Greetings From the President:

FAFLRT’s Initiatives for 2010/2011

I want to extend my greetings to all of you. I am honored to serve as President of the Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Roundtable and hope to serve you well during this year.

We are building upon a very successful year. As can be seen by Past President Richard Huffine’s article in this newsletter, we provided the ALA community with a great set of programs and activities at ALA Summer. The programs showcased the broad range of work done by federal and armed forces librarians -- from the essential work done at our military bases by librarians who serve our troops and military families during this time of war to the work done by our specialized national libraries to create the new digital infrastructure to create the nation’s universal collection of knowledge. As always, the Careers in Federal Libraries preconference was a particular success. The preconference serves a dual purpose of assisting job seekers in navigating the federal hiring process as well as highlighting the varied and interesting work done by federal and armed forces librarians. The Careers in Federal Libraries preconference has become a great marketing tool to “get the word out” on why we love our jobs. I want to thank everyone who was involved in the programs, preconferences, and post-conferences at ALA Summer for their outstanding work.

I would also like to acknowledge our Past President, Richard Huffine, for the exceptional work he has done with our fundraising efforts which allowed us to complete the year with a balance of about $15,000. This is quite an accomplishment given the precarious financial situation we have been in the past. As one of his assignments as Past President, Richard will continue to lead our fundraising activities. I am sure that he will be able to increase our financial strength in the coming year.

For this year, I would like to focus on three critical areas. First, I would like FAFLRT to continue to provide excellent programming at the ALA Summer conference. To this end, the FAFLRT Board is soliciting volunteers to chair and serve on the Program Committee. The Board has already come up with some possible programs that would be of interest to our membership and the broader library community; however, I know that all of you have great ideas for us to consider as well. Please feel free to share your thoughts with me via e-mail at kdeb@loc.gov.

With our finances in good shape and our programming strong, I believe we need to focus on two additional areas this year -- building our membership and enhancing communications within our group and to the outside work. As a starting point, the FAFLRT Board has charged a new Membership committee to begin looking at ways to increase our numbers and engage with our communities. You will hear more about the work of the Membership Committee in the weeks to come.

We also want to assess the mechanisms through which we currently communicate with our membership. Over the last few years, we have made great advancements in using social media technologies to keep our members informed of new initiatives, activities, and issues in federal librarianship.

The official ALA web site for FAFLRT (http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/rts/faflrt/index.cfm) is the best place to look for information on the activities of our round table. From the ALA FAFLRT site you will find links to the Board minutes, newsletter, information on programs and initiatives, information on our governance structure and awards, a handy brochure you can download and give to people interested in our group, and links to our new social media presences. The ALA FAFLRT web site also includes information on joining the FAFLRT listserv – one of the more tried and true services we provide to our membership where we post announcements of programs, new initiatives, and general topics of interest to our community. If you are a FAFLRT member and have not yet joined the FAFLRT listserv, I encourage you to do so.

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In the area of social media technologies, we have created the FAFLRT President’s blog (http://www.faflt.ala.org/president/) where we post information on our new initiatives (such as the Rising Stars Program) and topics of interest to federal librarians, a Careers in Federal Libraries Google Group (http://groups.google.com/group/careers-in-federal-libraries) that includes job postings and useful information on how to find a job in federal and armed forces librarianship, and a FAFLRT Slideshow site (http://www.slideshare.net/fflrlt) with links to presentations from FAFLRT programs and meetings. We have also created a FAFLRT Facebook presence that currently has 64 fans and a Twitter account as well. Information posted on the President’s blog is automatically fed to the Facebook and Twitter accounts. About the only thing we have not done is to create a presence on ALA Connect.

FAFLRT has done an excellent job of establishing a presence in the new social media networks that will allow us to share information with our membership and other interested parties. However, it takes a lot of time and resources to maintain these numerous venues. One of the key initiatives I hope to work on in the coming year with the FAFLRT Board and all of you is to ensure that we are using these new technologies in the most effective manner possible. We need to ensure that we keep our Internet presences "alive" with interesting content. The Board and Membership Committee will also need to assess whether we should move forward on use of ALA Connect in the coming year.

If we are unable to manage all of these presences, we need to determine which are the most effective tools for communication and focus our energies on those tools. We have a large membership, so maintenance of these presences does not have to fall solely on your Board members. If you have a particular interest in management of new social media technologies, please contact me and I am sure we will be able to find a way for you to assist us as we develop our new communication mechanisms.

While communicating through the Internet is great, I still like face to face communication. I would like to explore with you the possibility of establishing regional meetings of FAFLRT members. While I know many of you work in places where that would not be possible, there are clusters of federal and armed forces librarians in cities and regions throughout the world. We need to consider ways to bring together our membership beyond the two ALA meetings and our Internet presence.

As I said above, I am looking forward to this year. Feel free to contact me at kdeb@loc.gov with your ideas on how to continue to make FAFLRT a vital organization that assists you in being the best federal and armed forces librarians for your users that you can be.

Karl Debus-López, President
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Shirley Loo Recipient of 2010 FAFLRT Achievement Award

The FAFLRT Achievement Award recognizes achievement in the promotion of library and information service and the information profession in the Federal and Armed Forces communities. The recipient of the 2010 achievement award is someone well known to FAFLRT and the larger library community and really needs no introduction for most of us.

That someone is FAFLRT’s own Shirley Loo of the Library of Congress, Congressional Research Service (CRS) and FAFLRT member extraordinaire! Having served with Shirley as co-chair of the Awards committee for many years it was a special honor for me to present our esteemed colleague with this recognition.

I’d also like acknowledge Doria Grimes, retired NOAA Librarian, for her thorough research and write-up documenting Shirley illustrious career. In fact, it was at Doria’s suggestion that we hatched a scheme at last year’s awards ceremony to nominate Shirley. Now for those of you who know Shirley, you will appreciate the challenges of trying to keep the nomination a secret from her until the Board approved it. But in the end I’m happy to say we prevailed!

Shirley Loo is being recognized for her consistent and dedicated service throughout the years in creating recognition opportunities for librarians, supporting library school students, chairing awards committees, and providing continuity in the awards process for FAFLRT, DCLA, SLA, DC/SLA, and FLICC.

