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Greetings From the President:

Here we go to the annual conference in Orlando! All of the meetings for FAFLRT are scheduled in the Renaissance Resort next to SeaWorld.

We have scheduled the majority of our meetings for Saturday so you can take advantage of all that Orlando has to offer. Beginning Saturday

morning our membership meeting will include a breakfast buffet sponsored by Ron Clowney of Proquest. Later, Leslie Barrett, Vice President of Outsell, will be the featured speaker for the annual program meeting. The board meeting will be in the afternoon.

On Sunday early evening we will

join GODORT in a reception at the Rosen School at the University of Central Florida. Along with GODORT members we will present our FAFLRT award winners.

On Monday morning I have scheduled additional time for another board meeting. Hope to see you all in Orlando!!

Librarian Wins Goddard's Honor Award of Merit

Janet Ormes, Head of the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center Library, received Goddard's prestigious Honor Award of Merit at an award ceremony on April 28. This award is presented annually to the Goddard employee whose career exemplifies the Center's Values and Goals and has made extensive, prolonged, and significant mission contributions within his/her career field. It is the Center's highest award. Ms. Ormes' award citation reads "Thank you for inspiring all of us by leading the Homer E. Newell Library to unparalleled heights as part of the lifeblood of NASA's scientific mission."

The nomination cited Janet's "Grand accomplishments and

contributions to the collection, preservation, and dissemination of information to promote and sustain NASA's scientific mission." She was characterized as a pioneer, trailblazer, leader, and visionary, whose career culminated in the integration of three roles: Head Librarian, Assistant Chief Information Officer and Deputy Knowledge Management Architect.

Ms. Ormes retires from NASA at the end of May and will be relocating to Colorado.



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Service Recognition Week May 3 - 9

Civil servants and military personnel throughout the federal government were honored May 3- 9 as part of Public Service Recognition Week. Why do we celebrate this week? Since the founding of this country, local, state, and federal employees have provided valuable support in almost every facet of American life. Today, public servants construct highways, coordinate emergency assistance, manage federal and state support programs, print currency, teach our children, preserve our history, fight disease and poverty, and work to keep our homes, business, and country safe. Today's government employees follow a proud tradition of outstanding government employees including such notable Americans as Nathaniel Hawthorne, Alexander Graham Bell, Frederick Douglass, Walt Whitman, Charles Lindbergh, and Rachel Carson.

Public Service Recognition Week was highlighted this year by a four-day exposition on the National Mall in Washington sponsored by the Public Employees Roundtable.

The Mall event ran from May 6 to May 9, adjacent to the National Gallery of Art and the National Air and Space Museum.

Military and civilian federal agencies had displays and representatives on the Mall to interact with the public and help inform them of what their agencies do. Representatives from all branches of the military and as many as 50 civilian agencies were represented. Hands-on demonstrations, educational and safety handouts, and career information kiosks highlighted the complexity, challenges, and rewards of government service. Kids climbed aboard an F-16, watched Navy divers in a dive tank, found out about the U.S. Special Operations Command whose mission is to execute special operations in the war on terrorism and much more. Civilian law enforcement officials — including border patrol agencies — showcased their vehicles and patrol boats on the Mall as well.

By Fran Perros, Public Employees Roundtable Liaison

ALA FAFLRT Schedule 2004

FAFLRT Membership Meeting

Saturday 6/26/2004 • 8 am - 11 am
Renaissance, Crystal Ballroom B

The Renaissance Orlando Resort is located at 6677 Sea Harbor Dr. (next to Sea World). Shuttle buses will be available to take you there from the Convention Center at 9800 International Dr.

FAFLRT Program

“What’s In, What’s Spin: Winning Strategies for Marketing Your Library”
Saturday 6/26/2004 • 10:30 am - 12 noon • Renaissance, Yellowtail

FAFLRT Board Meeting

Saturday 6/26/2004 • 2 pm - 4 pm • Renaissance, Anemone

GODORT/FAFLRT Reception & Awards

Sunday 6/27/2004 • 5 pm - 7 pm
The Rosen School of Hospitality Management, located at 9907 Universal Blvd.

