

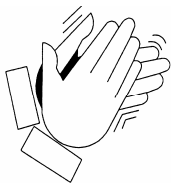
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HONORS, HONORS AND MORE HONORS

The Central Region was well represented in honors bestowed on librarians and paraprofessionals during the Massachusetts Library Association's annual meeting on May 8 at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

MLA Hall of Fame

Joseph Hopkins, retired Director of the Worcester Public Library; *Chris Kardokas*, retired Assistant Director of the Worcester Public Library; and *Anne O'Brien*, retired director of the Snow Library in Orleans were all inducted into the MLA Hall of Fame. For photos of the 2006 inductees see www.masslib.org/halloffame/inductees.htm

Paraprofessional awards

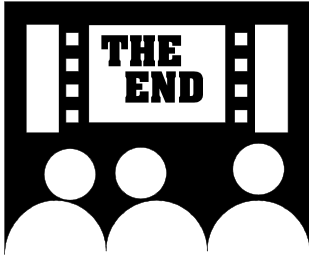
Denise Faucher, Worcester Public Library, received the 2006 Outstanding Paraprofessional of the Year award; *Gael Nappa*, Haverhill Public Library, was named 2006 Paraprofessional Advocate of the Year; and *Elizabeth (Betsy) Wolfe*, Marlborough Public Library, received recognition with the Special MLA Paraprofessional Section Award in appreciation of her leadership, advocacy and continued support of the MLA Paraprofessional Section.

Paraprofessional Recognition of Achievements (PARA)

During their annual meeting, which preceded the MLA annual meeting, the Paraprofessional Section also awarded three Paraprofessional Recognitions of Achievement (PARA). Honors went to Level II PARA *Allison DaSilva* of the Reading Public Library; Level I PARA *Elizabeth Goodrich* of Worcester Polytechnic Institute; and Level I PARA *Elenore McGourty* of Worcester Polytechnic Institute. More information about the Paraprofessional section can be found at

www.masslib.org/sectionsandcommittees/paraprofessional.htm

Congratulations to all of you!



COMING TO A PC NEAR YOU - VIDEOS

Margaret Cardello, Assistant Administrator/Consultant, CMRLS

CMRLS' Executive Board recently voted to allocate funds to purchase video titles from Overdrive. Members who visited the Overdrive booth at PLA heard about Overdrive's new Video on Demand (VoD) service. This service allows patrons to watch downloaded videos on Windows based PCs and portable devices supporting Microsoft Windows Media Player.

CMRLS will be working closely with C/W MARS to integrate these titles into the existing digital media Collection. C/W MARS and Overdrive will need some time to set the subscription up and allow us to select titles from their growing inventory. We'll let you know when things are ready so you can alert your patrons to this new, exciting collection.

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

From Grants for Libraries Hotline, April 2006

Charles Lafitte Foundation awards grants in four areas: The arts, education, Children's advocacy, and Medical issues and research.
www.charleslafitte.org/thefoundation.html

RGK Foundation's areas of interest are Education, Community, and Medicine/health.
www.rgkfoundation.org/guidelines.php

Hewlett Foundation funds grants that address social and environmental issues and has three areas of interest: Education, Environment and Performing arts. www.hewlett.org/Grantseekers

For more grant information, visit Library Grants blog
www.librarygrants.blogspot.com/

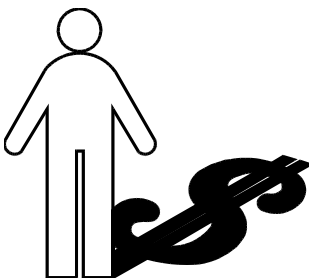
GOING TO ALA?

Whether this will be your very first time in New Orleans or if you've been there before, take a look at the ALA 2006 New Orleans Wiki (meredith.wolfwater.com/ala2006/index.php?title=Main_Page) Veteran ALA goers and those with New Orleans experience can share their knowledge and wisdom of the conference and the city. Newbies can become better prepared for the experience of thousands of librarians converging on the Morial Convention Center.

