Greetings from the President

Welcome to 2014 and the Chinese Year of the Horse!

In my six months as FAFLRT president my respect and admiration for the expertise and professional scope of our members has increased exponentially. Our members represent Federal and Armed Forces libraries and information centers around the world, and have a huge impact on the success of our War Fighters, both in the civilian and military worlds. The dedication of our members during these, shall we say “interesting” financial times, deserves much praise.

In keeping with the vision of former FAFLRT President Karl Debus-Lopez, this year we launched or re-launched our social media presence on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/pages/FAFLRT-The-Federal-and-Armed-Forces-Libraries-Round-Table/85430152045, Twitter https://twitter.com/FAFLRT and LinkedIn: http://tinyurl.com/ky4h62 with the assistance of David Blum. David has plans for a Google group and other great additions as well. This year our Liaison activity with the New Members Round Table is spearheaded by Katie Rapp, as well as the skills and helping hands of Kelly Glaze with this newsletter. Thank you! Former FAFLRT President Richard Huffine continues to serve, this year stepping up and becoming our ALA Legislative Assembly Representative, just to name a few of

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Libraries Remain Centerpieces of Morale, Welfare Programs

By Donna Miles

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 5, 2013 – During World War I, troops deployed to Europe found they wanted more than just the beans and bullets the military logistics effort provided. The American Library Association stepped in, delivering books and magazines paid for through the war bond program to entertain and give them a slice of

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home.

The association’s war service committee raised a whopping $5 million in public donations, distributing more than 7 million books and magazines, erecting 36 camp libraries and providing library collections to over 500 sites, including military hospitals.

In the process, it laid the foundation
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our outstanding volunteers. There is still a need for additional helping hands, and volunteers are still sought.

This year we launched a ‘Design a New Logo’ contest, with the grand prize being an Amazon.com gift card and the admiration of colleagues. Get those designs in to Anne Harrison and perhaps the next newsletter will have your design!

FAFLRT members graciously stepped up to present at the co-sponsored Careers on Federal Libraries (CiFL) program ALA Mid-Winter in Philadelphia, and two of our members received a travel scholarship to attend. Thank you to Nancy Faget for being one of FAFLRT’s greatest advocates! Along these lines, I took time to re-examine our mission, which states that FAFLRT exists, “to promote library and information service and the library and information profession in the federal and armed forces communities; to promote appropriate utilization of federal and armed forces library and information resources and facilities; and to provide an environment for the stimulation of research and development relating to the planning, development, and operation of federal and armed forces libraries”. Based on the number of recognitions in this very newsletter, our members are doing a fantastic job at promoting what we do to our clients. I love reading these success stories, an encourage sharing “best practices” here and on our social media sites. How are we promoting the appropriate use of our services? Can we do better in that regard? Are we doing a good job and mentoring each other? I am of the school of thought that there is always room to grow, and we have immense talent pool among our ranks.

My passion for the past, current work and future contributions of FAFLRT stem from both my military service, after serving 10 months “Down Range and Boots on Ground” in Afghanistan and frequently went “outside the wire” to work with the Afghan soldiers, alongside my Army, Air Force, Marine Corps and fellow Sailor comrades. I personally felt the pain of losing comrades, and along with everyone else, wondered what if we had one more bit of information, or had access to some other type of technology that may have saved those young War Fighters? When I returned from deployment I was recruited to work for the Department of Homeland Security, and among other duties, worked side-by-side with Special Agents, assisting them with my expertise to get some truly bad hombres off our streets right here at home. And now, as a Librarian working for the Navy, I am once again assisting those “down range and boots on ground”, as are all of you. Bravo zulu!
for the Defense Department’s first and longest-running morale, welfare and recreation program.

The Navy established the first official military library program in 1919, Nellie Moffitt, the Navy’s general library program manager, told American Forces Press Service. The Army followed with its own program in 1920, and the Air Force quickly stood up its own library program when it was established as a separate service in 1947.

By World War II, the service library programs had developed “an incredible operation,” Moffitt said. The Navy alone had 275 permanent libraries ashore and 961 afloat, as well as 281 extension services in remote sites. “Historically, reading has been an integral part of the morale effort across DOD,” she said. “That remains as true today as at any time in history.”

Most major military installation house a library, and the Navy outfits every new ship with a library while providing library services aboard every ship in the fleet.

And just as troops have enjoyed library services while deployed to every conflict since World War I, MWR officials take pains to provide those same services in Afghanistan, even at the most remote forward operating bases. The Army set up formalized library programs at the largest bases in Afghanistan and Iraq, and the Air Force maintains seven learning resource centers across the U.S. Central Command region, Moffitt said.

While books and magazines remain popular, military libraries have stayed current with evolving technology. Through the years, military libraries have offered cassette tapes, phonograph records, compact disks and DVDs. Downloadable audio books were introduced in 2005, and e-books in 2007.

“We are no different than any other industry. If we don’t keep up with the times and what our customers want, we won’t be around very long,” Moffitt said.

Stop by any installation library, and it’s clear that hasn’t happened. Statistics show usage at the brick-and-mortar libraries has remained strong, and even experienced a slight increase, Moffitt said. Meanwhile, use of downloadable audio books, e-books and online databases has skyrocketed.

Last year alone, the services spent $12 million for digital library materials, Moffitt reported. Based on usage statistics, those funds provided $725 million in materials and services. “That’s a huge return on investment, $60 in value for every dollar spent,” Moffitt said. That savings, and the fact that many military members who live on base aren’t entitled to use most local public libraries, makes installation libraries magnets for many service members and their families.

“A lot of different people use libraries for a lot of different reasons,” Moffitt said. “Some people may be coming into the libraries to enjoy the actual books and programs offered,” including storytelling sessions for military children and popular summer reading programs. Others seek out references on everything from weight loss or auto repairs to recorded music and audio books, all provided to users at no cost. “But an awful lot of military members are using our materials for professional reading and their professional military education,” Moffitt said.

Military members and their families tap their libraries to get transitional assistance, bone up on details about spouse employment and tuition assistance, and prepare for standardized tests, she said. Online test preparation services are among the most popular offerings at many military libraries. Some use these programs to increase their Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery scores so they can change their military career fields, Moffitt said. Others use them to prepare for the GRE, SAT and other standardized college boards.

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Based on the appetite, DOD invested more than a half-million dollars in digital test preparation services in 2012, Moffitt reported. This educational portal collectively saved library users more than $10 million in out-of-pocket costs, including $19 or $20 they would have paid for every practice test, she noted. But the true value of the library programs, officials agree, is their link to troops’ mental and emotional fitness and resilience.

“People get their energy and bounce back from problems in many different ways,” Moffitt said. “Some kayak or run triathlons. But others prefer to read a mystery novel and absolutely fade away, or listen to music they can get through the library by borrowing a CD. I believe the library program is an integral part of wellness and overall wellbeing, and that contributes to readiness.”

Air Force Col. Thomas Joyce, services director at the Air Force Personnel Center, agrees. When Air Force officials evaluated their MWR programs to identify the core activities that most directly impact readiness, libraries ranked among the top six.“This is one of the hidden gems that don’t get talked about much, but that are a huge contributor to life-long learning and overall resilience,” he said.

“Libraries have long been one of our most forward thinking, professionally oriented programs,” noted Ed Miles, DOD’s morale, welfare and recreation policy director. “From installation level to headquarters staff, taking care of library customers has always been at the forefront of everything they do.

“That is evidenced in the high usage and outstanding customer satisfaction ratings we see in MWR customer service surveys year in and year out,” Miles said. “They always get high marks.” Yet with budget cuts striking across the board and taking a big chunk out of many MWR programs, officials recognize that libraries aren’t immune.

“Like everybody else, we are going to have to take cuts, whether that is in hours, staffing or our materials budgets,” Moffitt said. “We know we are going to be taking cuts, but we will try to minimize the impact on the customer and if at all possible, try to maintain the services we provide.”

The service libraries have pooled their resources for decades to maximize what they can provide.

“We are a very cooperative program,” Moffitt said. A joint MWR library forum established in 1996 sets standards for all military libraries and policies to improve efficiencies. Five years ago, the services stood up a joint purchasing program so they could purchase digital databases together and share them among all their users. “We try to do things jointly so we can be more efficient and more effective,” Moffitt said. “If somebody has a great idea, we will borrow it.”

Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., for example, runs DOD’s only bookmobile, purchased with profits from the base recycling center to better serve Marines and their families. Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., plans to roll out an experimental library that does away with the Dewey decimal classification system and is organized like a retail bookstore.

Meanwhile, the military library programs continue to operate as they always have – quietly rolling out incremental improvements to better serve their customers, Moffitt said. Those are services she said she’s confident will continue, regardless of what new budget challenges libraries face.

“Just because you don’t have a lot of money doesn’t mean you can’t do a stellar job,” she said.

“Military libraries stand as a testament to that.”

LC/FEDLINK Launches Research Program

Research is fundamental to our success because accurate information and data are essential in making sound, smart investments. In today’s climate of shrinking budgets and competition for resources, the need for reliable data and professionals who can navigate and find such information is critical.

While FEDLINK has an established procurement practice in assisting federal libraries with their information products and service needs, FEDLINK is cultivating a research portfolio. In some cases we will be conducting original research and in other cases we will be looking to draw on research from the field, identifying ways in which it can be applied to federal settings. By establishing a formal research initiative, we hope to provide our members with valuable information and facilitate innovation across the federal enterprise as it relates to information services. We would like federal libraries and information centers to become leaders in practice, innovation, and delivery of information services.

In 2012, FEDLINK convened librarians, information professionals, researchers, thought leaders, and other stakeholders, to discuss national priorities for research. Those areas are:

**Collections Management.** Focuses on ways to improve how we handle information, including digital curation.

**Information Marketplace.** Analyzes the ways we acquire information.

**Information Technology.** Introduces and explores the way technology has changed the way we do business.

**Management Tools.** Assures that we are being effective in our resources.

**Cross-Cutting Areas.** Explores the ways in which we can collaborate and work on issues that affect multiple groups or institutions.

The input we received from the community helped focus our work on the issues that mattered most to our members. As a consortium, FEDLINK is uniquely positioned to coordinate research initiatives across the federal enterprise. We are engaged with other LIS organizations who serve the larger LIS community. We are able to coordinate cooperative activities and services among federal libraries and we are vested in research as a way to inform process improvement. By providing a platform for collaboration we hope to share innovative practices. In the coming year, we look forward to sharing the results of our research and having an open dialogue about those findings.

Please contact: FEDLINKResearch@loc.gov with any questions or comments.

Jamie Stevenson is the principle investigator for the FEDLINK health information technology series, which explores the opportunities and roles for library and information science professionals in improving care, efficiency, and population health outcomes.