FAFLRT Board Meeting

Monday 6/28/2004 • 9:30 am - 11 am • Renaissance, Anemone

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The *Federal Librarian* newsletter, is the quarterly journal of the American Library Association's Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Round Table (FAFLRT). It presents recent developments and events of interest to the Federal and Armed Forces library community, including news and reports on international, federal, state, and local government issues. The *Federal Librarian* subscription base is approximately 600.

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Congratulations to Sally H. McCallum, Chief of the Network Development and MARC Standards Office of the Library of Congress. Sally is the 2004 recipient of the ALA Melvil Dewey Medal, which recognizes distinguished service to the profession of librarianship. Chair Winston Tabb stated that “Sally McCallum has devoted her career to the continual development of library standards that have resulted in significant, on-going improvements to global bibliographic control and access to information. She has also been an effective leader within the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) community, playing a major role in the recent changes that are making the federation a more open and inclusive organization.”

Congratulations also to R. James King who was appointed head of the Ruth H. Hooker Research Library at the Naval Research Laboratory May 17. James succeeds Laurie Stackpole who retired in 2002. In addition to serving as FAFLRT Webmaster, James holds leadership roles in the Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC), the Consortium of Naval Libraries (CNL), the National Research Library Alliance, the Librarian of the Navy Advisory Panel, the DoD BIC Working group on Scholarly Content, the IEEE Library Advisory Board, and the Alliance for Innovation in Science and Technology Information (AISTI).

Kathryn Mendenhall is the new chief of the Cataloging Distribution Service at LC. Kathryn came to LC in 1977 as member of the Intern Program. She left LC to work for

Battelle Columbus Laboratories and then for the University of North Carolina. She rejoined LC in 1985 and has served in varied positions including acting chief of CDS.

In the recent ALA elections, three Federal librarians were elected or reelected to the ALA Council. They are Robert Newlen, Roberta Stevens, and Mary Augusta Thomas. Robert and Roberta are LC staff members while Mary Augusta is at the Smithsonian Institution Libraries. Bernadine Hoduski, a retired Joint Committee on Printing staff member and a founder of the ALA Government Documents Round Table, was also elected to the ALA Council.

Another LC staff member, Shirley Loo, was elected Vice President/President-Elect of the DC Chapter of Special Libraries Association. The DC Chapter is the second largest in SLA with 1,050 members. Shirley will begin her term at the end of the SLA annual conference in June shortly before her two-year term as Director of the District of Columbia Library Association (DCLA) ends. Jane Sessa, Dept. of Commerce Law Library, will also end her term as Director. Their positions will be assumed by Francis Buckley, the former Superintendent of Documents, and by Sharon Lenius of the National Guard Bureau. A third Federal employee, Sara Striner from LC, was elected Treasurer.

Ned Kraft was selected as the new Acquisitions Team Leader for the Ralph J. Bunche Library of the Department of State. He previously served as the Serials Librarian for the Bunche Library.

Sally Sinn recently retired as Associate Director of the Technical

Services Division at the National Agricultural Library with 31 years of service at the National Library of Medicine and at NAL. Throughout her career, Sally advanced the application of technology to library technical services. Her latest feat was the purchase and implementation of a new library management system at NAL. Sally grew up in Iowa and was determined to be a Californian until the lure of librarianship brought her to Maryland. Sally's husband, Alvin Barnes, retired several years ago from NLM. On May 10, Angela Kinney, Special Assistant to the Director for National Services at the Library of Congress, began a 3 month detail to her position. Angela has been at LC since 1981 and has held various positions before being promoted to her present LC position.

Margaret Whitlock retired from the Law Library of the Library of Congress as Director of Law Library Services in March. Previous to joining the Law Library, Margaret had served in the Congressional Research Service. Lolita Silva, Selection Librarian at the Library of Congress, retired in June with over 37 years of government service. Lolita began at LC as a Special Recruit after receiving her library degree from Columbia University. One of the things she intends to do during her retirement is to travel to Latvia more frequently.

