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## GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT



Karl Debus-López  
President, Federal and Armed  
Forces Libraries Round Table  
2016-2017

Dear FAFLRT Members

Welcome to the Summer 2017 issue of *Federal Librarian*! We have another great issue with information on our programs at ALA Annual and our 2017 award recipients, and a special article on the Federal Depository Library Program Academy. But, first, I need to address the results of the April ballot.

This is a momentous time for FAFLRT as in April our membership voted to merge with the Association of Specialized & Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA), with 76 percent of those who voted supporting the merger. The FAFLRT and ASCLA leadership have already begun to meet to discuss the next steps related to the merger. A significant merger such as this takes time, and our goal is to present a joint plan to the ALA Committee on Operations (COO) at ALA Midwinter 2018. Our hope is to have the merger actualized on September 1, 2018, the beginning of the 2019 fiscal year for ALA.

The leaderships of both groups have already agreed that two new board members will need to be added to the future merged entity – one representing federal libraries and one representing armed forces libraries. We are also discussing if ASCLA's name should be



changed to include “federal, “military,” or “armed forces,” or some variation on those words to show the expanded scope of the division. After all, our 299 members will make up a significant percentage of the new merged division. We are also discussing the creation of interest groups to meet our needs. The FAFLRT leadership will be looking to you to find out about groups of interest to our membership, beyond one for federal libraries and another for military and armed forces libraries. There are also myriad administrative details that will need to be acted upon, such as merging budgets, listservs, social media sites, etc.

The next FAFLRT Board will have a lot to work on, and I am pleased to write that in April we also elected some great members to new positions or to continue in current positions. Janice Young will move from Federal Director to Vice-President/President-Elect. Kimberly Megginson will be a new Armed Forces Director. Virginia Sanchez will continue as Federal Director and Julie Bramman will continue as Secretary. Next year’s leadership also includes Steven Pomes, who will return as President; Kathleen Hanselmann, who will continue as an Armed Forces Director; Richard Huffine, who will continue as Treasurer; and I will move into the position of Past President.

We also have a great series of programs and events for the ALA Annual meeting in Chicago. The joint ASCLA/FAFLRT awards ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-11:30 in the Hilton Chicago, Williford C. Our annual membership meeting will be held on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-2:30 in MCP W186b. The merger will be a main topic of the meeting. We also have three great programs. On Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> we are co-sponsors of an ASCLA program titled “The Glass is Half Full: Getting More Out of Less,” which will be held in MCP W175b from 10:30 to 11:30. Also, on Saturday, we have a program on “Funding Mandates: A Game Changer in Faculty and Scientific Research” in MCP S106a from 1:00-2:30. On Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup>, from 10:30 to 11:30, Ed Scott will give a presentation on “Leadership and Librarianship are a Team Sport” in MCP W196a. There is more information on each of the programs in this newsletter.

So, even though we are transitioning into a new era for FAFLRT and our membership, we are still as vital as ever. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Chicago!

Best regards,

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## **Congratulations to FAFLRT's 2017-2018 Elected Board Members**

### **Janice Marie Young, Vice-President/President-Elect**

Janice currently works at the Department of Energy's (DOE's) Office of Scientific and Technical Information (OSTI, [www.osti.gov](http://www.osti.gov)), supports the Department's Scientific and Technical Information Program (STIP), and serves as a liaison to several DOE national laboratories. She has a Baccalaureate in Sociology and Communication Studies with a Minor in Art History from the University of Nevada Las Vegas, a Master of Education from Regis University in Denver and a Master of Library Science from Texas Woman's University.

### **Virginia Sanchez, Federal Director 2017-2019**

Virginia is employed by the National Park Service in the Research Library at Yosemite National Park. The Research Library is a unit of the Museum Branch, Division of Interpretation and Education. Prior to this she was a librarian in the Scientific and Technical Library at Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division, China Lake, California; was an Intelligence Analyst and Reports Officer for the Department of Homeland Security/Immigration Customs and Enforcement; and has worked in many more varied library environments. Virginia is a Chief Petty Officer in the United States Navy Reserve, and completed a tour as an Intelligence Analyst in Afghanistan in 2008. She has a Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Arizona; and a Bachelor's degree in Literature with a Minor in Communications from California State University, Dominguez Hills.

