

### **2006 NCES Academic Library Survey to launch in November**

Every two years the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) collects basic statistical data from college and university libraries. Web-based data collection for the 2006 Academic Library Survey (ALS) will begin this fall. In October, each academic library director will receive a letter containing a registration certificate that shows a user ID and password for the library; interactive forms will be available on the NCES Web page November 22, 2006, to February 22, 2007.

A print-only (PDF) copy of the ALS 2006 form and instructions will be available by the end of September on the ALA Office for Research Web site at [www.ala.org/ala/ors/statsaboutlib/statisticsabout.htm](http://www.ala.org/ala/ors/statsaboutlib/statisticsabout.htm). A description of changes from the 2004 form to the 2006 form will also be on the site.

As soon as possible after the data collection period ends, 2006 data will be available in the NCES Academic Library Peer Comparison Tools. Data from 2004 is currently available at [nces.ed.gov/surveys/libraries/compare/Index.asp?LibraryType=Academic](http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/libraries/compare/Index.asp?LibraryType=Academic).

Print reports and other information about the NCES Academic Library Survey program are available at [nces.ed.gov/surveys/libraries/academic.asp](http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/libraries/academic.asp).

### **New York Times award program to include academic librarians**

The *New York Times* has expanded its 2006 Librarian Awards to include academic librarians. Previously, awards have gone only to librarians working in public libraries. The *Times* will be accepting nominations of academic librarians working in university and college libraries for the *New York Times* Academic Librarian Awards in September and October. Nominations may come from students, faculty, and administrators at universities and colleges. Awards will be presented to three academic librarians whose outstanding service has enriched their libraries, institutions, and academic communities. Winners will be selected by committee and announced in the *Times* in December. Each winner will receive \$2,500 and a com-

memorative plaque in recognition of his or her achievements. Information about the awards program can be found at [www.nytimes-community.com](http://www.nytimes-community.com).

### **UC partners with Google on Google Books Library Project**

The University of California (UC) libraries has become the latest partner in the Google Books Library Project. Google Books was launched in December 2004 to digitize books drawn from the libraries of the University of Michigan, Harvard University, Stanford University, Oxford University, and the New York Public Library. Digitized books are searchable through Google Book Search, making it possible for anyone to view, browse, and read UC's public domain works, including those in the libraries' historic and special collections. For books protected by copyright, users will find basic background, a few lines of text related to their search, and information about where they can buy or borrow a book. If publishers or authors do not want their books digitized, they will be excluded.

The digitization project furthers UC's mission, said UC President Robert C. Dynes. It greatly expands our ability to give scholars and the public access to the kinds of information and ideas that drive scholarly innovation and public knowledge and discourse. UC libraries comprise more than 100 libraries on 10 campuses and make up the largest research/academic library in the world.

### **TRLN reports results of overlap study**

The Triangle Research Libraries Network (TRLN), a consortium made up of ten libraries at Duke University, North Carolina Central University, North Carolina State University, and the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, has completed an analysis of subject strengths, overlap, and uniqueness among the TRLN collections. Findings include: 71 percent of the distinct OCLC records analyzed are unique to a single TRLN institution, only 2 percent of the aggregate collection is duplicated on all four campuses, and only 9 percent is held by three. Collection overlap

levels were found to be highest for all subjects in which all TRLN campuses have research programs. The study relied heavily on OCLC's WorldCat Collection Analysis Service to generate and compare data; therefore, the study is based on findings related to monograph holdings and does not reflect duplication or uniqueness in other areas.

### **Wayne State receives IMLS recruitment grant**

Wayne State University Library system was awarded \$851,018 from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) for a project called Recruiting and educating the 21st century line and performing arts librarian. The library system will establish a Detroit-based collaborative to educate new librarians about line and performing arts librarianship. The grant is part of an IMLS effort to offset a current shortage of librarians. Partners in the Detroit collaborative will include the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and the Michigan Opera Theater. Stipends will be used to attract 12 individuals, with an emphasis on underrepresented groups, and place them in mentor relationships with senior librarians.