PATRIOT ACT BROCHURE AVAILABLE FOR LIBRARY PATRONS

From American Libraries Direct 05/24/06

The Colorado Association of Libraries' Intellectual Freedom Committee has updated its award-winning brochure www.cal-webs.org/





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brochure_patriot_act.pdf (PDF file) on the USA Patriot Act to reflect the changes made in 2006, and encourages librarians to share the information with their patrons by reproducing the flyer for distribution in local libraries.

ALTERNATIVE SEARCH ENGINES

Tired of getting billions of hits on Google or Yahoo when searching for something very specific? Here are some niche search engines that you might find more useful: Clusty (clusty.com/) is a meta search engine that clusters results; use Indeed (www.indeed.com/) for finding jobs; Isohunt (isohunt.com/) helps find files; FoodieView (www.foodieview.com) is for recipes; Ditto (ditto.com) will search for images; go to Healthline (www.healthline.com/) for health information; and FirstGov (www.firstgov.gov) for government documents; Auction Mapper (auctionmapper.com/) makes searching eBay easier; Blinkx (www.blinkx.tv/) will find audio, video, and podcasts. For more details on these search engines and for links to others, go to www.lifehacker.com/software/seek-and-ye-shall-find/seek-and-ye-shall-find-top-ten-alternative-search-engines-143293.php.

VOCABULARY WORD OF THE MONTH

Efficacious; Found in the March/April 2006 issue of *Technicalities*; Part of speech: adjective; Definition: having the power to produce a desired effect; Synonym: effective.

CERTIFICATION FEES TO INCREASE

In order to insure that communities are served by qualified library personnel, the Board of Library Commissioners grants Certificates of Librarianship to applicants based on work experience, education level or reciprocity with certification in another state. All public library directors in Massachusetts are required to obtain a Certificate of Librarianship as a prerequisite for municipalities to receive State Aid to Public Libraries.

At their meeting on May 4, 2006, the Board voted to increase the certification fees to \$35.00 (from \$30.00) and the fee for replacement of a certificate to \$20.00 (from \$18.00). The fees will increase as of July 1, 2006.

Contact *James Lonergan* (james.lonergan@state.ma.us) if you have questions.

THE GENEALOGY CORNER

Tools for genealogists

How about a visual guide to where your ancestors were born and/or died? MapBuilder lets you tag locations on a Google or Yahoo map and publish it on your own site. To see an example, go to mapbuilder.blogspot.com/2006/05/genealogy-with-web-20.html

Helpful Links

BiblioTemps

<http://www.bibliotemps.com>

MBLC

<http://www.mblc.state.ma.us/>

MLA

<http://www.masslib.org>

NELA

<http://www.nelib.org>

ALA

<http://www.ala.org>

From ResearchBuzz.org

The state of Missouri has announced a death certificate database containing information on two million individual death certificates searchable by name, county, or month and year. The database will cover 1910-1955; at the moment only images of certificates from 1910-1920 are available. The database is freely searchable at www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/deathcertificates/

STRAIGHT FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

Carolyn Noah, CMRLS Administrator

What's Old is New Again

Visit the Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) and your appreciation for the work done there expands exponentially. Executive Director *Ann Russell* arranged an overview for new members of NEDCC's advisory committee, so I was privileged to have an insider's introduction. The organization is well-recognized in the archival and preservation world, but unfamiliar to many of the rest of us. Before the visit, I had an intellectual appreciation of what archives and preservation achieve, but the visit brought it home. Here are a few of the highlights:

- Mug shots of convicts in the Virginia penal system in the 1930's were being digitally preserved. The faces were lean and tough – and very human.
- A private resident's beloved family portrait, broken into shards, was being reconstituted digitally, even though the old oval cardboard was too fragile to be reassembled in like-new condition.
- *Sarah Wolf* of the National Park Service explained the post-Katrina techniques used to save the artifacts of the Chalmette Battlefield in New Orleans.
- Painted plywood 4x8 boards rescued from the safety surround at the ground zero 9/11 site were being preserved. Heart-rending hand-lettered posters made by people seeking loved ones were being carefully removed, de-acidified, preserved, and returned to their original positions.

The activity at NEDCC blends old technology with new, contributing untold value to the preservation of our collective history. Their work exemplifies the value of libraries and preservationists to society.

REGIONAL REFERENCE

Jane Peck, Reference Division Head, Worcester Public Library

An index to the Worcester Biography File is now online.

