

CQ Press offering replacements for books lost to Katrina

CQ Press has announced an effort to help its customers restore their collections by replacing, where feasible, all CQ Press books and journals lost to Hurricane Katrina. For those who have lost records, CQ Press will help them to identify lost books and replace them with the same or similar books. When ready to replace their CQ Press books and journals, libraries should call the company's customer service department at (800) 427-7737.

Sloan Consortium offers free online courses to displaced students

The Sloan Consortium, an international association of colleges and universities committed to quality online education, is offering students displaced by Hurricane Katrina an opportunity to continue their education at no cost. In collaboration with the Southern Regional Education Board and with funding from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, an eight-week accelerated semester is being offered to community college, university, and graduate-level students, regardless of academic discipline. Courses will be given by major universities and other Sloan Consortium members. Information about the free courses is available at www.SloanSemester.org.

Bowker partners with libraries on ISBN-13 standard

Bowker, the official agency for administering the International Book Standard Number (ISBN) standard in the United States and Puerto Rico, has released a number of new resources to assist library professionals with the operational changes necessary to transition to the new global ISBN-13 standard. In order to accommodate the growing number of books being published each year, the International ISBN Agency recently decided to convert from a 10-digit format to 13-digit ISBNs. Bowker has created a Web site (www.bowkersupport.com/isbn13/) that features a series of free resources and links to other useful sites related to the ISBN conversion.

In addition, the company's BooksInPrint.com and GlobalBooksInPrint.com now fully support ISBN-13 searching.

WorldCat passes 1 billionth milestone

OCLC, the world's largest library cooperative, reached a milestone in August when a cataloger at Worthington (Ohio) Libraries entered the book, *The Monkees: The day-by-day story of the '60s TV pop sensation*, into the WorldCat bibliographic database, making it WorldCat's 1 billionth holding. The database that is now WorldCat was originally developed and put online in 1971 to provide a central electronic database for Ohio libraries. Today, WorldCat is a worldwide resource containing more than 61 million unique catalog records.

NYPL Digital Gallery one of Time magazine's 50 coolest Web sites

Time magazine has named the New York Public Library's (NYPL) Digital Gallery as one of the "50 Coolest Websites 2005," praising the online collection for its free access and downloads, in addition to the site's usability. The NYPL Digital Gallery, launched in March of this year, includes more than 360,000 digital images of prints, illustrated manuscripts, photographs, maps, postcards, menus, posters, and other visual materials. Materials can be viewed in three different sizes and downloaded free of charge. The NYPL Digital Gallery can be accessed at digitalgallery.nypl.org.

Wayne State library to become mirror site for Annenberg

The Wayne State University Library System has signed an agreement to become a mirror site for Annenberg/CPB, which uses media and telecommunications to advance teaching in American schools. As a mirror site, the library system will house the digital video/audio on a server on campus, providing it with access to more than 1,500 videos. The videos will be provided at no cost to other institutions throughout Michigan. In exchange for hosting services, Annenberg, which is part of the Annenberg Foundation,

Academic library information in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina

ALA and ACRL have received information from a variety of sources regarding the status of libraries and institutions in the region affected by Hurricane Katrina. A synopsis of what we've learned about academic libraries, current as we went to press, is given below. Thanks to *American Libraries*, ASERL Executive Director John Burger, and academic library directors for sharing their information with us.

Dillard University—The library at the Historically Black Colleges and Universities institution was reportedly underwater.

Loyola University—Mary Lee Sweat, dean of libraries at Loyola University, reported that there was minor damage to the Loyola campus and the Monroe Library appeared to be in good shape. "We are very fortunate," Sweat told *C&RL News*, "Our current challenge is to provide access to our online databases and to support students who are enrolled in online courses. We appreciate all the expressions of concern and support for Loyola and New Orleans."

