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Greetings From the President:

As I take over from Bobbie Carr as FAFLRT President for this next year, let me first thank the FAFLRT community for their support. The core group of leaders assembled on the Board and Committees continue to work wonders! All members should feel free to contact any of us with your suggestions, comments, and concerns. You will find everyone listed on the back page of this newsletter as well as on the FAFLRT web site. Feel free to post your thoughts to the FAFLRT discussion list (<http://www.ala.org/ala/faflrt/faflrtdiscussion/discussionlist.htm>).

Did you realize the June 2007 ALA Annual Conference in Washington, D.C. had record-breaking attendance? If you were one of the few unable to attend the conference, see the FAFLRT web page (<http://www.ala.org/Template.cfm?Section=faflrt>) for the conference proceedings and video archives.

I've been able to take some recent actions and would like to share them with you along with my goals for the next year.

I met with ALA Washington Office staff to help get me up to speed on my responsibilities.

Based on information shared with me, the FAFLRT Round Table is one of the few ALA organizations that do not charge for preconference or post conference events. I initiated discussion with FAFLRT board on raising funds based on the following principles:

FAFLRT should continue to deliver the majority of our programming to FAFLRT members, ALA conference attendees, and federal librarians free of charge.



From left to right; awards committee representative Shirley Loo and awardees Allison Snell, Maria Pisa, and Alba Scott. (See article on page 8.)

Fees might be associated with pre-conference or post conference events as is usual practice in other ALA Round Tables.

No fees should be charged for events during the official conference days unless there is an expense associated with the activity. An example might be if there is a tour of an off-site location and FAFLRT has to charter a bus to transport attendees. Fees might be charged only to cover the amount of the transportation.

Corporate sponsorship will still be sought for activities, events, and services.

In all cases, fees for events will be voted on by the FAFLRT board before the activities are placed on the conference program.

Co-sponsoring of activities with other ALA organizations where a fee is charged by any of the co-sponsors will be voted on by the FAFLRT board before the activities are placed on the conference program.

Additional meetings are scheduled with FLICC and the ALA Washington Office staff for discussing action plans for a variety of situations in federal libraries. Stay tuned for more information!

I continue to explore how to expand collaboration with other ALA Roundtables.

Discussion continues on support for the FLICC Federal Library Fellowships Roberta Shaffer wants to initiate.

Based on input from the FAFLRT

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Board, I will explore making the ALA Midwinter Board meeting available over the internet.

I am already excited about the great group of people we have on the FAFLRT Board and Committees. And I'm on the lookout for FAFLRT members looking to serve in some capacity. Your new ideas and energy are always welcome. And remember it always looks good on your resume to note how you're contributing to the profession!

Janet Scheitel



FAFLRT Board at the 2007 ALA Summer Conference in Washington, DC

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During its Annual Conference in Denver, the Special Libraries Association (SLA) honored a group of professionals who work tirelessly to be sure that the men and women serving to protect their countries in the Armed Forces have the information services and resources they need both abroad and at home. The 300-plus members of the SLA Military Librarians Division were awarded the 2007 SLA Professional Award, which recognizes a special event, major achievement, or specific significant contribution to the field of librarianship or information science. This award was sponsored by Springer.

Sharon Lenius, Information Resource Center, Army National Guard, Arlington, VA has been awarded the SLA Achievement Award.

The Armed Forces swept all four 2006 Federal Librarianship Awards presented by the Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC) of the Library of Congress. The awards will be presented to the recipients at a ceremony at the Library of Congress on 12 October.

