

CARL Newsletter

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President's Message

Greetings CARL members,

Winter break – is it here yet? Fall is always daunting in the academic world. Take a moment to look back on your accomplishments. I am reflecting on where CARL is now. The Presidents alternate yearly between North and South and each serves two years as regional Vice Presidents. As my President from the North term ends, here are five items of note:

New Elected Executive Board Members

Congratulations to three new Board members – Amy Wallace, Maryanne Mills and Ed Tinoco – and two returning Board members – Melissa Browne and Kelly Janousek. There is no denying that being on the Board is work. Yet the experience is invaluable. Everyone I have encountered over my long tenure from Treasurer to President has enriched my professional and personal life. I am grateful to all for being so dedicated and fun.

Position available: Newsletter Editor

Of the four appointed Executive Board Members, the Website Coordinator changed hats in January and the ACRL Legislative Liaison began mentoring an intern this fall. Now the Newsletter Editor, Liz Ginno, is looking to pass the mouse to a creative CARL member (see page 3).

Research Award

The recipients of the 2006 Research Award are busy on a four year longitudinal study. In the meantime, the Board is asking the Research Committee to revise the award application and reporting process and to review CARL's fiscal responsibilities. While this work is underway, no research award will be given in 2008.

North Programs

This year CARL North brought two events to the Central Valley, thanks to Vice President, Fred Gertler, and Interest Group Coordinator, Wendy Diamond. Both program topics – scholarly communications and engaging students – originated with the members at our February Regional Meeting in the South Bay. These programs – along with an East Bay Community College IG information literacy discussion, and a very successful San Francisco IT IG workshop– gave more North members than ever a chance to attend outstanding professional programs.

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Conference Venues

The Central Valley has one of the fastest growing populations in the state. For those of you who asked for something different in 2010, a modern hotel in Sacramento's Capital Plaza will be our conference site.

But first, be sure to register for the upcoming conference in Irvine, April 2-5, 2008, at the beautiful Hyatt Regency. Preconferences and the conference are all included in one package. Don't miss out!

Remember, CARL, the California chapter of ACRL and a unique organization on its own, continues to transform itself through its members. I am looking forward to the future.

Thanks for trusting me to steer the ship for a year. It has been quite an honor. Now I am happy to turn the wheel over to Tracey Mayfield, our 2008 President from the South.



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Sneak Preview -- Upcoming CARL Conference Breakout Session

"Del.icio.us Instructional Design: Incorporating Social Bookmarking in your Information Literacy Instruction"

Librarians have grown so accustomed to the concept of the "World Wide" Web and yet we might forget to include this concept in our information literacy instruction, exactly where it is most needed. It remains a challenge to tackle the big question: how to teach students to adjudicate among all the websites of the world? We talk about the "invisible web" but what about the visible one? Don't we need practical tools to help students cope with information overload? This session will present librarians with a practical application of integrating Web 2.0 tools into library instruction.

The efficient use of social bookmarking software (specifically del.icio.us, and its tagging structure) to navigate global resources, will be presented. The demonstration will show how to integrate the concept of tagging into instructional design. Teaching information literacy is what we aim for, and this session will demonstrate how we can use Web 2.0 to help us reach our goal.

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CARL Election Results 2008

We are pleased to announce the results of the recent CARL elections. Taking office in January, our newly elected CARL officers are:



Vice President South—Amy Wallace, CSU Channel Islands
Secretary—Melissa Browne, UC Davis (re-elected)
Membership Director—Kelly Janousek, CSU Long Beach (re-elected)
Director-at-Large, CC—Maryanne Mills, West Valley College
Director-at-Large, Private Institution — Ed Tinoco, USC

In addition, all amendments were approved—

1. Bylaw Amendment: Article VI: Elected Officers Section 2: Terms of office. The Secretary shall be elected by the membership and shall serve a two-year term.
2. Bylaw Amendment: Article VII: Section 2, Appointed Officers - Appointments added: Appointed Interest Group Coordinators cannot serve as an Interest Group officer for the duration of their appointments.
3. Bylaw Amendment: Article VIII, Section 3: Directors-at-Large added: To avoid possible conflicts of interest, the Interest Group Coordinator cannot simultaneously serve as an officer in an Interest Group.

Sincere thanks to all of the candidates, as well as all CARL members who voted. Your support of the CARL organization is greatly appreciated.

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Interested in a new venture?

Want to find out what's happening in CARL and be creative at the same time? Take this opportunity to design and edit our publication that reaches over 500 members.

The CARL newsletter editor is seeking interested CARL members who would like to add editing the *CARL Newsletter* to their curriculum vitae.

