

**Marianna Tax Choldin**, the C. Walter and Gerda B. Mortenson distinguished professor at the University of Illinois Library at Urbana-Champaign, is the third recipient of the Pushkin Medal for extraordinary contributions to Russian culture and education. Choldin has worked closely with Russian libraries and librarians for the past decade and addressed issues such as access to information, intellectual freedom, and the history of censorship.

**Ann Hamilton**, associate university librarian at Georgia Southern University, has been elected vice president/president-elect of the Southeastern Library Association for the 2001-02 biennium. She recently completed her term as immediate past president of the Georgia Library Association.

**Anne L. Highsmith**, consortia systems coordinator for Texas A&M University Libraries, received the Distinguished Achievement in Librarianship Award. Presented annually by the Association of Former Students, the award recognizes exceptional contributions to the effective service and operations of the University Libraries and its affiliates throughout the Texas A&M University System. As systems coordinator, Highsmith oversees the integrated library systems for six of the libraries in the Texas



A&M system. She played a central role in the recent migration of the library consortia from NOTIS to Voyager. Highsmith has published extensively on technology applications and in the field of music. She served on the original TexShare Management Team, which resulted in a successful cooperative effort for the 52-member institutions of the Texas Council of State University Libraries (TCSUL).

**Richard K. Lieberman**, of the LaGuardia and Wagner Archives at CUNY, received the Sloan

Public Service Award from the Fund for the City of New York for extraordinary public service in the field of public education.

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## Appointments

**Debbie Malone** has been appointed library director at Trexler Library at Allentown College of St. Francis de Sales. She is the ACRL-Delaware Valley Chapter president. Previously, Malone was head of technical services at Ursinu College.

**Rona Ostrow** has been appointed chief librarian at Lehman College Library, CUNY. Ostrow came to Lehman College from Fairleigh Dickinson University, where she served as assistant campus provost, and from Marymount Manhattan College, where she served as chief librarian. Prior to that she served as associate dean of libraries for public services at Adelphi University, associate director of the Graduate Business Resource Center at Baruch College, CUNY, and as a reference librarian at both the New York Public Library and the Fashion Institute of Technology.

**Harvey Varnet** is now director of Providence College's Phillips Memorial Library. Varnet, who was director of the libraries at Simmons College in Boston for the past three years, previously served as director of library services at Assumption College in Worcester, Massachusetts (1993-96). He was the coordinator for the library, the Centre for Educational Technology, and the Computer Centre at the Sultan Qaboos University in Oman (1983-85). Among his other career highlights, Varnet was a Fulbright professor in educational technology at the University of Calabar in Nigeria for a year and served as both the director of the library and as the chief information services officer at Governors State University in Illinois (1985-93). Varnet is the current president of the New England Chapter of ACRL and has been elected to a two-

year term as president of the Massachusetts Chapter of the Fulbright Association.

**Pat Weaver** is now the director of the Campbell Library at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia. She had been head librarian at Pennsylvania State Abington since 1997.

**Lizabeth (Betsy) A. Wilson**, associate director of libraries at the University of Washington (UW) since 1992, has been appointed director of university libraries at UW. "I am honored to have been selected to lead the UW Libraries into the 21st century," Wilson said. "Education and research in this century will demand a complex, integrated, and increasingly flexible library. As the next director of the



Lizabeth A. Wilson

libraries, I am excited about shaping the library of the future for the university of the future." Wilson was one of the creators of the award-winning UWired project, a collaboration that has helped educators and students incorporate technology and information literacy into teaching and learning. She also lead the Web initiative at the Libraries, which resulted in the creation of the Information Gateway. In addition to her position at UW, Wilson has served as executive director of the Cicognara Library Program since 1988, which is an international collaboration of the University of Illinois, the Vatican Library, and the Samuel Kress Foundation. She has published widely on information literacy; teaching, learning, and technology; educational collaborations; and assessment and evaluation of library services. Wilson is a member of the Board of Trustees of OCLC and she has held numerous leadership positions in the ALA, including her current position as president of ACRL.

**Michael Frederick Alexander** has been appointed the first director of the Digital Library Program at the New York Public Library.

**Anne Armstrong** is now a resident librarian in the reference department at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

**Dan Barkey** has been appointed head of systems at the Health Sciences Libraries at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

**Martha Bedard** is the new associate dean and director of the Medical Sciences Library at Texas A&M University.

**Emily Bounds** has been appointed resident librarian in the documents department at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

**John Stephen Brantly** is now resident librarian in the reference department at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

**Pamela Bristah** has joined the staff of the Wellesley College Library as music librarian.

**Fred Brown** has been appointed reference/computing and information technology librarian at the University of Washington Libraries at the University of Washington Bothell Campus Library, Cascadia Community College.

**Carolyn Brownhill** is a new user services librarian at Fisher College in Boston.

**Linda Carder** has been named public services librarian for electronic resources at Lynchburg College in Lynchburg, Virginia.

**Bridget Arthur Clancy** is now the serials and electronic collections librarian at the Scott Memorial Library of Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia.

**Jacqueline Coats** is now head of the monographic acquisitions section in the monographic services division of the University of Washington Libraries in Seattle.