Jamie is an inaugural class Gates Millennium Scholar, and graduated cum laude from Wellesley College with an A.B. in History of Medicine. She also holds a Masters in Public Health with a concentration in Health Law, Bioethics and Human Rights from Boston University School of Public Health, and did doctoral work in health policy and biostatistics at the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services.

The Federal Library and Information Network (FEDLINK) is an organization of federal agencies working together to achieve optimum use of the resources and facilities of federal libraries and information centers by promoting common services, coordinating and sharing available resources, and providing continuing professional education for federal library and information staff.
Partnership Makes it Happen:
Internet Archive, Library of Congress/FEDLINK, and Digitization at the Naval Postgraduate School, Naval War College, and U.S. Naval Academy

Did you know … Navy’s three higher education libraries have partnered with Internet Archive (IA) and the Library of Congress/FEDLINK to digitize thousands of public release publications as part of the Ebook and Text Archives  http://archive.org/details/fedlink

Partnership is vital to this effort. Digitizing this large collection of paper documents has been a two year project involving the each Library’s Digitization Team and the Internet Archive (using scanning centers in San Francisco, Boston, and at LC), using state of the art equipment to produce downloadable content in a variety of formats, including .pdf, ePub, and more.

Want a sneak peek at what we’re doing?

This cover of the U.S. Naval Academy’s 1951 Lucky Bag seems to demonstrate that graduate school might be in their future as Midshipmen march across the U.S. to Monterey (indeed, NPS moved from Annapolis to Monterey in December 1951). This is a sample of one of the many items currently being digitized through a collaborative effort among the Dudley Knox Library, U.S. Naval Academy Nimitz Library, Naval War College Henry E. Eccles Library, and the non-profit Internet Archive to digitize many of the rich resources in our libraries so they may be shared with a broader audience.

Materials are available through collections at the Internet Archive site as well as through catalogs and repositories of our respective libraries. Take a look at these sites and see new content get added as its scanned!

See more at:
NPS:  http://archive.org/details/navalpostgraduateschoollibrary
and on Calhoun, the NPS institutional archive:
http://calhoun.nps.edu/
NWC:  http://archive.org/details/usanavalwarcollege
USNA:  http://archive.org/details/usnavalacademynimitzlibrary

Quick statistics:
Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) – 18,519 documents digitized:
- NPS theses/dissertations/capstone projects since 1923
- NPS technical reports
- NPS annual reports, catalogs, Fact Books, and other institutional publications

Naval War College (NWC) – 261 documents digitized:
- The entire run of the International Law Blue Book Series published by the naval War College
- Titles from the Naval War College Press, including the Historic Monograph Series
- Oral history transcripts from the NWC Naval Historical Collections
- Office of Naval Intelligence Reports
- German War Diary translations
- Naval Attaché Reports from 1914-1915
- Bates analyses on Coral Sea, Savo Island, Midway, and Leyte Gulf

Naval Academy (USNA) – 191 documents digitized:
- Lucky Bag (USNA yearbook) from 1894-1970
- Annual and official registers of officers and midshipmen, 1858-1970

Navy digital documents are contained in the FEDLINK – United States Federal Collection
http://archive.org/details/fedlink, and join thousands of other freely searchable, full-text, federal documents that have been scanned by other libraries and deposited into the Archive.org!
NewFeds Career Tips

Participation is fundamental to successful professional development. Participation allows you to expand your network, increase your knowledge base, and improve your profession. As a virtual library student, I saw limited opportunities to participate with my classmates and future colleagues. However, in my first federal position, after joining as many list servers as possible, opportunities to participate locally and virtually began arriving in my inbox almost daily. I decided as a new professional to do things differently and participate as much as possible. So far this year, just by offering my virtual hand, I have been able to assist on many projects internal and external to my agency. For instance, the FEDLINK NewFeds working group sent out a call for speakers for the upcoming panel. In my drive to participate, I hastily said yes to be a speaker for a topic. After further research, I found out that my organization would not be ready to participate by the scheduled date. Instead of just bowing out as gracefully as possible, I offered my virtual hand. The event organizer suggested that I create a pathfinder for the event. I saw this as a great opportunity to refresh a skill and research a new topic. I gladly accepted. As a person new to any group or organization, it is very important to stay vigilant for opportunities to participate. Participation opens the door to getting to know your colleagues, learning a new skill or refreshing old ones, and giving back.

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U.S. Army War College Library Director Retires

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On a sunny April afternoon, USAWC faculty and staff gathered in the Library to honor Library Director Bohdan Kohutiak, as he retired from federal service. It was a unique experience for an Army librarian who was accustomed to attending or presiding over retirement ceremonies for others. This time, he sat in the front row with his family, as Chris Kinner, cataloging librarian and master of ceremonies, welcomed guests and acknowledged dignitaries in attendance, which included Librarian of the Army Trudie Root, and Messiah College’s Sara Pike, who represented the Associated College Libraries of Central Pennsylvania, a consortium of twenty-five local college and university libraries.

Bohdan listened to Major General Tony Cucolo, 49th Commandant of the U.S. Army War College, describe him as the “consummate librarian” and recount the Library’s transformation, its services and outreach efforts during his tenure.

Born of Ukrainian parents, Bohdan is an American success story. He began his five plus decades of library experience as a paraprofessional with the District of Columbia Public Library which eventually led him to pursue a graduate degree in library science in 1966 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. His career as a librarian was launched at the Prince George’s County Memorial Library in Maryland, from 1967-1974. In 1974, he accepted a

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position as an Army librarian for the Ansbach Military Community in Germany, to manage four geographically dispersed post libraries. In Ansbach, he was active in the community theater group, where he met his future wife, Barbara.

In 1979, he became the Library Director of the former U.S. Army Russian Institute in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, now the George C. Marshall Center. Legend has it that he was hired to “pick the library off the floor.” That is exactly how he spent his first day at work: the shelves had tipped over and their contents were spread all over the floor!

In November 1983, the Kohutiaks left Germany and returned to the States with their twin sons, Thomas and Luke. In Carlisle, Pennsylvania, Bohdan assumed his duties as the Chief of Reference at the U.S. Army War College Library. In 1988, he became the Library Director, a position he held for 25 years. Under his leadership, the U.S. Army War College Library received Vice-President Gore’s coveted Hammer Award, for its streamlined, innovative, and cost-effective services. Customer service was his watchword. No detail, however small, was missed. He introduced non-network computers for family members and visitors to USAWC. He enjoyed being out on the floor, daily – always watching, always thinking ahead. And, he encouraged that in his staff. He pioneered library service to distance and other off-site users. He took the lead among Military Education Coordinating Committee (MECC) libraries to pursue library interconnectivity and operational efficiencies, and was the impetus in formally establishing the MECC Library Working Group which set conditions for implementing the Military Education Research Library Network. As MECC Chair, he provided support to the Directorate for Operational Plans and Joint Force Development (J-7) for the Process of Accreditation for Joint Education (PAJE) Standard 7 assignments. He promoted USAWC through membership in the Associated College Libraries of Central Pennsylvania and served in various offices, including a term as President. By invitation, he addressed the Spanish Defense Librarians conference in Spain. He also represented USAWC on the Professional Military Education (PME) Review Team visit to the National Defense Academy, Ukraine.

And then, it was his turn to speak. He stood beneath the skylight of the library he had guided for 25 years to reflect and to share stories about the many changes which had taken place during his watch. And then, after sincerely thanking everyone for coming, the ceremony was concluded, refreshments were served and the celebration began. Bohdan will remain in the Carlisle area, and pursue his many hobbies and interests.

http://www.carlisle.army.mil/banner/article.cfm?id=2923

Maneuver Center of Excellence Library, Fort Benning, celebrates a Merrill’s Marauder

On Monday, July 23, 2012 the Maneuver Center of Excellence (MCoE) celebrated the 94th birthday of Vince Melillo, a former WWII Merrill’s Marauder and 5th RCT Soldier during the Korean War. Current Army Rangers and well wishers greeted Vince at the MCoE Armor Research Library during lunch and continued with celebratory greeting at the MCoE HQ Donovan Research Library in the afternoon. To read about Vince and see more pictures from the parties please go to the MCoE Library facebook page.

Rangers from 5th BN RTB, Camp Merrill, Dahlonega, GA (mountain phase of Ranger training) with Retired MSG Vince Melillo #119 at MCoE Armor Research Library
Forest Products Laboratory Library Gets New Home

The Forest Products Laboratory (FPL) Library has spent the last year getting ready to move our entire library collection. We finally moved just before Thanksgiving in 2012 from the third floor into newly remodeled space on the first floor of our main building. The new space allowed us to combine two storage areas back into the main library. It is very nice to have all our collections in one location again.

The new library has great lighting that is on automatic sensors that turn off when no one is in the stacks. We have spacious new workstations and we now have central air conditioning. (The air conditioning in our old space was a major issue.) We did not gain much additional space but the space we have is much more usable.

We were closed for about 10 days and then reopened to public use. We are continuing to shift things around and optimize our space. An open house was held on January 30th, 2013 to introduce our employees to the new location. There was a big snowstorm that day but we still had many folks come and visit the library. Here is a picture of our new space.

To read more you can visit: http://www.fpl.fs.fed.us/labnotes/?p=572

SLA Military Libraries Division Marks Its 60th Anniversary

The Military Libraries Division (MLD) was the talk of the SLA Leadership Summit, held February 6-8, 2013 in Dallas, TX. MLD had several members and past members attending the SLA Leadership Summit, including Michael F. Moore (Division Chair), Christine Marshall (Director – Conference Planner 2014), Betty Edwards (Director – Conference Planner 2015, also representing the Engineering Division), Marie Kaddell (representing the Washington DC Chapter), and Deborah Keller (past MLD Secretary, representing the Knowledge Management Division).

On Thursday, MLD celebrated their Division’s 60th anniversary with cake and cupcakes at the afternoon break. On Friday, MLD was recognized with a Unit Ingenuity & Innovation Award “for its exemplary support of membership recruitment via its student program.” In 2011, the Military Libraries Division decided to encourage more students to join their division by sponsoring the “100 Students Project.” 100 students could add the Military Libraries Division as an additional Division at no extra cost, and five students would be selected through an essay contest to receive one year paid membership to SLA and MLD. Through this program, the MLD added 20 student members in 2012.

Division Chair Michael F. Moore accepted the award from Division Cabinet Past Chair Richard Huffine, and gave credit to MLD Student Liaison Tammy Lowery, who took the Board’s proposal and made it happen.
FAFLRT Announces Logo Contest

Apply your creative energy and join the national effort to create a new look for FAFLRT that represents federal librarians, information, networking, service, and global reach.

Some considerations for the design:
Colors: The color scheme is open, but the logo should look good in black and white, online and in print.