FROM THE LOC PRESS RELEASE:

2006 Federal Library/Information Center of the Year

Large Library/Information Center Category (with a staff of 11 or more federal and/or contract employees): Camp S. D. Butler Library System, Marine Corps Community Services, U.S. Marine Corps, Okinawa, Japan, is recognized for superior effort in enhancing the quality of life for more than 50,000 Americans stationed in Okinawa and mainland Japan. In fiscal 2006, the library system supported 550,000 patron visits, increasing customer use by 14 percent and receiving a customer satisfaction rating above 98 percent. Evidence of the system's energy, enthusiasm and success was shown in streamlined efforts in economical and efficient acquisitions, cataloging and processing of materials, the ability to offer nearly 500 individual programs for service members and their families, and dedication to maintaining eight libraries, three reading rooms and a technical services facility

Small Library/Information Center Category (with a staff of 10 or fewer federal and/or contract employees): George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies Library Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, is recognized for effectiveness, versatility and dedication to the customer. The library embarked on a series of planning, marketing, training, outreach and service enhancement initiatives in 2006. By realigning duties, introducing efficiencies and making judicious use of staff language skills, the library developed and achieved nearly 60 percent of a multiyear strategic plan, expanded a multilingual Web site, hosted 120 facility tours, and completed more than 50 briefings to distinguished visitors from members of the German parliament and U.S. defense leadership. The library also expanded and enhanced its collection, reference and cataloging functions at an exacting pace. This led to an increase in eBook collections and database and online services, the creation of bibliographies on terrorism and knowledge portals, and the development of a value-added online catalog.

2006 FEDERAL LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR

Carla Pomager, systems/acquisition librarian for the Army General Library Program within Community Recreation, Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command, U.S. Army, Alexandria, Va., will receive the award for her dedication and contributions to leadership of change in fiscal 2006. Her accomplishments, knowledge of technology and vision led to her creation of the General Library Information System (GLIS), which provides information services to deployed soldiers as if they were visiting their home base library. Pomager led the effort to create the "My Library Page@" on the Army Knowledge Online Web site, which has garnered nearly 120,000 hits in just three months.

2006 FEDERAL LIBRARY TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR

Sabrina D. Honda, library technician, Hurlburt Field Library, Hurlburt, Fla., and Base Library, Little Rock Air Force Base, will receive the award for her com-

mitment and knowledge in support of the mission of the Hurlburt Field Library. Known for her innovative programs, Honda implemented 120 events in fiscal 2006 that reached more than 3,000 participants. She also coordinated the logistics for the library's renovation and led the team responsible for relocating more than 35,000 volumes. Honda's high personal standard of excellence for service delivery for the office reference collections led to her success as a liaison to 75 base offices and their related procurement processes.

Ms. Margaret Harrison, Director, Library Services, United States Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, Ft. Bragg, NC was selected at Civilian of the Quarter, 1st Qtr 07 for the Special Warfare Center and School.

Mrs. Eva Murphy, Reference Assistant and Interlibrary Loan Technician was Civilian of the Year.

Ms. HollyMay Pickel, previously Program and Acquisitions Librarian at Marine Corps Bases Japan, Butler Library System was selected as Library Director, Moody AFB, GA.

Ms. Rose Marie Krauss has been selected as Director of Libraries at Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, SC and Marine Recruit Depot Parris Island, SC. Her previous positions were in New York and South Carolina as a School Library Media Specialist.

Ms. Grace Paul has been selected as Director of Libraries for Marine Corps Base Camp LeJeune, NC. Her previous position was Reference Librarian at Stanford University, CA.

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The Lubuto Library Project

The Lubuto Library Project (LLP) — a 501(c)(3) non-profit based in Washington, DC — is participating in the 2007 Combined Federal Campaign. Those who attended the annual SLA conference in Denver saw the broad outpouring of support that accompanied presentation of the Dow Jones Leadership Award to Jane Kinney Meyers, founder and president of LLP. The Project brings special librarianship to the fight against the individual, societal and global impact of the HIV/AIDS pandemic on a generation of Africans.

The Lubuto Project builds, stocks and trains staff for first-class 5,000-volume libraries providing literacy, education, safe havens and connection to society for African street kids and other at-risk youngsters otherwise denied such services. The Libraries' collections, housed in lovely indigenous African design-inspired 3-building complexes, are carefully and professionally selected and then organized by students via US school-based awareness programs. The libraries are hosted and staffed by community-based African organizations currently caring for the target group, supported by training and specially-developed systems provided by LLP. Initial efforts are focused on Zambia (where Lubuto's regional office is a registered NGO), with plans to expand into other African countries in future years. More information is available on the Project's website, www.Lubuto.org.

