



## State Board of Library Examiners Change Re-certification Requirements

The State Board of Library Examiners has changed the Continuing Education (CE) requirements for re-certification. This change will affect anyone who holds the Executive Certificate.

After several discussions and with suggestions from several public library directors, the Board has changed the language in the requirements for re-certification to be stated in terms of "points" instead of "units". Each separate activity will count as one point. For example, attendance at an Administrative Librarians Conference and attendance at the Louisiana Library Association Conference would each count as one point, for a total of two points for those two activities. The State Board of Library Examiners strongly suggests that candidates for renewal attend a variety of CE events on a regular basis every year.

In addition, the Board will not require letters of reference from candidates for renewal, while still maintaining that requirement for applicants for certification.

Renewal of the Executive Certificate shall be contingent upon a request from the certificate holder and evidence of continuing education. Fifteen points will be required in the

five year period between renewals. CE events are defined as:

1. Academic or professional development courses, workshops, conferences or institutes on topics related to public library management offered by universities, associations, vendors, or consortia.
2. Developing and/or presenting a full-day course, workshop or institute on a topic related to public library management (first presentation only).
3. Professional publications, that is, journal articles or books on topics related to public library management.

4. Speeches or presentations before professional library groups, not including in-house presentations that are a normal part of the candidate's job responsibilities.

RS 25:222 sets forth the authority of the State Board of Library Examiners "to establish rules . . . and requirements for those seeking certification." RS 25:215A charges library boards to employ a librarian who is certified.

If you have any questions about re-certification, please send to the State Board of Library Examiners, c/o Library Development, State Library of Louisiana, P.O. Box 131, Baton Rouge, LA 70821, or e-mail Dorothy White at [dwhite@state.lib.la.us](mailto:dwhite@state.lib.la.us).



## State Library Board Member Makes 10 Top Female Achievers List

New Orleans Magazine named Tania Tetlow as one of its Ten Top Female Achievers. Making the cover of the magazine's July issue, Tetlow is a member of the New Orleans Public Library Foundation Board and a member of the State Library of Louisiana Board of Commissioners. According to

New Orleans Magazine, those chosen "are outstanding women in the community who have showed dedication to their career, the city or a specific

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# Viewpoint

As you all by now know, the 2007 Regular Legislative session was a success for libraries!



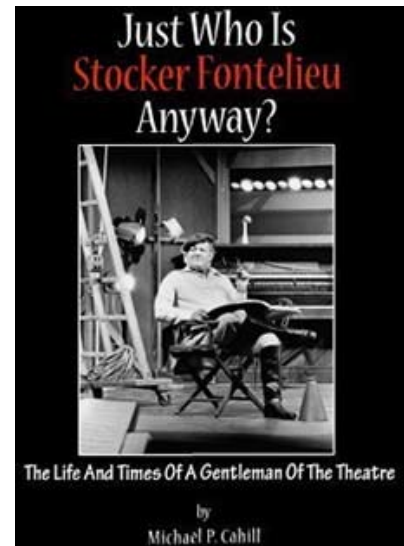
The Office of the State Library's overall budget came out intact with no reductions; State Aid to Public Libraries was increased from 1.5 Million to 3 Million; St. Tammany Parish may now allow its library board to spend a portion of its maintenance tax for capital improvements with the passage of SB 8, now Act 161; the West Baton Rouge Parish Library Board will now spend interest only for a certain donation with HB 199, now Act 25, thus securing the principal for years to come; and with the passage of SB 15, Act 117, the Allen Parish governing authority will be allowed to name the library plaza after a living person, Minnie Lou Lynch.

Additionally, three bills were introduced that would have affected millages. These bills were heavily monitored by my office and by many of you in the field. The bills included HB 26 which would have limited increases in millages after reappraisals, HB 27 which would have limited increases in ad valorem tax millages, and SB 51 which would

have prohibited "rolling forward" of property tax millages without the approval of the electorate. These bills never made it out of the Senate Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Committee.

As with each legislative session, you all kept me informed about local issues, responded when I called to ask you questions about your parish and contacted your representatives as needed. Thank you all for your help and cooperation with this. It is important that we keep this open line of communication for future sessions to ensure that we always know the facts and speak with one, clear voice.

State Librarian



## East Bank Regional Library Hosts Speaker

Celebrated actor Stocker Fontelieu will perform August 7 at 2:00 PM in the Jefferson-Napoleon Meeting Room at the East Bank Regional Library, 4747 West Napoleon Ave. in Metairie. He will discuss his career and local theatre with his biographer, Michael Cahill, author of *Just Who Is Stocker Fontelieu Anyway?* *The Life And Times Of A Gentleman Of The Theatre*. Discussion will include a recollection of the Gallery Circle Theatre fire, also witnessed by another local actor, Linda Mintz. Mintz will introduce the program. A question and answer session and book signing will follow. This program is free and open to the public, and registration is not required. The book will be available for purchase at the event, made possible by and benefiting Friends of Jefferson Public Library.