Size: 2 in. high x 2 to 6 in. wide (the logo will be used for the web and in letterhead/print documents).
Format: Submit two files for each logo, one in .EPS or .AI format, and the second in PDF.

Entry instructions and deadline:
Please submit your entries via e-mail to Anne Harrison at anha@loc.gov through March 31, 2014. Everyone, regardless of affiliation, is welcome to participate.

The winning design will be selected by the FAFLRT Executive Board. Entries cannot be returned, and the selected design will become property of FAFLRT.

The winner will receive recognition and a $25.00 Amazon gift card!

SLA Military Libraries Division Distinguished Service Awards

The Special Libraries Association Military Libraries Division Distinguished Service Awards annually recognize members for outstanding and sustained service to the Division. Here are the awardees:

Dr. Janet Gail Nicula, National Defense University, U.S. Joint Forces Staff College Library
Gail worked on the Military Libraries Workshop (MLW) 2003 as the Program Planner and led the effort to host MLW 2011 in Norfolk, Virginia. Gail served as the Membership Chair for the Division in 2004-2010 and recruited additional members to support this very important activity.

Of particular relevance to the MLD Distinguished Service Award is the manner in which Gail was able to involve the staff at the Joint Staff College as well as librarians representing all services in the Norfolk area. For the collaboration among the Tidewater librarians, the successful inclusion of Joint Forces Library Staff and the leadership show throughout the two year process, Gail Nicula is well deserving of the Division’s Distinguished Service Award.

Ms. Connie J. Wiley, Humphreys Engineer Center Support Activity Library, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers
Connie has been an active member of MLD for over 10 years. During that time, she has served as the DoD Director (2001-2002), the Membership Chair (2001-2002) and the Director at Large (2011-2012). In 2004, MLW was to be held in Columbia, South Carolina and hosted by the Chaplain School with the assistance of the Defense Polygraph Institute and the Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC). Due to unforeseen circumstances, DTIC’s role in the planning of this event became much larger, and Connie assumed a leadership role. She was involved with hotel arrangements, menu planning, program planning, logistics, and more. She did all of this with good humor, grace, and calm. The success of MLW 2004 was due in no small part to Connie’s efforts.

The Division continued to benefit from Connie’s planning expertise over the last two years when she served as Director at Large, planning the Division’s programs for the 2012 SLA Annual Conference in Chicago, Illinois. She arranged for the Division’s program sessions, business meeting and luncheon, as well as social activities. For her continued service in a leadership capacity over an extended period of time, Connie Wiley is well deserving of the Division’s Distinguished Service Award.

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Greta Marlatt receives I LOVE MY LIBRARIAN AWARD

**Ms. Greta Marlatt**, Librarian at the National Postgraduate School, Dudley Knox Library, was one of 10 librarians who received the 2012 I LOVE MY LIBRARIAN award at a moving ceremony at the New York Times Center on December 18, 2012, in New York City. The award is a collaborative program of Carnegie Corporation of New York, The New York Times and the American Library Association. Awardees received a $5,000 cash award, a plaque, and a stipend to attend the awards ceremony. In addition, a plaque given to each award winner’s library.

Greta was nominated for this award by faculty from several NPS departments and a dozen of her Homeland Security students showed up at the ceremony (she recognized them during her remarks by asking to stand up to be recognized for their service to New York and the nation).

This is a fabulous recognition of the nearly 24/7 service Greta provides to the faculty, students, and staff in the NPS community, alumni, and military/homeland security leaders around the globe. It is also a tribute to the tremendous engagement that Dudley Knox Library has with the NPS community – all for the purpose of providing the highest-quality information and services to support instruction and research at this great institution.

You can read more in the press release below and the nomination letters from Greta’s faculty: http://atyourlibrary.org/sites/default/files/greta-marlatt-nomination.pdf

If anyone in our profession has raised the bar, Greta is that person. She has taught us all how to share information on a global scale; she was one of the architects of something in use at Joint Forces Staff College every day – the Homeland Security Digital Library; she has been a good friend, a generous colleague, and a real role model for librarians who want to make a difference in the world.

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NDU Library Team Wins Special Libraries Association Award

A poster presentation by NDU librarian Brianna Buljung on the use of a technology petting zoo to introduce library patrons to eBooks was voted the favorite by attendees at the 2012 Special Libraries Association Conference. The poster, titled, "iPads, Kindles, and Tablets, Oh My: Using a Technology Petting Zoo to Teach National Defense University Library Users about Downloadable eBooks" was compiled by a team of NDU librarians that included Buljung, Lily McGovern, Dawn Humphrey, Julie Arrighetti, Michael McNulty, Karen Cooper, and Pamela Stroh.

Confronted with a shift from university-provided to student-provided laptops this academic year – the team wanted to help patrons get savvy on how electronic library products function on a variety of devices and platforms. The librarians assembled a group of eight of their own personal devices, and permitted their use in a hands-on "petting zoo" during the NDU Library's open house for faculty and staff during National Library Week, April 8-14, 2012.

"It was a great way to get the tools in the hands of the users ... to interact with library products in new and different ways," said Brianna. "I would say probably about 100 people stopped by."

Helen Quam Sherman, Defense Technical Information Center, is Recipient of FAFLRT Distinguished Service Award

The Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Round Table's Distinguished Service Award recognizes a FAFLRT member for outstanding and sustained contributions to the Round Table. Through this award, FAFLRT is able to acknowledge, in a small way, those dedicated members who have given so generously of their time and talents in support of furthering the mission of our Round Table. The 2012 awardee has contributed all that and more. It is our great honor and pleasure to recognize Helen Quam Sherman, Director, User Services, at the Defense Technical Information Center as the recipient of the 2012 FAFLRT Distinguished Service Award. Helen’s exemplary work through FAFLRT and the Library of Congress Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC) – now FEDLINK – has contributed greatly to the expansion of educational opportunities for federal librarians and to the development of the next generation of federal librarians. Her efforts have raised the visibility and relevance of FAFLRT as a key organization serving the educational needs of the

Jane Sessa, acknowledged for service to FAFLRT as editor of the Federal Librarian newsletter and Helen Q. Sherman, recipient of the 2012 FAFLRT Distinguished Service Award.

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“Careers in Federal Libraries” events. Says Nancy, “It is wonderful to watch Helen’s enthusiasm for educating her colleagues broaden to offer a variety of educational opportunities for federal libraries at all stages in their careers. If you’ve attended a meeting that Helen runs, you’ll notice her grace and skill as a consummate professional. The image Helen conveys is one of arms held wide open to invite others to participate. In a gentle way, she manages attention and appreciation for every volunteer and their efforts.”

Describing her colleague as clever, generous and kind, Nancy shares a few insights into Helen’s dedication to the profession. Helen is constantly “taking changes and developing new programming for “Careers in Federal Libraries” and “Enhancing your Career” which provides a great benefit to her colleagues. We see only smiles and graciousness from Helen although few know that Helen works many nights until 9 pm to serve her organization and colleagues. She naturally welcomes newcomers into the fold, gently empowers others, glows with appreciation over others’ contributions, and raises the bar on what we expect of ourselves and others.”

Many of you know Helen Sherman but for the record, we’d like to share some background information about her that you might not know:

As Director of User Services at DTIC Helen manages personnel working with Registration, Communications, Reference, Training for DTIC’s databases and Web 2.0 resources, Special Programs, and Web sites for public, access controlled, and classified information. She also served as Director, Component Information Support, and led the directorate of Program Managers who develop Web sites and online services based on specific requirements for DTIC and other agencies in the Department of Defense community. In addition, Helen worked as the corporate librarian, a research analyst, database instructor, team leader, and a deputy director at DTIC.

She started her federal career in 2000 as a reference librarian for the Marine Corps University Library at Quantico, VA, and prior to that she managed the circulation desk and academic reference services for Richard Bland College Library of the College of William and Mary. Librarianship was a second career for Helen and a natural progression from her work as a teacher, an editor, and an education advisor at military bases overseas and in the States.

Helen earned her B.A. at the University of North Dakota, her M.ED. at Auburn University, and her M.S.L.S. at the Catholic University of America. She served as president of the Iota Chapter, Beta Phi Mu Library and Information Studies Honor Society, and she has taught the core course, “Reference Sources and Services,” for Catholic

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University graduate students.

Helen previously chaired the FLICC Education Working Group that plans training programs for federal librarians and technicians and is now focusing on policy for FLICC events. She has represented FAFLRT at FLICC, chaired the nomination committee, and planned and/or participated in several FAFLRT and FLICC programs at ALA Annual and Midwinter, in particular, the federal career programs which started in 2007.

And so it is with pride and great esteem that we offer our sincere gratitude to Helen Q. Sherman for the dedicated service and far-reaching contributions she has made to FAFLRT and the federal library community. Congratulations and all best wishes!

In her own words: I have always been impressed with the knowledge, dedication, and professionalism of my colleagues in FAFLRT. It has been my privilege and pleasure to serve our organization with you, and I am honored to be recognized by my peers for this award. I encourage all members to become involved as much as your schedule permits and to share your special expertise with this organization. You will gain much more than you give.

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FAFLRT Presents Cicely Phippen Marks Scholarship Awards

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 who has an interest in working in a federal library. Named in honor of the late librarian Cicely Phippen Marks and supported by a generous donation from her husband Charles L. Garris, the annual award of $1,500 is sponsored and administered by FAFLRT

2012 Cicely Phippen Marks Scholarship Award Recipient: Katie Rapp

We are delighted to recognize Katie Rapp of the University of Maryland, College of Information Studies as the 2012 recipient of the Cicely Phippen Marks scholarship. Katie already exhibits many of the traits of a future leader in the federal library community.

Katie is a self-described “mature learner;” this has provided her with a variety of work and life experiences that gives her a unique perspective and some useful insights. She has worked in educational research and non-profit program management, as well as technical writing and editing.

Katie is currently a freelance writer/editor/research consultant. In the past, she worked as a Research Associate at Horizon Research, Inc., in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Other positions have included working as a manager for Industry/Education Programs at the National Science Teachers Association, and she volunteered as president of Willow Ridge Civic Association.

While at home raising children for a number of years, she has Continued on page 15
continued using her program management and accounting skills as a community volunteer – particularly as president of her community’s civic association, where she is responsible for putting together the annual budget and overseeing the work of various committees, events, and projects. She is active in fundraising, facilitating cooperation, and developing relationships with local businesses and county government.

Her strong writing skills have been noted by all her employers and have enabled her to work freelance. Katie has developed a keen ability to analyze and explain both quantitative and qualitative data. Her publications range widely from technical research reports to feature articles and monographs. In sum, Katie enjoys writing, finding the right tone and level of detail for the intended audience.

As she embarks on her new career path she is excited about what the future holds. In pursuing a Master of Library Science degree at the University of Maryland she determined early on that special librarianship in the federal sector was the best match given her background and interests, and the opportunities in the Washington, D.C. area.