Please contact Liz Ginno (liz.ginno@csueastbay.edu, 510-885-2969) if you are interested.

IMMERSION '08 - UC San Diego



Institute for Information Literacy
IMMERSION '08
University of California, San Diego
La Jolla, California
July 27 – August 1, 2008

The ACRL Institute for Information Literacy is excited to announce that a third track has been integrated into its National Immersion Program. Previously offered as a stand-alone program, “The Intentional Teacher: Renewal through Informed Reflection” will join the highly-regarded Teacher and Program Tracks of Immersion. **Application deadline has passed (12/03/07).**

CURRICULUM. Visit <http://www.ala.org/acrl/events> for complete details about the three program tracks, including learning outcomes and more.

Questions concerning the program or application process should be directed to Margot Conahan at (312) 280-2522; msutton@ala.org.

Legislative News

Taking Action

Thanks to our Membership Director, Kelly Janousek, I have learned of a new, easy way to take action on important library issues. According to Loriene Roy, ALA President, “the first goal of the [ALA Ahead to 2010](#) strategic plan is that ALA and its members are leading advocates for libraries and the library profession. We need to take action and encourage others to do so as well.” Here’s your chance!

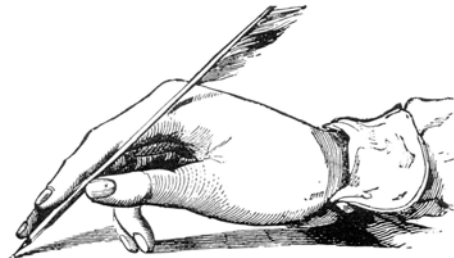
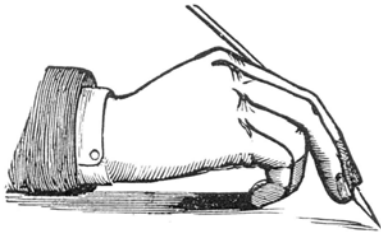
ALA and 25 chapters, including California, have joined together through the Capwiz online advocacy system to provide action alerts directly to members (see <http://www.ala.org/chapters/advocacy>), although you can certainly always make a connection through <http://www.usa.gov> (click on “contact elected officials”).

Through Capwiz, however, it should be easy to send messages to legislators because the system automatically identifies them, and ALA provides talking points and language for messages. The important part to remember is that it generally helps to do a little rewording to make your message personal. Sending “cookie cutter” messages doesn’t always appeal. Legislators want to know that you care personally about the issue you’re discussing.

Another thing that Capwiz will enable you to do is forward action alerts to others. You can easily sign up for the alerting service from ALA or continue to work through the legislative e-mails that Don Page and I send out bi-weekly, with occasional emergency e-mails in between.

We have struggles ahead of us in every area you can consider – privacy, intellectual freedom, copyright, funding – the list goes on. As I have advised many times before, find an issue or two and focus on those. We *CAN* make a difference – and we will. It just takes intent, persistence, and *ACTION* – yours. Please join me in trying to make a difference.

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CARL Outstanding Member Award Nominations

The CARL Outstanding Member Award Committee invites nominations for Outstanding Member. Please send your nomination to the Chair of the Committee - that would be me - by no later than Friday, February 1, 2008. The other members of the Committee are Suellen Cox and Tracey Mayfield. We will review nominations and make a recommendation to the full Board for their approval in time for the quarterly meeting in March, 2008.

The criteria for this award are available on the CARL web site.

<http://www.carl-acrl.org/Awards/Outstanding/Nominating.html>

Please make your nomination as specific as you can by linking the achievements of the nominee to the criteria as closely as possible.

To see a list of past award recipients from which you might draw inspiration, see:

<http://www.carl-acrl.org/Archives/AwardsArchive/Outstanding/index.html>

Thank you so much for your participation in this happy process - after all, what can be nicer than honoring one of our own!

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Save the Date

CCLI-NorthSpring Program

The California Clearinghouse on Library Instruction (CCLI) of Northern California will have its famous day long Spring Program on May 16, 2008!

Venue and details will be announced in early Spring. For more information, go to our website at: <http://ic.arc.losrios.edu/~ccli/> or at our blog at: <http://nocaccli.blogspot.com/>

SCIL Business Meeting Scheduled

Friday, February 22, 2008 from 10:30 - 1:00
at CSU Fullerton

Further details, including directions and parking
info will be sent in January.

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Mark your calendars!

The annual SCIL Works program will be on Friday, January 25, 2008 at the Claremont Colleges.

