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DELAWARE LIBRARIES: LINKS TO THE PAST, BRIDGES TO THE FUTURE

DLA Conference 2003 Update

The 2003 conference is scheduled for Friday, May 16, 2003 at the Wyndam Hotel in Wilmington. The keynote speaker is Dr. James Loewen, author of *Lies My Teacher Told Me* and *Lies across America*.

There will be a special evening pre-conference reception on Thursday, May 15, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. at the Wyndam. This will feature children/young adult author Jack Gantos. Our theme is **Delaware Libraries: Links to the Past, Bridges to the Future**. Sessions will include Kathy O'Connell of WXPB's "Kid's Corner," financial literacy, Delaware authors Maxon & Young, and tours of local special libraries.

Our committee is working hard to plan a unique conference experience.

Suzanne D. Smith, Conference Chair

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Anne C. Norman Appointed Director of the Delaware Division of Libraries

"I am pleased to announce that Anne C. Norman has been appointed Director of the Delaware Division of Libraries. Ms. Norman has been Acting Director since last April and was the Acting Deputy Director since 1999. Ms. Norman holds a Masters in Library Science and Technology and has been employed by the Division since 1985.

"Ms. Norman has extensive experience in establishing policies, strategic planning, grant administration and budgeting. She was successful in applying for and receiving funding from the First State Quality Improvement Fund and has implemented a quality initiative for the Division.

"Anne Norman is a proven leader in our library community and I believe she will be an asset to the Administration. I look forward to our continued endeavors and support to Delaware's Public libraries."

Harriet Smith Windsor, Secretary of State

**DLA Bulletin Congratulates
Anne C. Norman, State Librarian**

Calendar of Upcoming November Events



Family Literacy Day— November 1st

<http://www.famlit.org>

National Young Reader's Day—November 6th

<http://www.bookitprogram.com>

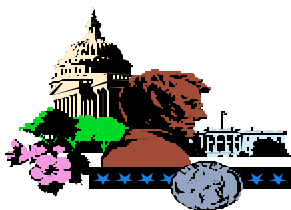
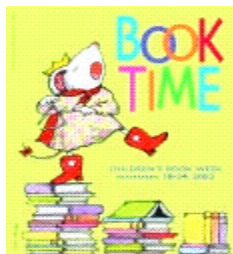


American Education Week—November 17-23

<http://www.nea.org>

Children's Book Week— November 18-24

<http://www.cbcbooks.org>



DEADLINE: **November 15, 2002**

For Forever Free:
Abraham Lincoln's
Journey to Emancipation Grant Applica-
tions <http://www.ala.org/publicprograms/lincoln>

Understanding Archives Workshop at
Villa Julie College in Stevenson, MD
November 14-15, 2002

[http://www.archivists.org/prof-education/
workshop-detail.asp?id=495](http://www.archivists.org/prof-education/workshop-detail.asp?id=495)



Searchers Save Time with DeIAWARE® Version 5.0

Version 5.0 of DeIAWARE®: The Digital Library of the First State



is up and running! The new site is designed to help customers access information with as few clicks as possible.

Now users can access licensed resources, library catalogs, Google, and DULS from the front page. For those who don't know which database does what, subject listings enable them to get to just the information they need. Subjects include appropriate databases and links to several pertinent and comprehensive sites.

The Searching page, which links to several major search engines and a comprehensive listing of search engines, also includes Directories and timesaving Search Charts, giving a visual rundown of power-searching tools for each engine.

A Tutorials page provides training tools for both novice and advanced Internet users. It includes "Researching Companies Online," a free tutorial providing a step-by-step process for locating information about companies and industries on the Web.

<http://www.lib.de.us>

CRLD REVISING BY-LAWS

Rebecca Knight (UD) and S. Mark Jarrell (DSU) are working on some amendments to the by-laws of the College & Research Libraries Division (CRLD). They hope to get the proposals to division members well in advance of the 2003 conference and vote on them at the CRLD business meeting at that conference.