In her letter of support, Dr. Trudi Bellardo Hahn, professor in the University of Maryland College of Information Studies, explains that Katie was a student in her online course, in the fall of 2010 and that she has since maintained a strong connection with Katie through the SLA student group at Maryland for which Katie has demonstrated enthusiastic leadership in forming and sustaining a subgroup at the Shady Grove campus.

She continues, “In that regard, Katie has accomplished an amazing agenda of visitors from NIST, the director of digital archives at the Smithsonian, and Nancy Faget, a federal librarian who maintains the Careers in Federal Libraries Yahoo group. What is truly remarkable about all this activity at Shady Grove is that it has never been done before – by students or faculty. The Shady Grove campus is just getting off the ground and Katie has been the linchpin in organizing events just for the students there, which has gone a long way to building a student community on that campus.”

According to Dr. Hahn, Katie’s early interest in special librarianship, particularly federal librarianship, is unusual. She observes that “usually our students know only about traditional academic, public, and school options, and have to be coaxed into considering special library/information center alternatives. Katie has gone out of her way to take advantage of networking opportunities with federal librarians and to research federal library jobs and internships.” Dr. Hahn has been impressed with Katie not only for being a flexible and highly motivated student, but also for her superior analytical skills and her ability to make connections, draw valid conclusions, and back them up with convincing evidence. “In the online environment she was a frequent contributor to discussions and she projected positive, warm people skills and supportive interactions with fellow students. It was truly a joy to have her in the course, since it can be extra difficult to create that kind of atmosphere and interaction in an online class.”

Katie is using her time wisely while in graduate school to prepare herself for her federal library career. In addition to core courses in information technology, structure of information, information users and access services, she is taking electives that should serve her well including knowledge management, information policy, and leadership issues for information professionals. She is also planning an independent study project this summer that will focus on how and why health sciences libraries such as the National Library of Medicine provide public outreach services.

Katie is busy making as many networking connections in federal libraries in order to learn about the various projects and services offered by them. This is helping her to understand the field and also helping refine her career interests. Through her various interactions, Katie says that she is beginning to feel connected to the profession. “I am gaining insight and contacts that enrich my MLS coursework, and hopefully will help me find a field study location and ultimately full time

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employment as a federal librarian.”

In her own words: I am excited and honored to be recognized for the Marks Scholarship. I entered library school at the University of Maryland knowing that I wanted to pursue a career in special libraries. The Washington, D.C. area is rich in amazing – and very special – special libraries, and many of these are federal libraries. I have been touring as many of these institutions as I can, viewing wonderful things ranging from the beautiful botanical watercolors at the National Agricultural Library to the first edition of Darwin’s On the Origin of Species at the National Library of Medicine. I have met dedicated and inspiring librarians at these and other federal libraries including the National Institute of Standards and Technology. I have a year of library school left and am looking forward to touring more federal libraries, meeting more of the very special librarians who work in them and selecting one for my field study next spring. I am currently a candidate for the executive board of the student ALA group at UMD and I hope to help the group bring in more speakers and organize more student tours at federal libraries in the area. I feel very fortunate to live in the D.C. area where I have many wonderful opportunities in federal libraries at my doorstep. I am honored to receive this award and I look forward with enthusiasm to my future career and contributions to the profession. Thank you.

An update from Katie: I served as president of the ALA student chapter at UMD my last year at the iSchool and organized a number of tours of federal libraries. I did a virtual field study for the Army Research Laboratory that directly resulted in an additional $187,000 to enhance their publication processes. I finished my MLS in May 2013 and I’m finally a federal librarian! I began working as a contract reference librarian at the NIST Research Library in September.

2013 Cicely Phippen Marks Scholarship Award
Recipient: Katherine M. Chan

FAFLRT is happy to announce Katherine (Katie) M. Chan of the University of Maryland, College of Information Studies is the 2013 recipient of the Cicely Phippen Marks scholarship. Katie is the seventh person to receive the Marks award and the second UMD-CIS student to receive this recognition.

Katie is currently a librarian assistant at the National Library of Medicine’s Disaster Information Management Research Center (DIMRC). She is pursuing her MLS with the goal of becoming a health science librarian in the federal government. After working for a year as a Health Research Analyst with a contracting company coordinating conferences, writing literature reviews, and analyzing surveys, she decided to pursue a career that was more oriented towards technology and working with people. That prompted her to set up a meeting with the librarians at the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) to learn more about the work of federal librarians. Observes Katie, “In addition to their regular duties, they research ways to improve library services, develop content for their web site, and support research scientists through the reference desk. Their innovative careers inspired me to pursue a career as a librarian.”

This past fall Katie was accepted into the UMD-MLS program; she has been working full-time and taking classes in order to set herself on the right path for a federal position. These classes

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have contributed to her career by enhancing her skill sets and enabling her to take on more responsibilities including web development. The position she currently hold at DIMRC is a contractor position. Some of her duties are reviewing and updating web page information and resources for disaster health topic pages. She is excited to take on additional responsibilities related to social media and adding content to the public health literature database.

According to Katie, “in the public health field, it is essential for professionals to keep current of the latest research and best practices to inform the public and professionals.” Her first in-depth exposure to the public health field was while pursuing her BS degree in Community Health from UMD. She found the material fascinating and thus excelled in her studies. Some of her accomplishments include being a School of Public Health Dean’s Scholar, on the University of Maryland Deans List, and being accepted into the Montgomery College Renaissance Scholars Program.

In addition, she conducted an independent research study on hookah smoking. Explains Katie, “at the time, there was not a substantial amount of research on students’ attitudes on hookah smoking, so I decided to focus my research on this area. The survey was web-based with more than 50 students questioned about their health beliefs and attitudes.” Through this experience, she realized the importance of information in the public health field and the critical role health science librarians play in access to that information.

Katie looks forward to supporting the public health field by becoming a librarian in the health sciences and ultimately becoming a health science librarian in the federal government. Says Katie, “the government supports many federal medical libraries including National Library of Medicine, Madigan Army Medical Center Medical Library, U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research Library Branch, and the Walter Reed Army Medical Center. After working in the public health field and meeting the librarians at NIST, I know that a health science librarian is the perfect career for me.”

Supporting Katie’s application was a strong letter of reference from Dr. Beth St. Jean, Assistant Professor at UMD-CLIS. Katie was a student in her “Users and Information Context” class during the fall 2012 semester. According to Dr. St. Jean, Katie “was an outstanding student and, in fact, she is one of the very best students I have ever had the privilege to work with. I was very impressed with Katie’s performance in all aspects of the class. She always made extremely insightful comments during class discussions and did a wonderful job presenting her work to the class. Her final project for the class – a paper proposing a study investigating the information behavior and needs of survivors of intimate partner violence – was phenomenal. Katie’s review of the existing literature was outstanding. Furthermore, she identified some important gaps in the literature which led her to propose some novel research questions. She also outlined a sound study design that would be appropriate for an investigation aiming to address her research questions.”

Dr. St. Jean adds that Katie would be an outstanding choice to receive the Federal Librarians Cicely Phippen Marks Scholarship given her career goals, knowledge and talents. Dr. St. Jean concludes her recommendation by stating that “Katie is an outstanding student who is extremely hard-working, intellectually curious, and creative, as well as a very caring person. She is very deserving of this scholarship and I have no doubt that Katie will continue to excel in her school work and go on to be highly successful in her future career endeavors.”

In her own words:
I would like to thank FAFLRT and ALA again for the generosity regarding the Cicely Phippen Marks Scholarship. I am currently a librarian assistant at the National Library of Medicine’s Disaster Information Management Research Center (DIMRC). I also serve on the executive board for our University of Maryland ALA student chapter. This semester I have been conducting my field study at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland. In addition, I have been collaborating with Professor Beth St. Jean to write an article on the diabetes’ experiences with dealing with death, learning from those

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Congratulations to the past two recipients of the Cicely Phippen Marks Scholarship. We look forward to welcoming you to the ranks of federal librarianship. We are certain Ms. Marks would be pleased to know that a fellow UMD students of such a high caliber have been selected to receive this scholarship.

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Lee C. Lipscomb, Catholic University of America, is Recipient of 2012 Adelaide Del Frate Conference Sponsorship Award

The Adelaide Del Frate Conference Sponsorship Award supports the attendance at an ALA annual meeting of a library school student who has an interest in Federal Librarianship. The $1,000 award was established 14 years ago in memory of Adelaide del Frate, distinguished federal librarian and active member of our Round Table. FAFLRT does not present a Del Frate conference sponsorship award every year. We are therefore very pleased to recognize Lee C. Lipscomb as the 2012 recipient.

Attorney Lee Lipscomb is currently a student in the School of Library and Information Science at The Catholic University of America and is on track to earn her MSLIS degree in September 2012. Lee aspires to use her J.D. to become a law librarian at a federal agency. So, attending the ALA annual conference is an especially timely opportunity to network with Federal librarians as she enters the job market.

Lee has contributed to federal libraries through internships at three different federal libraries: the Federal Judicial Center; the Department of Justice; and the Library of Congress. At the Library of Congress she performs legal research, designs displays, updates metadata for the Law Library metadata project, and conducts records management compliance reviews. At the Department of Justice, she updated online research guides and bibliographies in addition to legal research work. Lee’s internship at the Federal Judicial Center elicited a glowing reference from Librarian Deena Smith. Referring to her as “this amazing young woman,” Deena says that Lee stepped in to help the small library staff by bearing the lion’s share of technician duties, trained office assistants from another department to assist with library tasks, and independently identified a content management system that could potentially suit the needs of the organization. Deena adds, “by conducting a usability study of our current Web site for a class assignment, Lee is actually helping to shape and transform our Information Technology and Information Service strategy.” In short, Lee is the whole package and well suited to begin a career in federal librarianship – committed to excellence, academic credentials, employment experience, along with superior interpersonal skills.

For her part, Lee considers that federal libraries are the framework upon which all other libraries

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stand, a locus of innovation and cradle of collaboration for the library arena. She has found each of her intern experiences fascinating for many different reasons and treasured the experience for one overarching reason – the diversity of topics and tasks. According to Lee, “this diversity exists nowhere else in the library universe and I want to have access to that diversity, after I graduate and for the rest of my career. I want to be a public servant, to know that the service I give supports my fellow citizens.” She goes on to say, “The question asked of me is, “Why do I want to work in a federal library?” And my answer is, “Why would anyone not want to work in a federal library?”

Well said Lee! Congratulations, and thank you for the devoted service you have rendered thus far! We welcome you to the federal library community.

In her own words: I am extremely grateful for this award and it reinforces the importance of mentoring and the impact it has in the profession. I urge you to make mentoring a central part of your professional life, it improves the profession. Though the list of people shaping my library educational experience is extensive, I’d like to highlight the following exquisite examples of librarianship, scholarship, and management:

• Deena Smith, Librarian at the Federal Judicial Center, was the catalyst for my application submission. I appreciate her daily encouragement during my internship.