This year's theme is "Putting Theory into Practice: The 'Why' Behind Instructional Strategies." Watch this list and the SCIL web site for more information and the Call for Proposals.

Contact Dominique Turnbow (dturnbow@ucsd.edu), SCIL Vice-Chair/Chair Elect with questions.

Greener California Libraries for the Global Environment

In support of our upcoming conference, *Going Global: Academic Libraries in the Age of Globalization*, here's a different way to look at libraries and globalization.

The technologies we rely on and promote, the books/periodicals/paper we acquire - all eventually are discarded and become part of the global waste stream. Even our virtual worlds have tangible power demands. Read on for tips on how to green up our world.

E-waste, it's not pretty

The problem: Most of the 2 million tons of old electronics discarded annually by Americans goes to U.S. landfills. Activists estimate that 50% to 80% of the 300,000 to 400,000 tons of electronics collected for recycling in the United States each year ends up overseas, where it poses a serious threat to human health, biosafety, and biodiversity in the environment. Do you know where your e-waste goes?

Trying to help: The EPA is working with environmental groups, recyclers and electronics manufacturers to develop a system to certify companies that recycle electronics responsibly. For more info see: the California Integrated Waste Management Board - <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/Electronics/>; Seattle-based Basel Action Network - <http://www.ban.org>; or the San Francisco-based HMR USA Inc. - <http://www.hmrusa.com>.

Runs on batteries: then what?

It's the law: All batteries are considered hazardous waste in California when they are discarded. This includes all batteries of sizes AAA, AA, C, D, button cell, 9 Volt, and all other batteries, both rechargeable and single use. All batteries must be recycled, or taken to a household hazardous waste disposal facility, or a universal waste handler (e.g., storage facility or broker), or an authorized recycling facility. Here to help: <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/WPIE/Batteries/>

All that paper! Recycle & Buy Recycled

Do you do it? Can you influence purchasing? Check out <http://earth911.org/recycling/>.

Books: Avoiding landfill

Before recycling, try these clever alternatives:

<http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/reuse/Links/Books.htm>

http://www.lyponline.com/infocus/1107/Special_Report.htm



Cooling the server farms . . .

The problem: the large amounts of electric power needed to cool tens of thousands of microprocessors at data centers aka server farms. Their annual energy consumption is conservatively estimated at 25 gigawatts or "tens of power plants."

Trying to help: The Green Grid, a consortium of information technology companies and professionals seeking to lower the overall consumption of power in data centers around the globe, to develop meaningful, platform-neutral standards, measurement methods, processes and new technologies to improve energy efficient performance.

Support their efforts and learn more. www.thegreengrid.org

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People News - CARL Members

Will Breitbart and **Stephanie Rosenblatt**, Reference/Instruction Librarians, **CSU Fullerton**, were invited by the Fullerton Public Library to speak on the USA Patriot Act as a part of the *Celebrate Your Freedom to Read* program. They gave their presentation, "Why Should I Care About the PATRIOT ACT?," on October 16, 2007 at the Fullerton Public Library.

Cynthia Bruns, **CSU Fullerton**, is now the American Studies Subject Editor for *RCL: Resources for College Libraries* from ACRL's *Choice* and *Bowker*. The updated version of the database, with the newly created American Studies section, was released in late November (see <http://www.rclweb.net/>).

Kristin Buxton was appointed Engineering Librarian at the **California Institute of Technology**. Kristin has BS degrees in Computer Science and Physics, both from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and her MLIS from the University of Washington (UW). She worked several years in software engineering before attending library school, and worked at the UW's Foster Business Library, and the Seattle Public Library.

Mardi Chalmers, Reference/Instruction Librarian at **CSU Monterey Bay**, has authored a peer-reviewed article on active-learning, large-class pedagogies as applied to information literacy instruction. Her article, "Lessons from the academy: actuating active mass-class information literacy instruction," will appear in the January/March 2008 issue (v. 36, no. 1) of *Reference Services Review*. Mardi hopes to offer teaching librarians another approach to instruction in information literacy by applying mega-class pedagogies specifically to information literacy instruction.

City College of San Francisco, a recipient of the Nextbook/ALA "Let's Talk About It" grant, is completing the fall 2007 scholar-facilitated book discussion series on Jewish graphic novels. As part of a year-long reading theme, an exhibition, curated by librarian **Kate Connell**, portrays the graphic novel theme, "Modern Marvels: Jewish Adventures in the Graphic Novel," along with visual materials promoting the English Department's student reading groups, a new social science course on the sociological aspects of American comics, and the Rosenberg Library's new

paperback browsing collection. The theme poster can be viewed at: <http://www.ccsf.edu/Library/LibExhibF07.pdf>.

