

First joint city/university library opens its doors

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, the first of its kind in the nation to be jointly funded, managed, and operated by a metropolitan city and major university, opened its doors in August. The library, a collaboration between the City of San Jose and San Jose State University (SJSU), serves more than 30,000 students, faculty, and staff of SJSU, in addition to more than 918,800 residents of San Jose. The eight-story, 475,000-square-foot facility holds a collection of 1.3 million volumes, with room to grow to 2 million volumes. The idea for the new Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library was announced in 1997, with construction beginning in 2000. The increased access to information is expected to have a positive impact on the community, education, and Silicon Valley innovation.

SPARC announces Open Access Newsletter

The *Free Online Scholarship (FOS) Newsletter*, dormant since September 2002, is back in production as the monthly *SPARC Open Access Newsletter* (SOAN). The newsletter will continue to be written by Peter Suber and will offer news and analysis of the open-access movement, the worldwide effort to disseminate scientific and scholarly research literature online, free of charge, and free of unnecessary licensing restrictions. In addition, the FOS Forum has become the SPARC Open Access Forum.

All subscribers to the FOS newsletter and forum have automatically been subscribed to the new SPARC editions. If you are not already a subscriber, instructions on how to receive the newsletter and join the forum are available online at www.arl.org/sparc/soa/index.html.

ASERL launches shared chat reference service

The Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL) has officially launched the first phase of its cooperative virtual reference service, linking users to staff at ten ASERL libraries. When the complete system goes live in January 2004, it will be the first Web-based reference service supported by research library staff across a region of the country.

The cooperative virtual reference system will allow patrons to use chat software to get reference help from research library experts seven days a week, 12 hours a day, with service hours added if there is demand. The system will use OCLC's QuestionPoint software.

C&RL News seeks cartoonist

C&RL News is looking for a creative cartoonist to provide humorous drawings on academic librarianship and other higher education issues. Cartoons run each month in this column ("News from the Field") and are occasionally used to illustrate longer articles. This volunteer position is shared with another cartoonist, with individuals' cartoons running in five to six issues per year.

If you'd like to have your cartoons spotlighted in *C&RL News*, please send samples (e-mail attachments or URLs are fine) to: Stephanie Orphan, Editor, *C&RL News*, 50 E. Huron, Chicago, IL 60611; e-mail: sorphan@ala.org.



Haworth Press introduces electronic access for all journals

The Haworth Press, Inc. announced a new service, E-Haworth, making all Haworth academic and professional journals available electronically. E-Haworth is available to all libraries with print subscriptions free of charge, providing site-wide online access to Haworth journals, with no restrictions on the number of users for either a specific issue or a specific journal title. A single academic library subscription will now serve multiple campus libraries, multiple on- and off-campus programs, faculty at home or in the office, and distance learning programs. Functionality includes 24/7 access; IP authentication; easy downloading, bookmarking, and searching of articles; and archival access in many instances.

Johns Hopkins restores water-damaged books

Johns Hopkins University has contracted with Document Reprocessors of Middlesex, New York, the firm that helped dry out and restore books recovered from the Titanic, to rescue and restore between 6,000 and 8,000 books that were



2002–2003 ACRL President Helen H. Spalding (left) signed a cross-border agreement, on behalf of ACRL, with Jane Phillips (right), on behalf of the Canadian Association of College and University Libraries (CACUL), during the joint ALA/CLA Annual Conference. The agreement reaffirms a mutual commitment between ACRL and CACUL to promote international activities among academic and research librarians and educators. ACRL is signing a similar agreement with the National Council of Higher Education Libraries in Mexico and looks forward to working with both organizations.

Members-only content now available on ACRL Web site

Beginning this month, ACRL will be offering additional members-only content on its Web site. Previously, Board documents and the ACRL Environmental Scan were available to members through the site.

In June, the Board of Directors approved making a number of additional items available online to ACRL members only. These include:

- complete contents of *C&RL News* and *C&RL* (partial contents of *C&RL News* will continue to be freely available to the public),
- conference papers, white papers, and other documents that are also available for purchase in another format,
- governance-related documents, such as the *ACRL Guide to Policies and Procedures*, and
- proprietary research documents (such as the Environmental Scan).

In addition, the ACRL Leadership Directory will be made available online to ALA and ACRL members only. Implementation of new members-only content begins in September 2003.

Full-text of *C&RL News* online for members

Moving forward from the September issue, the entire contents of *C&RL News* will be available online for members only. Standard items, such as "Internet Resources," the scholarly communication series, and articles on the president's theme and ACRL initiatives, will continue to be offered online to the public at large.

Make the most of members-only content

To access members-only content anywhere on the ALA Web site, members must log in using their membership ID number and password.

If you do not know your ID and/or password, go to the ALA Online Customer Service Center (<https://cs.ala.org/ScriptContent/Index.cfm>) and click on the "e-mail my password" link to submit your e-mail address. You will then receive an e-mail providing you with your login and password.

damaged in the George Peabody Library when an air conditioning unit drain pipe backed up, causing water to leak in the library stacks. The historic library, described as a "cathedral of books," has been closed since June 2002 for renovations. The leak occurred sometime during the first weekend in August 2003. Document Reprocessors is assisting staff by providing a freezer truck and crew of workers on site to box up affected books. Items will be freeze dried to remove the water at the company's headquarters and leather bindings will be additionally treated to prevent warping.

The Peabody Library is scheduled to reopen in early 2004.