• Renate Chancellor, Catholic University of America MSLIS Professor in Law Librarianship, launched this entire journey by convincing me that my skills and talents make me especially fit for a career in law librarianship.

• Blane Dessy at FLICC/FedLink revealed the amazing possibilities that abound in federal libraries through the Federal Libraries Institute at Catholic University of America as I began my MSLIS program.

• Bob Dizard and Anchi Hoh at the Library of Congress exemplify excellence in library management while maintaining an atmosphere of camaraderie in the Office of the Librarian of Congress.

• Bridget Gilhool and Margaret Prater at Department of Justice are two of the most brilliant business and legal information researchers I have ever encountered. Thank you teaching me the art of synergistic networking.

To the many people along the way who inspired, exhorted, and admonished me, thank you! After graduation, I hope to participate in a law library community service project and then begin a career as a federal librarian. I anticipate a fulfilling and rewarding career with opportunities to grow and learn from other great mentors who will guide me in making my own contribution to librarianship. Most importantly, I will pay forward the excellent mentoring received to future librarians.

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2012 Rising Star: Caralyn Champa, Army Knowledge Leaders Program

The FAFLRT Rising Stars Initiative recognizes the achievements, activities and contributions of those new to federal or armed forces librarianship and government information management. By “new” we mean someone who graduated from an MLS/MLIS program within the last five years and/or has been a professional librarian or information manager for five years or fewer.

Rising Stars are those individuals who display a passion for the profession, both at work and via volunteer or association activities. In 2012, from among the universe of FAFLRT rising stars, one star was selected which was particularly bright. She is

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Caralyn Champa, of the U.S. Army Knowledge Leaders Program.

As an IT Specialist in the Army Knowledge Leaders (AKL) Program, Caralyn applies the library and information science skills she acquired through the MLIS degree that she earned from St. Catherine University in 2009. The AKL is an intensive 2 year experience of training and work rotations designed to develop leadership, business and technology competencies to support the Army Chief Information Officer mission. As part of the Program, Caralyn completes rotational assignments throughout Army and Department of Defense organizations. Since becoming an Army Civilian in August of 2010, she has performed AKL rotations with the Army CIO/G-6, Strategic Communications Office, and the Public Relations Office at the Army’s Network Enterprise Technology Command (NETCOM), and the Directorate of Corporate Information at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

According to the AKL Website, the Program seeks out “self-starters and lifelong learners with solid peer/mentor relationships and a commitment to public service.” As evidenced by the documentation furnished by Caralyn’s nominator, Aimee Babcock-Ellis, who incidentally was FAFLRT’s first Rising Star, Caralyn was custom-made for the Program. Some examples:

In May, 2011, she attended the LandWarNet Conference in Seoul, Korea and assisted conference staff with execution needs. Ms. Champa supported the Army’s Career Program 34 Director during her briefs in Korea and at Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter in Hawaii. In September 2011, she supported a Knowledge Management Foundations course for members of the 509th Signal Battalion in Vicenza, Italy. During the course, she presented a brief about Army Library Online Resources. Recently, Ms. Champa has pursued Information Technology training and certifications. She holds A+, Network+, Security +, ITIL Service Transition, and ECSA certifications.

Ms. Champa has been active in the FEDLINK NewFeds Working Group since its inception in 2011. The mission of this group is to support the development and advancement of early career professionals in federal and armed forces libraries and information environments. She currently serves as the group’s FEDLINK Liaison and is the co-chair of the Professional Development sub-committee. Ms. Champa works actively to building relationships and coordinate activities with other FEDLINK Working Groups. She is a natural collaborator, guiding efforts to build community among new librarians, and across the profession.

According to Ms. Babcock-Ellis, Caralyn Champa “stands out among her peers by her unique ability to motivate and inspire others. Her strong leadership, strategic thinking, and communication skills have been instrumental in helping to grow our new group. Caralyn Champa is a true Rising Star whose passion and abilities exemplify the caliber of FAFLRT members, and the spirit of this Round Table.”

Aimee, we couldn’t agree more! Congratulations, Caralyn, and all best wishes as you continue to reach for the stars.

In her own words: During my last semester of library school in Minnesota, I started searching for federal library positions. Understandably, the FAFLRT newsletter was one of my favorite sources for information. Reading the articles and the “Fabulous Feds” column gave me a sense of the wide range of opportunities available to federal librarians. In fact, hearing about the work done by Army librarians opened my mind to the possibility of working for the military. While attending a federal job fair I learned about the Army Knowledge Leaders Program (AKL), an Information Technology/Cybersecurity career internship. Thanks to the vision of the AKL Director (and former federal librarian), Ms. Jackie Rustigian and the former Army Librarian, Ms. Ann Parham, the AKL Program recruited librarians as Knowledge Management (KM) specialists. After a rigorous application and interview process, I was privileged to accept a position in the AKL Program. Since August 2010, I have been applying my library and information science

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(LIS) skills for the Department of the Army as an IT Specialist. Even though I do not bear the title “Librarian,” I feel a strong affinity to librarians as my cohorts. As such, I am deeply grateful to receive the 2012 FAFLRT Rising Star Award. It is an honor to be recognized by a group of intelligent, accomplished, and dedicated professionals. For that I must share my gratitude to many people.

It is important for me to recognize the faculty of St. Catherine University’s MLIS program for introducing me to the unique LIS ecosystem. I am indebted to the many federal librarians who took the time to engage in informational interviews with me during my job search. The Careers in Federal Libraries initiative, spearheaded by Ms. Nancy Fagot, helped me stay inspired and hopeful during the job search.

Ms. Fagot introduced me to other new federal librarians and the leaders of the Federal Library and Information Network (FEDLINK). Thanks to Mr. Blane Dessy and his colleagues at FEDLINK, a group of new federal library and information professionals had an opportunity and a platform to become the “NewFeds” Working Group. The Co-Chairs of this fledgling group, Ms. Jessica Hernandez and Ms. Aimee Babcock-Ellis, have shown vision and commitment in getting a new entity off the ground and attracting new members of this growing network.

My promise to all of you as I receive this award is to bring my best energy and brightest ideas to foster a thriving community of engaged information professionals working in federal and armed forces organizations. Thank you for the great honor of receiving this award.

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Sharon Lenius, SLA HALL OF FAME AWARD, 2012

Sharon Lenius, after a distinguished career spanning over 25 years, continues to be involved within the information profession and within SLA.

After receiving her master’s degree in Library Science from Indiana University – Bloomington, Sharon went to work for the Army Library Program, managing post libraries first in Germany and later working for several public library systems in the U.S. She came back to the Federal Government, serving as librarian for the Headquarters, National Guard. Through her work, she consistently challenged herself to keep up with the technology developments that coincided with the evolution of the profession. The breadth of her interests and involvement in professional activities mirrors her passion for knowledge and development of her skills. As a solo librarian, she honed skills in time management, problem-solving, perseverance, and the willingness and ability to do what it takes to get the job done.

As a member of SLA, there was no stopping Sharon as she honed her networking and programming skills at the grass roots level in various Divisions and Chapters. She has held a number of leadership positions over the years: in DC/SLA she chaired the Professional Development, Public Relations, and Membership Committees; she also took on the three-year commitment of Chair-elect, Chair, and Past Chair of the Military Libraries Division and later served as its Secretary. She played a prominent leadership role in the formation of SLA’s Government Information Division as a charter member. She is currently serving as Secretary. For her work in the formation of

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that Division, the Association presented her with its Member Achievement Award in 2007.

Sharon chaired the Local Arrangements Committee when the Association’s Centennial Annual Conference was held in Washington, DC, while working full-time. The event showcased her creativity, organizational skills, and her genius for arranging contributions from partners and volunteers. For her efforts as chair, Sharon was presented with the Chapter’s Board of Directors Award.

Sponsorship and partnership has long been invaluable to the Association and its components, and Sharon has a particular genius for developing and fostering relationships. She is currently handling sponsorships for the 56th annual Military Libraries Workshop, the Military Libraries Division’s major event of the association year. Through Sharon’s efforts, the Workshop is on its way to a rousing success on firm financial footing.

Sharon Lenius’ record attests to her passion for librarianship, her commitment to excellence, her belief in the value and power of community, her creativity and her capacity for hard work. For her passion, innovation, and love for her profession, we welcome Sharon to the SLA Hall of Fame.

Sharon Lenius – Remarks for Hall of Fame Award, Chicago, July 15, 2012

From here to there and back again…..yes that has a slightly familiar ring to it. Bilbo Baggins said something like that when he wrote about his chapter by chapter life adventures. And so I am here to say thank you to the organization known as SLA, the Special Libraries Association for important chapters in my life. A special thank you to the members who are good friends and colleagues.

Where did it all start ….this fascination with books and reading? I suppose I should say thank you to Sister Mary Cecelia who taught me to read and moved me up to the Red Bird Reading Group.

Then…. thank you to all the summer reading clubs I joined over the years. How many of you ever joined a summer reading group…….don’t be shy, raise your hands! This is where I thank a Librarian!

Next my understanding of libraries, at least Public Libraries comes from working as a Page, re-shelving books, “reading” shelves, etc. Progressing to “Clerk” status while in college brought more responsibilities and knowledge of what makes a good library work for the community it serves. How many of you ever worked in a high school library, local public library or info center …..I know you are out there. Smile at your neighbor!

These experiences became the basis of my perception of good and poor management. And when I attended Indiana University Library School ….lo, those many years ago, I had one class in Library Management. It was a good course, however, couldn’t cover everything.

Beyond Library School I was able to learn about good library management practices through SLA Professional Development courses at Annual Conferences and via local Chapter offerings. I am very fortunate to belong to the Military Libraries Division which holds an Annual Workshop where opportunities abound to learn about new processes, new practices and innovations. We get to meet the info providers in an exhibit that reflects the needs of information professionals. Thank you to this dynamic Division and the sponsors of the workshop for the info updates.

This 2012 SLA Annual Conference in Chicago will provide you with the opportunities you need to further your professional goals through the various seminars, programs, and the Info/Expo Show. Most importantly, the SLA Annual Conference gives all of us “face time” with our colleagues. Take advantage of the many social events, dance all night, sing your favorite songs, meet your friends at networking breakfasts and make new ones here in Chicago. Here is where I say again, “Thank you SLA!”
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Congratulations to the recipients of the 2012 FEDLINK awards for outstanding, innovative and sustained achievements during the fiscal year 2012!