### **Kimberly Megginson, Armed Forces Director 2017-2019**

Kimberly is currently the Library Management Specialist at Rome Research Site in Rome, NY, serves the Air Force Research Laboratory as functional expert on library programs. As Chief, Librarian, Library Director, Special Librarian or Reference Librarian, Ms. Megginson served medical, technical, intelligence and base communities by developing and introducing new services and collections to meet the information needs of the resident populations. In 2013, Kimberly Megginson accepted the 2012 Small Federal Library/Information Center of the Year at the Library of Congress in Washington, DC for the Air Force Library at Alconbury in the United Kingdom. Ms. Megginson also received the FY2012 Library Program of the Year in the 501st Wing. Kimberly was presented in 2013 the US Air Force Medal/Award for Exemplary Civilian Service, as well as, the 423d Air Base Group Challenge Coin for Excellence and received Special Achievement awards in 1987 and 2004.

### **Julie Bramman, Secretary 2017-2018**

Julie is the programming librarian at USAG Rheinland-Pfalz Main Library in Landstuhl, Germany. In this position, she creates public library programs for military and civilian personnel assigned to the Kaiserslautern Military Community. Under her leadership, the Rheinland-Pfalz Main Library earned the 2015 IMCOM Award for Excellence in Army Recreation. Prior to this position, Julie worked in public schools in Cascade Locks and Troutdale, Oregon. She began her library career at Jefferson Elementary in Calexico, California and worked for Mulberry School in Brawley, California. Julie was a volunteer for Multnomah County Library, Rockwood Branch. She has a BA from George Fox University, Newberg, Oregon and an MLS from Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas. In her spare time, she may be found in a museum examining dinosaur fossils or making something from paper.



**Join FAFLRT at**  
**ALA Annual**  
**CHICAGO**  
CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION JUNE 22-27, 2017

We are excited to announce a special panel presentation at 2017 Annual that is sure to be informative! This discussion is a must for librarians, administrators, and other stakeholders with oversight managing private and federally-funded sponsored research, working in the open access ecosystem, managing institutional repositories, and engaged in scholarly outreach. **Featured speakers are:**

## Funding Mandates: A Game Changer in Faculty and Scientific Research

**Building:** McCormick Place West  
**Room:** S106a  
**Time:** Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>  
1:00 – 2:30 pm



**Caitlin Bakker**

**Topic:** Coaches, teammates, or cheerleaders? Librarians' roles in the changing funding landscape

As the Research Services Liaison at the University of Minnesota Health Sciences Libraries, Caitlin's focus is on developing and providing research support services for faculty in the Academic Health Center, including data management, scholarly communication, and research impact assessment.



**Nina Exner**

**Topic:** Embedding to grow funded research: Liaison librarianship between scholarly communications and Sponsored Research

As the Researcher and Grant Support Services Librarian at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, Nina supports research development through teaching, consultation, and collaboration with Sponsored Research professionals.



**Phyllis Ovsiew**

**Topic:** Repurposing Collaborative Tools

As a Customer Support Specialist at the Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC), Ms. Ovsiew responds to a variety of customer inquiries regarding DTIC products and other Defense related matters. In addition, she promotes DTIC products in such a way as to maintain a positive public image of the agency. At DTIC since 1993, she previously held librarian positions at the Executive Office of the President and at the Department of Justice.

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Leadership & Librarianship  
are a Team Sport

Presented by Dr. Edward A. Scott

Date: Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> 10:30 – 11:30 am

Building: McCormick Place West (MCP)

Room #: W196a



**Personal motto – “It is my mission to help you succeed. To help you learn and grow into a leader.”**

Dr. Edward A. Scott, Associate Dean and Director of the McDermott Library, United States Air Force Academy offers words of wisdom, satirical insights, and jovial sarcasm about how you can build a productive team.

He has spent his career in academic libraries, the last twenty-one years at the Air Force Academy, he recognizes that there are professional principles that apply to all types of libraries, librarians, and their patrons.

The juxtaposition of an Englishman erudite pedigree meld with his genteel Southern upbringing produces a quick witticism or a calming response. Never one to mince words, you know that whatever advice Dr. Scott dispenses will be honest, relevant, humorous, and at times, hard to swallow. If the problem is lack of maturity and inexperience be prepared for his signature phrase “it sucks to be you!” comment. Edward Scott, offers words of wisdom, satirical insights, and jovial sarcasm about how you can build a productive team.