Shirley has served on the FAFLRT Awards Committee since its beginning and helped to establish the very first FLRT Award in 1984, now the FAFLRT Achievement Award. Under her leadership, opportunities for recognition grew by three more awards, all of which Shirley helped create and nurture: the FAFLRT Distinguished Service Award; the Adelaide Del Frate Conference Sponsorship; and most recently, the Cicely Phippen Marks Scholarship.

Her dedication in recognizing colleagues and library students exceeds beyond FAFLRT and deep into the library community. For example, as President of DCLA (1989-1990), she created the Ainsworth Rand Spofford President’s Award for outstanding achievement and started the DCLA student loan program which became, with the Ruth Fine bequest, the DCLA Student Financial Assistance Program. As Past President of DC/SLA she served as a member of the Awards Committee. For her enduring work in mentoring library school students and information professionals Shirley was presented with SLA’s prestigious RuthVormelker Award.

The aforementioned are but a few examples from each organization where she assisted in the area of awards and student recognition and assistance. Her résumé of achievements in ensuring that her peers are in the library profession are recognized for their accomplishments and promising library school students are supported in their educational pursuits is extensive. Shirley’s commitment and perseverance has no doubt changed the lives of the many information professionals who have been the beneficiaries of the awards Shirley established.

Shirley is a native of Hawaii, earning her Bachelor’s and Master’s of education degrees from the University of Hawaii. In 1967 she received her M.L.S. from Columbia University. That same year she joined the Library of Congress and began exploring the use of computer technology and the application of technologies for information management.

At CRS, she was quickly promoted through the ranks holding positions from Bibliographer, both Assistant Head and Head of the Subject Specialization Section to her present position as Specialist in Information Control and Automated Systems.

Shirley was responsible for the Compilation of Legislative Indexing

Vocabulary from the 14th to the 22nd editions, which was used by CRS in its writings and for public policy literature until the 1990’s. She is presently indexing the forthcoming 2012 edition of the Constitution Annotated which is a source of analysis and interpretation of the Constitution; cases decided by the Supreme Court which impact various articles and amendments are analyzed. It is of value to Congress, federal and state agencies, the legal profession, law schools, the media, students of government, and to the public at large. It has been issued by CRS for over 40 years.

Over the length of her career, Shirley has held leadership positions with and been the recipient of many awards from library associations. Among those not previously mentioned are:

- 1989-1990, President of DCLA
- 1991, DCLA Distinguished Service Award
- 1992-1993, President, ALA/FLRT
- 1999, Distinguished Service Award
- 2002-2003. Chair, ALA Melvil

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Dewey Jury  
• 2005-2006, President of the DC chapter of SLA  
• 2006, DC/SLA Member of the Year award for membership growth making it the largest chapter in SLA. She also planned a record-breaking 86 events, including library tours, virtual seminars, networking opportunities, and dine-arounds. This Chapter saw participation in one or more events from close to 400 members.  

Other professional society activities and accolades include:  
• 2002 President of the Library of Congress Professional Association (LCPA)  
• Recipient of LCPA’s Vanguard Award for outstanding contributions  

• 2005 Advanced Toastmaster Bronze Award, Hall of Fame  
• Charter Member of the ALA Legacy Society  
• ALA Staff Organization’s Round Table Steering Committee Secretary  

Shirley was also a featured presenter at the most recent FLICC Library Technicians Institute speaking about the value of joining library associations.  

On a personal note, I’ve admired Shirley’s dedication, energy and wit since I first met her as a new FAFLRT member more than a dozen years ago. She has been an inspiration to me and I’m sure to many of you.  

On accepting her award Shirley shared, “It is an unexpected honor to receive the FAFLRT Achievement Award. Past recipients have included a Member of Congress, the Deputy Librarian of Congress, and the Director of the National Agricultural Library. I’m committed to student financial assistance and am happy that I’ve been able to help many students through my volunteer activities in FAFLRT and other library organizations. I’ve also provided leadership by serving as President and serving in other Board positions for many years. I encourage members to volunteer — you’ll continue to learn, you’ll meet more people, and you’ll enjoy it.”  

A deep and sincere thank you goes to Shirley for her extraordinary service to the profession. Take a bow, Shirley!  

Maria Pisa,  
Awards Committee Co-chair

Godort at USNO  
Sally Bosken reports that the James M Gilliss library at the US Naval Observatory in Washington DC hosted the GODORT (Government Documents Round Table) reception at ALA’s annual conference this summer. 219 people came for an evening of celebration with looks at rare astronomy books and rarer telescopes. The attendees had a demonstration of the USNO 26-inch “Great Equatorial” refracting telescope.  

This telescope has a rich history. Completed in 1873 at a cost of $50,000, it was the largest refracting telescope in the world for a decade. It was with this telescope, in August of 1877, that astronomer Asaph Hall discovered the two moons of Mars, Phobos and Deimos, bringing the attention of the world to the USNO.  

The move to the Observatory’s present site in 1893 allowed the 26-inch lens to be re-mounted in a new dome with a new mounting designed by the Warner & Swasey Company of Cleveland, OH. This design incorporated a rising floor to facilitate access to the eyepiece. This floor is still the largest elevator in the city!  

From NSPS to Interim GS  
The transition out from NSPS is moving right along. Not all employees are returning to the GS system and this article deals only with those who are and specifically those who work for the Navy. For those who thought that former NSPS employees would go back to the GS system as they once knew it, they would be wrong. The transition took us from one pay for performance system to another, making this a kind of hybrid system. Our pay is based on the GS system of grades and steps and works the same as the traditional GS system. Performance forms the basis for all awards over and above ordinary pay.  

Our performance cycle stays the same as it was under NSPS, i.e., October 1-September 30, so we continue to have two different cycles, one for other GS employees who were never under NSPS and one for those who were.  

Many aspects of the Interim GS System are similar to NSPS. We are still eligible to get performance-based cash awards, but these are in the form of bonuses for the most part. Unlike NSPS, our pay does not increase because of our performance although QSIs (Quality Step Increases) are available to those high performers who are not yet at step 10 of their grade.  

If your pay under NSPS falls above step 10 of your transitioned GS grade, then you are allowed to keep your pay under the rules of pay retention, but come January, you will only get $ of the GPI (government pay increase) that all other Federal Civilian employees get under the GS system. Eventually, your pay and the step 10 pay will meet and match.  