Arlene Luster retired on April 2 after 43 years of federal service. She began her federal career in an overseas assignment at Fuchu Air Base in Japan and she ended her career at the Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies in Hawaii. Highlights of her

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distinguished library career include over 20 years as Command Librarian for Headquarters Pacific Air Forces and six years as Naval Regional Librarian for the Pacific Command. She also taught graduate management classes at the college level. She has been a member of ALA since 1979 and a member of AFLRT, FLRT, and now FAFLRT. She served as President of FLRT from 1989 to 1990 and she received the FLRT Distinguished Service Award in 1996. Arlene was also honored with awards from AFLRT. She now resides in Heidelberg, Germany with her husband, Richard Hanusey.

Cynthia J. “Cinder” Johanson was warmly remembered March 29 at a

memorial program and reception at the Library of Congress. When she died on January 14, she was Assistant Chief of the Regional and Cooperative Cataloging Division. Cinder served on the ALA Council for 8 years and chaired the ALA Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship. Sarah Pritchard, formerly a reference librarian at LC and now University Librarian at the University of California, Santa Barbara, credited Cinder with helping to establish the ALA Equality Award.

The life of Daniel J. Boorstin, Librarian of Congress from 1975-1987, was celebrated by Members of Congress, colleagues, friends, and family in the Coolidge Auditorium on April 27. The 12th Librarian of Congress died on Feb. 28 at the age of 89. Center for the Book Director John Y. Cole ended his remembrance with one of Boorstin's favorite quotations inscribed on the ceiling of the Great Hall: “Too low they build who build beneath the stars.”

Shirley Loo

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Science.gov 2.0 Launched

Science.gov (www.science.gov/), the public's "go to" Web portal for the vast stores of Federal science information, has made searching for information easier for the user. At a roll-out on May 11, Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham launched the new search version of Science.gov which includes ranking the relevancy of results to the users' question.

While retaining the content and advances originally unveiled in December 2002, Science.gov 2.0 will search its 47 million pages of government R&D results and present the results to patrons in relevancy-ranked order. This new technology sorts through the government's reservoirs of research and rapidly returns information in an order more likely to meet patrons' needs. The Web portal

is made possible through a collaboration of 12 major science agencies forming a coalition called the Science.gov Alliance.

The Department of Energy, which hosts the site through its Office of Scientific and Technical Information, funded the R&D of a new relevancy-ranking technology by a company called Deep Web Technologies. The technology was applied to meta-searches in the deep Web where traditional search engines cannot go. Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham on May 11 launched Science.gov 2.0, considered the next major step in government science information retrieval. Secretary Abraham had strong praise for the Alliance members.

"These agencies together have combined innovative technology, forward thinking and hard work to build an invaluable science resource," Secretary Abraham said. "From the most current information on new technologies, to historical research results, to the most promising medical advancements, Science.gov connects citizens to the world of science."

According to Eleanor Frierson, co-chair of the Science.gov Alliance and Deputy Director of the National Agricultural Library, the Version 2.0 advance is one of many yet to come for the government's FirstGov for science.

"The Science.gov team is already working on Science.gov 3.0, expected
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in 2005," said Frierson. "We plan to continue collaborating across agencies to further ease public access to science and technology information."

The Science.gov Web portal - considered the one-stop gateway to reliable Federal science and technology information - has grown to provide its unique search capability to 30 databases and 1,700 Web sites. The information at Science.gov is free. No registration is required.

Science.gov allows users to search for information based on subject, rather than by the agency sponsoring it. Visitors to the Web site can access information on an array of science disciplines.

Science.gov is made possible through the collaboration of the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Education, Energy, Health and Human Services and Interior, as well as the Environmental Protection Agency, the Government Printing Office, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the National Science Foundation, with support from the National Archives and Records Administration.

