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A Message from the Library Director

The one thing on everyone's mind these days is the national economy and its trickle-down effect on state budgets. We at the University are no different; we wait with baited breath for pronouncements from the state, wondering what effect anticipated cuts will have on our departmental budgets. But it is times like these that emphasize how important libraries are during periods of financial cutbacks. Where else can you find scholarly books, journal articles, popular fiction and non-fiction, films, mu-

sic, and information, and at little or no cost to you?

Where else can you search for jobs, learn something new, entertain yourself, better yourself, and get expert assistance from qualified personnel, all in one place?

If budgets get trimmed in the coming months, rest assured that the Library administration and the librarians and staff will be continually working to make sure that all library dollars are spent wisely, that necessary library materials continue to be made available, and that the research needs of both students and faculty will be met. We may be tightening our belts, but we won't be constricting the flow of information.

By Eric Johnson

Seattle,

Here We Come!!!!

At the Association of College & Research Libraries 2009 conference being held in Seattle on March 13-15, Sims Library will be well represented. Beth Stahr (Head of Reference) will present two poster sessions. One, co-authored with Ladonna Guillot (Health Sciences Librarian) and entitled "Adapting to Institutional Initiatives: Specialized Information Literacy," describes "the collaborative efforts of the distance learning and health sciences librarians to design a custom credit bearing online information literacy course for RN-to-BSN students. The RN-to-BSN program is part of the Continuum for All Louisiana Learners (CALL) initiative at Southeastern, which is aimed at adult learners who have some college credit but have never earned the bachelor's degree. For academic librarians, this class customization hints at



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Schedule of Events

Holidays to Remember

- Holiday on April 10th (Good Friday)
- Presidential Closure April 13th (Easter Monday)

Events to Remember

- ACRL Conference—Mar. 12–15
- LLA Conference—Mar. 12–14
- National Library Week April 12–18 (celebrated April 1-7 at Sims Memorial Library)

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Seattle Cont.

The increasingly important role we will play in promoting lifelong learning and workforce development.”

Beth will also share a poster session with Library Director Eric Johnson and Judith Lin Hunt, Dean of the Libraries at Montclair State

University in New Jersey, which is titled "From Perilous Waters to Smooth Sailing: Preparing for and Collaborating on Successful Accreditation Visits." Beth describes this session as providing “guidance for successful library participation in the accreditation process from the announcement of an impending visit to the meeting between library faculty/staff and the visiting

Accrediting Team.” Penny Hecker (Reference / Instruction Librarian) is also attending ACRL this year and will experience three personal and professional firsts in Seattle. She will visit Seattle for the first time, she will attend an ACRL conference for the first time, and she will host a Roundtable for the first time. “From Instruction Traditionalist to Learning Facilitator: Exploring New Heights of Stu-

dent Engagement” is the title of her Roundtable discussion.

Her accepted proposal to ACRL for the session read, “Motivated to engage millennials more effectively, the instructors transitioned to an active learning approach with their students. By acting as facilitators more than lecturers, the librarians better prepared undergraduates for evaluative thinking and lifelong learning.” The questions that will be discussed at the roundtable session are:

1) What does active learning mean to the roundtable participants?

2) Have you achieved anticipated learning outcomes by using active learning with millennials and/or other generations of students?

3) How has facilitating active learning over lecturing benefited you as a librarian instructor?

By Penny Hecker

Get Ready for National Library Week

National Library Week is fast approaching and the Sims Library Outreach Committee is busy planning events and activities to celebrate the occasion. The official dates for National Library Week 2009 (April 12-18) conflict with the university’s spring break holiday so the Sims celebration has been moved up to the first week in April, Wednesday, April 1- Tuesday April 7.

Events include Fine Free Week for April 1-7, the ever-popular Sims Readers event to be held at 6 PM on Thursday, April 2, a “Let’s Talk Art” lecture co-sponsored by

the Art department and Friends of Sims Library on Tuesday, April 7 at 3PM, and the annual Library Book Sale, to be held Wed., April 1-Friday, April 3.

Donations of popular hardcover and paperback reading material (fiction, non-fiction, self-help, cookbooks, etc.) as well as DVDs, videos, and CDs are already being accepted for the upcoming Book Sale. Donations can be delivered to the Acquisitions Department on the first floor of Sims Library from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, through March 26th. For more information on donating to the Book Sale, contact Michael

Webster at extension 3955, or via e-mail at mwebster@selu.edu. This is a great way to clean out your bookshelves and help the library.

This year’s theme from the American Library Association is “Worlds Connect @ Your Library.” More information on the nationwide celebration of library services can be found on the ALA website at <http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/hqops/pio/natlibraryweek/nlw.cfm>.

By Kathryn Munson

What's Up With Docs.?

Anyone who used to go to the Morrison Room on the third floor to use government documents, or to use computers, or to take advantage of the quiet study area, may well be wondering where the Government Documents Department went. In early January 2009 several departments in the Library were moved and the Documents Department underwent the most dramatic changes. The collection was spilt up and relocated to areas all around the building (sort of like Easter eggs).

Sims Memorial has been a depository for Louisiana state publications since 1962 and for U.S. government publications since 1966. Prior to January 2009 the Morrison Room housed several thousand print documents, including maps, and significant collections of microforms and audio-visual materials. The vast majority of the collection was arranged by Superintendent of Documents (SuDocs) call numbers or by Louisiana Documents (LaDocs) call numbers.