### **e-brary launches purchase-only titles**

E-book technology provider e-brary has made 8,800 new e-books and other titles available for purchase only. The titles represent some of the most current and in-demand works from publishers such as Springer, Taylor & Francis, Cambridge University Press, Elsevier, Facts on File, Jones & Bartlett, Idea Group Reference, F.A. Davis Company, and Humana Press. The purchase-only titles, which are not offered in any other e-brary product, span multiple subject areas and are strong in science, technology, and medicine. They are delivered through the e-brary platform. In addition to the purchase-only titles, e-brary offers more than 80,000 e-books and other authoritative content from more than 220 academic, STM, and professional publishers under a variety of pricing and access models. Visit [www.ebrary.com](http://www.ebrary.com) for more information.

### **Huntington announces early California Population Project**

The Huntington Library, Arts Collections, and Botanical Gardens has developed the Early California Population Project (ECP). ECP is a comprehensive database of the sacramental registers—baptismal, marriage, and

### **ACRL seeking applications/nominations for PIL editor**

ACRL is accepting applications for the position of editor of ACRL Publications in Librarianship (PIL), a series of monographic and edited volumes that reports research and scholarly thinking in academic and research librarianship.

The editor is appointed for a nonrenewable five-year term. Applicants must be a member of ALA and ACRL. Candidates should have experience in research and writing, the ability to evaluate submissions and edit manuscripts, skills in working with authors, and an understanding of publishing.

The editor is expected to chair two editorial board meetings a year at the ALA Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference. Together with a four- to seven-member editorial board, the editor is charged with encouraging research and writing that is appropriate for the series, identifying top-

ics and authors for new books, refereeing submissions, and editing manuscripts for publication.

The new editor will serve on a volunteer basis and succeed Charles A. (Tony) Schwartz, whose term ends in July 2008. Interviews of candidates will take place at the 2007 Midwinter Meeting and, following approval by the ACRL Publications Committee and ACRL Board, the successful candidate will serve as associate editor from July 2007 to July 2008, before assuming the editorship.

Those wishing to be considered for the five-year term of editor should communicate their interest by submitting a résumé along with a statement of qualifications and names of three references by December 1, 2006, to: Dawn Mueller, production editor, ACRL, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611, (312) 280-2516, e-mail: [dmueller@ala.org](mailto:dmueller@ala.org).

death records from California's 21 missions and documents the lives of approximately 110,000 Californians between 1769 and 1850. The Huntington began the project in 1998. ECPP general editor Steven W. Hackel, associate professor of history at Oregon State University, worked closely with fellow scholars of early California and Huntington staff to construct data fields that capture all of the information contained in the registers. Microfilm housed at the Huntington was supplemented with borrowed versions from missions and archives throughout the state. ECPP can be accessed at [www.huntington.org/Information/ECPPmain.htm](http://www.huntington.org/Information/ECPPmain.htm).

### Latest title from ACRL focuses on student engagement and info lit

The latest publication from ACRL is *Student engagement and information literacy*, edited by Craig Gibson. The book addresses information literacy in a framework inspired by higher education scholarship and dialogue as it relates to student engagement. Articles are based on what librarians and faculty know about how students learn, how different learning environments affect engagement, and how different groups on campuses can collaborate on student engagement and learn-

ing. Contributors range from administrators, faculty members, and librarians to professional association vice presidents. *Student engagement and information literacy* (ISBN 0-8389-8388-X) sells for \$27; ACRL members receive a 10 percent discount. Visit [www.ala.org/publications](http://www.ala.org/publications) for more information and to order online.

### Worldcat.org provides public access to worldwide library catalogs

OCLC has launched WorldCat.org, in beta version, which allows Web users to search the complete WorldCat database. Users can now search the catalogs of more than 10,000 libraries worldwide through the site. WorldCat.org also offers a downloadable search box that can be added to any Web site. Users can also access other services from some participating libraries, such as interlibrary loan or online reference help. WorldCat currently contains more than 70 million entries



The Friends of Messiah College Library donated half of the proceeds of its annual spring book sale to the library on the Gulfport campus of William Carey College. The library was severely damaged by Hurricane Katrina and remains in need of clean-up.