Mira Foster and **Pam Howard**, Senior Assistant Librarians at the J. Paul Leonard Library, **San Francisco State University**, presented two pre-conference workshops in October – one at the California Library Association (CLA) Conference on October 26, 2007 in Long Beach, and the other on Saturday, October 27 at Internet Librarian 2007 (IL2007) in Monterey. Next Generation Research Tools introduced participants to a variety of Web 2.0 applications, including map mashups, photo sharing, blogging, tagging and clipping sites. Both workshops used the California K-12 curriculum as a scaffold for using web-based tools in typical research assignments, and integrating librarians and teachers into the online research process.

Fred Gertler (Interim Dean, **University of the Pacific**) was honored by San José State University's School of Library and Information Science at an alumni reception on November 29th as the SLIS marks its 40th anniversary. Fred is one of 40 San José State alumni being recognized in the school's "Forty to Forty" celebration.

Fred Gertler, **Robin Imhof**, and **Harrison W. Inefuku**, **University of the Pacific**, presented "Libraries as a Place of Transgression" at the 109th Annual California Library Association Conference, October 26-29, 2007. The poster described the effectiveness of the Facebook social networking site as a means to connect to student populations.

Monica Hagan is the Rosenfeld Library's Business Reference/Special Projects Librarian at **UCLA**. Monica earned her MBA from the Graziadio School, Pepperdine University, as well as her MLS degree from UCLA. Her professional working experience includes Business & Agribusiness Librarian at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, and Reference & Instruction Librarian at Pepperdine.

Lindsay Hansen, **CSU Northridge**, had her article, "Ten Top Sites for Researching Music," featured on the cover of the November/December 2007 issue of *Online* magazine which was handed out at the Internet Librarian conference (see <http://www.infotoday.com/online/nov07/Hansen.shtml>).

Catherine Haras, CSU Los Angeles, was featured as a CSU Faculty Library Star in the Fall 2007 edition of the *libraries @ calstate*, a CSU Chancellor's Office online newsletter (see http://www.calstate.edu/lis/newsletter/2007/fall/faculty_library_stars/losangeles.shtml).

John Hickok, CSU Fullerton, presented a paper at the 3rd annual Rizal International Library Conference, sponsored by the Rizal Library, Ateneo de Manila University, Manila, Philippines, October 23-24 (<http://rizal.lib.admu.edu.ph/2007conf/index.htm>). His paper, "International Best Practices of Service-Friendly Librarians: Fresh Perceptions from a Year-long Comparative Analysis of U.S. and Asian-Pacific Librarians", draws upon his current research on cross-cultural comparisons of libraries.

Kelly Janousek received the Outstanding Greek Advisor of the Year award from the **CSU Long Beach** Greek Community at the annual Greek Awards on October 29, 2007. Kelly has mentored and worked with the CSULB Delta Zeta chapter for five years. Her work with 200+ women in the chapter includes mentoring leadership, understanding risk issues, and the value of philanthropy.

Andrew Klein and **Marcia Henry**, both of **CSU Northridge**, had a poster session on "Science and Engineering Programs for Libraries" at the 2007 California Library Association conference in Long Beach.

Tracey Mayfield and **Tiffini Travis, CSU Long Beach**, were both selected as 2007 CSU Faculty Library Stars. See: (http://www.calstate.edu/lis/newsletter/2007/fall/faculty_library_stars/longbeach.shtml).

Locke Morrissey, University of San Francisco, has been appointed to the library advisory committee of the *New England Journal of Medicine* for two years beginning January 2008.

Marina Parise has accepted the position of Reference and Instruction Librarian at **Santa Monica College**. Marina worked at SMC as an adjunct faculty librarian before she accepted this position.

Christine Kromer Park, San José State University SLIS student and **University of San Francisco** intern, and **Locke Morrissey**,

University of San Francisco, are to be featured in a video orientation for new and prospective SJSU SLIS students promoting the program's practicums and internships.

Tina Inzerilla and **Topsy Smalley** (instruction librarians at **Las Positas College** and **Cabrillo College**, respectively) presented papers at the Treasure Mountain Research Retreat that met prior to the annual meeting of the American Association of School Librarians in Reno, Nevada, in October. Attendees were school librarians, researchers with special interests in school libraries, library school professors and others. This year's retreat had two main themes: assessing what is known about successful school library media programs as they currently exist; and work towards creating a new vision for the school library for the 21st century. The papers were published as part of *Into the Center of the Curriculum*, edited by David V. Loertscher and Marcia Mardis (Salt Lake City: Hi Willow Research & Publishing, 2007; <http://www.lmcsource.com/isell3/product.php?id=85>).