To record our critical elements, standards, and assessments, we no longer use the Performance Appraisal Application, which was an online tool. It was difficult to use, because many folks just couldn’t figure out where they were supposed to go next. Now we have a fillable PDF form, which can be signed electronically.  

The Department of Defense has been working on developing a permanent Pay For Performance system to replace NSPS.  

Yours truly, in the Interim,  
Lucille M. Rosa
Nancy G. Faget Named 2010 FAFLRT Distinguished Service Award Winner

Some organizations are lucky enough to experience transformative moments in their history that come about as a result of the vision and passion of one of its members. Such is the fortune of FAFLRT to have as a member, Nancy G. Faget whom we were honored to recognize with the 2010 FAFLRT Distinguished Service Award.

Nancy has made significant contributions to the library world since graduating Beta Phi Mu from Louisiana State University in 1998 with a Masters Degree in Library and Information Science; she holds an Bachelor of Arts degree in marketing from Louisiana State University and A and M College in Baton Rouge. She was briefly an Intern Librarian with Walt Disney Attractions Advertising, then became a Reference Librarian at Baton Rouge Community College. After 5 months she went to work for the U.S. Corps of Engineers Headquarters Library where she made major contributions as Electronic Services Librarian. Since 2005 Nancy has worked at the U.S. Government Printing Office and focused her talents and leadership skills to support the 1250 member depository library program. She is currently the Senior Program Planning Specialist of GPO’s Library Services & Content Management Division.

During her federal career Nancy has been active in FAFLRT rising with increasing responsibilities to become its President in 2008-2009. Particularly noteworthy has been her major contribution to the Careers in Federal Libraries initiative, which has had a profound positive impact on the profession of Federal Librarian. In her position as Federal Director in FAFLRT, Nancy hosted the 1st Annual “Careers in Federal Libraries” in 2007 at LC to educate job seekers about jobs in the federal sector. And as the saying goes, the rest is history. Since that time she has gone on to hold “Careers in Federal Libraries” workshops at ALA conferences in Anaheim, Chicago, Boston, and DC. She has spoken at Mini-Career events at library schools throughout the country, helped plan virtual career events and FLICC’s first job fair. Nancy also helped start the Career in Federal Libraries Google group which offers online mentoring, resume review service, and an online collaboration space for students and federal librarians. She also contributed a chapter to “A Day in the Life: Career Options in Library and Information Science”.

According to Andrea Gruhl, retired GPO Librarian and one of Nancy’s nominators, the results of Nancy’s extraordinary efforts have paid off in very tangible ways: more libraries are offering paid internships; four jobs were secured as a result of the first FLICC Career Fair; two Google Group librarians found jobs with Army Europe to be near family members; a number of Presidential Management Fellows are offering to mentor students through the Empowering Students Google group; federal agencies have created brochures specifically for federal information professions to promote opportunities; the Partnership for Public Service and ALA have requested content for their career guides and Web page; and the Careers Google Group now at almost 500 registered members is managed by two former student members (now federal librarians), new volunteers have been trained and management/ownership is being done by the third generation of NextGen Feds!

In describing Nancy’s tireless efforts to promote careers in federal libraries, Sally Bosken, Library Director at the US Naval Observatory and another of Nancy’s nominators had this to says, “Nancy has promoted federal and military librarian jobs to all the library school students—and currently unemployed librarians—who look to ALA for guidance. She was involved in the decision to make FAFLRT membership free to students and as a result FAFLRT experienced a surge in membership. She is everywhere!”

Kenneth Kozel who wrote in to nominate Nancy has experienced first hand the benefits of the Federal Careers program. Writes Ken, “I have only known Nancy Faget since 2009, but she has had a profound impact on me and the direction of my career. While in library school, I began to research internships, fellowships, and scholarships within the federal government. I met Nancy through a federal List Service/Google Group called Careers in Federal Libraries, in which she was administrator. I was seeking resume advice and was pleasantly surprised when I received much feedback and support from her concerning my curriculum vitae. Nancy suggested I try for one of the FAFLRT scholarships. I applied and to my surprise was chosen as the recipient of the 2009 Adelaide Del Frate Conference Sponsorship Award. The Award enabled me to attend my first ALA Annual in Chicago July 2009… Though small in stature, Nancy is a one woman dynamo who carries a wealth of knowledge…I am proud to call Nancy Faget both a mentor and friend.”

Upon receiving the news of her selection Nancy said that she was honored to be in the company of the former Distinguished Service Award winners and was looking forward to acknowledging the power of the group assembled at the Awards Reception. “We are part of a strong, generous, talented community of Federal librarians,” said Nancy. She went on to say that “there is a cost associated with the time you spend counseling a student or reviewing a resume, yes. But it’s an incredible high to know that you have helped someone find a great job or an opportunity to prove themselves. How many moments in this lifetime can provide us such joy?”

Nancy’s leadership, vision and passion have enabled FAFLRT to reach out to a new generation of librarians in new ways thus ensuring that our service to the American people continues. It is a gift that keeps on giving. Congratulations and thank you for all you do Nancy, priceless!
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FABULOUS FEDS

Blane K. Dessy has been named executive director of the Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC) and the Federal Library and Information Network (FEDLINK) at the Library of Congress, effective June 20, 2010.

“Mr. Dessy brings a wealth of solid leadership experience at the local, state, and federal level,” said Deanna Marcum, associate librarian for Library Services. “He has worked collaboratively with a wide variety of libraries and governing bodies, and we are delighted that he is joining the Library of Congress.”

Mr. Dessy recently was the director of the U.S. Department of Justice Library Staff, a position he had held since 2000. In directing the law libraries that serve the department’s senior management offices and litigating divisions, Mr. Dessy instituted a number of innovative service improvements, including a robust virtual library, a new integrated library system, a digitization program, and special programming to reach underserved constituents.

Mr. Dessy is an adjunct instructor in Library Management and at the Federal Libraries Institute at the Catholic University of America, School of Library and Information Science.

Tiffany Smith, Program Analyst, US State Department, designed and executed the Virtual Student Foreign Service (VSFS) program; a Department of State virtual internship program that provides opportunities for university students to work virtually with posts abroad to meet foreign policy objectives. Ms. Smith’s contributions did much to facilitate the successful conduct of US diplomacy in the information age, and to significantly strengthen knowledge management support to the Department of State and American diplomats. The VSFS program is part of a growing effort by the State Department to harness technology and a commitment to global service among young Americans, to facilitate new and expanded forms of successful diplomatic engagement between the US and other nations, organizations and people around the world. The Virtual Student Foreign Service Program successfully facilitated a partnership between nearly 40 U.S. diplomatic missions around the world and approximately 50 students (students who were also former State Department interns) attending universities throughout the United States. Ms. Smith also worked closely with university administrations, and as a result several universities are now offering official credits to their students who participate in the VSFS program. Ms. Smith received the 2010 Nextgov Award.