Secretary Abraham, Dr. Raymond L. Orbach, Director of DOE's Office of Science, and Dr. Walter Warnick, Director of OSTI, spoke at the ceremonial event. On hand were Science.gov Alliance co-chairs Frierson and Tom Lahr, Deputy Chief, Biologic Informatics Program, US Geological Survey. Also in attendance were Bruce James, Public Printer of the United States, Government Printing Office and Dr. Rodney Brown, Deputy Under Secretary of Research, Education and Economics at the United States Department of Agriculture. About 100 people attended the ceremony held at the Forrestal Building in Washington, D.C.

What's In, What's Spin.... Winning Strategies for Marketing Your

Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Roundtable - Annual Program

**Saturday, June 26
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Renaissance Hotel, Yellowtail Room**

Marketing your library or information center is essential in an era of unabated change. What notions do users have of us and what we do? How do we redefine the marketing of our services in response to organizational and technological changes, outsourcing, and the growing population of remote users?

Leslie Barrett, Vice President, Outsell, Inc. will offer marketing strategies that enhance visibility and reinforce need. Learn what pitfalls to avoid and how to use professional, business, and political skills to convince stakeholders of the value of your services.

Visibility

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Leslie Barrett
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- Information Center Best Practices
- Benchmarking
- Library Reference
- Market Research

Education:

MBA, Bentley College
MS, Simmons College
BA, University of Massachusetts

Featured Speaker

FAFLRT Booth #226

Stop by to gather information from other Libraries. If you have a block of time feel free to sit at the booth and if you need a rest while walking the exhibition floor return to aisle two and rest, visit, and greet ALA attendees. We need YOU to represent Federal and Armed Forces Libraries and Librarians.

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Spring Depository Library Council Meeting: A Forum for New Ideas

Almost 400 attendees, the most ever for such a gathering outside of the Washington, DC area, came together in St. Louis, Missouri from April 18 through 21 for the spring meeting of the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer, Government Printing Office (GPO) staff, Government documents librarians, and other concerned individuals met to discuss the significant issues for Government information dissemination in the electronic age.

A centerpiece of the meeting was "Keeping America Informed in the 21st Century: A First Look at the GPO Strategic Planning Process," an address by Public Printer Bruce James, followed by an informative question and answer session with Council members and attendees. His address is available at: http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/pubs/proceedings/04spc.html

Other highlights included a session on standards for print repositories by Melissa Trevvett of the Center for Research Libraries (CRL). The movements toward shared repositories, or shared housing agreements, that allow libraries to eliminate some of the redundancy among their collections, are still in the early stages. These initiatives are very important, since they could address preservation of the legacy Government documents collections in Federal depository libraries by moving toward a smaller number of comprehensive sets of tangible publications that can be more readily preserved. GPO contracted with CRL for the development of a Decision Framework for Federal Document Repositories that can be used to evaluate the level of assurance provided by print repositories based

on their physical characteristics, resources, governance and other factors. The discussion draft is available at: http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/pubs/decisionmatrix.pdf

The second part of that session addressed GPO's proposed Collection of Last Resort. GPO has developed a draft plan for a collection that will proactively acquire, preserve, provide online access to, and make available copies of U.S. Government publications in all formats. The Collection will include tangible copies as well as preservation and access copies of digital objects. The draft plan is located at: http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fdlp/pubs/clr.pdf

Another session touched on the closely related issue of digital preservation. The attendees were briefed on a March meeting hosted by GPO where experts on preservation digitization to discuss current specifications for the creation of digital preservation masters. The report on that meeting includes a proposed set of minimum specifications for digitizing print documents from the legacy collection. The report is located at: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/about/reports/preservation.pdf>.