2012 Federal Librarian of the Year

Joyce C. Greene, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, is recognized for promoting the full value of the resources of the Marshall Center Research Library and the capabilities of its professional staff while working behind the scenes to preserve the facility’s valuable resources. Through her visionary leadership and innovative solutions, Greene demonstrated her awareness of recent and emerging trends across the information profession, applying change-management principles to prepare the library for the future by creating foundational support for those changes today. Greene championed the development of a new Content Management Office, which has increased the center’s momentum toward organizational change, and developed a digital library and repository with six unique collections. To respond to the multilingual nature of the library and its bibliographic records requiring data in several languages, Greene spearheaded work on a future library delivery system. Through her work on this initiative in fiscal year 2012, she designed an evaluation process for library products, services, and systems, while overseeing testing of indexing and records processing, including those in Cyrillic. Her combined efforts have helped ensure that the library remains a capable and valued part of the Marshall Center.

2012 Federal Library Technician of the Year

Tiffany Hughey, U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern Library, Landstuhl, Germany, is recognized for improving the quality of life for her military community by supporting educational advancement, military reference and research, and leisure-needs activities. Hughey combines her efforts to provide high-quality customer service with expert technical competency to develop programming and training opportunities in an environment of reduced budget and staff. Hughey created an in-house sponsor program for new overseas staff and developed a series of trainings and guides for adult and teen library volunteers. Her enthusiastic reader-advisory services raised reserve requests by 40 percent and her work at a one of the branch libraries led to a demonstrable increase in circulation efforts. She also created a number of workflow processes to streamline resource and supply systems. She has seamlessly combined her professional technician skills with a thorough knowledge of Army policies and procedures, allowing her to improve programming and services in the garrison and in Army Europe Libraries.

Large Library/Information Center

Large Library/Information Center
(with a staff of 11 or more federal and/or contract employees):

Research Library, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, is recognized for its leadership role in initiating new data services (including sophisticated data-discovery tools) and its rapidly growing data-reference service. The library improved data discovery by releasing an enhanced library catalog, which includes metadata for datasets as well as traditional library materials. Staff also began offering data-reference assistance in addition to traditional reference services. This included locating specific data points in the datasets to match customer research needs. The library also initiated and launched an end-user intellectual property education campaign focused on data and information best practices.

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practices, using the library’s catalog to detail permitted and prohibited uses and citation requirements. The library also developed innovative tools in response to community needs and created a mobile site for staff access to research databases, e-journals, news and working papers on Internet-enabled devices including tablets and smartphones.

Small Library/Information Center
(with a staff of 10 or fewer federal and/or contract employees):

RAF Alconbury Base Library, 423d Force Support Squadron, U.S. Air Force, Huntingdon, England, is recognized for providing outstanding library services, collection development, space design, and innovative programming and budgeting. In support of the 38 education degrees offered by five accredited schools, the library vigorously promoted its electronic resources, College Level Exam Program (CLEP) testing materials, and Tutor.com program. The expansion of the graphic novel collection encouraged reluctant readers of all ages, while a vibrant collection of best-selling books, just-out-of-the-theater films, and the latest video games attracted patrons of all ages. Recognizing the importance of people far from home having a safe and welcoming place, the library creatively improved the design of its facilities. Not only were staff members able to rework the layout ergonomically, the redesign led to measurable increase in customer satisfaction for its 6,600-person base population. By pursuing alternative lease and purchase programs, the library reduced its acquisition costs to free up funds for both traditional services and community-building events.

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Congratulations to Barbara Lupei for receiving the NAVAIR Mentor of the Year Award. Barbara, Library Director of the Scientific and Technical Library of the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division at China Lake, California, was selected as Mentor of the Year for her commitment and far-reaching contributions to NAVAIR’s mentoring program through her leadership within the Scientific and Technical Library. Barbara exemplifies the true meaning of a mentor in her quest to provide meaningful advice and substantial opportunities for the professional development of fellow employees within the library. Her ability to offer career planning guidance for staff members is unparalleled and has resulted in an enhanced work environment. Her commitment to improving library services through mentorship, educational outreach, staff development, and leadership by example has made a tremendous impact on the vitality, perception, and future of library services at NAVAIR.

Awards and Recognition

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Mr. Beacher Wiggins, director for acquisitions and bibliographic access, Library of Congress, has received the 2013 Melvil Dewey Medal Award. The Dewey Medal is given by OCLC, Inc., to a library leader selected by the American Library Association to recognize recent creative achievement of a high order in the library profession. Beacher received the Dewey Medal on Sunday, June 30, at the ALA Awards Ceremony during the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. The official ALA press release is available at URL http://www.ala.org/news/press-releases/2013/03/beacher-je-wiggins-receives-2013-melvil-dewey-medal-award

The Dewey Medal is only one of the prestigious awards that Library of Congress staff received from ALA in 2013. Ms. Lavonda Broadnax of the Digital Reference Section, has received the Zora Neale Hurston Award from ALA’s Reference and User Services Association for leadership in promoting African American literature. Library of Congress recent retiree, Ms. Judy Kuhagen received the Margaret Mann Citation from ALCTS, the ALA Association for Library Collections and Technical Services, for outstanding professional achievement in cataloging and classification. Ms. Barbara Tillett, who retired last November as chief of the Library of Congress Policy and Standards Division, received the ALCTS Ross Atkinson Lifetime Achievement Award.

Congratulations to Ms. Jessica Hernandez, Program Analyst at the Office of Science and Engineering Laboratories (OSEL) in the Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) at the Food & Drug Administration (FDA), who was named a Library Journal Mover and Shaker for 2013. http://lj.libraryjournal.com/2013/03/people/movers-shakers-2013/jessica-hernandez-movers-shakers-2013-community-builders

Ms. Linda Eade, Yosemite National Park Research Librarian won the park’s highest honor in 2012, the Barry Hance Memorial Award. Linda has worked in the park since 1971. She is responsible for visitor and staff access to materials on park history, biology, botany, and geology. She started her career in Yosemite working for the park’s concessioner at the time, Yosemite Park & Curry Company, from 1971 to 1980. In 1980, Linda began working for the National Park Service (NPS) at the Yosemite Research Library. She is the Research Librarian and works under the Division of Interpretation and Education. She is responsible for visitor and staff access to materials on park history, biology, botany, geology, among other topics. The Yosemite Research Library contains approximately 10,000 books relevant to natural and human history, including many unique published personal accounts of trips to Yosemite from visitors from around the world.

“It touches my heart to have been selected to receive the Barry Hance Award and to be honored by all of my co-workers and friends. I was a personal friend of Barry’s and I know how great of a person he was,” said Linda after receiving her award.

The award is named in honor of Barry Hance, a long-term Facilities Management employee who died in an avalanche while plowing the Tioga Road in 1995. This award is given annually to employees who exemplify the qualities and attributes of Barry Hance. These include a positive attitude, a concern for fellow employees, a willingness to work with other divisions in the park, getting the job done, and a love for Yosemite National Park.

Nye Library at Fort Sill, Oklahoma is proud to announce that the winner of the Fort Sill Garrison Extra Miler of the Year for 2012 was Ms. Jill Manley, Library Technician. Jill’s dedication to Nye Library and the

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Fort Sill community did not go unnoticed. Jill is responsible for all events and marketing for a very busy library. She represents the library at many community events. Her summer reading program provides opportunities for children of all ages to enjoy crafts, stories, activities, and prizes for their reading efforts. With eight weeks of weekly events per age group and four events each week, Jill is very busy providing child friendly programs for summer reading. Her weekly story times and monthly puppet theater, book club, movie matinees and special events are appreciated by the military and their families year-round. Jill also assists patrons at the circulation desk, helps clean the building, and helps to rearrange shelves. Jill is the first to take on a project that will improve the library and its service to our patrons. Nye Library, the Community Recreation Division; the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreations Directorate; and the Fort Sill Garrison are proud to have Jill on their team.

On May 9th, Mr. Geoff Haskett, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Director for Alaska, presented ARLIS with the 2012 FWS Region 7 Regional Director’s Excellence Award for External Customer Service. FWS employees throughout Alaska viewed and participated in the ceremony via teleconference.


The ARLIS website is http://www.arlis.org.

Three federal employees work at ARLIS: Mr. Steven Johnson, Agency Librarian, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Mr. Ryan Nitz, Bureau of Land Management, and Ms. Sharon Prien, also of Bureau of Land Management. Fifteen other ARLIS library staff are employed by the Alaska Department of Fish & Game and the University of Alaska- Anchorage.

Library of Congress Staff Recognized for Contributions to Library

Three staff members were named recipients of the Marjorie and James Billington Staff Recognition Award for sustained and meaningful contributions to the Library of Congress.

Grant Harris played a key role in building and providing access to European collections at the Library of Congress.

The work of Shirley Loo allows current and future analysts to easily access the institutional knowledge of the Congressional Research Service.

Linda Stubbs effectively directed more than 60 specialists in acquiring and cataloging the masses of material streaming into the Library.

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The Marjorie and James Billington Staff Recognition Award, previously known as the Madisonian Award, was first given by the Madison Council in 2006 and continued in 2009 and 2011 with support by Madison Council member Marjorie Fisher. The award this year was renamed in honor of the Billingtons. The Madison Council is the first private-sector advisory body in Library history, serving as the institution’s primary link to the business community. Established in 1990, the council is comprised of prominent leaders who serve as advisers and ambassadors on the Library’s behalf.

color within the profession and to also explore how best to serve the incredibly diverse and changing communities that use our libraries.

As a “New Fed,” Deena was asked to share her perspective during the “Careers in Federal Libraries” discussion. Deena also participated in ALA’s Discovering Librarianship Field Recruiters inaugural class. Alongside a mix of academic, public, and special librarians dedicated to introducing our field to new audiences, Deena presented “Re-Branding Librarianship: Diversity Recruitment Practices from the Field”

Ms. Ayaba Logan, 2012 Librarian Fellow at the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory (USACIL) presented “Fresh Eyes: 2012 ALA Conference Highlights” on August 26, 2012 at the second annual NewFeds Virtual Conference Redux. She was a presenter of the session “Building a Virtual Library from Scratch” at the Joint Southeastern Library Association, Georgia Library Association, and the Council of Media Organizations conference in Macon, Georgia on October 5, and at the Digital Library Federation Forum in Denver, Colorado on November 5.


Mr. Eugene Dickerson, Team Leader for Cataloging at the Ralph J. Bunche Library, U.S. Department of State, has been elected to the Policy Committee of the Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC). Gene will be representing the CONSER program on the PCC Policy Committee. His three-year term begins on October 1, 2013. The Policy Committee is one of the PCC Governing Committees.

Federal Librarians in the Field

“New Feds” featured in Library Journal: http://lj.libraryjournal.com/2012/08/careers/new-feds-working-group-supports-librarians-in-government/. New Feds was created last year by new federal librarians Ms. Jessica Hernandez, FDA, and Ms. Aimee Babcock-Ellis, NIH, with the goal of providing support and training for federal librarians and information science workers with five years of experience or less.