The Lubuto Project's CFC number is 12370.

Public Employees Roundtable (PER) Report

Public Service Recognition Week (PSRW), the annual celebration to honor federal, state and local government employees, was celebrated May 10-13 across the nation with festivals, open houses and fundraising events for charities.

Since the Public Employees Roundtable is now part of the Council for Excellence in Government there was an even larger array of events in Washington. The Washington celebration commenced with the annual GEICO Public Awards Ceremony that Fran Perros and Jane Sessa attended at the National Archives. Another special event was the PSRW Opening Breakfast with Colonel Casey Wardynski (USA), the Project Director and Originator of the Army's hugely popular computer game, America's Army: Special Forces (Overmatch) and the Virtual Army experience as the keynote speaker.

The event on the National Mall was bigger than ever with more than a dozen new or expanded agencies participating this year and more than 100 government agencies and private groups exhibiting their programs and

services. Mascots from federal agencies were present on the Mall, among them Smokey Bear, Woodsy Owl and Mr. Zip. One of the most talked about exhibit this year was a life-size replica of the James Webb Space Telescope which will launch into outer space in 2013 to peer through interstellar dust and look back nearly 13 billion years at the formation of the first stars and galaxies. The JWST will be the premier observatory of the next decade which will examine every phase of cosmic history from the first glows after the Big Bang to the formation and evolution of galaxies, stars planets and our own solar system. Another spotlighted exhibit was The Virtual Army Experience which is part video game, part amusement park ride. It is a high tech, team-based experience which immerses visitors in the operational roles of soldiers in the U.S. Army as they take part in a hands-on virtual mission. I personally came out of the experience with a much better appreciation of the complexity and split-second decision-making needed by today's soldiers.

Fran Perros
EAFRLT Liaison to the Public Employees Roundtable

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Careers in Federal Libraries

"Careers in Federal Libraries" was an ALA preconference session presented at the Library of Congress by the Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Round Table. The program was webcast, and the video from the session was posted on FLICC's website. The majority of the session featured 11 federal librarians providing an overview of the libraries they work at, with a brief Q&A at the end of each speech. Chris Zammarelli offers a blow by blow. To read more, go to: <http://www.libraryola.com/2007/06/24/ala-2007-careers-in-federal-libraries-pt-2/>



Panelists and Speakers at the Careers in Federal Libraries program during the ALA Conference



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The Joy of Mentoring in Federal Libraries

Field educational experiences, balancing theory with practice, fall into two categories: internships and practica. Both provide numerous benefits: real experience, real problems and challenges, real people, and a real sense of accomplishment. There is a certain measure of ambiguity regarding the similarities and differences between these two terms. From one professional librarian's perspective, an internship is available for pay for this activity, is required to work 120 hours at a particular site, and is expected to work in a manner that reflects the normal work that a library professional would be doing in a full-time library job. The work assigned is developed collaboratively between the student and the supervisor and is subject to approval from the student's advisor. Three hours of graduate credit are awarded for a practicum; none are awarded for an internship.

For a library science student, the possibility of entering into a field educational experience may have some appeal and should be given consideration as they plan their coursework for the degree. Internships/practica opens a window to peek inside of possibilities not previously considered, or a reaffirmation of the type of work the student is interested in once the MLS is completed.

I still encounter students who lack critical information of how they can become a participant in a field experience which could lead to exploring opportunities that may not fall within the realm of traditional librarianship, for example, starting a business as an information professional. Recently, I had a leading professional tell me, "who needs a practicum with everyone working?" Whether working or not, the student may not yet have a clear idea of what they would like to do as they are finishing their MLS degree.

But how does one find out what is needed to participate in this unique experience? The library schools themselves would be the best source of information for librarians who are interested in being mentors and students who desire to gain valuable experience. For example, the Catholic University of America (hereafter, CUA) offers a 120 hour practicum program. The Library School has a

Practicum Coordinator, plus a list of participating institutions. The student who is interested is asked to gain approval from his/her advisor first; then, contact the person responsible for the mentoring, either by e-mail or phone call. When I mentor, I ask the student to come out for a preliminary interview to see how far along they are in their library science program; to set up some ground rules, discuss a mutually agreed upon schedule of instruction; and to make sure they are still committed to participate in this exchange.