The amendments were largely designed by Knight to get the division by-laws mechanically and substantively in line with Association by-laws. Jarrell is assisting in the mechanics of the amending process. He worked with Carol Weber on a similar project in 1999.

Comments may be directed to Knight at "<mailto:knight@UDel.Edu>" or Jarrell at "<mailto:sjarrell@dsc.edu>".

CRLD Fall Program

About Delaware/By Delaware

The College and Research Libraries Division of the Delaware Library Association held its Fall Program at the University of Delaware Library on Wednesday, September 25, from 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. The program was called: About Delaware / By Delaware and showcased resources and finding aids concerning Delaware and Delawareans created by Delaware libraries or agencies.

The program started with an official welcome from Susan Brynteson, the May Morris Director of Libraries at the University of Delaware Library. There were four presenters: Ben Prestianni, Head of Reference, Wilmington Library; Laura Cochrane, Special Collections Department,

University of Delaware Library; Tom Summers, Outreach Services, Delaware Public Archives; and Rebecca Knight, Reference Department, University of Delaware Library.



Ben spoke about two resources created by the Wilmington Library. The "Delaware Index" is a card file, covering 1920 to 1979, that indexes the Wilmington newspapers and important Delaware histories. For some entries, clippings of the article are on file. The card file was frozen in the early 1980s due to budget cuts. Beginning in 1988, the Wilmington Library has produced an online index which covers the *Wilmington News Journal* and some years of *Delaware Today*.

This "Newspaper Index" is not currently available due to a change in library systems but is expected to be back online shortly through the Library website at

<http://www.wilmlib.org>.



Laura's presentation was on the digitized collection of Delaware post-cards that the University Library will be bringing up soon as a publicly accessible Internet resource. It is a very rich collection of images of Delaware and the images will be searchable by place and subject as well as photographer or photographic firm. (Continued on Page 4)

CRLD Fall Program

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Tom's presentation was on two very different sources of information about Delaware. One is the Historical markers collection. The information on the markers is available on the DPA Web site at <http://www.state.de.us/sos/dpa>. Tom also described and showed examples of the Teaching Kits, called Teaching Delaware History with Primary Sources. These kits are lesson plans, suggested classroom activities, and high quality reproductions of primary sources. The documents reproduced range in time from the early colonization period to the twentieth century and cover many diverse topics. Information on the kits is available on the DPA website; see the section called Educational Materials.

Rebecca's presentation was a "Miscellany," a sort of Show and Tell about locally created print resources and Internet sources. The handouts from this presentation are available on the CRLD web page <http://www2.lib.udel.edu/dla-crlid>.

The program drew attendees from both the College and Research libraries division and the Public Libraries Division of the Delaware Library Association. About thirty people were there for the presentation, the "exhibits," and the coffee and Danish.

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University of Delaware **Library Exhibition** **"Shared Voices"**

The University of Delaware Library announces a new exhibition entitled "Shared Voices: Modern Gay Literature." The exhibition is on view in the Information Room of the Morris Library in Newark through January 5, 2003. The curators are Michael Gutierrez, Assistant Librarian, and Demaris Hollembeak, Associate Librarian, both of the Reference Department.

The exhibition reflects the broadly based nature of the University of Delaware Library collections as well as the Library's commitment to diversity.

For further information, contact Susan Brynteson, The May Morris Director of Libraries 302-831-2231.



"There was one place where I forgot the cold, indeed forgot Siberia. That was in the library. There, in that muddy village, was a great institution. Not physically, to be sure, but in every other way imaginable. It was a small log cabin, immaculately attended to with loving care; it was well lighted with oil lamps & it was warm. But best of all, it contained a small but amazing collection from the world's best literature, truly amazing considering the time, the place, & its size. From floor to ceiling it was lined with books—books, books, books...It was there that I learned to line up patiently for my turn to sit at a table & read, to wait—sometimes months—for a book. It was there that I learned that reading was not only a great delight, but a privilege." —*The endless steppe* by **Esther Hautzig**.