Aline Soules is the first librarian at **CSU East Bay** to be elected to the position of Chair of the Committee on Academic Planning and Review. Aline presented a program on revision of creative work entitled, "The Final Spit and Polish," at the Winter Wheat Festival, Bowling Green University, November 10, 2007.

California Institute of Technology librarians George Porter, Judy Nollar, Lindsay Cleary, and **Daniel Taylor** participated in the ARL/ACRL Institute on Scholarly Communication in Washington, DC, July 18-20. As the Scholarly Communication Team, chaired by Porter, they are developing educational and outreach programming to promote open access, the Caltech Collection of Open Digital Archives (CODA), awareness and retention of author rights, and responsible publishing choices.

Janet Ziegler has joined **CSU Channel Islands** Library as an Instruction, Reference, and Outreach Librarian. Janet has an MLIS from San José State University and a BA in Communicative Disorders from Fresno State University. Before coming to CSUCI she worked as a staff member at Fresno County Library, and as a reference and instruction librarian at the University of La Verne.

People News - CARL Members Cont'd

Steve Watkins Honored for International Contributions

Steven Watkins, one of CSU Monterey Bay's founding librarians, was awarded the first ever lifetime membership by a marine science library association for his contributions throughout the years.

The International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers' executive board created the award specifically to honor Steve and his many years of service to the organization.

"We expect senior librarians to influence the profession beyond their institution. In addition to the contributions he makes every day to CSUMB, our organization has benefited from Steve's background in technology and his interest in the use of open source software for library applications. He has clearly influenced the profession of marine and aquatic science librarianship on a global scale," said IAMSLIC's president, Barbara Butler, in presenting the award at the group's annual conference in Saratoga, Fla.



Steve was instrumental in creating IAMSLIC's very successful international resource-sharing program. This pioneering project enables member libraries to locate and obtain scientific publications from other libraries around the world to support research being conducted at their institutions. During the past year, 110 IAMSLIC libraries in 44 countries obtained nearly 4,000 documents using this system. Five libraries in the Monterey Bay region are active contributors to the resource-sharing program, including CSU-Monterey Bay.

Currently, Steve is the coordinator of technology development at CSUMB's library. He joined the faculty in 1995 and is a past chair of the CSUMB Academic Senate. He is a frequent presenter on technology-enabled library services and a longtime contributor to collaborative library programs in the Monterey Bay region. He holds an MLS from the University of California, Berkeley, and a BS in biology from Stanford University.



People News - Non-Members

Alison Armstrong is the new **UCLA** Director of Undergraduate Initiatives. Previously she served as Head of Information Literacy at the American University in Cairo, Egypt. Prior to that, she worked at the University of Nevada Las Vegas and the University of Cincinnati, also in information literacy related positions. She holds her MLIS from the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Stephanie Banjeck, **University of Southern California**, has been hired as the library's Music Librarian. Stephanie received her MLIS at Dominican University. She was previously Music Librarian at Chicago's Vandercook College of Music.

Robin Chandler is the new Digital Library Program Manager at **UC San Diego** Libraries. Robin was formerly at UC's California Digital Library, most recently as Director of Built Content.

Amy Croft, **Occidental College**, has recently been hired as the library's digital archivist, developing a strategy for the acquisition, description and preservation of electronic records for the college archives.

Dr. Lesley Farmer, **CSU Long Beach**, received the CLA Member of the Year Award at the CLA Conference in Long Beach at the Awards Banquet on October 26. The Member of the Year Award honors a CLA member for his/her outstanding contributions, leadership and achievements in service to California libraries. Lesley has provided significant leadership in the development of school library professionals in California since she arrived in 1984.

Helen Heinrich, **CSU Northridge**, gave her presentation, "Serials Cataloging: Quo Vadis?," at the OCLC Update Forum: "E-Serials Holdings @ California State University, Northridge," and at ALA ALCTS Serials Section Continuing Resources Cataloging Committee Update Forum "Continuing Resources Cataloging: Where in the World Are We Going?" Her book *E-Journal Invasion: A Cataloguer's Guide to Survival*. Chandos information professional series was published by Chandos Publishing in 2007.

Michelle Jacobs joined the **UCLA** College Library as Emerging Technologies & Web Coordinator on September 17th. Coming from UC Merced, she obtained her MS LIS from the Pratt Institute, and previously held positions at libraries at Occidental College and the University of New Orleans.

