window.

To see more photos of the newest Lafayette Public Library, go to [www.lafayette.lib.la.us](http://www.lafayette.lib.la.us) or better yet, stop by for a visit soon.

## State Librarian Speaks at DDD Commission

The Downtown Development District Commission welcomed State Librarian Rebecca Hamilton to speak at their monthly meeting about the fifth annual Louisiana Book Festival. Held October, 9, 2007, the meeting provided a great opportunity for Hamilton to tell downtown stakeholders about all the events, including the new exciting components that comprised the growing Louisiana Book Festival.

After handing out promotional items, Hamilton answered questions from the audience and encouraged everyone to attend and volunteer if they could.

## Louisiana Voices at LAMA Conference

The Louisiana Archives and Manuscripts Association (LAMA) invited Louisiana Voices Manager Angela Cinquemano to speak at their annual conference on October 12. Held at Hill Memorial Library on the LSU campus, Angela presented a lecture to forty enthusiastic attendees entitled, "One Program, Many Studios". She discussed not only how Louisiana Voices benefits the visually impaired in our state, but also how it contributes to the Library of Congress by supplementing the collection with noteworthy Louisiana titles. Rose Tarbell, The President of LAMA, states that the audience cited the unique topic as a 2007 presentation favorite.

# Use of Louisiana Historic Photographs Increases with Digitization

With the widespread publication and use of the *Louisiana Digital Library*, the State Library's collection of digitized photographs, the usage of and requests for copies has increased from 10 images per month (pre-digitization) to more than 1,000 images.

Previously, requests came primarily via professors, authors, publishers and media outlets that often accessed historical related images through various archives, museums and libraries. With the *Louisiana Digital Library* offering access to all, the State Library is also receiving many unique requests, such as requests from restaurants, family historians, websites and blogs, online journals and newsletters, museums (for their exhibits), interior decorators, tourism, producers of movies and documentaries and more.

The more popular images tend to be historical, such as the Old and New State Capitol photographs, Mardi Gras, the Governor mansions, the Huey P. Long collection of images, hunting and fishing, early bridges and roads, as well as average folks going about their daily lives. Recent requests have included everything from fair and festival images, colleges and universities and sports to Governors, Main Streets, boats and bayous.

The State Library of Louisiana's Photograph Collection continues to grow with online access available through the *Louisiana Digital Library*, at: [http://louisdl.louislibraries.org/cdm4/index\\_LHP.php?CISOROOT=%2FLHP](http://louisdl.louislibraries.org/cdm4/index_LHP.php?CISOROOT=%2FLHP)



State Library staff member Judy Smith conducts a Louisiana Gumbo project workshop in Lake Charles at the Carnegie Memorial branch of the Calcasieu Parish Public Library.



Lake Charles Mayor Mayor Randy Roach presents the 2007 Citizens of the Humanities award to Library Director Jeff Ripple.

## Calcasieu Receives Award

In October, the Calcasieu Parish Public Library recieved a 2007 Mayor's Arts Awards. CPPL earned the "2007 Citizens of the Humanities" award for its outreach programs in the community from the SWLA Arts & Humanities Council

*As a child, my number one best friend was the librarian in my grade school. I actually believed all those books belonged to her.*

~ Erma Bombeck



# Louisiana Library Association Awards and Scholarships

If you know of a group or individual who deserves an award or scholarship, nominate them! The Louisiana Library Association offers many opportunities. Visit <http://www.laonline.org/as/> for more details.

## ASSOCIATION AWARDS

**Alex Allain Intellectual Freedom Award** (co-sponsored by the Association and Social Issues Resources Series, Inc.) recognizes the contributions of an individual or a group actively promoting intellectual freedom in Louisiana.

**Anthony H. Benoit Mid-Career Award** presented to a member in mid-career who has made outstanding contributions to librarianship.

**Essae M. Culver Distinguished Service Award** honors a librarian whose professional service and achievements, whose leadership in Louisiana association work, and whose lifetime accomplishments in a field of librarianship within the state merit recognition of particular value to Louisiana librarianship.

**LLA Meritorious Service Award** publicly recognizes an individual who has demonstrated sustained and exemplary leadership and service to further the development, services, visibility and/or policies of LLA.

**Louisiana Literary Award** presented to the author of an outstanding book about Louisiana.

### James O. Modisette Awards

**Public Library** is presented in even numbered years to a public library to reward and encourage the improvement of public library service in a two-year period.