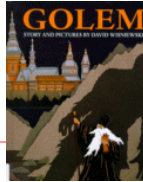
In Memory of David Wisniewski



David Wisniewski (wiz-NESS-key) passed away, after a brief illness, on September 11, 2002 at the age of 49. He was a storyteller and an illustrator.

David used an X-Acto knife to cut through layers of colored paper to create his pictures. For just one book, he would use approximately 1,000 blades. His book *Golem* won the 1997 Caldecott Award. His gift to children's literature will be missed but will live on through the works that he has left to us. For more information on his life and his works, please visit

<http://www.ala.org/alsc/wisniew.html>



Dover Library Celebrates 100 Years as Tax-Supported Institution



"Delaware Secretary of State Harriet Smith Windsor, left, honors Sheila B. Anderson, director of the Dover Public Library, during Wednesday's 100th anniversary celebration."—*Delaware State News*, Thursday, September 26, 2002.



"Ready for a Second Hundred Years: Dover Library Director Sheila Anderson found something interesting in her office files—an original, century-old plea to the taxpayers of Dover, asking for their support in establishing a free public library in the Capital City. The notice said landowning taxpayers would see an increase of one cent per one-hundred dollars of assessed value on their real estate."—*The Dover Post*, Wednesday, September 25, 2002.



A little library growing each year is an honorable part of a man's history.—Henry Ward Beecher/

REMINDER!

Keep your membership current
with DLA



Libraries—Strength Through Understanding

Libraries—Strength through Understanding was the theme of Sussex County Department of Libraries' 12th Annual Staff Development Day, October 10, 2002.

There were twenty workshops offered to over seventy-five staff members. Attendance included trustees, advisory board members, and some members of Council.

Workshops offered were:

- [Cataloging Correctly for Kids](#), Allison Kaplan, MLS, Univ. of Delaware Resource Center;
- [R.O.S.E. Reaching Out to Seniors Everywhere](#), Sandy Dole;
- [Graphic Novels: What are They, Why Do We Want Them, & How to Get Them](#), Norma Jean Fowler, MLS, Laurel Library;
- [Emotional Control & Self Discipline: How to Stay Calm & Productive Under Pressure](#), Dr. Joseph Zingaro, People's Place;
- [Violence Awareness](#), American Red Cross;
- [Supervising Teen Employees](#), Agnes Wells, Dept. of Labor;
- [Ergonomics I & II](#), Frank Dobson, Delaware Safety Council;
- [Programming for Teens](#), Mary Catherine Hopkins, Milton Library Director;
- [Getting to Yes](#), Dr. T.J.Mumford, Chair, Del Tech Dept. of Human Services & Gerontology;
- [Recognizing & Creating Accessible Web Sites for Persons with Disabilities](#), Tom Peracchio;
- [Audience Participation in Children's Programming](#), Peg Broadwater, Broad Creations;
- [Cataloging Items Left for Later](#), Jane Tupin, MSLS, Delaware Division of Libraries;
- [What's It All About: This Thing Called Library Work](#), Susan Menson, MSLS, Bear Library;
- [Library Advisory Board/Trustees: Business of Libraries](#), Linda Bankoski, Quality Leadership Associates;
- [Cultural Literacy Through Children's Literature from Foreign Lands](#), Pamella A. Russell, MLS,

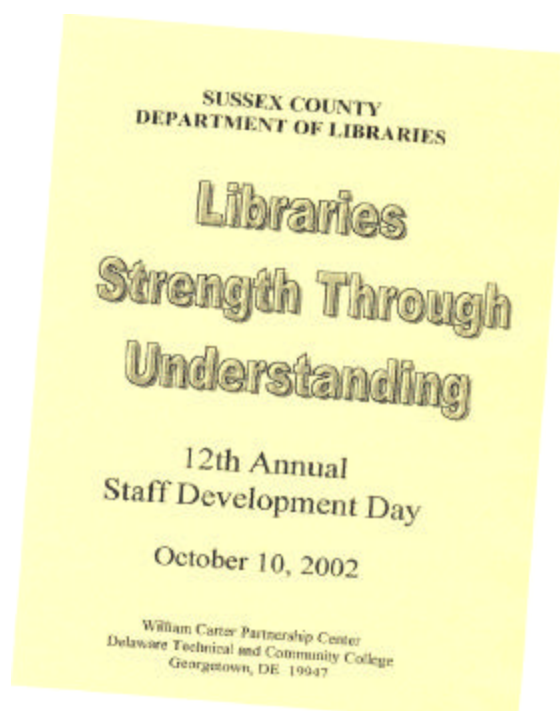
Asst. Director of County Libraries;