Erica Stiner is the new Director at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center Patients and Post Library. Ms. Stiner replaces Eileen Hauser who has relocated to the west coast.

Dr. Arlene Luster has come out of retirement and taken the position of Community Library Director at Wiesbaden Army MWR Library in Germany.

Barbara Hildebrand is the new Cataloger/Metadata Librarian at the US Geological Survey as of August 2010. Barbara is a 2008 graduate of Indiana University. She was previously working as a Metadata/Digital Librarian (contractor) for the NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center Library in Maryland.

The Air Force Library Program is pleased to announce new Library Directors: Alison Vasquez at Edwards AFB, CA; Cheryl Smith-Cook at Altus AFB, OK; Rebekah Chapman at Keesler AFB, MS; Tekla Slide at Warren AFB, WY and Mehdi Pieloor at Minot AFB, ND

The United States Marine Corps Library Program is pleased to announce new Library Directors: Judy Bradford at Camp Lejeune, NC; Linda Bryan at MCAS New River, NC and Amy Terrell at MCAGCC 20 Palms, CA

Ms. Antoinette Satterfield, formerly the Government Resources Librarian at Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, joined the Nimitz Library, U.S. Naval Academy, August 2, 2010, as Reference-Bibliographer for Political Science and Economics

Professor Richard H. Werking stepped down as the Nimitz Library Director at the US Naval Academy in late July 2010. He did this to move full-time into the USNA History Dept, where he’s taught on a joint appointment since coming to USNA in 1991. He will be teaching 3 classes, two in US Naval History and one in the history of US foreign relations.

Though no longer the Library Director, he will continue to play a less active role on the Library’s staff as Professor of Library Science.

Prof. Werking is also stepping down from representing Navy academic libraries on the Consortium of Naval Libraries Council.

Formerly Associate Library Director, Patti Patterson is serving as Interim Library Director while a national search is conducted to fill the position; review of applications will begin on 1 November 2010.

Kenneth M. Kozel (a student FAFLRT member) has accepted an overseas faculty librarian position in Amman, Jordan and will be head of the secondary library and assist in building the senior library at Queen Rania Al Abdullah’s private school The International Academy of Amman.

Carol Koenig, an Army librarian for 32 years, retired from the National Ground Intelligence Center (NGIC) in mid-August. She came to the Army library program with two Bachelor’s degrees and two Master’s degrees; her Library Science degree is from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

After previous school and academic library experience in NC, Carol became an Army NAF post librarian in Europe, where she remained for 16 years. As the European Recreation Society’s Legislative Advocate, she was instrumental in obtaining passage of the first NAF/APF Portability law in 1991. Although Carol “converted” and became an APF

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employee, she is pleased to be retiring in the Army’s NAF Retirement and 401k plans.

Carol’s first Army CONUS employment was as Rare Book Cataloger at the West Point Cadet Library; she moved to NGIC in 2002 and has been active in MLW and Intelligence Community librarian groups.

Although originally from Wisconsin, Carol has moved to Fearrington Village in NC, where she would be happy to receive visitors.

Marie Wakefield, Library Director Kadena AFB Library, Okinawa, Japan is retiring 30 September 2010. Ms. Wakefield is an Army Brat. Her 34 year career includes Academic, Research, Technical and Military Base Libraries as well as College Teaching. Ms. Wakefield has managed multiple library systems; accomplished research for scientists and children on subjects ranging from armadillos to space travel; worked for several components of DoD as well as having a prior life in a College Library. Previous federal assignments have been Army Aviation Systems Command St. Louis, MO; Program Manager, USMCA Nurnberg, Germany; CRD Library Branch Nurnberg, Germany; Administrative Librarian, USMCA Heilbronn Library Branch Heilbronn, Germany; Library Services Director, 543rd Area Support Group, Bremerhaven, Germany; Librarian (Engineering), Army Corps of Engineers, Champaign, IL and Supervisory Librarian, 409th Base Support Battalion Vilseck, Germany.

She is also a member of the American Library Association and FAFLRT. The Marie Wakefield STAR TREK Memorabilia Collection resides in the Popular Culture Library, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green OH. Besides being a great Trekker, Ms. Wakefield loves to travel and paint.

Angelia Whatley, Lead Librarian, at Naval Surface Warfare Center Panama City Div., retired 30 July 2010 after 27 years as a librarian with the Navy.

The Air Force Library Program announces the departure and a special thank you to the following Librarians:

David English, McChord AFB, WA; Mike Heines, Air Force Research Laboratory, Rome, NY; Sheila Ray, AF Weather Library, Asheville, NC and Mark Wylie, Yokota AFB, Japan.

Ms. Sharon Fales, librarian at the US Army Aeromedical Research Laboratory in Ft. Rucker, AL lost her health battle on Friday, 23 July 2010. Sharon’s obituary may be found at: http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/dothaneagle/obituary.aspx?n=sharon-ann-fales&pid=144256453&fhid=6327

Cynthia Shipley

NASA Hosts First Ever IT Summit

NASA hosted their first-ever IT Summit, sponsored by the agency’s Office of the Chief Information Officer, on August 16-18, 2010 at the Gaylord National Harbor in Maryland. The event tagline was “Making IT Stellar at NASA” and featured sessions around the themes of collaboration, social networking, innovation, infrastructure, operations and IT security and privacy. Notable speakers included one of the “Fathers of the Internet” Vint Cerf and the current United States Chief Information Officer Vivek Kundra. More information can be found at: www.nasa.gov/ocio.

The NASA Scientific & Technical Information Program Office and the NASA Center for AeroSpace Information exhibited with the theme: “STImulate your Research: Collect, Organize, Share, and Preserve.” The IT Summit was an opportunity to raise awareness of how we collect NASA and worldwide aerospace research and make that information available via a variety of online platforms and information products at www.sti.nasa.gov.