Join us on Twitter to continue the discussion by using [#FAFLRT](#). We look forward to seeing you at the event!



ASCLA/co-sponsored by FAFLRT

**The Glass is Half Full: Getting More Out of Less**

The Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASCLA) and the Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Round Table (FAFLRT) are partnering to offer a program that will feature presentations from library staff on their innovative strategies for service in difficult times.

**Date:** Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> 10:30 – 11:30 am  
**Building:** McCormick Place West (MCP)  
**Room#:** W175b

**Featured speakers:**

- ✚ Sarah Houghton, Director, San Rafael Public Library  
Title: Poor and Scrapy: Public Libraries on a Shoestring Budget
- ✚ Virginia Sanchez, Librarian, Research Library Yosemite National Park  
Title: The Quest for Modernization: Bringing the Yosemite National Park Research Library into the 21st Century
- ✚ Janice Young, Librarian  
Title: The Foundation of Library Innovation: Learn to be Resourceful, Resilient and Relevant
- ✚ Denise Zielinski, Community Engagement Officer, Joliet Public Library  
Title: Without Homes?...or Without Help?: Providing Help to the Homeless at the Public Library

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## **2017 Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Round Table Awards**

to be presented at the  
Joint ASCLA/FAFLRT Awards Ceremony  
Saturday, June 24, 2017  
10-11:30am  
Chicago Hilton, Williford C.

### **FAFLRT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: ANNE HARRISON**

Anne Harrison is being awarded the 2017 FAFLRT Achievement Award that recognizes an individual for achievement in the promotion of library and information service and the information profession in the Federal community.

Ms. Harrison has worked in the service of federal libraries for over sixteen years. As a FEDLINK Network Librarian and Program Specialist, Ms. Harrison has been the "go-to" federal librarian to discuss preservation and digitization projects. She has helped countless federal libraries procure digitization and preservation services, including the Library of Congress and the Government Publishing Office.

Ms. Harrison has led numerous classes on cataloging for federal library staffs as well as organizing FEDLINK's Preservation Institute. Ms. Harrison is a superior teacher, able to guide students from beginning to expert to learn about cataloging and preservation.

Additionally, Ms. Harrison has served on the FAFLRT Board in many capacities, including as FAFLRT President.

For her sustained and superior service to the federal and armed forces libraries community, Ms. Harrison is very deserving of this year's FAFLRT Achievement Award.

### **FAFLRT DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD: VICKY L. CRONE**

Vicky L. Crone is the winner of the 2017 FAFLRT Distinguished Service Award - for outstanding and sustained contributions to the Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Round Table.

Ms. Crone has been a stalwart supporter of the Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Round Table. She has served as President (2012-2013), Treasurer (2013-2016), Round Table Councilor



(2013-2016), and Policy Coordinating Committee Chair (2016). She has also been the e-mail list manager for FAFLRT since 2013.

Ms. Crone has done an outstanding job of keeping the FAFLRT membership informed of matters from the ALA Council. During lean years, when fewer people could participate on the Board, Ms. Crone kept the operations of FAFLRT running well. She has also done this work at personal cost to her, as her institution could not provide support for attendance at ALA meetings.

Ms. Crone is very well respected by ALA leadership, and has been the liaison for FAFLRT when issues need to be resolved. Under her steady leadership, FAFLRT has continued to be a well-functioning unit of the American Library Association.

Vicky L. Crone is awarded the FAFLRT Distinguished Service Award for her many years of outstanding leadership and support of the round table, which has resulted in the provision of excellent services and programs for federal and armed forces librarians.

#### **FAFLRT RISING STAR AWARD: HEATHER KIGER**

Heather Kiger is being awarded the 2017 FAFLRT Rising Star Award.

Ms. Kiger graduated with an MLIS from San Jose State's School of Information and Library Science in August 2016. She is a FAFLRT member and an intern at the Yosemite Research Library, National Park Service, since February 2016, where she managed the library's re-classification and cataloging project.