## People & Places

### State Library of Louisiana

**Stephanie Souther**, who has worked with the Recorder of Documents since October 2005, left to take a job at ULL in Lafayette where she lives.



### Around the State

The Lafayette Public Library is pleased to announce that **Peggy Thibodeaux** has been named

manager of the new North Regional Library. Peggy will also manage the Scott and Duson branch libraries.

Most recently, Peggy served as Interim Manager, overseeing the Southside and Carencro branches of the LPL system. Previously, she was Head of Extension Services, where she was responsible for the programs, staff and services of eight branches.

**Judy Davidson**, Marketing & Public Information Officer of the Calcasieu Parish Public Library, received the Lake Charles Rotary Club Parish Employee Excellence Award for Exemplary Service. While ten parish employees won the award, Davidson was the only honored employee from the public library.

### Remembrances

The father of **Julie Champagne**, director of the St. Mary Parish Public Library, passed away July 12 in Jonesboro. Otis Lee Williams was 73.

**Mary Eleanor Byrnes Peterson** passed away at her home in Clinton early Monday morning, July 23, 2007. She was an avid reader and adored sharing her passions with her grandchildren. Mrs. Peterson was a member and past president of Friends of the Clinton Library and served on the board of the Audubon Regional Library System.

**Leila Dalton Minvielle**, 88, died on June 20, 2007. Among many civic service activities, Mrs. Minvielle served on the Vermilion Parish Library Board during an unprecedented time when new libraries were constructed in Abbeville and Delcambre and several other branches were completely renovated and modernized.

## More Louisiana Librarians Doing Great Things!

On November 17, Faye Flanagan, Project Director; Olivia Pass, Associate Director; and Amy Whipple, Assistant Director of the Terrebonne Parish Library System, will present "The More Things Change . . . : Using the Socratic Dialogue in the 21st Century," a presentation on the successful literacy program of PRIME TIME FAMILY READING TIME®, at the annual conference of the National Council of Teachers of English in New York City. Although the 21st Century makes its demands upon educators to adapt to the "new literacies" (for example, blogs, podcasts etc.), the Socratic Dialogue, which dates back to the fifth century BC, is the means by which this innovative program has successfully addressed literacy problems through libraries today.

## SOLINET User Group Meeting

The State Library will host a SOLINET User Group Meeting at the State Library on August 20, 2007 from 9:00 - 4:00. Keynote speaker will be Kate Nevins, Executive Director of SOLINET, who will speak about Web 2.0, social networking, MySpace, instant messaging, shared

pictures and videos, blogging and other intensely social activities and what they mean for libraries. All libraries are invited to attend. Advance cost is \$20, which includes lunch and breaks; on-site registration is \$25. Registration is through SOLINET: [www.solinet.net](http://www.solinet.net)

*"I go into my library, and all history unrolls before me."*

*~ Alexander Smith*





# Job Openings

Announcements are edited for space. For further information see <http://www.state.lib.la.us/Library/Employment/index.cfm>

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**Branch Manager**  
**Jefferson Parish**

All library locations are within the Department of Branch Supervision. A Master's Degree in Library Science (MSLS) from a college or university accredited by the American Library Association. Bilingual written and oral communication skills in Spanish and English preferred.

Send the applications plus a copy of your degree or a transcript and a copy of your driver's license to: Personnel Department, 200 Derbigny St., Suite 3100, Gretna, LA 70053. For application questions contact Keith Hutchins, Application Technician at 504-364-2730. For questions regarding the position or the library system contact Lon Dickerson, Library Director, at 504-838-1125

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**Computer Network Administrator**  
**Jefferson Parish Library, Metairie**

\$63,718 per year. Bachelor's degree in Computer Science or closely related field, or a MLS degree with concentration in Computer/Network Technology; plus, five (5) years of work experience in an Ethernet LAN/WAN networking environment and including work with routers, switches, and servers; one year of work experience must have been at the supervisory level and in the area of Library Information Systems.