We spoke to attendees about our internal and public access databases, bulk data download capabilities, recent pilot of the NARA ERA system, and use of social media through our Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube accounts. The exhibit was a great opportunity for the NASA IT community to learn more about how we make scientific and technical content available within the agency and to the general public.

Kim Lyall is an Outreach Specialist at the NASA Center for AeroSpace Information, operated by Chugach Industries, Inc. She is also the 2009-2011 FAFLRT Federal Director.
Minutes

FAFLRT Board Meeting 2010
(Washington DC)
Sunday, June 27, 2010
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
JW Marriott Hotel, State room
(Meeting notes provided by Sally Bosken, FAFLRT Secretary 2008-2010)

1. Call to order: Richard Huffine, FAFLRT President, called the meeting to order at 10:30 at the JW Marriott state room. 24 people signed in.

Special thanks to Rose Marie Krauss for the wonderful awards ceremony. We had to change the location at the last minute. The food was fabulous.

Thanks to Maria Pisa and Shirley Loo for awards organization. Thanks to everyone for working while we kept the secrets from Nancy and Shirley. That event is always great because we get two experienced librarians and two new ones. Also, thanks to ProQuest and LAC for funding the awards to the new librarians. Thanks to Ron Clowney for all his work that he did over the years. He was a great supporter of our round table.

We might get a whole new membership list. We should poll to find who needs paper copy and who would prefer an e-version off our newsletter. We should reach out to student members of FAFLRT and ask what they want.

Student membership – Shirley was at the membership both and had a student from University of MD who didn’t know that membership was free. Richard will attend the new member’s round table and talk about it.

Who is handling our email list now? ALA adds people on email list – maybe it isn’t working. James King used to do it – is it broken? ALA would like us to use ALA Connect. Alba Scott is our webmaster.

2. Diane Chen ALA executive Board Liaison:

1. 2015 Strategic plan – transforming the profession – 5 major goal areas
2. New membership website/Materials – 50 new pages that say why you should join.

3. Spectrum Initiative – Trying to raise million dollars. IMLS grants for recruiting high school and college students to the profession.
4. Advocacy: Capwiz Milestone – Now has 100,000 members. It is a great way to contact your congressmen.
5. ESEA Resolution – No Child Left Behind is terrible for libraries; many school librarians lost their jobs. ALA is requesting Congress to include school libraries.
6. Virtual conference July 7 & 8 – Two days of ALA programming designed for those who couldn’t attend.

Comments for Diane -- We don’t want ALA making statements about things that don’t pertain to ALA. Focus on library things, not on the war.

3. Treasurers report: Many thanks to everyone for working while we kept the secrets from Nancy and Shirley. That event is always great because we get two experienced librarians and two new ones. Also, thanks to ProQuest and LAC for funding the awards to the new librarians. Thanks to Ron Clowney for all his work that he did over the years. He was a great supporter of our round table.

4. New Business: Richard would like to do a directory of federal libraries and military libraries and have vendors do advertising. We should have a publication like this. Fedlink would probably love it. Lynn said that people don’t want it because of vendors would use it to try to sell things. Fedlink could piggy back but they can’t give out information. If FAFLRT makes the effort, Fedlink could facilitate. We represent the US government; we have to be careful that it doesn’t look like an endorsement. Karl Debus-Lopez asked: does the ALA directory code their list by type of library? Richard will start a committee and see if we can do this. He will report back to the board and see if this will fly.

Think about worthwhile candidates for next year’s awards. Every year student awards get better and better. Perhaps we should think of establishing more awards for travel scholarships. Richard will look into getting more support.

Rose Marie Krauss thanks her committee for all their work.

Richard moves that we send $500 as a round table donation to endow the Spectrum scholarship. Erica seconds. Board voted and approved.

Board meeting closed. Gavel turned over to Karl Debus-Lopez as the new president. Karl thanks Richard for all the work that he did and for improving our financial situation. Richard said the previous board gave him two mandates – raise money and member engagement.

Membership Meeting:

Thanks to Nancy Faget for her Careers in Federal Libraries which has been so successful. Nancy would love to have a helper.

Shirley Loo said we used to have a fall or spring gathering; State Dept or Commerce would be good locations. Perhaps DC/SLA, DC/ALA and FAFLRT would all be happy to gather together.

2011 annual conference program: We need to come up with some programs in New Orleans: would love to have member ideas. Richard knows someone who works at a federal library in NOLA. Maria Pisa said there is a USDA lab in New Orleans.

Data.gov is an initiative of Obama administration to expose data for the public. Every agency told to give 3 data groups. Others can then build the apps to use the data. Jean Holmes from NASA will be speaking on Tuesday at “Connecting with the feds” about this.

Go.usa.gov will give you short urls; this is a good shortening service and they will be permanent. USA.gov is doing a great job for us and for librarians.

We should have a poster session after our business meeting and have food with that; STSC does this. Richard would want to raise the money to have the posters professionally made so they would look nice. Can a round table do a poster session different from ALA?

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Poster sessions are much fancier than they used to be.

Karl asked about deadlines for next year; we weren’t listed in any of the tracks in the programming this year. When is the deadline for this? Rosalind Reynolds is our local ALA rep in the Washington office. It would be helpful to have a meeting with Rosalind and include Karl, Vicky and Richard.

Richard asked if we should have different board meeting and membership meeting times. Thoughts on that? ALA says you can’t have everything on one day. We used to have a larger turn out for the old membership meeting; maybe we could combine the membership meeting with the awards.

Meeting closed at 12:00 by the new president, Karl.

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**Minutes**

**FAFLRT Board Meeting**  
**September 8, 2010 via conference call**

**Attending:** Jane Killian, Erica Stiner, Karl Debus-Lopez, Richard Huffine, Vicky Crone, Lucille Rosa, Kim Lyall,

**Review of the minutes from ALA meeting in June.** Correction of Erica’s name in one location. Approval of the minutes:

**Treasurers Report:** We’re over $15,000 in the black. As of July 31, 2010 $15,706.00. Thanks to Richard for fundraising. Debits from ALA in June. Richard has receipts for the brochures that will need to be paid and it doesn’t look like the catering bill has hit yet.