Ms. Kiger was hired to work on a \$30,000 plus grant funded project while in the San Jose State School of Information Science Master program. She hit the ground running and immediately made inroads in the monumental task of converting the Yosemite Research Library's circulating collection from the Dewey Decimal Classification to Library of Congress Classification in a systematic, logical and sustainable manner with very little direction needed from the librarian. She was able to establish a method that enabled the Research Library to remain open with minimal supplies and on a tight budget. Her accomplishments were noticed by the National Park Service (NPS) Library Program at the National level, and garnered awards for her from the San Jose State School of Information Science.

For the exceptional work accomplished on this complex project, Ms. Kiger has proved herself to be a true "rising star" of the library and information science community.

Congratulations Anne, Vicky, and Heather for your many achievements.





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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

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### ***Keeping America Informed: GPO's FDLP Academy Continues to Enhance Federal Information Literacy***

By Scott Pauley, Writer/Editor for the U.S. Government Publishing Office's Library Services & Content Management Unit

The U.S. Government Publishing Office's Federal Depository Library Program strives to enhance free and open access to U.S. Government information and documents with the goal of *Keeping America Informed*.

One of the greatest tools that supports this mission is the [FDLP Academy](#), a free, educational program aimed at increasing Government information literacy and giving library staff the information they need to better serve their patrons.

The Academy offers webinars, webcasts, training videos, events and conferences, and an FDLP Coordinator Certificate Program.

The [FDLP Events Calendar](#) lists all upcoming webinars with links to register to attend each one. Registration for most webinars is open a month in advance. Anyone can sign up on GPO's [FDLP News & Events](#) email alert service and receive announcements in their inbox about all upcoming webinars.

The [webinar archive](#) offers recordings of over 200 past live webinars and webcasts presented by GPO staff members, staff from other Federal agencies, and Federal

depository librarians. The archive also includes links to download handouts and slides.

Some popular recorded webinars include:

- [Planning for and Managing Storage for Digital Collections](#) – Are you creating digitized or harvested digital content collections? How do you evaluate the digital storage you have? This webinar looks at various digital preservation infrastructure requirements, assesses risks for digital storage media, and discusses cost-effective ways to plan and develop secure storage for digital assets.
- [Everything You Need to Know about Microfiche](#) – Managing a microfiche collection can be challenging, especially as this format becomes obsolete and collections of fiche begin to show signs of physical degradation. This webinar discusses how microfiche is produced, examines risks and risk mitigation for microfiche collections, and options for reformatting microfiche to digital.
- Librarian's Guide to Trade Data –
  - [Part 1](#): USA Trade Online
  - [Part 2](#): DataWeb and other resources of the U.S. International Trade Commission
  - [Part 3](#): U.S. International Trade Commission
  - [Part 4](#): Export.gov, U.S. Trade Representative, U.S. Foreign-



- Trade Zones Board, and Other Agencies
  - [Part 5](#): Selected Advanced Features of USA Trade Online and DataWeb
  - [Part 6](#): Import and Export Codes
- [Grants.gov: Register, Find, and Apply](#) – Learn how to register in order to submit Federal grant applications, and how to use the Federal Grants.gov system to find and apply for grant funding.
- [An Orientation to CONGRESS.gov](#) – The webinar covers how to use CONGRESS.gov to research members of Congress, Federal legislation, the Congressional Record, executive nominations, and more.
- [Federal Legislative History 101](#) – Learn what Federal legislative histories are and how they are used, the ways in which Federal statutes are published and cited, the normal steps in compiling and researching Federal legislative histories, and the various resources available for Federal legislative history research – both free and commercial.
- [Government Information Online](#) – An overview of Government Information Online (GIO) that includes its goals and service structure. Learn about the service’s use of OCLC QuestionPoint software, how to submit questions, and how to participate and provide subject expertise to the project.
- [Telling your Story with Data](#) - Learn how to more effectively tell your

story by presenting data in easy to grasp infographics.

The [Events & Conferences](#) feature of the Academy details upcoming and past events and conference recordings. FDLP events are designed to highlight Federal information products and services, offer continuing education opportunities, address issues related to the FDLP, share ideas, and provide networking opportunities for the Federal depository community. The [conference archive](#) provides session recordings for many past FDLP conferences, along with related handouts and slides.

Coming soon, the Academy will also offer training videos on how to use GPO’s [govinfo](#), a new, dynamic way for the public to discover and access information from all three branches of the Federal Government. govinfo offers a user-friendly, modernized site that provides an easy to use navigation system accessible on smartphones, tablets, laptops and personal computers.