As a mentor, it is my obligation to establish learning goals with clear expectations of what I am hoping the intern will be able to complete while they are under my supervision. I have also built in time for special projects that may come up after I have already set the schedule—flexibility on both the mentor's and the student's part is essential in this regard. Students are expected to show up on time and carry themselves in a professional manner—as they are representing the library school and CUA in this particular setting. They also have the responsibility of keeping a journal of what they learned each day, obstacles they've encountered, or other matters of interest. My mentoring duties include not only supervising the workload of my student, but in the end, providing the CUA library program with an evaluation which determines whether they will receive a passing or failing grade.

Another component of this process is the visit by the Program Coordinator to the site where the student is working. It is the student's and mentor's opportunity to discuss with the Coordinator any issues, problems, resolutions etc. that may have occurred during the course of the practicum. It also ensures that the process is going well for both mentor and student. The Program Coordinator also benefits from this visitation, according to Bev Lammay, Program Coordinator at CUA, from visiting so many different sites:

"Is the validation that our academic curriculum is preparing our students for the work situations that they will encounter? The other benefit is to find out

what some of the future issues are in a variety of information settings and how our curriculum adjusts to incorporate this 'cutting edge' application of our issues. Digital resources, social networking, and Web 2.0 used for staff development and other applications are the most recent ones that our students have found in their work. The unofficial reason is that I absolutely LOVE visiting students and libraries and meeting the most wonderful professional colleagues."

Librarians who are interested in becoming mentors should likewise contact the field educator, the practicum coordinator, or the Dean to inform them that they are willing to be recruited to share their expertise and knowledge. As it was explained to me by the Program Coordinator at CUA, not every library that has applied will be accepted by the institution in question for this program.

"There are several things that move a site from a questionable category to a listing. Having a CUA alum that is willing to serve as a site supervisor and has been in a professional role at that site for more than three years is a huge plus. We also look for credible sites whose libraries have collection strengths established, have longevity of operation, and have a fairly robust professional staff. Special libraries sometimes can offer challenges in determining whether students will have adequate supervision and/or mentorship, and many times we have simply 'taken the plunge' and hoped to find out that indeed this site is a good experience for an upcoming professional."

If the school doesn't offer a practicum or internship, there are several courses of action to consider. Seek ways to get a discussion started among fellow students, teachers, and professionals in the field. Other librarians who have mentored may be interested in coming to speak to the student body on what their experiences have been and to provide some ways for you to get started towards a stable program.

The benefits of such a process for the student lie certainly in gaining practical experience, networking opportunities

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The Joy of Mentoring

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and perhaps, gaining a clearer picture of today's working librarian. The hosting library and the mentor in turn obtain a fresh perspective on the subjects being taught and discussed to keep the profession moving forward. In addition, the hosting library gains greater visibility and prominence. There is also an occasion to examine those principles and methods of the profession—are they still valid and valuable, or, do they need to be re-examined in the light of new information? Personally, I have benefited in ways I cannot even begin to count—it is one of the best ways to give back to the profession—mentoring.

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2007 FAFLRT Awards Recipients Recognized at ALA Annual Conference

The historic Army and Navy Club in Washington D.C. provided the venue for this year's FAFLRT Awards program celebrating all current and budding Federal librarians.

ALA CICELY PHIPPEN MARKS SCHOLARSHIP

FAFLRT was privileged to be sponsoring and presenting for the very first time the new American Library Association scholarship named in honor of Cicely Phippen Marks.

The Cicely Phippen Marks scholarship helps support the education of a student enrolled in an ALA-accredited master's degree program in library and information studies that has an interest in working in a federal library. Named in honor of the late Cicely Phippen Marks, federal librarian, the scholarship is supported by a generous donation from her husband. The annual award of \$1,500 is sponsored and administered by FAFLRT. The late Ms. Marks was a 24-year member of ALA who was active in both FAFLRT and the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services (ALCTS). She spent much of her career working in federal libraries. After graduating from the University of Maryland's Graduate School of Library Science in 1970, she spent 15 years with the U.S. Veterans Administration Central Office Library Division. She then worked at the American Overseas Book Company until 2000, moving on to the Customs and Border Protection Library, under contract with PTFS, Inc., until her retirement in 2004.