Mr. Jason Alexander, Electronic Resources Librarian at the Combined Arms Research Library, spoke on “Social Media by the Rules.” The program, Traditional Marketing in Nontraditional Environments, was sponsored by the Special Libraries Association, Kansas/Western Missouri Chapter. The program was held December 11, 2012 at the Kansas City Public Library. Jason highlighted some basic rules for managing social media, and briefly discussed the challenges of a highly restrictive and over-managed environment –http://www.slideshare.net/JasonAlexander1/social-media-by-the-rules.

Ms. Deena Smith, Librarian at the Federal Judicial Center, participated in two panels at the 2012 Joint Conference of Librarians of Color in Kansas City, Missouri. JCLC exists to advance the issues affecting librarians of
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Ms. Emily C. Wild, Librarian (Physical Scientist), U.S. Geological Survey Denver Library, was elected to serve a three-year term as Vice President, President, and Past-President of the Geoscience Information Society (http://www.geoinfo.org/), which started at the Geological Society of America (http://www.geosociety.org/) annual meeting, October 2013 in Denver, Colorado. Emily hopes the three-year term on the Geoscience Information Society Executive Board will increase awareness of science information available from the United States Government.

Air Warfare Center Weapons Division at China Lake, California, in February 2013. He earned his Master of Library and Information Science from San Jose State University. His prior position was with a non-profit research library in Emeryville, California, providing detailed scientific research assistance. Additionally, Jeff has provided research assistance while employed at two separate public universities in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Mr. Jerry Meyer, the Director of the Edward Rhodes Stitt Library at the National Naval Medical Center from 1972 to 2011, retired in June 2012.

The Department of Defense Education Activity [DoDEA] would like to welcome Mr. Dean Dibling as the new coordinator of DoD stateside school library information center programs. He will manage library programs for the 64 Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools [DDESS] located in seven states, Cuba, Guam, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

Mr. Dibling received his Master’s and Educational Specialist degrees in Library and Information Science at the University of South Carolina and is currently pursuing doctoral study in Management of Information Systems Technology. He is a nine-year veteran of the U.S. Army.

DoDEA operates 196 schools for dependents of U.S. military service men and women. In addition to the DDESS schools, DoDEA manages schools in twelve countries within the European and Asia/Pacific regions.

Staff Changes

Ms. Bobbie Carr began as the new Director of Fort Lee Community Library, Fort Lee, Virginia. Ms. Carr has had a long career as a federal librarian, most recently as Library Director of the U.S. Army Garrison Library in Mannheim, Germany.

MS. ANNE CROZIER, Library Director at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, retired on June 30 2012. During her federal career, Anne was the Library Chief at the Washington D.C., VA Medical Center, the Walter Reed Medical Library, and Library Director at the Darnall Biomedical Learning Resource Center once Walter Reed merged with the National Naval Medical Center to become the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.

Left to Right: Commander Jason Higginson; Colonel Gregory Argyros; Anne Crozier; Colonel Brian Belson; Colonel Michael Nelson; Colonel Clifton Yu.

Mr. Wilfred (Bill) Drew began as a Technical Librarian in May 2012 as a contractor with Croop-Lafrance at the U.S. Air Force Research Labs in Rome, New York. He was formerly employed as the Librarian for Electronic

Jeff Schiller, Reference Librarian, joined the staff of the Scientific and Technical Library of the Naval

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Ms. Jane Killian has been selected to initiate standing up the Forensic Science Library at the United States Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory in Atlanta, GA. USACIL provides full forensic support to all DoD entities worldwide, including training and research.

The Air Force Library Program reports the following personnel changes: Mr. Fred Rascoe left Arnold AFB Library on August 10, 2012 to take a new position as “Scholarly Communications” Librarian at Georgia Tech Library and Ms. Linda Love has taken his place temporarily at Arnold Library. Ms. Marcia Lee, formerly Library Director, at Eielson AFB Library, Fairbanks, Alaska moved to Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, Alaska. Mr. Chad Harding, Library Director, at RAF Mildenhall, England moved to RAF Lakenheath, England. Mr. Trevor Schaben, Librarian at Vogelweh AFB, Germany moved to Ramstein AFB Library in Germany. Ms. Heather O’Daniel is the new Library Manager at Kirtland AFRL. Ms. Emily Livingston, AFIT Cataloger, Wright-Patterson Library, has retired. Kim Jung-Ae, Librarian, moved from Kunsan AFB to Osan AFB in Korea. Ms. Kathleen Baumwart, Director, Yokota Library, Japan retired. Mr. Samuel Richards Library Director at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma moved to the Director position at Yokota AFB, Japan. Ms. Barbara tenBroeck, Reference Librarian, from Wright-Patterson Base Library took a new position at Thomas Lee Hall Library, Fort Jackson, South Carolina Post Library. Ms. Sharon Amann, Librarian, moved from Lackland AFB, Texas to Mildenhall AFB, England. Mr. Jim Mainord, Librarian, moved from Lackland AFB Library to Library Director, 453 Electronic Warfare Squadron Technical Library at Lackland AFB.

Ms. Trudie Root has been selected as Department of Army Librarian stepping into the shoes of the recently retired Ms. Ann Parham.

New Navy General Library staff include: Ms. Erica Stiner, Library Director, Commander Fleet Activities (CFA) Yokosuka, Japan; Ms. Karen Ann Davidson, Library Director, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (NAS JRB) New Orleans; Ms. Melissa Holekamp, Library Director, NAS Meridien, Mississippi; Ms. “Francie” North, Library Director, Navy Base Guam and Ms. Andrea Lazarus, Administrative Librarian at Chinhae Navy Base, Korea.

Nimitz Library at the United States Naval Academy has two new staff members: Mr. David Dudek, formerly director of Access Services at Washington College, is now head of Access Services at Nimitz Library and Ms. Brianna Buljung, formerly a reference librarian at National Defense University, is now the Engineering Reference Librarian at Nimitz Library.

Ms. Patricia Patterson has announced her retirement from Nimitz Library at the United States Naval Academy effective January 11, 2014. Ms. Patterson joined Nimitz Library as a part-time reference librarian in 1984 help the positions as head of reference 1992-2007 and associate director 2007 until her retirement. She served as interim library director in 2010-11. Prior to her service at Nimitz Library, Ms. Patterson was in federal service as a librarian at the National Library of Medicine in various capacities 1978-82. She received the Department of the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award in 2008. Her enthusiastic service to Nimitz Library is greatly appreciated and she will be sorely missed.

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Ms. Joan B. Blaylock became Chief Librarian at the Ft. Huachuca Military Intelligence Library in January 2013. For the past couple of years, while working as a county law librarian in Florida, she was also working on her Certification as a Public Library Administrator (CPLA) through the ALA-APA, which she received in December.

Ms. Suzanne Shell, Library Director Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, North Carolina, retired on January 3, 2013 with 33 years of federal service.

Mr. Wayne J. Rowe, Chief, Reference Branch, Naval War College Library from 2004 to 2012, retired in December. Mr. Rowe was also a retired Navy Commander who came to the War College in 1999. He also co-taught the Civil War elective for several years.

Ms. Alice K. Juda, Reference Librarian, Naval War College Library, retired in December 2012 with nearly 25 years of federal service. Alice’s distinguished career was highlighted in 2009 when she won the 2009 Carnegie Corporation of New York/The New York Times/American Library Association "I Love My Librarian" award.

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Ms. Gina Brown is now Chief of Reference, and Ms. Julie Zecher and Ms. Andrea Groce are newly hired Reference Librarians.

Ms. Dana K. Johnson came on board as a contract librarian in October 2012 for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Wilmington, NC. This Technical Library at the District Office houses engineering and Corps of Engineers related project and information items.

Ms. Virginia Sanchez began a new position as a Reference Librarian in the Scientific and Technical Library of the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division at China Lake, California. She was honored in 2010 as one of Library Journal’s Movers & Shakers for her efforts to battle illiteracy. She recently re-enlisted in the Navy Reserves where she has served for 14 years and holds the rank of Chief Petty Officer.

Ms. Jill Lynch is the new Special Projects Librarian at the Pentagon Library. Previously, she was the Special Collections Librarian at the Air Force Research Laboratory at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. Jill was recently awarded with a certificate for 10 years of federal service.

Mr. Trent Reynolds began as Library Director for the 39 Force Support Squadron Base Library at Incirlik Air Base in Turkey.

Dr. Gail Nicula retired as the Chief of the Joint Forces Staff College Library Division in January 2013. She is now an adjunct assistant professor in the College of Business and Public Administration at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia.

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Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland started the New Year with a change in Librarians. Mr. Nathaniel Laubner, the supervisory librarian at JBSA-Lackland was formerly the manager of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Library, Dayton, Ohio.

By the summer of 2013, the Joint Base San Antonio Libraries of Lackland and Randolph will join Fort Sam Houston as part of the General Library Information System (GLIS). With many joint bases sharing a common fence line, the JBAS Libraries are working toward providing unified access to knowledge and information across the San Antonio area. Although the libraries may be separated by many miles, they are creating a fenceless community that will carry Air Force libraries and the global military mission into the 21st century.

Ms. Pamela Tripp-Melby has been named the Director of the National Library of Education at the National Center for Education Evaluation. She will oversee the strategic direction of the library, which provides commercial electronic and print research collections and services to the department, and the Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC), a digital library of education research and information. As Director of the NLE, Pamela is committed to making the library's resources and those in ERIC form a cohesive source for research support. She looks forward to working with the departmental program offices to better understand how the library can provide timely, targeted information to support their work and to working with other federal librarians to preserve and disseminate government information.

Before joining the Department of Education, Pamela was Division Chief for Information Services Division at the International Monetary Fund. In that capacity she managed the Joint Bank Fund Library and the delivery of commercial electronic data and information to the World Bank and the IMF, as well as being responsible for the IMF’s archives and records management program. Her work included information architecture and information management policy, which focused on how the IMF presents its internal information and knowledge to improve staff ability to find and use it.

Previous to the IMF, Pamela managed special libraries at the World Bank and at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Paris, France. These libraries provided information to international staff focused on economic and social development research and programs. Pamela began her library career as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Philippines and then served as a headquarters librarian at Peace Corps/ACTION in Washington, D.C.

Pamela holds a M.S. in library science from Columbia University and a B.A. in political science from Tufts University.

Mr. Richard Huffine left the U.S. Geological Survey on April 26, 2013. He joined the U.S. Geological Survey in 2007 as the National Library Coordinator and was selected as the Library Director during a 2010 realignment of Survey Mission Areas and Regions. Richard had the unique opportunity to lead between the two worlds that libraries find themselves in today: partially dedicated to deep, extensive physical collections in specific disciplines and partially to virtual services connecting researchers to the world of information available in digital form today. He began by defining a digital library plan that embraced the clear value of library collections and positioned USGS Libraries to provide critical services to its researchers in the digital world.