CHOICE offers compilation of Outstanding Academic Titles

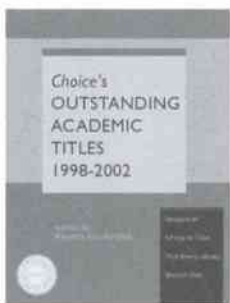
CHOICE's Outstanding Academic Titles, 1998-2002: Reviews of Scholarly Titles that Every Library Should Own, edited by Rebecca A. Bartlett, is now available from ACRL. This five-year compilation is an essential resource for all librarians and faculty involved with collection development. *Outstanding Academic Titles* includes the best in scholarly titles reviewed by CHOICE; the titles included are distinguished for their excellence in scholarship, relevance, and originality.

Previously named *Outstanding Academic Books*, the new name reflects an increase in review of electronic products and Internet sites.

For more information, or to order a copy of this and other ACRL titles, go to www.acrl.org and select "Publications Catalog" from the Quicklinks drop-down menu.

ALCTS metadata task force report available

The ALCTS Metadata Enrichment Task Force (METF) has made available the final draft of a report by Marcia Bates, "Improving User Access to Library Catalog and Portal Information." The report is available online at lcweb.loc.gov/catdir/bibcontrol/actionplan.html. The document comprises a state-of-the-art review and recommendations regarding section 2.3 of the Library of Congress Bicentennial Action Plan. Recommendations include the development of a clustered



Participate in the ACRL strategic planning process

ACRL is in the process of developing a new strategic plan, which will guide the association for the next five to ten years. Member input is crucial to the development of this plan.

Building on focus groups held at the ACRL National Conference and leadership sessions held at ALA Annual Conference, the next step in ACRL's strategic planning process is an online survey of the membership. ACRL encourages members to participate in the strategic planning process by taking this online survey.

The survey will be accessible through the ACRL Web site (www.acrl.org) from September 15 to September 22, 2003. You will need your ALA membership number and password to access this members-only survey. Details will be e-mailed to all ACRL members.

vocabulary approach to melding natural language terms used by searchers with the many controlled vocabularies assigned to the works they are searching for. The report also provides an extensive review and bibliography that spotlights issues and research in the field of information seeking behavior. METF welcomes public comment on the report, which can be e-mailed to: 2_3@worktools.si.umich.edu.

College of DuPage hosts Russian librarians

The College of DuPage (COD), in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, was host to five professional librarians from Russia for a week in May. The librarians were part of a larger delegation of Russian information specialists that came to the United States as part of the Open World Program, sponsored by the Center for Russian Leadership Development at the Library of Congress. The COD group learned about the day-to-day operations and frustrations at a large suburban community college library and conferred with staff of the DuPage Library System (DLS) about the roles and services of a state regional library system.

COD was hosting the Third Congress on Professional Education (COPE III) during the Russians' visit, so they were able to sit in on some of the sessions, which focused on education, ad-

vancement, responsibilities, and compensation. The Russian librarians remarked that they were impressed by the large role of computerization and automation in United States libraries and the fact that our libraries are so patron-oriented. They also commented that they experience problems similar to those in the United States regarding the popular image of librarians.

Endeavor announces course content integrator

Endeavor Information Systems has developed the Course Content Integrator (CCI) to complement its ENCompass digital library system. The CCI is available for use with the Blackboard Learning System 6.0 Enterprise Edition and the WebCT VistaSystem. The product enables course creators to easily integrate the libraries' quality resources into their course management system. Endeavor will ensure content is available for long lengths of time, reducing the probability of broken links. Libraries will benefit from increased use of their investment in electronic database content and the increased recognition of the role the library plays in the daily education of the student, while institutions benefit from being able to further leverage their investment in course management systems.

Project Muse offers flex-plan

Project Muse, an online collection of scholarly journals in the humanities, social sciences, and the arts, has announced its new Flex-Plan Subscription Option for consortia. Starting with 2004 subscriptions, library consortia will be able to design and tailor Muse collections to best meet their needs and budgets. This alternative to the current pre-packaged collections offers consortia the ability to customize their journal collections. All libraries within a consortium will have access to the same custom collection. Although the Flex-Plan is designed to offer more flexibility and options, those consortia whose members subscribe to pre-packaged collections through the Consortium Volume Discount Plan will receive deeper discounts. Individual libraries will retain the ability to upgrade their subscription to the Muse Full Database collection outside of the consortium arrangement, if desired.

MIT and Rice Univ. join Digital Library Federation

The Digital Library Federation (DLF) has announced that two new strategic partners, the Mas-

sachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Rice University, have joined the organization. DLF is a relatively small and fast-moving consortium of active academic digital libraries. The addition of the expertise of Rice and MIT is expected to "enrich our understanding of the use of digital library resources in research and teaching, and will accelerate our engagement with institutional repositories, courseware systems, and digital preservation," said DLF director, David Seaman. DLF, founded in 1995, is a partnership organization of academic libraries and related organizations that are pioneering the use of electronic-information technologies.

Ingeta launches library usage statistics

Ingeta, Inc., an active member in Counting Online Usage of Networked Electronic Resources (COUNTER) has launched its library usage statistic solutions, providing patron usage data from ingeta.com and ingetaselect.com to the 14,500 libraries currently registered on the sites. The services will allow library administrators to further analyze the usage behavior of their patrons online. The new statistics are compliant with the COUNTER code of conduct and are aligned with its goal of ensuring consistent measurement of usage statistic within the online information industry. ■

Don't forget the Forum

ACRL Forum is an open, unmoderated discussion list for issues pertinent to ACRL, academic and research librarianship, and higher education. The list provides a great opportunity to share your insight into the world of academic and research libraries and librarians, keep abreast of the big issues, and network with colleagues.

Share ideas, stay informed

There's a lot going on in the academic and research library community and many important issues to discuss. Why not discuss them on ACRL Forum?

If you haven't already subscribed to ACRL Forum, send an e-mail to listproc@ala.org with the message: Subscribe ACRL-FRM FirstName LastName.

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