Bie-Hwa Ma has joined the **UC San Diego** Libraries' Metadata Services Department as the UC Shared Cataloging Project Chinese Language cataloger. Bie-Hwa's previous position was at UC Berkeley where, since 1994, she worked at the East Asian Library on cataloging projects.

Kevin Mulroy, **University of Southern California**, Associate Executive Director for Research Collections and Services, just had his book *The Seminole Freedmen: A History* published by the University of Oklahoma Press.

Katharine Peter, **University of Southern California**, has been hired to fill the newly created post of Social Sciences Data Librarian. A recent MLIS recipient, Katharine previously worked as an education and public policy researcher analyzing quantitative data.

Kevin Rundblad joined **UCLA** in September in the new position of eLearning & Instructional Design Librarian. He also works for Undergraduate Initiatives and does reference and instruction for College Library. He worked as Instructional Design Librarian at Southern Illinois University, developed courses for ARL, and founded the web video applications startup company, Mast Networks, in addition to a variety of consulting work. He received a MLS from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign and holds an MA in Philosophy.

California Institute of Technology Library Services has appointed Arun Sannuti as their new Physics, Mathematics and Astronomy Librarian. Arun has his AB degree from Princeton in Mathematics; an MS in Mathematics from the University of Washington, and his MSLIS from Simmons College. He has worked in libraries at Princeton, Draper Laboratory, and most recently, Dartmouth University.

David Schmitt is the new Engineering Librarian at the **UC San Diego** Science and Engineering Library. Dave graduated from UCSD with a degree in Chemical Engineering and worked in industry as a mechanical test engineer for nine years before returning to graduate school to obtain his MLIS from Florida State University.

Patrick Sullivan, **San Diego State University**, recently provided a presentation entitled "Virtual Reference from the Perspective of U.S. Consortium" at the 2nd annual Baja Library Association Conference in Tijuana. He also presented at the Read a Book/Leer un Libro conference in Ensenada on the topic of sister libraries.

UC Riverside's Cataloging/Metadata Services Department welcomes Toshu Takamaru, an one-year temporary appointment as special project cataloger for anime and manga.

Anne Turhollow has recently assumed responsibilities as the Head of the Reference Services Department at **San Diego State University**. Anne will also continue as the Life Sciences Librarian.

People News - Non-Members Cont'd

Bruce Whiteman, Head Librarian at the **UCLA** William Andrews Clark Memorial Library, recently presented three papers: "Ernest Chausson's *Serres chaudes*," at the "Words and Notes in the Nineteenth Century" Conference, University of London, London, England, July 2-3, 2007; "William Andrews Clark, Jr. as Collector and Philanthropist," at the Collectors and Collecting Conference held at Chawton House, England, July 19-20, 2007; and "Printing the Classics in a Semi-Literate Age," at the American Printing History Association Conference, Los Angeles, October 11-13, 2007.



California Academic Librarians & K-16 Frameworks

School libraries in California have been in trouble for many years. Across the country, the national average ratio of credentialed school librarians to public school pupils is 1.1 to 1,000. In California, that figure is 0.2 per 1,000.¹ California ranks 51st (including the District of Columbia) in number of school librarians per student in K-12 public schools. Figures published in 2004² show that about 17% of K-12 public schools in California have full-time credentialed school librarians. No other state is in the teens. No states are in the twenty percent range. The next state above California is Alaska at 31%. Twenty-seven states are in the 60% range and above. Seven states are in the 90% range. California is not just at the bottom of the list; it is in the basement.

California began to lose its school librarians in the years following Proposition 13, which passed in 1978. It was in 1995 that the California State University system issued its first Information Competence Initiative report,³ and in 1996, the California Community College's Counseling and Library Faculty Issues Committee began work on its paper *Information Competency in the California Community Colleges*.⁴ Given that public school students had decreasing exposure to librarians and library use concepts as school librarians disappeared, the early 1990s would be about the time that these large systems of higher education began to experience cohorts of incoming students with noticeably deficient information literacy skills.

Cabrillo College is the community college for Santa Cruz County. Since the Spring of 1988, students who take English 1A – the college's three unit transfer level English composition course – have also taken a one unit co-requisite course that teaches library and information research methods. Enrollments in Information Research, as the course is called, run between 800 and 900 every semester.

A great many of Cabrillo College's students flow in from three local school districts in Santa Cruz County, only one of which has Library Media Teachers, as credential school librarians are called in California. An obvious question was: are there any discernable differences in the way students perform in Library 10 given the school district from which they come?