September 15, 2010 the Midwinter registration will open and will close by September 27, 2010. We’ll be booking a room for the Board meeting and the Careers in Federal Libraries preconference. We normally meet on Sunday morning. Kim and Erica would like to join virtually if possible. Jane suggested we do it on Friday virtually with a WebEx, etc. We could always meet after ALA at another time and via conference call. If the majority of folks cannot be in San Diego, we may save time and money by doing it a week later via conference call. We could have a Membership Meeting in lieu of a Board meeting. Concern that this may be a poorly attended Midwinter Conference in general. Karl will reserve a room for a generic FAFLRT meeting in San Diego that we may or may not use for a Membership meeting. We will definitely have a FAFLRT Board meeting after ALA Midwinter.

Karl asked about the size of Careers in Federal Libraries. Richard recommended planning for 120 people and a budget of about $1,200. He hasn’t been able to confirm a sponsor but is still working on that. Karl will confirm with Nancy Faget about the size and set-up of the room.

Karl asked about other obligations during the Midwinter Meeting: Membership Pavilion Booth; New Members Round Table – Karl will check with Eileen Welch and Kim will check with NMRT. Richard has copies of the FAFLRT Brochure if it is needed.

We can have a meeting in late October/early November to talk about what a membership meeting would look like for the Round Table. We could just do an open session to talk to the membership.

**Nominating Committee:** Last year we got information at the very last minute about getting our slate together. The deadline will be February 2, 2011. We will need nominations next year for Vice-President/President-Elect, Treasurer, Armed Forces and Federal Directors. Helen Sherman has volunteered to chair the Nominating Committee for 2011. Richard will be on the Committee. Karl will request a Membership List from Roz and the two will begin their work soon.

**ALA Annual 2011:** Deadline is February 14 for programming submissions. We should get ideas from the membership and have a good group of programs for both Armed Forces and Federal Libraries. Ideas from the group:

**Grooming staff within the Federal workforce:** moving up; moving on; diversifying; breaking out of the mold.

Suggestion that we do a program on military base libraries: we are like a public library overseas. We also send boxes and boxes of books to the soldiers.

Suggestion that we use “Skype” at mid winter or use conference calls? More people could attend at a much lower cost!

Fedlink HR workgroup does something like that annually. Helen Sherman could coordinate with them. Also address changes in the Federal hiring process. Vicky can approach Helen about that.

**Grey Literature in the Digital Age:** how is government publishing changing today? Richard could coordinate that.

**Armed Forces Librarianship Today:** Things affecting librarianship in the Armed Forces today. Erica Stiner and Lucille Rosa will think about the topic and come up with something. Naval Postgraduate School; Army Libraries; installation libraries, etc.

Solicit input from the membership on programming for 2011. Karl will craft a message to the membership and contact Rose Marie Krauss about her participation for New Orleans.

**Rising Stars Program (Kim Lyall):** Nancy approached Kim about crafting a program/effort to involve more members and recognize FAFLRT members that are up and coming in our profession. They could start as profiles in the newsletter and expand as the interest grew. There are questions about “new” versus “young” and the definition of “rising.” The idea is to focus on folks that are new to the profession or new to serving Federal and Armed Forces Libraries. We could define new as within 5 years of starting in libraries. Kim will draft a solicitation to see who wants to be profiled.

The deadline for the newsletter is September 15, 2010. It would be nice if we had a more firm deadline for newsletter content and an expectation for its

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Convening a committee. Crone will contact Fran Perros about ballot at the same time as elections. Vicky removed. Lucille – it should be on the Bylaws? We need to review the bylaws more firm proposal that we can consider.

Interests at this time, unless she has a contact Diane and tell her that we are not forming a committee of the two groups to get together to discuss the merger. Karl has been uncertain about the value of this idea. Being part of a Division has some benefits but there isn’t much overlap and being subsumed by another group could reduce our visibility. Should we consider this? Should we select a committee of Board members to participate in a joint review across the groups? There was not a lot of interest in pursuing this from the FAFLRT Board in attendance. Karl will contact Diane and tell her that we are not interested at this time, unless she has a more firm proposal that we can consider.

Bylaws Review: Should we review our Bylaws? We need to review the bylaws to ensure that any outdated language is removed. Lucille – it should be on the ballot at the same time as elections. Vicky Crone will contact Fran Perros about convening a committee.

Newsletter submissions: If we can have a plan for the year, we can work as a Board to get content for the Newsletter.

FAFLRT Communications: not using our Blog; not using ALA Connect; periodically use the listserv – should have a strategy for member communications? There are also Twitter and Facebook accounts. Kim will check with Nancy on the status of all of our various communication accounts. At our next meeting we will discuss which we should maintain.

Membership Committee: We don’t have one and we need to address that. The Chair can appoint someone to head that committee to track our membership and encourage people to join our Round Table. Erica would like to spearhead that. Richard will help.

Books for Troops: We can talk about that later or Karl will send an e-mail out.

The group adjourned at 4:03 p.m. We’ll meet again in November.

ALA Annual Conference 2010: Conference Report

The 2010 American Library Association Annual Conference was simply loaded with opportunities for professional development and personal growth for librarians in Federal and Armed Forces Libraries. Our Round Table planned a strong conference program thanks to an excellent Conference Planner in Rose Marie Krauss of the Marine Corps from Parris Island, South Carolina. Despite being injured in a fall the week of the conference, Rose Marie was able to see to it that our sessions were promoted in the ALA Program and that we had the right room configurations and equipment to provide an excellent experience to those that attended FAFLRT sessions.

Prior to the conference, FAFLRT members were active in planning and preparing for a number of activities. Eileen Welch from the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (APHIS), USDA coordinated a FAFLRT presence in the ALA Membership Pavilion as she has for several years. In addition to the new FAFLRT brochures and business cards, Eileen gathered flyers, bookmarks, and outreach materials from Federal and Armed Forces Libraries.

FAFLRT also had a representative at the Spectrum Scholarship event the night before the conference. The Spectrum Scholarship event gives library school students from diverse backgrounds a chance to learn about the opportunities available within ALA to gain experience and become active in the profession. Everyone is always fascinated by the story FAFLRT members tell; with Federal and Armed Forces Libraries in every state in the U.S. and many countries around the world.