Allison Snell, a Library and Information Science graduate student at Louisiana State University was announced as the first recipient of the scholarship. Joining in the scholarship presentation was the family of Ms. Marks: husband Charles L. Garris; children Cindy and David Marks; and her sisters, Dr. Susan Buxbaum; Ms. Roberta Collier; and Ms. Barbara Cutler. In a moving tribute to his wife, Mr. Garris also presented Allison with a copy of

Remembering Cicely: Recollections and Observations of the Past Twenty Years which he wrote. Allison expects to graduate in December 2007. She currently serves as the President of the Graduate Library and Information Science Student Association at LSU. She also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from Western Oregon University where she was the recipient of an impressive seven scholarships and awards. Allison is active professionally as a student member of the American Library Association, the Special Libraries Association and the American Society for Information Science and Technology where she serves as an editorial assistant for the Journal of the American Society for Information Science and Technology (JASIST). As part of her responsibilities she acts as a mediator between the Editor-in-Chief, authors, referees, and publisher of the Journal, processes manuscripts, runs journal statistics, processes copyright transfer agreements and attends the ASIST annual conference and editorial board meeting. At an LSU Writers Forum held this year, Allison presented information about the peer review and publishing process of JASIST. Most recently she has served as Student Liaison & Program Coordinator for the ALA "Careers in Federal Libraries Program Committee" held at the Library of Congress. Working with FAFLRT and LSU faculty and students she helped develop a panel at the 2007 ALA Annual Conference about careers in federal librarianship. She created program advertisements, designed an interest survey, speaker invitations, and coordinated Online Programming for All Libraries (OPAL) web cast training sessions with other library schools. In the words of one of the individuals who provided a reference, "It's amazing to watch the energy and enthusiasm she's been able to generate in the students." Allison will be remaining in Washington D.C. for several weeks following the Conference to participate in a field experience at the Executive Office of the President Library.

ADELAIDE DEL FRATE CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP AWARD

Alba Scott, a Library and Information Science graduate student at San Jose State University is this year's recipient of the Adelaide del Frate Conference Sponsorship Award. This award supports the attendance at an ALA annual meeting of a library school student with demonstrated interest in Federal librarianship. The award was established in 1996 in memory of Adelaide del Frate, distinguished federal librarian and active member of our Roundtable. For a second year, ProQuest sponsored and presented the \$1,000 conference sponsorship award. Alba expects to complete her studies this fall. She also holds a bachelor's degree in library science. Alba is actually the second student from San Jose State to be awarded the conference sponsorship award. Jennifer Peterson received it in 2001 and attended this year's reception, joining Alba at the podium as she received her award. Since January 2007, Alba has been working as a technical information specialist at the Bureau of Reclamation, Mid-Pacific Region, in Sacramento. In this position she is responsible for the regional technical library. Her duties include cataloging library materials; using the OCLC Connexion interface for both original and copy cataloging; process interlibrary loans; providing reference and research materials; overseeing the work of a library technician; and maintaining library's website. Her prior work experience includes 6 years as library director at the Western Career College, also in Sacramento, where she was responsible for running a small library in a vocation school. There she ordered and processed new books and serials; cataloged new materials; performed reference and circulation tasks; and developed and implemented instruction on database search and retrieval. Alba has been fascinated by her first foray into federal libraries, and in particular by the number of libraries providing information in different

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branches of the Federal government, their unique missions, and their diversity. She finds her work at the Bureau of Reclamation interesting and challenging and requiring knowledge of the agency and other related agency libraries. In her words, "the opportunities to network are endless." Alba acknowledges that she has much to learn about Federal libraries but has discovered in a short period of time that Federal libraries are important information assets not only for those in the agencies they serve, but also for the public in general.