Last year Worcester Public Library staff added a list of headings for the Worcester Room Local History vertical file to the Library's web page. Thanks to the Internet and the ease of search engines like Google, this listing has greatly expanded the public's access to this unique resource. The index has proved to be so successful that we have received inquiries from major national institutions as well as from individuals across the country.

Ask a Librarian
at the Worcester Public
Library

call 508-799-1699
or
800-562-0080
Visit: <http://www.worcpublib.org/askalibrarian.html>

A potentially even more popular list has just come up this month. This is a list of all the names from our Worcester Biography Clipping File. The list consists of over 7,800 names simply indexed by the first letter of the last name of the person. This is a new index to pieces written about Worcester area individuals as well as famous visitors to Worcester, including such dignitaries as Presidents *F.D. Roosevelt* and *W.H. Taft* and prominent figures like *Martin Luther King, Jr.*, *Charles Dickens* and the *Rolling Stones*.

Many of the names in this file, however, are just ordinary citizens from Worcester and the surrounding communities. For example, in the 1950's there was a series of newspaper articles written on the wives of local ministers and another series on servicemen returning from World War II as well as a featured person of the week.

These articles may have been clipped from newspapers, magazines, pamphlets or other sources and while it does contain many obituaries, it is not just an obituary file. Like the materials indexed in our clipping file, these articles are housed in the Worcester Room Pamphlet File. Each clipping is alphabetically arranged by surname, then first name. We have tried to list all women by their own first name, not just their husband's name.

After each name there may be a number, indicating how many items about that person are in the file. The clippings range from the 19th century to the present, with many from the 1940's. As with our other files, the biography file is not comprehensive. All clippings are dated and give the name of the publication from which they were taken.

If you have a patron inquiring about a current or historical figure from the Worcester area, this would certainly be one of the first places to check. If your patron finds a name in which they are interested, you can contact us to request a copy of the article. **Don't forget to use the toll-free number 800-762-0085.** We would be happy to fax copies of a few articles to your library. If the folder on the individual has a large number of clippings, it would be better for patrons to come in and look through the folder themselves.

The list is accessible from the Worcester Public Library homepage by clicking on Resources, selecting Local History & Genealogy and then clicking on Worcester Biography Clipping File or by going directly to www.worcpublib.org/resources/worcesterroom/biography.html

REGIONAL 911

Rick Levine, Technical Specialist, CMRLS

Log on to Windows without a prompt

Q.) My public access computers are set up with "Public" and "Staff" accounts, which are presented as choices at startup. Even though the staff account is passworded, I would prefer that the user not even be shown the option. Is there a way to

TEMPORARY LIBRARY EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

BiblioTemps is accepting applications for temporary library employment and library requests for a Temp.

Libraries are encouraged to sign a contract now to become a placement site.

Contact
Maureen Boyda
for a contract.
mboyda@cmrls.org
508-757-4110



hide these choices and automatically select and log on the public user?

A.) Windows can be configured to log on any user automatically:

- 1) Click *Start | Run*
- 2) In the *Open* text box, type "control userpasswords2" (without the quotes) and click *OK*.
- 3) In the *User Accounts* dialog box, select the public user name and clear the "Users must enter a user name and password to use this computer" check box.
- 4) Click *OK* to display the *Automatically Log On* dialog box, confirm that both the *Password* and *Confirm Password* text boxes are blank, and click *OK*.

(In Windows 2000: Click *Start | Settings | Control Panel*; double-click *Users and Passwords*, and proceed with steps 3 and 4 above.)

When you need to log in as the administrative Staff user, you can bypass automatic logon and display the user choices by holding the SHIFT key while the computer starts up. Alternatively, allow the computer to fully start up, then click *Start | Log Off | Log Off <user>* to be presented with the standard logon screen.

NEW IN THE RCO COLLECTION

Note: CMRLS builds its professional collections in response to members needs. The holdings are searchable in C/W MARS and available for loan.

101+ Great Ideas for Libraries and Friends by Sally Gardner Reed, Beth Nawalinski and Alexander Peterson

Achieving Diversity - Barbara I. Dewey and Loretta Parham, eds.

Baby Signs: How to Talk with Your Baby Before Your Baby Can Talk by Linda Acredolo, Ph.D. & Susan Goodwyn, Ph.D.