The Friends have donated \$8,300 to help with the recovery effort. The Library was originally on the first floor of a building that still has waste on the floor, windows missing, and damaged books on the floor and lower shelves (the top right photo shows the main stacks area). Jonathan Lauer, director of the Murray Library at Messiah College, delivered the check to William Carey College on behalf of the Friends. Shown in the lower left photo are, from left to right, Jonathan Lauer; Peggy Gossage, librarian in charge of the Gulfport Campus library; and Patricia (Patty) Furr, director of libraries for the three campuses of William Carey College.

for books and other materials and more than 1 billion location listings for these materials. To try WorldCat.org or download the search box, visit [www.worldcat.org](http://www.worldcat.org).

### **Innovative to release next-gen federated search product**

Innovative will be making its next-generation federated-search product, Research Pro, available during the third quarter of 2006. The product offers a new, clean interface with the type-and-go functionality of Web search engines and eliminates the need for user search-expertise. Research Pro provides tabbed-browse display that groups results by target resource, uses AJAX for increased continuity of search sessions, and uses Innovative's smart-search algorithm for efficient delivery of information from subscription databases.

### **Six Spectrum Scholars to study at Simmons**

Six recipients of ALA Spectrum Scholarships will study at the Simmons Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS) this year, making up the largest group of Spectrum Scholars at any library school in the country. The Spectrum Scholarship Program awards scholarships to students of Native American, Asian, African, or Hispanic descent enrolled in library and information

## **I can't live without . . .**

I'm always curious to learn what's piqued Lorcan Dempsey's interest lately. As vice president for research at OCLC, he reads and travels widely, and his blog reflects his broad exposure to developments regarding technology both within the library field and in a wider arena. I often follow up on his brief descriptions of interesting conference talks via the links he provides to presentations, and I enjoy his personal observations on books he's reading, comments on how children are using technology, and descriptions of places he's seen during his travels and the thoughts they spark. You can read the blog on the Web, subscribe to a weekly digest or receive updates through an RSS feed.—*Joan K. Lippincott, CNI*

**. . . Lorcan Dempsey's Weblog on libraries, services, and networks**  
[orweblog.oclc.org](http://orweblog.oclc.org)

science programs in the United States, with the aim of improving library service at the local level by developing an ethnically diverse workforce that reflects the communities served by libraries in the 21st century. ACRL offers the Dr. E.J. Josey Spectrum Scholar Mentor Program, which links Spectrum Scholars interested in academic librarianship with professionals in the field. Simmons' GSLIS is one of the oldest and largest graduate schools of library science in North America. *RL*

### **Poster session proposals for ACRL's Baltimore conference—due October 20**

Just a reminder that the deadline for submitting a poster session proposal for next spring's 13th ACRL National Conference is October 20. The conference will be held in Baltimore, March 29–April 1, 2007.

Poster sessions are informal presentations featuring innovative library-based projects, including successful solutions to problems. Posters may use graphics, tables, and charts. Handouts are strongly recommended.

Like proposals for other parts of the conference program, poster session proposals are refereed. Proposals will be judged on

clarity and on the usefulness of the information provided to the academic/research library community. To see the guidelines for poster session presentations, including an introduction about how to prepare such presentations, go to the conference Web site at [www.acrl.org/baltimore](http://www.acrl.org/baltimore) (click Proposals). Find the Poster Session Proposal Form at [www.eshow2000.com/acrl/2007/program\\_proposal\\_submission.cfm](http://www.eshow2000.com/acrl/2007/program_proposal_submission.cfm).

If you have questions, contact Cathy Wojewodzki, co-chair, ACRL Conference Poster Session Committee, at [cathyw@udel.edu](mailto:cathyw@udel.edu).