GPO’s govinfo, is available as a beta site and will eventually replace GPO’s current [Federal Digital System \(FDsys\)](#). Once govinfo is out of beta, the training videos will be created to teach the basic and advanced search features of govinfo and help to map the site’s extensive collection of online Federal documents.

GPO is always looking for guest presenters to share their specialized knowledge. If you have expertise in an area or special tool related to U.S. Government information resources and would like to be a guest presenter with the FDLP Academy, please [contact](#) our Academy team.



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## ASK A LIBRARIAN

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**Ask a Librarian:** I was hired as the health sciences librarian in a federal medical library for the specific purpose to downsize and move the library out of hospital. A year later, the decision was made to keep the library in hospital and it would undergo an extensive renovation. I learned after speaking with my supervisor the library hadn't been remodeled in forty-one years. The library is staffed with two FTEs, myself and a technician. The medical library is heavily used by students, staff, visitors and patients. I have no experience remodeling a library and being new to federal libraries, I'm not sure what to do or where to start?

Signed,  
--- lost in remodel

**Dear lost in remodel:** Planning new or renovated federal libraries is always a team sport; it requires the support of your institution's leadership, a serious financial commitment, and careful coordination with a plethora of local, and sometimes regional or national, offices. A ten-year execution from initial conception to completed implementation would not be unusual; a space needs assessment is not a construction document. Libraries because of their weight-bearing capabilities are neither as simple nor as inexpensive to build as an office building. Before the plan is executable one must consider the physical, fiscal, and human resources and requirements for an effective library.

Occasionally library renovation or construction is part of a larger institutional study/plan. For the library portion, everyone in the library should have input, but efficiency requires that there be a single spokesperson for the library. That also means that the spokesperson may have to consider competing interests and suggestions that are sometimes in serious conflict. What one person loves, another hates.

So, what must be considered? What are the current trends in the field? How do other federal agencies, not related to the local library, affect the planning of the library? Given the age of the current facility, assuming there is one, what is required to meet new standards and regulations? Who is the library serving? What are its hours and access? Does it have the staff needed to meet expanded goals and objectives; or should some goals and objective be dropped, while others are added to the mix? Do the plans for the library require custom-made furnishings, or is commercially produced equipment available? Library services are changing rapidly, so how will the new facility be able to adapt to future changes? Does the planning accentuate ease of maintenance, or will it be a maintenance nightmare? What does the plan provide for building and personnel security?




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## BOARD BUSINESS

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Our annual membership meeting will be held on Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-2:30 pm in MCP W186b.

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## MEETING MINUTES

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View the [minutes of previous meetings](#) of the FAFLRT Board and Membership.

To strengthen the Round Table and improve communications, Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Round Table (FAFLRT) needs your help. Please provide feedback to us on these or other topics of interest to you:

- The issues or problems you are experiencing in your library which you would like to share with ALA
- The kind of legislative initiatives you would like ALA Washington Office to pursue that would benefit federal libraries
- The type of conference programming or events you would like FAFLRT to develop
- The ways FAFLRT might improve service to you and your library, or

- The items you would like the FAFLRT board to consider including changes to the by-laws.

Submit your thoughts and suggestions to help improve your round table.

The Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Round Table participates in several social networking sites to help its members better connect with each other.

- ❖ [FAFLRT Discussion List](#)
- ❖ [FAFLRT on Facebook](#)
- ❖ [FAFLRT on Twitter](#)
- ❖ [FAFLRT on LinkedIn](#)

The FAFLRT membership fees are:

- \$15 Regular Member
- \$0 Student (first two years)
- \$15 Student (after first two years)
- \$30 Organizational and Corporate
- \$0 Retired Federal Librarian

Learn more about FAFLRT through this web site and our FAFLRT [Brochure](#).





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**FEDERAL AND ARMED FORCES  
LIBRARIES ROUND TABLE  
BOARD AND COMMITTEES:  
2016-2017**

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The Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Round Table (FAFLRT) exists as an official round table under the American Library Association to promote library and information service and the library and information profession in the federal and armed forces communities; to promote appropriate utilization of federal and armed forces library and information resources and facilities; and to provide an environment for the stimulation of research and development relating to the planning, development, and operation of federal and armed forces libraries.

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Shared by FAFLRT Board members attend.

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