Public Printer James also announced his selection of five new members of the Depository Library Council. They are: Evelyn Frangakis, the Aaron and Clara Greenhut

Rabinowitz Chief Librarian for Preservation at the New York Public Library, Barbara Goldsmith Preservation Division, and Director of the Rutgers University Preservation Management Institute, a certificate program for librarians, archivists, and cultural collections managers; Ann Miller, head of the Public Documents and Maps Department at Duke University; William Sudduth, head of the Documents, Microforms, Maps and Newspaper Collections at the University of South Carolina; Susan Tulis, Associate Dean for Public and Collection Development Services at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale; and Walter Warnick, Director of the Office of Scientific and Technical Information (OSTI) at the U.S. Department of Energy.

An informal highlight of the meeting was a reception for attendees at the historic St. Louis Mercantile Library at the University of Missouri, St. Louis. There, amid the exhibits on America's 19th century expansion, GPO staff and their library partners thought and talked about the global expansion of information in the 21st century and their roles in making it happen. The dialogue will continue at the Fall Depository Conference/Fall Council Meeting from October 17 through 20, 2004 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Washington, D.C.

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FLICC Announces Awards for Federal Librarianship

The Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC) has announced the winners of its national awards for federal librarianship to recognize the many innovative ways that federal libraries, librarians and library technicians fulfill the information demands of government, business and scholarly communities and the American public.

Federal libraries and staff throughout the United States and abroad competed in three award categories for the fourth annual FLICC Awards. The winners are listed below.

2003 Federal Library/ Information Center of the Year

Large Library/Information Center Category (with a staff of 11 or more federal and/or contract employees):

The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Research Library, Gaithersburg, Md., is recognized for its technological innovations and comprehensive knowledge management systems that proactively provide the tools necessary to support new programs, superior customer service and the agency mission. The library staff is commended for its work in 2003 on both the design and creation of the NIST Integrated Knowledge EditorialNet (NIKE), an enterprising project designed to facilitate the capture, organization, retrieval and dissemination of NIST publications; and the Laboratory Liaison program, which promotes collaboration between researchers and the library and enhances collection development and access.

Small Library/Information Center Category (with a staff of 10 or fewer federal and/or contract employees):

The Library Services Department at the Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth, Va., is recognized for the innovative services and superior customer services it offered in 2003. The library is commended for its provision of knowledge-based resources that optimize military health care, promote research and encourage professional growth. The library has demonstrated its ability to combine creativity and innovation to meet the needs of its customers and the overall mission of its agency by providing print and electronic resources that support the Medicine, Nursing and Hospital Corps and training programs; by hosting a semiannual college fair; and by highlighting the scholarly activities of the center cited authors and publications.

2003 Federal Librarian of the Year

Lillian Woon Gassie, senior systems librarian, Dudley Knox Library, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif., is recognized for her dynamic professionalism during 2003 in articulating the needs of the library to faculty, policymakers and information technology stakeholders. Gassie provided outstanding guidance and technical knowledge as the library developed wireless and remote proxy access to the campus network and implemented a knowledge portal and mobile education teams to support federal and state homeland security policy and strategy. Her extensive technical knowledge brought the highest level of visibility and credibility to the library as a builder of information systems and supported the overall mission of the agency.

2003 Federal Library Technician of the Year

Wilma Riley, library technician, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Research Library, Gaithersburg, Md., is recognized for her dedication to service excellence in support of the mission of the NIST Research Library and the core values of the NIST Information Services Division. In 2003, Riley set up communications connections for telecommuting staff, ensured that the library wireless technology was current and provided dynamic end-user training. Her versatility allowed her to translate the library vision into action. As a creative problem solver, she employed her talents and strong technical skills to support a variety of customer focused activities that reinforce the library successes.

Information on the 2004 Awards program will be announced later this summer. For the latest information on the awards, interested parties may refer to the FLICC Web site, www.loc.gov/flicc/awards.html, where information regarding 2004 nominations will be posted on the "What's New" section as soon as it becomes available.

The Federal Library and Information Center Committee fosters excellence in federal library and information services through interagency cooperation and provides guidance and direction for the Federal Library and Information Network (FEDLINK). Created in 1965 and headquartered at the Library of Congress, FLICC also makes recommendations on federal library and information policies, programs and procedures to federal agencies and to others concerned with libraries and information centers.

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