To prepare for the move, between October and December 2008 approximately half of the federal documents print collection was withdrawn and sent to a paper recycler. Many of the materials that were withdrawn are now available in full-text online.

The resources formerly shelved on the index tables in the Morrison Room, things like the *Statistical Abstract of the United States*, the *World Factbook*, and the *Louisiana Health Report Card*, are now located on the first floor in the Reference Room. Both U.S. and Louisiana documents reference materials are housed on a section of shelving in the northwest corner of the room. The map cabinets are located nearby.

The remainder of the federal and state print collections is now shelved on the southeast end of the 4th floor. Directional signs have been posted near the elevators on the fourth floor to assist people in finding the documents collections.

Many periodical titles published by the U.S. and Louisiana governments were assigned Library of Congress call numbers and integrated into the bound serials collection on the third floor. The most recent issues of those same titles are now shelved with the current serials in the Serials Department on the second floor.



Oops! Kim Pinion, an assistant in Government Documents, works at helping to re-file a drawer of Microfiche dropped during the move.

Microfiche and microfilm from the Morrison Room, including the ERIC microfiche collection and Census microfilm, are now housed in the northwest corner of the Serials Department. The microform reader/printers and scanners formerly located in the Morrison Room were also moved to the Serials Department. The five computers that used to be in the Documents Department will be made available in Serials as well once the necessary wiring has been installed.

The audiovisual materials from the Documents collection, including videotapes, DVDs, music CDs, and data CDs, were moved into the Media Department on the second floor. The videotapes and video DVDs are being reclassified with Library of Congress numbers and integrated with the other collections in Media. The data CDs and DVDs are shelved in cabinets along the east wall of the department. Print documentation that accompanied some of the older CDs is shelved on top of the cabinets.

And last, but most assuredly not least, the Documents Department staff are now located inside the Reference Department in Room 133, the former Interlibrary Loan office.

Another change that came with the move is that Documents staff are now available only from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Prior to the move the Morrison Room maintained the same hours as the rest of the Library and Documents staff were always available. Public service staff from many departments have recently been trained to help people find publications in the SuDoc and LaDoc classified collections, but those with more complicated questions or needs may want to call or visit the Library while Documents Department staff are on duty.

Circulation of documents has also been affected by the move. Prior to January 2009, circulating items from the documents collections had to be checked out from and returned to the Documents

Department. Now, documents shelved on the fourth floor that are stamped with "THIS ITEM MAY BE CHECKED OUT" should be taken to the Circulation Desk on the first floor for checkout. (Documents without that stamp cannot be checked out.) Documents shelved in the Media Department should be checked out from and returned to Media. Circulation of maps will still be handled by Documents Department staff members, so faculty and staff members who wish to check out a map will need to do so during the hours the Documents Department is staffed.

Those with questions about Sims Library's U.S. or state-documents collections, or with any questions related to government publications, should feel free to contact the new, version 2.0 Documents Department at 985-549-3966.

By Lori Smith

**It is with
fond
memories
and abiding
respect that
we say
Farewell to
the Morri-
son Room.**



We look forward to bringing you another issue of *Mane Lines* in the coming months. Please forward any interesting news items or material to 'Mane Lines' Editor James Lovitt for inclusion.

During the summer of 2008 I became part of "Let's Get Engaged!" a program created by the Center for Faculty Excellence to promote discussions on engagement. Two teams were spurred on by this effort, "Team I: Pedagogies of Engagement: Exploring techniques to engage even the most passive students," and "Team II: Civic Engagement: Connecting citizenship with the classroom." I joined Team II and from October 25th to 28th I attended the *International Research Conference on Service-learning and Community Engagement* in New Orleans. For those unfamiliar with the team, service learning is "a teaching and learning strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities."

With four other faculty members from Southeastern who already incorporate service learning into their classes I sat in on scholarly presentations on the impact of service learning on the lives and careers of students who participate in the practice. I also had the opportunity to meet the passionate people who staff the growing

Sims Memorial Library a Resource for Community Engagement

number of academic institutions with engagement programs. It is truly a movement of people from varying fields working to fashion both a new service ethos in academia and craft a new academic discipline.

Two librarians from the National Service Learning Clearinghouse, Liberty Smith and Heather Martin, presented and promoted the resources available to engagement practitioners through the Clearinghouse website, <http://servicelearning.org/index.php>. When they began to demonstrate what the clearing house offers, the excitement over having an electronic tool to access journals, monographs, video and dissertations from diverse disciplines was palpable, especially so from the Southeastern faculty. After the presentation another team member and I spoke to Smith and Martin about how we could work together to provide to provide access to Southeastern faculty interested in the practical and scholarly aspects of Service Learning through the library.

Since the conference, Team II has met several times and we're looking at ways to interest more faculty into incorporating service learning and community engagement in their work. There is still an interest on the part of those faculty members

for the Library to provide materials, resources and instruction to those instructors and staff who want to and do incorporate service learning/ community engagement into their courses or jobs. This is a chance for Sims to participate more fully in the civic development of our students and our community, as well as an opportunity to further the Library's goal of having a greater and potentially longer lasting influence in the development of our community while continuing to fulfill our academic mission to our faculty and students.

By Herb McGuin

Let's Talk: Art

A series of lectures on art sponsored by the Dep. of Visual Arts and the Friends of Sims Library.

March 17, 1 pm: **Lynda Katz**, "Historic References in Ceramic Art"

April 7, 3 pm: **Sarah Wiseman**, "Artistic Experiences"

May (Exact date and time TBA): **Trish Ramsay**, "Finnish Textiles"

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