Tulane University—The university has closed down for the fall semester but plans to reopen in the spring. Government Documents experienced a 90 percent loss due to flooding in the lower level of the Howard-Tilton Memorial Library. It was still unknown how an off-site facility housing a half-million books had fared. The Vorhoff Library and Newcomb Archives at the Newcomb College Center for Research on Women experienced some flooding, but most of the collection was untouched. The

Hogan Jazz Archive on campus was safe.

University of New Orleans—No visible water or visible mold was found by the library director on a mid-September visit to the library. The collections are on the third floor and were not at risk from flooding.

Notre Dame Seminary—The entire first floor of the New Orleans seminary was flooded. It contained a significant collection of theological journals and rare books.

Nunez Community College (Chalmette, LA)—The campus was under several feet of water.

Mississippi State University—The libraries were not affected by the storm.

University of Mississippi—The libraries suffered minor water damage.

University of Southern Mississippi (USM)—Classes resumed on the Hattiesburg campus on September 12. Collections in the Cook and McCain libraries sustained no significant damage. USM's Gulf Coast Library in Long Beach and Gunter Library in Ocean Springs both took on floodwater, ruining portions of the collections.

Other Mississippi Libraries—According to the Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning, Pearl River Community College in Poplarville, the Hattiesburg and Gulfport campuses of William Carey College, and the four campuses of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College all suffered heavy damage.

A list of Web sites with current Katrina-related information can be found on the following page.

will add a header indicating that the videos are "brought to you by the Wayne State University Library System." The server that will host the site is expected to be operating in January 2006.

New WilsonWeb service provides automatic bibliographic citation

A new service of WilsonWeb databases, WilsonWeb 2.5, allows users to automatically create bibliographies of cited articles using MLA and APA standards. To create a bibliography, users may select articles from their

WilsonWeb search using checkboxes, then choose to save the page using a "brief citation" option. A style choice can be selected from a dropdown menu and the bibliography created. WilsonWeb currently provides subscribers with more than 60 reference databases.

Palmer School reports high job placement rate

Results of a recent survey of 2004 graduates conducted by the Palmer School of Library Information Science at the C.W. Post Cam-

Web resources for up-to-date Hurricane Katrina information

During this challenging time for those dealing with the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina, new information is coming to light on an ongoing basis. The sites listed here will keep you up-to-date on the status of academic and other institutions in the region, as well as provide information on the needs of affected groups and ways in which you can help.

ALA's Libraries and Hurricane Katrina

www.ala.org/katrina

News from *American Libraries*, the authoritative source for current information on the impact of Hurricane Katrina on libraries, can be found here, as well as information on ALA's response initiatives.

CampusRelief.org

www.campusrelief.org/

The American Council on Education and the National Association of College and University Business Officers have created this information clearinghouse for institutions and students as recovery from Katrina continues. The site includes a list of affected campuses as well as resources for students, faculty, and campuses.

Louisiana State Library Hurricane Assistance links

www.state.lib.la.us/links/

This comprehensive page includes links to library and museum information, local information, relief organizations, and special needs.

SSA Cares

www.ssacares.org/

The Society of American Archivists has established a Weblog to share information about colleagues in Louisiana and Mississippi who have been affected by Hurricane Katrina. The site includes a colleague check-in area, a forum for sharing information, and a place for affected repositories to post their needs.

SOLINET Katrina Response Web site

www.solinet.net/Disaster_temp1.cfm?doc_id=3761

This Web site serves as a clearinghouse of information for those who need assistance and those offering assistance in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The site provides resources on preservation and disaster services, library products and services, and grant information.


pus of Long Island University indicate that graduates of the school are typically employed within 60 days of graduation. Nearly all graduates indicated that they had found employment with a mean entry level salary of \$46,491, a 4.25 percent increase over the previous year. Jobs in academia accounted for 19 percent of these positions. Those surveyed most frequently credited fieldwork or internships as being important to obtaining their first professional positions, followed by networking with professionals in the field, technological skills, and specialization in a particular area.