FAFLRT DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Maria Pisa of the National Agricultural Library (NAL) is the recipient of the 2007 FAFLRT Distinguished Service Award. The award recognizes outstanding and sustained contributions by a FAFLRT member. Maria has served as Vice President/President-elect (1995-1996), President (1996-1997), Immediate Past President (1997-1998), Director (1999-2001) of the Federal Librarians Round Table (FLRT) and Secretary (2001-2002) of the Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Round Table (FAFLRT). In addition to her elected Board service, Maria has reliably and consistently supported FLRT, FAFLRT, and ALA activities in other ways. She served as chair of the nominating Committee (1997-1999) for FLRT. She is serving as co-chair of the Awards Committee for FAFLRT, a position she has held for many years. She planned two annual conference programs: "American's Federal Libraries: Value to Share" (1995); and "What In, What's Spin: Winning Strategies for Marketing Your Library" (2004). She has contributed to other programs, including contributing to and assisting the editor of the Federal Librarian newsletter. She has been responsible for the design and editing of the FLRT and current FAFLRT membership brochures since 1998 and she is presently updating it to include FAFLRT's expanded awards program. From 2001-2004, she served on and chaired (2004) the ALA H.W. Wilson Library Staff Development Grant Award Jury. At NAL, she is the Associate Director for Public Services. In this ca-

capacity she is responsible for the administration and management of NAL's public service programs including oversight of two branches: Information Research Services; and Collection Services. Services provided by the Division include: in-depth technical information research; general reference services; information product development; and document delivery and interlibrary loan. Maria also has oversight for the Library's rare and special collections program including preservation and conservation of NAL's collection of historically significant, rare and special materials as well as eight subject-specific Information Centers. Prior to assuming her present position, Ms. Pisa was Assistant Director for Policy and Planning at NAL. In this position her responsibilities included coordination of legislative matters, grant programs and international program planning. Maria holds an M.S. in Library Science from Catholic University, and a B.S. degree from Boston University. She has published numerous articles and bibliographies, is active in several professional organizations including the United States Agricultural Information Network where she is serving on the 2008 Conference program committee. In addition, she is a current member of the Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC) Executive Board and also served from 1992-1994. She has been a member of and/or chaired the FLICC Nominating committee for many years. Ms. Pisa is the recipient of numerous performance awards. On accepting the award, Maria noted that she "has been a member of ALA for over 20 years and of our Round Table for more than 10. In that time I have seen and continue to see many changes in the profession as we all have. Being part of a supportive and dynamic network of professionals such as FAFLRT has allowed me to grow professionally and welcome with confidence all the challenges and the opportunities these changes represent. I count my membership in FAFLRT as among the most valuable and satisfying relationships of my professional career."

*Maria Pisa and Shirley Loo,
Co-chairs,
FAFLRT Awards Committee*

My Conference Experience

By Alba Scott, 2007 Adelaide del Frate Conference Sponsorship Award Recipient

I have always wanted to attend an ALA Annual Conference and this year felt like the perfect year to attend. In January I started my first federal job in a federal library and in December I will be finishing my MLIS degree at San Jose State. When I heard about the FAFLRT award to attend the annual conference, I saw a great opportunity to meet others involved in federal librarianship during the annual conference.

Flying from California to D.C. and taking the bus and Metro to the Army-Navy Club was just the first of many exciting days in DC. I was honored to be presented the conference sponsorship award during the awards reception. At the Conference, I attended many interesting sessions, including a panel about free access to government funded research, a topic that interests me. The session prompted me to write a paper for my summer government information class. At the exhibition halls, I interacted with other librarians from different parts of the country with different backgrounds. I visited with vendors, browsed books, and even got a couple of books signed by their authors.

At the FAFLRT membership meeting I learned more about different types of federal libraries and the opportunities available within the federal library system. This information was particularly useful as I prepare to create a career path for myself.

I left Washington D.C. with a sense of accomplishment, a better idea of the profession, and, above all, excited about the choice I made to seek library science as a career. I want to thank Ms. Shirley Loo, the awards chair, and all others involved in FAFLRT for their dedication in promoting federal librarianship. I hope many more library students can benefit from the award in the future.

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