Collaborative Collection Development: A Practical Guide for Your Library by James Burgett, John Haar and Linda L. Phillips

The Collaborative Imperative: Librarians and Faculty Working Together in the Information Universe - Dick Raspa and Diane Ward, eds.

Collection Management for Youth: Responding to the Needs of Learners by Sandra Hughes-Hassell and Jacqueline C. Mancall

Creative Games for Trainers: A Handbook of Group Activities for Jump-starting Workplace Creativity by Dr. Robert Epstein

Dealing with Difficult People in the Library by Mark R. Willis

eBay Income: How Anyone of Any Age, Location, and/or Background Can Build a Highly Profitable Online Business with eBay by Cheryl L. Russell

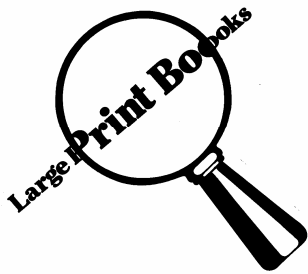
JOB OPENINGS

Children's/Youth Librarian (Part-time) at the Sargent Memorial Library in Boxborough

Children's Librarian (Full-Time) at the Marlborough Public Library

Library Assistant - Children's Department (Part-time) at the Marlborough Public Library

For more information about these and other positions visit www.cmrls.org/services/jobs.html



Fiore's Summer Library Reading Program Handbook by Carole D. Fiore

Fundamentals of Library Supervision by Joan Giesecke and Beth McNeil

Graphic Novels Now: Building, Managing, and Marketing a Dynamic Collection by Francisca Goldsmith

Information Literacy Assessment: Standards-Based Tools and Assignments by Teresa Y. Neely

Learning to Learn: A Guide to Becoming Information Literate by Ann Marlow Reidling

LARGE TYPE BOOKS

Note: Listed below are new large print titles purchased with funds from a Memorial Foundation for the Blind, Inc. grant.

Anansi Boys by Neil Gaiman

The Assassin's Gate: America in Iraq by George Packer

Being Martha: The Inside Story of Martha Stewart and Her Amazing Life by Lloyd Allen

Bride Needs Groom by Wendy Markham

Busting Vegas: The MIT Whiz Kid Who Brought The Casinos to Their Knees by Ben Mezrich

Catch Me When I Fall by Nicci French

Changing Faces by Kimberla Lawson Roby

Coming Home to Myself: A Memoir by Wynonna Judd

7 Deadly Wonders by Matthew Reilly

Dead Watch by John Sandford

Dinner with Anna Karenina by Gloria Goldreich

Girl Sleuth: Nancy Drew and the Women Who Created Her by Melanie Rehak

Good Girls Do by Cathie Linz

Grape Expectations by Tamar Myers

The Great Stink by Clare Clark

Heavy Words Lightly Thrown: The Reason Behind the Rhyme by Chris Roberts

JOIN A CMRLS DISCUSSION LIST

Join a CMRLS discussion list to stay in touch:

- General discussion (CMRLS)
- School library issues (SLG)
- Academic library issues (ARC-L)
- Public library directors (PUBHEAD)
- Academic library directors (ARCDIRECTORS)

To learn about and join these lists and more, visit:
<http://www.cmrls.org/services/discussiongroups.html>

Katz on Dogs: A Commonsense Guide to Training and Living with Dogs by Jon Katz

Leaving Home by Anita Brookner

A Meal to Die For by Joseph R. Gannascoli with Allen C. Kupfer

Mercy Falls by William Kent Krueger

Miss Julia Stands Her Ground by Ann B. Ross

Mrs. Malory and No Cure for Death by Hazel Holt

Murder on the Salsette by Conrad Allen

Nothing But Trouble by Michael McGarrity

The Regime: Evil Advances by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins

Revenge of Eagles by Andrew J. Fenady

Riders to Moon Rock by Andrew J. Fenady

Riders of the Purple Sage (The Restored Edition) by Zane Grey

Road to Paradise by Max Allan Collins

The Rogue's Return Jo Beverley

The Shape of Sand by Marjorie Eccles

Six Bits a Day by Elmer Kelton

Something Blue by Emily Giffin

Sour Puss by Rita Mae Brown & Sneaky Pie Brown

Spell of the Highlander by Karen Marie Moning

Stage Fright by Christine Poulson

Sudden Country by Loren D. Estleman

Summer Garden Murder by Ann Ripley

The Truth with Jokes by Al Franken

Two Little Girls in Blue by Mary Higgins Clark

Wicked by Shannon Drake

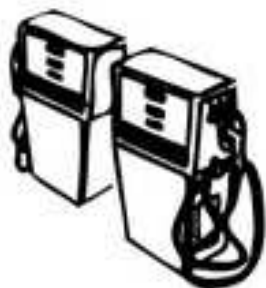
The Wrangler by Frank Roderus

SITES YOU REALLY SHOULD SEE

Celebrating 50 Years: The Eisenhower Interstate Highway System

A site commemorating the Dwight D. Eisenhower System of Interstate and Defense Highways on its 50th anniversary in 2006. Features a FAQ, historical background about the development of the federal interstate highway system and related material (such as a list of road movies and road songs), a bibliography, articles, an art gallery, road narratives, and links to related sites. From the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration.

www.fhwa.dot.gov/interstate/homepage.cfm



Fuel Economy Site (EPA)

The heart of this site is the "Find and Compare Cars" database, with miles-per-gallon numbers for vehicles from 1985 to the present. Includes a gasoline price page with links to national and regional fuel price information, information on vehicle safety ratings and air pollution, gas mileage tips, and material on hybrid and alternative fuel vehicles. Also find the most current model year "Fuel Economy Guide." From the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

www.fueleconomy.gov/

Away.com

This site contains travel advice for tourists who want travel that is active and travel that is responsible. It recommends tourist destinations for hiking, biking, bird watching, rafting, horseback riding and simply exploring. Travelers offer advice on what to see and what to skip for destinations throughout the world. Also given are suggestions for finding an appropriate tour operator, agent or wholesaler, and locating a travel book that is perfect for you. A merger of The Green Travel Network and *AdventureQuest.com*.

away.com/index.adp

Worldmapper: The World as You've Never Seen It Before

This site features cartograms, maps showing global regions "re-sized according to the subject of interest." Some of the many map subjects include births, total population, children, elderly, refugees, immigrants, tourism, transportation, and imports and exports. Maps are available in a printable poster format, and are accompanied by explanatory text and data files. A collaboration among the University of Sheffield (England), University of Michigan, and other groups.

www.sasi.group.shef.ac.uk/worldmapper/

QUICK T. S.

Dodie Gaudet, Bibliographic and Technical Services Consultant

OPAC

OPAC stands for Online Public Access Catalog. It's been called "online" since the early days of library automation, when "online" simply meant "computerized", before "online" meant "on the Web". Sometimes it's

SEND CMRLS YOUR DAMAGED DISKS

CMRLS offers the service at \$3 per disk (\$4 per disk for members in other Regions) in order to recover the cost of the purchase of the VenMill© Buffer. Unsuccessful repairs will of course be free of charge.

How it works:

Notify CMRLS the disks are being sent.

Print the confirmation page that appears.

Send the disks with a copy of the confirmation page to CMRLS, *attn: Disk Repair*.

Libraries will be billed by the job. If a disk is not adequately repaired when returned, make a note on the invoice and deduct the charge from your bill.



simply called a PAC.

There's been lots of discussion about OPACs recently. In February, Karen Calhoun's report *The Changing Nature of the Catalog and its Integration with Other Discovery Tools* was released (dSPACE.library.cornell.edu/bitstream/1813/2670/1/LC+64+report+draft2b.pdf) It's a 52 page report prepared for the Library of Congress and includes this sentence in the Executive Summary: "The catalog is in decline, its process and structures are unsustainable, and change needs to be swift."

A couple of months earlier, the Bibliographic Services Task Force of the University of California Libraries issued its final report. (libraries.universityofcalifornia.edu/sopag/BSTF/Final.pdf) Its Executive Summary states "The current Library catalog is poorly designed for the tasks of finding, discovering, and selecting the growing set of resources available within our libraries."