Application Offices: East Jefferson, West Jefferson, Room 206 Suite 3100, 1221 Elmwood Park Blvd., 200 Derbigny St, Jefferson, LA 70123 Gretna, LA 70053, 504-736-6364, 504-364-2730

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**Regional Library Branch Manager**  
**Lafayette Public Library**

Position is responsible for management of a medium size regional library and two branch libraries. Master's degree from an ALA-accredited Library and Information Science school and progressively responsible professional library management experience, including supervisory experience in library setting required. Lafayette Consolidated Government offers competitive benefits, civil service protection, and \$3,432-\$4,469/ Monthly/DOE. To obtain an application, send resume to: Lafayette

Consolidated Government, Civil Service, P.O. Box 4017-C, Lafayette, LA 70502 or Fax# (337)291-8349 or call (337)291-8330 or [jmouton@lafayettego.v.net](mailto:jmouton@lafayettego.v.net). Applications can also be found on our website at [www.lafayettela.gov](http://www.lafayettela.gov) EOE

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**Regional Library Manager**  
**Lafayette Public Library**

Position is responsible for management of a large regional library. Master's degree from an ALA-accredited Library and Information Science school and considerable professional library experience, including supervisory experience as a manager in library setting required. Lafayette Consolidated Government offers competitive benefits, civil service protection, \$3,604 - \$4,690/Monthly/ DOE. To obtain an application, send resume to: Lafayette Consolidated Government, Civil Service, P.O. Box 4017-C, Lafayette, LA 70502 or Fax# (337)291-8349 or call (337)291-8330 or [jmouton@lafayettego.v.net](mailto:jmouton@lafayettego.v.net). Applications can also be found on our website at [www.lafayettela.gov](http://www.lafayettela.gov) EOE

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**Branch Manager – Stonewall Branch**  
**DeSoto Parish Library**

Position is responsible for management of a medium size branch library. Position requires at least 2 years of college with management and supervisory experience. The DeSoto Parish Library offers competitive benefits. Please submit an application, resume, letters of reference and relative supporting documents to Mildred Osborne at 109 Crosby St., Mansfield, LA 71052, 318-872-6100 or [mosborne@state.lib.la.us](mailto:mosborne@state.lib.la.us)

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**Library Director**  
**Assumption Parish**

Seeking applicants for Library Director for the Parish Library System. The Director reports to the Library Board. The director is responsible for all areas of public library administration, including supervision of all employees; public relations; grant writing; liaison with government, educational, and community groups; financial management; collection development; programming internet usage; and facilities management. Also, the director must coordinate and develop long range plans, policies, and procedures for the library system. Requires a Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) or a Master of Library Science (MLS) from an ALA-accredited institution. The applicant should be certified by the State Board of Library Examiners or have eligibility for certification as an administrative librarian. Also, it is desirable that the applicant have experience in library management to include collection development, fiscal management, and electronic resources. Other desired qualities include the ability to express ideas clearly, a sense of vision, good interpersonal skills, analytical knowledge to assimilate and interpret statistical and financial reports, the ability to formulate programs and services to meet the needs of the community, and have strong managerial and administrative abilities. Beginning salary is \$40,000 but will be commensurate with experience and qualification. Deadline for applications is August 17, 2007, or until the position is filled. Submit letter of application, cover letter, resume, 3 professional letters of reference to: Library Search Committee, Assumption Parish Library Board of Control, 293 Napoleon Ave, Napoleonville, LA 70390

## Achievers List (continued)

cause, moving forward with tireless effort. They serve as an inspiration to others and New Orleans Magazine believes that it's especially important to commend and honor these women in such a time of recovery to the city and its surrounding areas."

"I certainly agree with New Orleans Magazine," added State Librarian Rebecca Hamilton. "Tania's dedication to libraries is unsurpassed and we are all lucky to have her working on behalf of Louisiana's libraries."

In addition to her contributions to libraries across the state, Tetlow is an Associate Professor at Tulane Law School and the director of the Tulane Law School Domestic Violence Clinic.



## Come Volunteer!

Louisiana's world-class celebration of readers, writers and their books will return to Baton Rouge from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday, November 3, 2007 and we want you to be part of it.

The 5th annual event will feature nearly 100 authors talking about their books; the Young Readers Pavilion, where children and parents will enjoy storytelling performances, face painting and other exciting activities; and a stimulating variety of book-related activities, demonstrations, exhibitions and performances. Food and music will complement the festive occasion. It all takes place at the Louisiana State Capitol, the State Library of Louisiana, the Louisiana State Museum, and in tents on Spanish Town Road and North Fourth Street.

Book-loving volunteers are essential to the festival's success. Whether it's escorting one of the festival's authors, serving as room monitors in the Capitol, or working with children in the Young Readers Pavilion, your help is needed. If you're interested in volunteering and would like more information about volunteer opportunities and the festival, visit our website at [www.louisianabookfestival.org](http://www.louisianabookfestival.org). Or, if you've already made up your mind to volunteer, go directly to <http://www.louisianabookfestival.org/volunteers/volform.php3>

Being a Louisiana Book Festival Volunteer is a fun and rewarding experience. Inquiries may be made by writing Shedonna Mar-

tin-Mason, LBF Volunteer Coordinator, at [smartin2@state.lib.la.us](mailto:smartin2@state.lib.la.us), or by calling 225-219-0946.