Friday started early with a full house for the Careers in Federal Libraries pre-conference event held at the Library of Congress. Careers in Federal Libraries events have been conducted at several ALA meetings in recent years, thanks in large part to Nancy Faget (Government Printing Office) and a large group of volunteers from library schools and federal and armed forces libraries. This year’s event was once again sponsored by Library Associates Companies (LAC) and the space was provided by the Library of Congress, Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC). The event was completely filled with librarians and library school students that see great opportunity in a possible career as a federal or armed forces librarian. The program included librarians from all over the globe that talked about their careers as well as tips and tricks for applying to the federal government and getting hired. FAFLRT is planning to continue these events in the future and we’re looking for volunteers that can help plan and execute these events at upcoming ALA conferences as well as on campuses around the country.

Friday evening, FAFLRT held its’ annual Awards Reception. This year’s reception had been planned for the grand and beautiful Great Hall at the U.S. Department of Justice but due to some late-breaking issues with security requirements and the schedule for the event, the venue was moved to an ALA Conference hotel. Despite the short-notice, the Marriott Metro Center Hotel provided FAFLRT with a wonderful venue and an excellent menu for the Awards Reception. Unfortunately, a few people that had planned to attend were not notified of the change of venue, including one of the evening sponsors, Proquest, and our FAFLRT President-Elect. All of the nights award recipients did get the notice though and we had a wonderful evening, honoring long-time members Nancy Faget and Shirley Loo as well as new and upcoming librarians, Julie Williams from San Jose State University and Megan Meyers from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Sunday started off with the FAFLRT Board and Membership Meeting. We
had a full room for our meeting at the JW MARIOTT downtown, despite the distance from the main conference. The Board Meeting included introductions of new FAFLRT Board members and a presentation from the ALA Council liaison to FAFLRT, Diane Chen.

Diane has been a strong advocate for FAFLRT and as a military mother, a vocal proponent of support for library services to active military personnel and their families. The Board meeting also highlighted the continued growth of the FAFLRT membership over the last year as well as a very successful effort this year to gain advertisers in the Federal Librarian and sponsors of FAFLRT programming at the ALA Conference.

After the Board meeting, a number of FAFLRT members traveled together to the Grand Hyatt for a special program from author, Kathy Roth-Douquet about connecting with military families. Mrs. Roth-Duquet is a former Clinton Administration appointee and the wife of an active military author. She has written a number of books including “AWOL: The Unexcused Absence of America’s Upper Classes from Military Service -- and How It Hurts Our Country.” Mrs. Roth-Duquet had copies of her book available to sign but she spoke primarily about her experiences as a family member of an active duty officer and her efforts to support others in her situation.

In 2008, Mrs. Roth-Duquet founded a non-profit organization called Blue Star Families, explicitly to give the families of military personnel support during long deployments. The presentation included dialogue with those that attended, many of whom have family serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Blue Star Families is networking with families all over the world and has created programs like “Books on Bases” and “Blue Star Museums” to bring education and experiential learning to families on and off the military base.

Late in the day on Sunday, FAFLRT sponsored its largest program of the conference highlighting “Institutional Repositories in Action: Stories from the Federal World.” The program, moderated by FAFLRT President Karl Debus-López, featured presentations from the National Agricultural Library, National Library of Medicine, and the Library of Congress. There was a common thread in the presentations: the time for libraries to manage digital content is here. Each has a different mandate in terms of the items they are collecting for their repositories with NAL focused on journal content published by USDA researchers, NLM focused on special collections items, and LC beginning to acquire electronic only serial issues from publishers as part of a mandatory e-deposit program via the Copyright Office.

All three institutions spoke about the emerging requirements to collect, manage, and plan for the preservation of digital content in their libraries. Each group arrived at this reality through a different path and have used different technological approaches for creating their repositories. Their presentations were very informative to everyone that attended, including the presenters and it was great to see these three large institutions sharing a stage and talking about their challenges and their approaches.

The theme of learning from each other continued in a much smaller program on Monday morning. The “International Exchange Programs in the Digital Age” did not draw a large crowd but it did generate a very lively discussion among the people that attended. A representative from the Library of Congress presented on the results of a survey the Library recently conducted of national libraries world-wide about their ability to exchange digital content from other countries. The Library of Congress is exploring digital exchanges of information like legislation, government reports, etc. Their desire is that exchange partners would deposit digital copies with other national libraries in exchange for similar deposits in their own national library. The project is in its earliest stages and participants in the program had a lively discussion of the implications and opportunities such an effort would provide.

FAFLRT also sponsored two long-format programs on Monday and Tuesday of the conference. “Career Paths in Knowledge Management” was held on Monday at the National Transportation Library and “Connecting with the Feds: Social Collaboration and Transparency Tools,” was held on Tuesday on the campus of the Catholic University of America. Both programs addressed topics important to librarians and information professionals working in Federal and Armed Forces Libraries world-wide.

Work has already begun to plan for the 2011 ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. If you have ideas or suggestions for making the conference better, please feel free to contact a FAFLRT Board member or share your thoughts on the FAFLRT list.

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Megan Myers, Cicely Phippen Marks Scholarship

Megan Myers, School of Information and Library Science (Class of 2011) at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill is the 2010 recipient of the FAFLRT Cicely Phippen Marks Scholarship Award. The $1,500 scholarship is awarded to a student currently enrolled in an ALA-accredited library school program who has an interest in working in a Federal library. The scholarship was established in memory of Federal librarian Marks, through a generous donation by her husband Charles L. Garris.

Megan’s interest in librarianship began at a very early age, stemming from a love of books, organization and a desire to help others access information. But it was not until she interned at the U.S. Government Printing Office that she realized the opportunities available to librarians at the Federal level. Before enrolling in an MLS program, Megan spent two consecutive summers (2008-2009), working as a student intern in the Library Services and Content Management Division. While at GPO she developed knowledge of many aspects of the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). She also had the opportunity to prepare presentations and film promotional video spots which allowed her to directly contribute to the public face of the FDLP. For Megan, “the largest project I contributed to was the transcription of 3,500 card catalog records as part of GPO’s Historic Shelf List project, a project which has had a direct impact on federal depositories already via the GPO/MARCIVE pilot project.” In addition to her work at GPO, Megan also works at the UNC Davis Library where she has undertaken three ongoing cataloging projects. Megan is a member of: Phi Beta Kappa (2009); Order of Omega (2008); Psi Chi, National Honor Society in Psychology (2007); and the Golden Key International Honour Society (2007).