In the meantime, libraries throughout the country are doing cool new things with their OPACs. In January, North Carolina State University announced its "... revolutionary new online catalog ...[with] the speed and flexibility of popular online search engines ..."
(www.lib.ncsu.edu/catalog/) The not-so-secret weapon is Endeca ProFind which is used in front of Sirsi Unicorn.

Washington state's King County Library system uses AquaBrowser with its catalog, aqua.kcls.org/. Patrons can search using title or keyword, or click on a term in the tag cloud.

At the St. Joseph County Library in South Bend, Indiana, (www.libraryforlife.org/) you can use their Subject Guide to search by clicking on a topic. When you do, in addition to finding items in the catalog, you'll also find out about events the library is hosting on that topic as well as organizations in the area related to that topic.

For an interactive experience, you can search the Ann Arbor (Michigan) District Library (www.aadl.org/catalog), find a bibliographic record and see an image of an old fashioned catalog card. Then, you can make notes on the card! The card is old and shabby looking; I wish it looked new and clean.

Is the catalog in decline? Is it unsustainable and poorly designed? Maybe the change is swifter than Ms. Calhoun thinks.

INNOVATIVE IDEAS

Dodie Gaudet, Bibliographic and Technical Services Consultant

Central Massachusetts libraries aren't the only places with innovative ideas. We can sometimes look to our neighbor to the north and even farther away. Distance Learning Librarian (Norwich University, Northfield, Vermont) *Meredith Farkas* created **Library success: A best-practices wiki** (www.libsuccess.org) to be a one-stop shop for great

ideas and information for all types of librarians. If you're looking to see what others have done in a particular area, do a keyword search or browse through the index. If you've done something at your library that you consider a success, you can write about it in the wiki or provide a link to outside coverage. While local newsletters like *Centralities* are a great way to share information, wikis are too. In fact, the wiki itself is an innovative idea.

YOUTH SERVICES NOTES

Maureen Ambrosino, CMRLS Youth Services Consultant

MRLS Summer Reading Program Coupons Now Available

Coupons are now available online for all libraries participating in this year's statewide summer reading program. The coupon sheets can be photocopied by participating Massachusetts libraries, and each coupon must be stamped on the back in colored ink in order to be valid. All the coupons, in PDF format, can be found at

www.wmrls.org/sum/coupon.html Central Region-specific coupons along with a full list of coupon sponsors can be found on our Summer Reading '06 page at www.cmrls.org/forlibrarians/summer06.html



Summer Reading Program wiki

Librarians from all over Massachusetts are sharing program ideas, crafts, and more on our new statewide wiki. A wiki is like an online encyclopedia that anyone can edit or use to share information. If you would like to see some of the creative ideas currently posted, or share some of your own, go to whatsbuzzinma06.pbwiki.com Log in with your name and email address. The password for the wiki is mrls. MRLS members can find information there on summer programs for children, teens, and even for adults. Check it out!

MRLS/MBLC credit line

Librarians understand the role of the Massachusetts Regional Library Systems (MRLS), but it is important that the public become more aware of MRLS contributions if state support is to continue. Help to improve public awareness by using the following credit line on all of your summer program publicity and in all of your summer program press releases:

what's buzzin' at your library, the 2006 Statewide Reading Program, is funded by your local library, the Massachusetts Regional Library Systems, and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

ALSC to announce Kids! @ your library® campaign

The Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), officially will launch its Kids! @ your library® public awareness campaign at the ALA Annual Conference in New Orleans later this month. A complete tool kit of resources, including a sample communication plan; publicity, programming, and promotion ideas; sample news releases, public service announcements, and more will be available soon at www.ala.org/kids.

AASL releases position statement on instructional classification

CHICAGO - The American Association of School Librarians (AASL), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), has posted a new position statement on Instructional Classification of School Library Media Specialists.

The position statement was developed by the AASL Task Force on Instructional Classification to voice support for the inclusion of certified school library media specialists as part of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) definition of "instructional" school staff and services. AASL believes that school library media centers are classrooms in which school library media specialists teach and students and teachers learn.

AASL's Board of Directors appointed the Task Force on Instructional Classification during the ALA Midwinter Meeting in January, in response to the concerns of members over the proposed "65% solution" legislation. The legislation, being considered in many states nationwide, mandates that 65 percent of all funding for schools be spent on "direct classroom instruction." This presents a problem for school library media programs and staff, when the proposed legislation uses the current definition from the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) classifying school library media services as "non-instructional."