**Vicki Coleman** is the new director of Clemons, the undergraduate library, at the University of Virginia (UV).

**Scott Collard** has been named resident librarian in the reference department at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

**Sylvia Contreras** has been appointed interim codirector of the Health Sciences Libraries at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

**Patricia Cossard** is now Arts & Humanities Services Team manager at the University of Maryland.

**Gail E. Cugno** is now public services librarian at the Los Angeles campus library of Alliant University.

**Erin Davis** has been appointed curator of rare books in the Department of Special Collections at Washington University in St. Louis.

**Patricia DeSalvo** is now cataloger and technical services librarian at West Chester University in West Chester, Pennsylvania.

**Jacqueline Dowdy** has been appointed user services librarian at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

**Chatham Ewing** has joined the Department of Special Collections as curator of the Modern Literature Collection/Manuscripts at Washington University in St. Louis.

**Tiffeni Fontno** is now resident librarian in the documents department at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

**Li Fu** has been appointed resident librarian in Library Systems at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

**Ellen Geraghty** has been named resident librarian in Information Services at the Library of the Health Sciences, University of Illinois at Chicago.

**Susan Gilfert** has been appointed instructional services librarian at the Raymond Fogelman Library, New School University in New York City.

**Tonia Graves** has been named electronic resources cataloger at the Old Dominion University Libraries in Norfolk, Virginia.

**Courtney Greene** is now resident librarian in the reference department at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

**Leah Hamrick** has been appointed catalog librarian for the Beaman Library at Lipscomb University in Nashville.

**Julia Hendry** has been appointed resident librarian in the special collections department of the University of Illinois at Chicago.

**Peter Hepburn** is now resident librarian in the reference department at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

**Jason Knight** is now reference and instructional services librarian in the University Library at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

**Rebecca Koman** has been named resident librarian in the documents department at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

**Krystal Lewis** has been appointed resident librarian in Information Services at the Library of the Health Sciences, University of Illinois at Chicago.

**Mardi Mahaffy** has been appointed government documents/special collections librarian at East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma.

**Stephen G. Marvin** is now business and social sciences reference librarian at West

Chester University in West Chester, Pennsylvania.

**Natalie Norcross** has been appointed interim codirector of the Health Sciences Libraries at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

**Julia Paulsen** is now reference and instructional/nursing librarian at the University of Washington Libraries at the Cascadia Community College/University of Washington Bothell Campus Library.

**Hector Perez** has been appointed substitute documents librarian at City College Library CUNY.

**Betty Rodgers** is now resident librarian in the documents department at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

**Randy Smith** has been named reference and access services librarian in the Julia Rogers Library at Goucher College in Baltimore.

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**Tamara C. Spates** is a new user services librarian at Fisher College in Boston.

**Julie L. Stepp** has been appointed user services librarian for interlibrary loan at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

**Carole Svensson** has been appointed technology services/reference librarian at the University of Washington Libraries at the Tacoma Campus Library.

**Philip Swan** was appointed head of the School of Social Work Library at Hunter College CUNY.

**Verma Walker** has been named resident librarian in Information Services at the Library of the Health Sciences, University of Illinois at Chicago.

**Norma Walters** has been appointed resident librarian in Information Services at the Library of the Health Sciences, University of Illinois at Chicago.

**Karen A. Weaver** has been appointed assistant editor for OCLC Public Affairs Information Service in New York.

**Valerie D. White** has been named reference librarian at Pennsylvania State University's Lee R. Glatfelter Library.

**Lanie Williamson** has been appointed serials cataloger at Wake Forest University's Z. Smith Reynolds Library.

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## Retirements

**Paul Sherman** has retired from his position as administrative and personnel services librarian at the New York City Technical College Library, a post he has held since 1976.

**Louise Spain** has retired after 13 years as director of media services at the LaGuardia Community College Library. She will continue with the library as an adjunct.

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**Janice M. Wilson** has retired as public services librarian at the California School of Professional Psychology, Los Angeles campus library.

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## Deaths

**Madhavarao "Bali" Balachandran**, 62, faculty member at the University of Illinois Library at Urbana-Champaign from 1972 to 1999 and head of the Commerce Library for 17 years, died September 29. He also served as coordinator of the Library-wide Social Sciences Division from 1985 to 1996. During his career, he authored, compiled, or edited seven major reference books covering the fields of regional and local business and economic statistics; business information sources in trade, banking, finance, and European business; indexes to reviews and guides to reference books; and a series of bibliographic guides identifying a core collection for academic business libraries.

**Ilona Siren Caparros**, former reference team leader at the Alexander Library and a member of the Rutgers University Libraries, died at her home in Elizabeth, New Jersey, shortly after starting her sabbatical leave. Caparros began her career at Rutgers in April 1973 as technical services librarian and subsequently served as microforms librarian from 1980 to 1989, when she joined Information Services at Alexander Library. Prior to joining Rutgers, Caparros worked at Widener Library at Harvard University, Plymouth State College Library, and at Newark State College (now Kean) Library.

**Neal Harlow**, 92, former director of libraries at the University of British Columbia and dean of the Graduate School of Library Service at Rutgers University, has died. During his tenure as dean, Harlow planned a new building for the library school. Upon his retirement in 1969, he set to work on researching the history and early maps of California's coastal cities and published five books. His last book was a translation of Auguste Duhout-Cilly's *A Voyage to California, the Sandwich Islands, and Around the World in the Years 1826-1829*, which was published by the University of California Press in 1999. In 1989, the Historical Society of Southern California named him a fellow in recognition of his scholarship. ■