As to a career in federal libraries, Megan feels that “there are many aspects of Federal librarianship that have captured her interest, and hopefully continue to motivate me as I pursue my career.” She goes on to say that “the diverse settings and environments in which the specialties of Federal librarians are applicable are diverse, and in the digital age, constantly growing.” She finds the wide range of Federal libraries both appealing and exciting in that she will never run out of opportunities to develop professionally and contribute nationally, something that cannot be said for other types of libraries. “The potential for Federal librarians to contribute to ongoing dialogues relating to government information, and how to fulfill the mandate set forth by FOIA, as well as concepts that extend beyond government information (e.g., copyright, fair use, or the Patriot Act) is another unique aspect of Federal librarianship,” said Megan. She also feels that the potential afforded through interagency collaborations strengthens the efforts of individual librarians to help shape access to information for U.S. citizens.

Megan received high marks from her peers, professors and employers. According to Laurie Beyer Hall, GPO Director of Library and Technical Information Services, Megan has a real feel for library work. “She quickly grasped the intellectual challenges of managing a program with 1250 library customers and the complex processes and procedures involved in a 150 year old program that is experiencing major changes with the migration from the tangible to the digital era…I see Megan as being our next generation of librarian. She is fully versed in new technology, appreciative of our rich legacy and the long and important history of libraries and librarianship…Any Federal agency would be lucky to have Megan serving as a professional librarian with her experience in both technical and reference services.”

For the duration of the summer intercession, Megan will be volunteering part time at the University of Virginia’s Regional Depository at Alderman Library under the guidance of Regional Documents Librarian Barbie Selby. Come August, Megan she begins a year-long library internship with the Environmental Protection Agency in Research Triangle Park, NC.

Megan asked that we relay to the FAFLRT membership what an honor it was to be selected to receive the scholarship and looks forward to pursuing a career in Federal librarianship in the years to come. She especially appreciated the opportunity to attend the Awards reception in the company of such successful Federal librarians and values everyone’s support in sharing the experience with her.

Julie K. Williams, Del Frate Conference Sponsorship

Julie K. Williams, School of Library and Information Science (Class of 2011) at San Jose State University is the 2010 recipient of the Federal Librarians Adelaide Del Frate Conference Sponsorship Award. The Award supports the attendance at an ALA annual meeting of a library school student who has an interest in Federal Librarianship. The $1,000 conference sponsorship was again generously supported by ProQuest. The award, now in its fourteenth year, was established in memory of Adelaide del Frate, distinguished federal librarian and active member the Round Table.

Julie is a busy individual with a host of interests. In addition to her studies she is also a student cataloging intern at the U.S. Dept. of Interior’s Bureau of Reclamation in the Mid-Pacifc Region and a research analyst for the California Department of Education. Amid these responsibilities, she also found time to facilitate a session about federal librarianship at the Careers in Federal Libraries pre-conference workshop held during ALA.

Julie has a passion for libraries and is

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delighted to be pursuing her dream of becoming a professional librarian. She brings strong technical, analytical, and communications skills; paraprofessional experience in academic, public, and special libraries; and excitement about the future of federal librarianship. As a civil servant, she is very interested in a career as a federal librarian and is eager to learn more about and participate in FAFLRT. As a library school student, her research interests have focused on cataloging and classification, digital libraries, reference and instruction services, and the use of social networking tools. She is eager to put her theoretical learning into practice and looks forward to opportunities to network with librarians and other library school students during and following the ALA Conference.

In reading Julie’s application, one of the things that impressed the most was her astute observation that “These are dynamic times, and librarians with a tolerance for ambiguity are needed.” How many times have we reminded ourselves and reminded staff of the importance of being nimble!

The Awards Committee received glowing recommendations from Julie’s professors at San Jose State commending her intellectual curiosity, self discipline and commitment to librarianship. Julie views herself as a generalist with strong technical and analytical chops. She prides herself in taking a complicated issue and explaining it in understandable terms to an audience of stakeholders, decision-makers, or laypeople. As is immediately evident upon meeting Julie, she has a knack for creating rapport in a variety of situations.

I recently checked in with Julie to see how she was doing. Julie reports that although her internship with Alba Scott (a 2007 award winner) is now over, she remains committed to a career as a federal librarian. She is currently taking a maps and GIS reference course that she loves. And listen-up prospective employers, she is willing to relocate! I also asked Julie if she had any post-conference reflections to share. Here is just a bit of what she had to say:

Attending ALA Annual 2010 as the Federal Librarians Adelaide del Frate Conference Sponsorship Award Winner was a huge honor, for which I am extremely grateful. This was my first trip to D.C., and my first ALA conference. I met professors and classmates face-to-face for the first time, and a whole crowd of new friends and contacts. Also, my cataloging professor, Dr. Robert Ellett (without whose instruction I never would have been awarded my internship, nor known to apply for the conference sponsorship), shared with me that Adelaide del Frate was a great mentor for him when he started his federal career at NASA. Librarianship is a small well-connected world, eh? In reflecting on this experience, what stands out for me is the great value of gathering in person and interacting with colleagues. Everyone I met was friendly, engaged, and helpful. What a thrill to be among a thriving hive of accomplished librarians in our nation’s capitol city! For my first ALA conference, I aimed to sample as much variety as possible, from the pre-conference Careers workshop and technical sessions, to a variety of receptions, awards ceremonies, and enjoyable author programs. Everywhere I went I introduced myself and networked, and came home inspired for further study and excited about my chosen career. I look forward to connecting again in person at ALA Mid-Winter in San Diego, and ALA Annual 2011 in New Orleans!

To Megan and Julie, our congratulations again and best wishes! FAFLRT is pleased to have been able to play a role in supporting your federal library career aspirations.

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

FAFLRT Launches Rising Stars Initiative!

FAFLRT would like to recognize the activities and contributions of those new to federal or armed forces librarianship and government information management. We are announcing a new program, Rising Stars, to highlight the achievements of those new to the profession. A Rising Star will be profiled in each FAFLRT newsletter with their picture and an article detailing their relevant background and current accomplishments.

Rising Stars are those people who display a passion for the profession, both at work and via volunteer or association activities. The basic guidelines are outlined below. To nominate yourself or someone else please email Kim Lyall, FAFLRT Federal Director 09-11, at kim dot lyall at gmail dot com. Please send me your basic information and a short blurb about your accomplishments, with links to any online work, articles, or videos.

We look forward to receiving your nominations and shining a spotlight on those new to the profession!

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