The new position statement is available at www.ala.org/aasl/positions. The American Association of School Librarians, www.aasl.org, a division of the American Library Association (ALA), promotes the improvement and extension of library media services in elementary and secondary schools as a means of strengthening the total education program. Its mission is to advocate excellence, facilitate change and develop leaders in the school library media field.

ON THE ROAD

Margaret Cardello, Assistant Administrator/Consultant, CMRLS



I recently visited one of our newest members, St. Joseph's Abbey Library in Spencer. I met with *Father Timothy* who is responsible for the library. You might wonder, as I know I did, exactly what regional services might be most useful to this library. The answer is lots. First is cataloging as they automate their library holdings. *Dodie Gaudet* will confer with them as they work to switch over to the LC classification system and explore ways they can implement the Catholic numbering system into their collection. They are interested in joining the statewide purchasing cooperative to order books and materials and the binding coop to facilitate their binding needs. They will likely need technical help with computers and other equipment. ILL may be useful to them as they seek specialized research materials from outside our area. *Father Timothy* gave me a tour of the library, including the reading room, the Scriptorium and the basement storage collection, reachable by a narrow spiral staircase. It was a fascinating morning. I was pleased to learn about them and easily see so many ways that they will benefit from being a member of CMRLS.

GREGORY MACGUIRE TO APPEAR IN SOUTHBRIDGE

Meet *Gregory MacGuire*, nationally recognized author of *Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West*, which is the basis for the popular Broadway musical WICKED. On June 21 at 6:00 p.m., Gregory will present an Author Talk and Book Signing as part of the library's celebration of National Gay Pride Month. This event is free and open to the public.



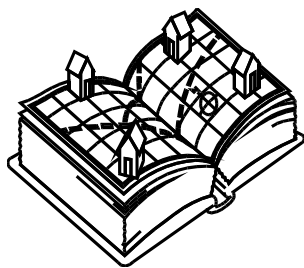
Following the Author Talk, the Friends of the Jacob Edwards Library will sponsor a Wine & Hors D'oeuvres reception with the author at 7:00 p.m. Guests can mingle with the author, enjoy live music provided by *Owen Plant* and *Patti DeRosa* of Boston, and participate in the "Ruby Slipper" Raffle. Tickets for the Reception are \$25 and may be charged by phone by calling the Sturbridge Coffee Roaster Café at 508-765-5520.

Guests are also invited to the After Party at 9:00 p.m., sponsored by the Vienna Historic Inn & Restaurant located at 14 South Street, Southbridge. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served; the Vienna will provide a cash bar for the event. Entrance to the After Party is included in the price of the reception ticket.

IN THE REGION

Ashburnham

Thanks to the efforts of patron *Tim Hill*, the **Stevens Memorial Library** in Ashburnham has been involved in the sport of geocaching. Geocaching is an adventure game for GPS users. Individuals and organizations set up caches all over the world and share the locations of these caches on the Internet. GPS users can then use the location coordinates to find the caches. Once found, a cache may provide the visitor with a wide variety of rewards. There are 3,000 geocaches within a hundred miles of Ashburnham; 500 within twenty-five miles of Ashburnham and nine geocaches within Ashburnham.



Groton

A photography exhibit, *Safari: A Photographic Journey*, images of Africa by Groton resident *Harold Sandford*, is on view in the **Groton Public Library** art gallery, through June 27.

Hopkinton

The **Hopkinton Public Library** now sends an e-mail notification when materials are ready for patrons to pick up. This new service will offer convenience to library patrons, while at the same time saving library staff time processing and making phone calls everyday.

Morrie Gasser, a resident of Hopkinton, has spent over ten years compiling a catalog of the wildflowers of the area. **Hopkinton Public Library** patrons benefited from his experience with his Wildflower Present-

tation on May 31. Mr. Gasser's discussion included topics such as how to become familiar with local wildflowers, where to find them, identification hints and what you can find outside right now.

Leominster

The **Leominster Public Library** presented a program on geocaching on May 1. *Dale Wheeler* and *Brett Marcotte* introduced the audience to this popular outdoor activity which combines hiking and navigation. The program concluded with a field trip outside so the "newbies" could try their hand at locating several geocaches hidden on the library grounds.