*Special  
Treat This Year*  
Performance at the  
Louisiana Book Festival  
**Giraffes Can't Dance**



Since 1994, the Mid City Dance Project, Inc. has educated underserved children in East Baton Rouge Parish, including students with physical disabilities who participate in beginning ballet and dance, and has provided opportunities for these students to perform in community productions.

This year, the company has agreed to a special performance at the 2007 Louisiana Book Festival. They will perform *Giraffes Can't Dance*, an original dance based on the children's book by Giles Andreae. In the story, Gerald the giraffe is too clumsy to dance with all the other animals at the Jungle Dance, until he finds the right music.





## Genealogy Workshop



The Southwest Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Library is planning the third free summer workshop on beginning genealogy research.

Beginning Genealogy, Part III, featuring electronic genealogical research, will be presented 10:00 a.m. to noon, Saturday, August 18. A demonstration of the electronic resources available at the genealogy library and on the internet will be given. Participants will be introduced to software available for genealogical research.

Hands-on computer use for genealogy research for workshop participants will be offered 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., August 21, 22 and 23. Participants will actually begin on-line research with genealogists available for help.

The Southwest Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Library has a full day conference featuring three nationally recognized Genealogists planned for October 27, 2007.

For more information, please call the genealogy library at 337-437-3490 or visit the website at [www.calcasieu.lib.la.us](http://www.calcasieu.lib.la.us).

## Alexander Announces Federal Funding for Catahoula Parish Library

U.S. Rep. Rodney Alexander, R-Quitman, announced that the Jonesville Branch Library in Catahoula Parish will receive a United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development grant totaling \$67,613.

The grant will assist the library with repairing its roof, which has been leaking substantially and requiring library staff to cover books, computers and other library property during rainstorms to prevent damage.

"A town's public library is its center of knowledge and information, and the valuable materials kept there must be protected," Alexander said. "I am glad the Jonesville library will have the funding it needs to make these repairs."



Pictured from left to right, Vickie Poole, Mary Gillis and Betty West.

## Public Library Awarded Certificate

Starks High School Principal Vickie Poole presented a Certificate of Appreciation to staff of Calcasieu Parish's Starks Public Library. The certificate was presented in recognition of the library's service to the school.

Starks Public Library manager Betty West and staff member Mary Gillis accepted the certificate on behalf of the library.

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Visitors to Kate Chopin House and Bayou Folk Museum: Dr. Philip Tapley; Beth Vandersteen; Brenda Manning; David Manning; Janet Ward, Sr.; Hannah O'Brien, Sr.; Jo Ann Deloach; Dr. Brenda Ellington; Elizabeth Beard. (Photographer: Buck Vandersteen.)

## Rapides Parish Library, Creole Literary Tour June 23, 2007

To cap off another successful reading-and-discussion series sponsored by the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, participants in "The Creole Identity in Louisiana Literature and History" visited sites in the Cane River area of central Louisiana.

## Americans For Libraries Council Announces Grants To Gulf Coast Libraries

### Grants Signal Importance of Libraries for Community Renewal

Americans for Libraries Council (ALC) announced grant awards to repair and rebuild public libraries damaged by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. The specific commitments for Louisiana are: \$1.6 million for New Orleans Public Library; and \$1.2 million for Jefferson Parish Library. These grants are made by ALC with support from the Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund as part of a larger package of support to renew libraries - and communities - in the Gulf Coast.

On July 16 the grants to Jefferson Parish Library and the New Orleans

Public Library were announced at the main branch of the Jefferson Parish system in Metairie. Both systems will be using their grants to address major repairs at multiple locations.

Lieutenant Governor Mitch Landrieu and State Librarian Rebecca Hamilton also attended and spoke at the ceremony.

To learn more about the Gulf Coast library grants, see an interview with Bruce Astrein, ALC Executive Director: [http://www.actforlibraries.org/success\\_gulfcoast\\_BAinter-view.php](http://www.actforlibraries.org/success_gulfcoast_BAinter-view.php)

Congratulations to Assumption Parish Library and Natchitoches Parish Library on successful tax elections on July 21! Assumption's 2 mill renewal passed by 85%, and the 8 mill renewal at Natchitoches passed by 81%



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## Charmaine Neville WOWS the Kid Crowd at Plaquemines Parish Public Library

As part of the Plaquemines Parish Public Library's Summer Program, the Arts Council of New Orleans partially funded a series of music performances for the children of the parish. On July 24, Charmaine Neville gave two performances. Neville sang the blues to the kids and along the way taught them about the history of the Blues.

