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Join EBSS and EBSCO Publishing for a dinner cruise along the Potomac River

On Friday June 22 at 4:00 pm, EBSS members, their colleagues, and representatives from EBSCO Publishing, including Sam Brooks, Senior Vice-President, Sales and Marketing, will board chartered buses taking them to the Cherry Blossom boat located in Old Alexandria, Virginia. Once aboard the boat, they will enjoy dinner, a cash bar and a 3 hour cruise up the Potomac River.

This event is the ultimate in networking opportunities! Whether you are an established librarian or new to the disciplines of education and behavioral sciences librarianship, you won't want to pass up the opportunity to get acquainted with the EBSCO staff and their products and discuss what's going on in your library.

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All aboard the Cherry Blossom for a Potomac River cruise!

EBSS Increases its Membership to 1,000

On January 1st, EBSS surpassed the 1,000 membership mark by welcoming 125 new members to the section during 2006. Expanding membership has always been a key drive for EBSS and we would like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest members to the section.

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Emerging Leader LeRoy LaFleur

ALA President Leslie Burger started the Emerging Leaders program, an initiative to welcome and train 100 up and coming librarians for leadership roles in the Association.

Program participants competed in a process that involved essays, letters of recommendation and confirmations from employers that selected "Leaders" would be able to attend the Institutes at both 2007 ALA conferences.

A limited number of applicants were sponsored by various ALA groups. I had the good fortune of being awarded the EBSS sponsorship.

Emerging leaders chose from suggested group projects to work on during the year. I chose Project V by ALCTS (Assn. of Library Collections & Technical Services). My team is to develop a plan to evaluate the experience of the ALA Annual Conference by both division and non-division members.

Since the conference, we have been preparing for the Annual Conference. Most of our group work has been to develop ideas for the project to be displayed at a Poster Session during Annual Conference.

For more information see: Emerging Leaders Wiki- http://wikis.ala.org/emergingleaders/index.php/Main_Page
My Project Page- http://wikis.ala.org/emergingleaders/index.php/Project_V

Libutti 2007 Distinguished Librarian

CHICAGO – Dr. Patricia O'Brien Libutti, social sciences/education librarian emerita at Rutgers University Libraries, has been chosen to receive the 2007 Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Education and Behavioral Sciences Section (EBSS) Distinguished Education & Behavioral Sciences Librarian Award. This award honors a distinguished academic librarian who has made an outstanding contribution as an education and/or behavioral sciences librarian through accomplishments and service to the profession.

"Dr. Patricia Libutti has made significant contributions to the field of education and behavioral sciences librarianship, most notably through her mentoring of librarians new to the field or beginning the research and publication process," said award committee chair Nancy P. O'Brien, head of the Education and Social Sciences Library at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

"Her enthusiastic leadership has been evident in EBSS as well as the Education Division of the Special Libraries Association. She has served as chair of both organizations, and held additional leadership positions in those and other professional associations.

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From the Chair Lisa Romero

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As one of the most active sections within ACRL, it is not surprising that EBSS continues to grow. The creativity and dedication of our members drives and inspires involvement through committee activities, programs, and special events. EBSS is making a difference and we are improving the profession.

During the past several years, EBSS has been very successful at expanding its membership. It is now important for us to further focus on retaining and developing our existing membership. One way to accomplish this task is to provide our members with additional professional opportunities. The following are just a few of the activities EBSS has sponsored or will be involved with for the upcoming conference.

The 1st annual EBSS New Member Welcome was a welcome-in-to-EBSS for new members. It provided new and existing members of EBSS an opportunity to network, learn about EBSS and most of all, to show our newest members how important they are to us.

The 2007 EBSS Program Planning Committee and the EBSS Research Committee have planned a phenomenal event for anyone interested in how data collecting and research can make a difference. The **2007 EBSS Program, Empowering Data: Persua-**

sion Through Presentation, focuses on ways to effectively present data in decision making, evaluation, funding and research. The program will be followed by the **EBSS Research Forum**, sponsored by the EBSS Research Committee. The forum will provide a valuable opportunity for 5 pre-selected researchers to present current research projects while gaining input and feedback from Forum attendees.

Managing library resources requires librarians to consider budgets and costs, material coverage and quality, growth in subject areas, interface design, problem solving, and technological advancements all of which can prove to be extremely overwhelming! The upcoming **Dinner Cruise up the Potomac** is another social event designed to enable EBSS members, their colleagues and EBSCO Publishing an opportunity to network, building the relationships that reduce stresses related to resource management. Attendees will participate in a 3 hour cruise up the Potomac where dinner and a cash bar are provided.

EBSS's Emerging Leaders Sponsorship provided Lee LaFleur, Head, George Mason University, Arlington Campus Library, with travel support to attend the ALA Emerging Leaders Program. Lee was one of a hundred

librarians selected to participate in the sessions in Seattle, WA and Washington, DC where he will learn and develop leadership skills that will benefit and enhance librarianship. Congratulations to Lee!

I am very much looking forward to the ALA conference in Washington, DC. Never before has such effort and energy been poured into a conference. It is truly amazing to see the high level of involvement within EBSS and the openness of its members to improvement and new ideas. As my term as EBSS Chair comes to a close (at the end of the Annual 2007 Conference) I would like to say **THANK YOU** to everyone for their support, encouragement, dedication and tireless energy that makes EBSS's the best section within ACRL.



EBSS Chair, Lisa Romero