The New England Chapter of Sisters in Crime presented a panel discussion: "The Making of a Cozy Mystery" at the **Leominster Public Library**. Authors *Lori Avocato*, *Roberta Isleib* and *Clea Simon* explained how they come up with the characters, settings and plots that create a "cozy mystery"—one which contains very little violence, sex, or profanity and has amateur sleuths solving crimes using their keen observation and intellect to hunt down criminals.

Milford

Ted Burke, long-time Director of Library Media Services for the **Milford Public School** system has taken the new position of Instructional Librarian at Dean College in Franklin.

Pepperell

Deb Spratt will join the **Lawrence Library**, Pepperell, as director on July 1.

Westminster

Charlene Churchill is the new Director at **Forbush Library**. Charlene most recently directed the Heath, Mass. library.

Worcester

The **Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences** (MCPHS) recently hosted 25 6th grade students from the **Burncoat Preparatory School** in Worcester for a Kids to College through the Library program. Partial grant funding was provided by CMRLS.

Highlights of the program included interactions with MCPHS students to learn about college life, compounding paints in the pharmaceuticals lab, touring the **Worcester Art Museum**, the **Worcester Public Library**, the MCPHS Library and working with librarians and educators to answer lead poisoning case-based questions.

Janet Shainheit, Director of the **Worcester Academy Library**, will retire this spring. *Jackie Shartin* has been appointed Director.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Eileen Charbonneau, *Continuing Education Assistant*

The Summer Continuing Education workshop session has finally begun! This summer promises lots of great CE opportunities.

See your Continuing Education brochure online at <http://www.cmrls.org/ce/brochure.html> for full description of workshops

To register for workshops, complete the online form at: <http://www.cmrls.org/forms/ceregistration.html> or email ce@cmrls.org.



On June 22 CMRLS offers *Introduction to Access*. This workshop will provide the basics of using database software. Participants will learn basic database concepts and terminology; how to create a database; how to add, edit and delete records; how to create a simple query, form and report. *Rick Levine*, CMRLS Technical Specialist, is the workshop leader.

Does your library use EventKeeper software? If so, you won't want to miss *EventKeeper Users Group* on July 12. *Ric Bailey* and *Jim Stewart* of Plymouth Rocket, Inc. (the folks who bring you EventKeeper) will demonstrate ways to customize your calendar with advanced options and special features. This is a hands-on workshop so you'll get the opportunity to practice these techniques before bringing them back to your library.

On July 18, the Shrewsbury Public Library will host *TAG, You're It! Teen Advisory Groups at the Library*. Shrewsbury's own *Sarah Sogigian* will share tips and tricks on creating a unique teen advisory group, keeping teens engaged in the library and your community, and using their knowledge to help create a "kick" teen section in your library. Teens from S.P.L.A.T., the successful teen advisory group at the Shrewsbury Public Library will be on hand to share their experiences.

Does the stress of job, family or just every day life sometimes feel a little overwhelming? *Stress Reduction* offered on July 25 might be just what you need. Through a technique known as mindfulness, *Zayda Vallejo* of the Center for Mindfulness at UMass Medical School will help you learn this way of relating directly to whatever is happening in your life. It is a way of taking charge of your life, of doing something for yourself that no one else can do for you - consciously and systematically working with your own stress, pain, illness, and the challenges and demands of everyday life. Mindfulness-based stress reduction is intended to ignite this inner capacity and infuse your life with awareness.

Ever wonder what all that stuff is inside your computer? Their mystery will be revealed on July 27, when CMRLS Technical Specialist, *Rick Levine*, will show participants the inner workings of a computer at *Inside the PC*. This hands-on workshop covers identification, replacement and maintenance of PC components. Participants will actually remove and replace parts and learn to perform basic upgrades and troubleshoot hardware problems.

SAVE THESE DATES

Tuesday, July 4, CMRLS will be closed for the day.

Thursday, July 13, MBLC Monthly Board Meeting, 10:00 am, MBLC office, 98 North Washington St., Suite 401, Boston www.mlin.lib.ma.us/

UPCOMING DEADLINE

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