In a study that collected data for just over 500 students from similar high school cohorts, it was found that students from high schools with LMTs are far more familiar with basic library use concepts, fundamental ideas about how information is organized and made accessible, and how to use online catalogs than are students from high schools without librarians. Their achievement levels are visibly better.⁵

On the K-12 level, there are a host of recent research studies (done in states other than California) that link student success to the presence of school librarians, good collections, and active library programs.⁶ At the recent Treasure Mountain preconference to the American Association of School Librarians annual meeting in Reno, there were school librarians from across the country who are on staffs that include two and even three credential school librarians in their public schools.

My sense is that California has lost the collective memory of how school librarians at the K-12 level contribute to student learning and educational achievement. Which means that academic librarian voices are now more critical than ever. Thinking about information literacy in a K-16 framework would be a good first step.

After my study at Cabrillo College was published, I was asked by high school librarians in the local school district to give a presentation at a meeting of their school board. I emphasized to the board that were they ever to consider discontinuing support for school librarians at all their schools that librarians, English faculty, and others at Cabrillo College would be concerned. Not having school librarians is a financial issue for California school districts, but it is a critical “they are not prepared for college” issue for academic librarians across the state.

School libraries in California public schools are hurting in many ways, and not just by having fewer and fewer school librarians. Forty-eight states in this country purchase online periodical and encyclopedia databases for their school libraries. California and Arizona are the holdouts. Only 49% of California public schools have any access to these kinds of databases. Assembly Bill 333, now before the California Legislature, would allocate funds for subscriptions to high quality online databases for all of California’s K-12 schools.⁷ This is an equity issue. Information about the bill is available at the California School Library Association Web site <<http://www.schoollibrary.org/>> I would urge academic librarians in California to write legislators in support of AB 333. This is our issue.

In June 2007, Senators Jack Reed (D-RI) and Thad Cochran (R-MS), and Representatives Raul Grijalva (D-AZ) and Vernon Ehlers (R-MI), introduced the Strengthening Kids’ Interest in Learning and Libraries (SKILLS) Act that would guarantee that students across America be served by state-certified school library media specialists and have the library resources they need to succeed.⁸ California academic librarians could show their K-16 concerns by contacting their representatives and senators to co-sponsor and support the SKILLS Act.

I would urge California academic librarians to think within K-16 frameworks. If we attended our local school district board meetings, we might find ways to interject our solid concerns about the dearth of school librarians into public debate about educational directions and resources.

The exposure our college students get to library use and to information resources on their way to us — at the primary and secondary levels — makes an enormous difference in their readiness for quality higher education experiences. In the end, this is about where our schools are going and how our students are being educated at all levels to function in today’s increasingly information and technology rich world.

Notes:

¹ “Staff Per 1,000 Pupils 2003-2004” available at <<http://www.ed-data.k12.ca.us/>>.

² Table 4a in *The Status of Public and Private School Library Media Centers in the United States: 1999-2000*. U.S. Dept. of Education, 2004. NCES 2004-313.

³ Available at <<http://www.calstate.edu/LS/Aboutinfocomp.shtml>>.

⁴ Available at <http://www.asccc.org/Publications/Papers/Info_competency.html>.

⁵ Published as “College Success: High School Librarians Make the Difference,” *Journal of Academic Librarianship* 30.3 (2004): 198-198. The article and the chart illustrating differences between school districts is available at <<http://foslsantacruz.org/>>.

⁶ A good recently published summary is Lance, K. C. and Loertscher, D. V. *Powering Achievement: School Library Media Programs Make a Difference: The Evidence Mounts*. Salt Lake City, UT: Hi Willow Research, 2005.

⁷ *Legislation and Advocacy*. 2007. California School Library Association. 9 Nov. 2007 <<http://schoollibrary.org/leg/>>.

⁸ Information about The SKILLS Act is available at the American Library Association Web site at <http://www.ala.org/ala/aasl/aasliissues/ALA_print_layout_1_400663_400663.cfm>.

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Places News

California Institute of Technology

On September 19th, the first in a series of panel discussions on scientific publishing aroused intense campus interest and lively debate. The second in the series (all sponsored by Caltech Library Services as part of the Scholarly Communications education and outreach initiative) featured research biologist and publishing industry veteran Jasna Markovac, PhD. Now independent of any publisher, Markovac is an active member of several scholarly societies, chairs the publications committee for the Society for Developmental Biology, and is on the publications advisory groups for FASEB and ASCB.