**Public Library Trustee** is presented annually to a Public Library Trustee

to commemorate distinguished service to a Louisiana public library.

**Schools** are presented annually to an Elementary School Library, to a Middle/Junior High School Library, and to a High School Library to recognize excellence in Louisiana school library programs.

### Section Awards

**Elizabeth Bruns Award** presented annually by Follett Software Co. and the Louisiana Association of School Librarians Section in memory of Elizabeth Bruns to an elementary, middle, or high school library media specialist to recognize a program that demonstrates exemplary library usage, thereby enhancing the school's learning environment.

**Lucy B. Foote Award** presented by the Subject Specialists Section to an Association member in recognition of his/her contribution to special librarianship.

**Margaret T. Lane Award** is sponsored by the Government Documents Round Table to recognize an individual or organization that has made an especially significant contribution in advancing access to, or use of government information in Louisiana.

**Outstanding Academic Librarian Award** publicly recognizes an individual who has made an especially significant contribution to further the development of academic libraries/librarians/librarianship within Louisiana.

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The State Library of Louisiana is one of our state's greatest resources for research information, government documents, genealogical data, books in Braille, audiobooks and more.

The State Library's mission is to build an informed, literate and democratic society by ensuring access to informational, cultural and recreational resources, especially those resources unique to Louisiana.

**School Library Media Specialist Award** presented by the Louisiana Association of School Librarians to the school library media specialist who has demonstrated a dedication to the mission and goals of the media specialist profession.

**Sue Hefley Educator of the Year Award** presented by the Louisiana Association of School Librarians to an educator who has made outstanding contributions to school libraries in Louisiana.

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## New Orleans Classic Desserts

By Kit Wohl

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Are you hungry? You will be after viewing *New Orleans Classic Desserts* by Kit Wohl. With the holiday season quickly approaching, *New Orleans Classic Desserts* offers inspiration, rich imagery and recipes from some of New Orleans' finest chefs, restaurants and bakeries. It is a book that will be an asset in the kitchen, on the coffee table or as a holiday gift.

This is not an ordinary cookbook, but a well-crafted visual delight. There are over fifty photographs of the desserts, close-ups that look good enough to eat. New Orleans cookbooks are widely available, but few offer such visually appealing imagery. Other highlights are the snippets of history about the desserts, eateries, bakeries and the chef profiles. Kit Wohl's photography and narrative makes *New Orleans Classic Desserts* a must for the Louisiana kitchen.

There are over fifty well-written recipes, from pralines, bread pudding, Creme Brulee to Bananas Foster, Lemon

Ice and Roman Chewing Candy. The chapters are divided into *Cakes and Pies*, *Custards and Puddings*, *Flambe*, *Ices and Ice Creams* and *Accompaniments, Sauces & Garnishes*. Each dessert is listed followed by the chef and eatery or bakery that supplied the recipe. A list of *Baking Essentials* is included that stresses the importance of proper ingredients and tools to successfully create the confections, desserts and refreshments found within. The Index includes references to the desserts, chefs, restaurants and bakeries.

*New Orleans Classic Desserts* by Kit Wohl will enhance a library's New Orleans cookery collection, make a great holiday gift and bring a smile (and sweet tooth) to those who flip through its pages.

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## LLA Awards and Scholarships (continued)

**Support Staff Professional of the Year Award** is presented by the Louisiana Support Staff Association of Libraries (LaSSAL) to a support staff professional who has made outstanding contribution to his/her library in the field of experience and advanced and strengthened the image of support staff.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

**LLA Scholarships** - The Louisiana Library Association awards scholarships to Louisiana students during their full-time study toward the Master's Degree in Library Science

at Louisiana State University School of Library and Information Science.

**Mary Moore Mitchell Scholarship** - Funded by a donation from Howard J. Ekblad, president of Library Interiors, Inc. of Metairie, Louisiana. It is awarded by the Scholarship Committee for part-time study and has the same requirements as the LLA Scholarship.

The recipients of the LLA scholarships and the Mary Moore Mitchell scholarship are selected by the Scholarship Committee with the ad-

vice of the faculty of the Louisiana State University School of Library and Information Science.

**Educational Foundation of the Trustees Section Award** - Awards one-year scholarships to employees of public libraries in Louisiana during their part-time or full-time study toward the master's degree in library science at the LSU School of Library and Information Science. Additional information about the Educational Foundation of the Trustees Section Award and other financial aid may be found at the LSU SLIS website.



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