Under his leadership, USGS expanded access to both the historical literature that the USGS produced and to the broader research of the earth and natural science research communities. Richard led the expansion of digitization efforts of USGS research products including over 80% of USGS Publications available online in their Publications Warehouse. The USGS Digital Desktop Library supports every employee at the USGS today with access to over 1,000 scientific and technical journals, thousands of e-books, reference works, and several

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major databases. He coordinated an expansion of access through cooperative purchases with Science Centers and supported a USGS role in the Biodiversity Heritage Library.

Over the past year, Richard led a thoughtful and intentional consolidation of library holdings that will further ensure that the balance between the physical world and a digital future is appropriate to meet the evolving mission of the USGS.

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**Ms. Bonnie Dong** retired after 27 years of federal service from the Supervisory Librarian position at Sgt Yano Library, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, a position she has held since February 2006. She started as a DA Librarian Intern in 1995. Upon completion of the program she became the Reference Librarian and from 2001 to 2005 she served as the Technical Services Librarian. Bonnie enjoys travelling and will continue to do so after retirement. She looks forward to spending more time with her daughter in Minnesota.

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**Ms. Donna Sviantek** retired after 32 years of government service, which include 3 years active duty. She has worked for Army libraries since 1992. Her most recent position was Supervisory Librarian, Fort Shafter Library, Hawaii. She also had the opportunity to work in Wiesbaden and Mannheim Germany. She will be moving back home to Ohio to spend time with her mother, brother, and sister.

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The Department of State Ralph Bunche Library is pleased to welcome **Ms. Bridget Burns** to the staff. She started March 25, 2013 as the new Serials Librarian. Bridget is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame. She obtained her Masters in Library Science from the University of Maryland in 2007.

From 2002-2012, Bridget was a contract librarian at the NASA Goddard Library working in acquisitions, collections, and outreach. At Goddard, Bridget experimented with various approaches to providing ebooks to users, from a Patron Driven Acquisition ebook pilot to implementing a Safari enterprise licensing initiative, token, and package purchasing. She has also championed other innovative solutions to provide access to information resources. She evaluated and implemented an Electronic Resource Management System and chaired a unified discovery service (Summon) pilot. She’s been involved in two major website redesigns doing everything from usability studies to taxonomy work to content creation.

She served as the co-lead of the NASA Digital Library virtual reference service. Bridget spent the past year as the Electronic Resources Acquisitions Librarian at Johns Hopkins University, Sheridan Libraries where she coordinated the management of electronic resources (serials, ebooks, databases, etc.) subscriptions (70% of materials budget), consortia licenses, and resolution of user access problems in collaboration with peers at other campus libraries. She was a member of the Collection Management Council, the Public User Interface committee, and the Ebooks committee.

Bridget served as the ASIST (American Society for Information Science and Technology) Representative to the Federal Library and Information Center Committee 2007 - 2010 and on the Springer Government Library Advisory Board in 2009 and 2010. In 2011, she and her Marketing &

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Outreach Team colleagues at the Goddard Library wrote a book chapter about their experiences, “Community Outreach at the Goddard Space Flight Center Library” in Marketing Your Library: Tips and Tools That Work. In March 2012 Bridget spoke on a panel at the Computers In Libraries conference. The panel discussed how libraries can improve outreach to patrons through innovative services and programs.

**Ms. Linda Schweizer** received a promotion as a Reference Team Leader for the Information Services Branch at the U.S. Department of State Ralph J. Bunche Library in spring of 2013. Linda began her federal employment with the Department of Justice in 1995 working for the Tax Division. She also worked for the Antitrust Division at DOJ from 2003-2005. She began her employment as a Reference Librarian with the Department of State in 2005.

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**Ms. Misa Whiteford**, formerly Library Director at Patrick Henry Village Army Library in Heidelberg, Germany, began her position as Acquisitions and Deployment Support Librarian at the HQ IMCOM G9 Army Library Program in San Antonio, TX in March 2013. She replaced Mr. Steve Brown who left in December 2013 to be the Director, Air Force Library Service Center, Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

Maxwell AFB-Gunter Annex Community Library welcomes **Ms. Shundalynn Hall** as a new Library Technician who has proved to be a great addition to the staff. She is a 2012 graduate from Troy University, Troy, Alabama. She has a B.S. degree in Broadcast Journalism with a minor in Graphic Design. She began working at the Autauga-Prattville Public Library in Prattville, Alabama in March 2004 and started working at Maxwell AFB-Gunter Annex Community Library in April of 2013. Her hobbies include cooking, painting, walking her Maltese, Snow, and of course, reading. Shundalynn planned the Amazing Race event that took place at Maxwell AFB Community Library on Wednesday, June 26, 2013 and has been very active with the implementation of other library programs.

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**Ms. Heidi Kim Van Atta** recently joined the Mickelsen Community Library at Fort Bliss, Texas as a Library Technician. She previously worked as an Adjunct Librarian at SUNY Rockland Community College in Suffern, New York.

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**Mr. Anthony Smith**, Director, Projects and Systems, began his new position at the **U.S. Government Printing Office** in April 2013. Formerly Mr. Smith was a Senior Program Officer for the National Leadership Grant Program at the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Mr. Smith also has served in positions at the University of Miami and the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. He has an M.S. in Information Science from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville.

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**Ms. Linda Resler**, formerly Manager, Library Technical Services Support, U.S. Government Printing Office retired June 1, 2013 after twenty-five years of service with the federal government. She had four years of service in the Army, ten years of service in DoD libraries and eleven years with GPO. Linda managed the team that services the Catalog of Government Publications (CGP) and keeps it running smoothly. LSCM fellow employees who wish her well filled her retirement party. Post-retirement, she plans to spend more time outdoors and with her family.

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**Ms. Karen Krugman** began in August as the new Director of the Commerce Research Library at the U.S. Department of Commerce Headquarters in Washington, DC. Her previous position was Chief,
Ms. Beatrice Nichols, formerly of the Carl R Darnall Army Medical Center, Ft. Hood Texas is now library director at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center (LRMC), Landstuhl, Germany. Beatrice fills the vacancy left by Ms. Cornelia Camerer, who guided LRMC Medical Library to be designated FLIC Best Small Library, 2007. Ms. Camerer is now the Chief of Library Services at the North Florida /South Florida Veteran’s Health System in Gainesville, FL.

Ms. Maureen Humphrey-Shelton, AHIP, formerly of the Franzanello Aerospace Medical Library, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, is now Library Director at the Robley Rex VA Medical Center in Louisville, Kentucky. Ms. Humphrey was recently selected Chair-Elect/Program Planner for the Medical Library Association’s Federal Libraries Section.

Ms. Adria P. Olmi is the new Librarian at The Soldier Support Institute Library, Fort Jackson SC.

Ms. Melinda Mosley left the U.S. Air Force library program in San Antonio in December 2012 for a new position at the U.S. Military Academy Library. As an administrative librarian at USMA, she is working with budgeting and financial matters, facility management, program assessment and other projects.

The U.S. Military Academy Library announces that Ms. Karen Shea and Mr. Darrel Hankins were recently promoted to fill vacancies in the Information Gateway Division. Both were recruited in 2011 and 2012 respectively to fill GS-9 positions in the Access Services Division as circulation librarians, doubling as reference librarians. Now newly minted GS-11 reference librarians, they have been warmly welcomed by their colleagues in their new division. Karen is the liaison librarian with the Department of Mathematics and Darrell works with the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Leadership.

Mr. Thomas Lynch was recently recruited to fill yet another reference librarian vacancy at the U.S. Military Academy Library in the Information Gateway Division. When Thomas was in the area recently, he stopped by the library to meet with the staff where he left a very good impression. Thomas’ prior federal positions were at the Library of the Marine Corps - Marine Corps University in Quantico, VA, and the Marshall Center Research Library in Garmisch, Germany. He is currently employed at the Smithsonian Institution in the position of Technical Information Specialist in the History and Culture Department, Readers Services Division, of the Smithsonian Institution Libraries where he provides collections management support services to the Museum Support Center Library, the National Museum of the American Indian Library, and other departmental libraries. Thomas joins the library staff in the Fall of 2013.

Mr. Alan Aimeone retired in June 2013 after 45 years on the staff of the U.S. Military Academy Library. He joked that when he began his career he was the youngest librarian on staff and by the time he retired, he was the oldest. Alan was from Chicago, and during his long career he was Head of Reference, later worked in Special Collections & Archives before resuming as a reference and liaison librarian for the Department of History with the library’s Information Gateway Division. Widely considered an expert on local history, Alan published numerous historic articles during his years at the library. As an expert on West Point lore, he was interviewed by David Lipsky, the author of Absolutely American: Four Years at West Point, who credited Alan in his acknowledgments. Alan and his wife retired to Las Vegas where he runs an appraisal business.

Mr. Paul Nergelovic retired in July 2013 after 30 years on the staff of the U.S. Military Academy Library. He worked as the library’s Government Documents Librarian, at which work he

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exelled. An outstanding researcher, Paul was sought out by faculty for his expertise, especially by his liaison departments, Social Sciences and Law. Given his mastery of the esoteric world of government documents, Paul left big boots to fill in the Information Gateway Division. Paul hails from and currently resides in New Windsor, New York, where he followed his father into a federal career at West Point. Paul hopes to travel far and wide in retirement.

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**Mr. R. Lee Hadden**, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Army Geospatial Center, Alexandria, Virginia will be retiring at the end of this month after 27 years as a federal librarian, and after another six years of non-federal librarianship. Mr. Hadden has worked in most different types of libraries: corporate libraries; college centers; public libraries; medical libraries and specialized research libraries in the physical sciences, engineering and even in a museum library of natural history.
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Eleanor served as NAL’s Deputy Director from 2000 until her retirement in December 2011, a tenure that also included two separate stints as the library’s Acting Director. She was a passionate and vocal advocate for libraries and librarianship.

That enduring passion drove Eleanor to work beyond the walls of NAL across the federal and international library communities. Her professional contributions and career were acknowledged when she was named the 2010 Federal Librarian of the Year.

-- Cynthia Shipley

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**Saturday, June 28**
In the ALA Placement Office, time TBD: Joint Careers in Federal Libraries program on using social media

**Sunday, June 29**
8:30-10:00 Innovative Talent Management Practices in FederalLibraries:Responding to the Challenges of Recruitment, Retention, and Succession
10:30-11:30 Leveraging Librarian Expertise in Customer Resource Management
12:00-1:00 FAFLRT awards reception
1:00-2:30 Rebranding Yourself for a Career Change/Transition into Information Services, with Wendy Nolin
3:00-4:00 FAFLRT membership meeting
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