California State University, Fullerton

CSU Fullerton reached a record high of faculty-requested instruction sessions this Fall 2007 semester: over 350 (divided among approximately 15 instruction librarians). Increased promotion of library instruction at new faculty orientations, increased database offerings (prompting greater faculty interest), and an overall jump in campus enrollment are possible explanations. John Hickok, CSU Fullerton's Coordinator of Library Instruction, is seeking comparative instruction session statistics from other large academic libraries as well. Please email him at jhickok@fullerton.edu.

California State University, Northridge

The Oviatt Library at CSU Northridge has received a \$30,000 grant from the Augustine Foundation for preservation relating to the International Guitar Research Archives (see <http://library.csun.edu/igra/>).

City College of San Francisco

City College of San Francisco has a new library in the renovated and expanded Mission campus, on Valencia Street, San Francisco, which brings the number of campus libraries to six. The opening of the new library took place in mid-October (see <http://www.ccsf.edu/Library/mission/>).

San José State University

The School of Library and Information Science at San José State University proudly announced its 40th continuous accreditation anniversary by honoring more than 40 alumni during their "Forty for Forty" celebration on November 29th. A champagne reception will be followed by the 6th annual ISI Samuel Lazerow Memorial Lecture, "Internet Librarians: Trends & Forward Focus" with distinguished speaker, Jane Dysart. Dysart is a well-known consultant and also conference organizer for Information Today's Internet Librarian, Computers in Libraries, and KMWorld conferences. For more information and a list of the 40 honorees, see <http://listserv.utk.edu/cgi-bin/wa?A2=ind0711&L=jesse&P=7898>.

University of California, Los Angeles

"Middle Eastern Americans on the Move," the first U.S. exhibit of items and programs reflecting the literary, cinematic, scholarly and cultural output of this panethnic community, is on view at UCLA's Powell Library through December 21.

Its contents reveal both American and Middle Eastern roots and traditions and offer opportunities for further exploration, study and self-reflection. They include popular culture items such as cookbooks, literature, magazines and newspapers; scholarly works by UCLA faculty and students documenting UCLA's impact on the emerging field of Middle Eastern American studies; archival documents; and documentaries and feature films.

The exhibition curators are Jonathan Friedlander, assistant director of the Gustav E. von Grunebaum Center for Near Eastern Studies, and David Hirsch, librarian for Middle Eastern and Islamic studies at UCLA's Charles E. Young Research Library. It is sponsored by the UCLA Center for Near Eastern Studies, the College Library and the Research Library and is co-sponsored by the departments of comparative literature, English and sociology and the UCLA International Institute. For more information, visit www.library.ucla.edu/libraries/college/nwsevents/index.htm.



The Naval Postgraduate School's Dudley Knox Library Receives Over 1,600 Digitized U.S. Navy World War II Submarine War Patrol Reports



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Left to Right: M. Huygen, R. Bacon, D. Oliver, E. Uhlinger.

NPS President Daniel Oliver (Vice Admiral Retired); Ms. Eleanor Uhlinger, University Librarian; and Ms. Michaela Huygen, Librarian; accepted a gift from Roger Bacon (Vice Admiral Retired) of more than 1,620 WWII submarine war patrol reports for 255 vessels. The collection represents 63,000 pages of more than 1,620 reports, now presented for the first time in digital format on a 29 DVD set.

This digitization effort, conducted in large part by a navy of volunteers and former submariners, brings together for the first time since the end of WWII, reports on paper, microfilm, and microfiche that are distributed among three locations: the Submarine Force Library and Museum, Groton, CT; the National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, MD; and the Naval Undersea Museum, Keyport, WA.

During the October 29, 2007 ceremony, retired Vice Admiral Bacon, who taught undersea warfare at NPS from 2003-2007, made this presentation to the Library to honor the significant contributions Ms. Huygen provided to faculty, students and staff in the form of bibliographies, collection development, reference, and research assistance. In his closing remarks, Bacon commented "I am most grateful for all those in the Dudley Knox Library who work so hard to assist Professors and students here."

For a look at Ms. Huygen's bibliography, *Submarine Warfare in the 20th & 21st Centuries*, please visit: <http://www.nps.edu/Library/Research/Bibliographies/SubmarineWF/SubWFbib.html>.

To learn more about the details of the digitized patrol reports, or to order selected works or a full set, please visit the Submarine Memorabilia website at: http://www.ussealion.com/NSL/war_patrols.htm.

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CDIG	=	Collection Development Interest Group
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SEAL	=	Science and Engineering Academic Librarians
SCIL	=	Southern California Instruction Librarians
TSIG	=	Technical Services Interest Group

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