ASERL, TRLN, and Florida libraries form collection analysis partnership

The Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL), Triangle Research Libraries Network (TRLN), and Florida Council of State University Libraries (CSUL) have partnered to create the largest WorldCat collec-

tion analysis group in existence. Sixty academic libraries are participating, allowing members to compare their library's collection data against more than 38 million volumes held in the group. Information about the capabilities of OCLC's collection analysis service can be found at www.oclc.org/collectionanalysis/default.htm.

ACRL publishes textbook and curriculum directory

Directory of Historical Textbook and Curriculum Collections is now available from ACRL. The directory encompasses historical collections of school-book and curriculum materials in the United States and Canada. Entries include contact information, Web addresses, and brief narrative information. The cost is \$39 (ACRL members receive a 10 percent discount). To order, visit www.acrl.org/publications. 

ALA responds to Hurricane Katrina

In the weeks since Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast, ALA's efforts have been focused on working with its Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, and Texas Chapters and with members throughout the country on a variety of relief efforts. ACRL has also been in contact with its chapters in the affected region and has been sharing its information with ALA. ALA is deeply concerned about the welfare of the affected people and communities along the Gulf Coast and has taken numerous steps to provide information and support relief efforts for libraries in the region.

The ALA "Libraries and Hurricane Katrina" Web site (www.ala.org/katrina) has become an important source of information for those seeking to participate in the many assistance efforts being organized by ALA members and libraries around the country. Details on some ALA-specific initiatives is given below.

ALA Hurricane Katrina Library Relief Fund

ALA has created and is accepting donations to the Hurricane Katrina Library Relief Fund to help rebuild libraries in the affected region. Donations, which will be distributed on the behalf of the ALA Chapters in Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi, can be made online at <https://secure.ga3.org/03/alakatrina> using Visa or MasterCard credit cards. CSA Bowker and Proquest have donated \$10,000 and \$5,000, respectively, to start the fund.

ALA establishes adopt-a-library program

To help the libraries in the Gulf Coast region that were damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Katrina, ALA has set up an "Adopt a Library Program." Libraries interested in adopting a library may visit ALA's Chapter Relations Office Web site at ala.org/katrina/adopt to complete a participation form. Contributing libraries are asked to lend support in the way of books, computers, fundraising, and volunteers. Inquiries should be directed to Michael Dowling, director of ALA Chapter Relations Office at (800) 545-2433, ext. 3200, or mdowling@ala.org.

Dues relief for affected members

More than 850 current personal, organizational, and corporate members in areas of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama affected by Hurricane Katrina will receive an automatic, complimentary six-month extension to their membership. Members do not need to take action for the extension to go into effect. After six months, ALA will review the situation to determine if there is a need for an additional extension. A list of zip codes for eligible members is available on ALA's Hurricane Katrina Web site at www.ala.org/katrina. Inquiries should be directed to John Chrastka, manager for Membership Development, at (800) 545-2433 ext 2159, or jchrastka@ala.org.

ACRL periodical mailings

ACRL and Choice will be holding back the mailing of their periodicals (*C&RL News*, *C&RL*, and *Choice*) to zip codes in Katrina-affected areas. Issues for members and subscribers with mailing addresses in zip codes that have been suspended by the United States Postal Service will not be mailed out at this time. Back issues will be sent to these individuals and institutions when it becomes possible for them to receive mail. ACRL will attempt to reach any affected member or subscriber by phone prior to mailing out these issue.

ALA Annual Conference update

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, ALA has received numerous inquiries regarding the status of its 2006 Annual Conference, which is scheduled to be held in New Orleans.

Many members have expressed that they think ALA should keep the conference in New Orleans, if at all possible, because this would help the people and the economy to recover from this sad situation. However, as of mid-September, it was not known whether holding the conference in New Orleans remains a possibility. Regardless of the location, there will be an ALA 2006 Annual Conference. ALA will advise attendees of the exact location before early bird registration opens December 1, 2005.