- [Security & Library Computers](#), Linda Warner, Sussex County System Administrator;
- [Creating & Maintaining a Respectful, Inclusive Workplace Environment](#), Dr. Penny Scott, KPS Adlerian Counseling & Christel Shumate, NCC, Literacy & Outreach Services Coordinator;
- [Cataloging Items: Whatyacallum's](#), Jane Tupin, MSLS, Delaware Division of Libraries;
- [Volunteer Management](#), Mary Ann Hook, RSVP

Musicians Chris Braddock and Keith Calmes from Delaware Classical Showcase performed. Lynne Bradley from the Washington Office of the American Library Association was the keynote luncheon speaker addressing "The USA Patriot Act in the Library."

Many thanks to Christel Shumate for an outstanding job on behalf of the professional development of Sussex County library staff.

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White House Conference on School Libraries

(This article was too late for the September issue but still merits space in the Bulletin.)

The White House Conference on School Libraries was hosted by Mrs. Laura Bush, the First Lady of our Nation, on June 4, 2002. The focus of this conference was to launch the Laura Bush Foundation and to show our First Lady's commitment to education and her support for literacy and libraries.

The importance of school libraries was highlighted through listening to speakers who have researched and been involved in the educational library realm, and to administrators who shared their stories displaying the effect that library media specialists have made in their schools and with student learning.

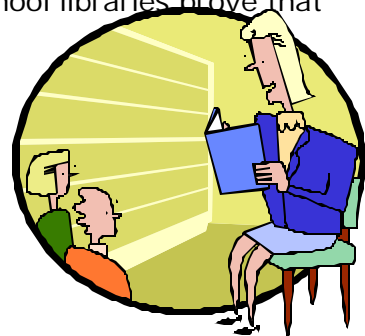
The speakers included Dr. Vartan Gregorian from the Carnegie Corporation who spoke of reading and school libraries and the need to expose our youths to these indispensable tools. Dr. Susan Neuman, Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education from the U.S. Department of Education presented a study that revealed the impact the school librarian makes on all children, rich or poor. She showed evidence that school librarians do make a difference. Next, was author/researcher Dr. Keith Curry Lance, the Director of Library Research at Colorado State Library. Dr. Curry is known for his collaborative

Alaska, Pennsylvania, and Colorado study on the impact school libraries and librarians have made on student performance. From the eight studies that he has conducted, he concluded that, "school libraries are a powerful force in the lives of America's children." Gary Hartzell, professor of Educational Administration and Supervision from the University of Nebraska in Omaha spoke of the importance of communication to promote school libraries from administration to teachers and the entire school community. He emphasized that our school libraries are knowledge spaces and called attention to the importance of having a full time school librarian as an asset to our schools and it is up to all of us, especially our school administration to maximize the return on the library investment.

Schools that have invested in their school library programs were able to reveal their findings also. From a superintendent to a principal they all spoke of the importance of access, data, technology integration, advocacy and emphasized the connection between teaching and learning through a collaborative process. They displayed concrete evidence that libraries do impact student achievement.

The First Lady completed this conference with Christine DeVita President of the Wallace-Reader's Digest Funds, which have continuously supported libraries and have become partners in the mission to educate our community in helping our school libraries prove that they can make a difference in student academic achievement.

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Mentors Needed

As of July 1, 2002 Southern Connecticut Library Council became the fiscal sponsor of Exchanging Jobs

<http://www.exchangingjobs.org>, a free website devoted to job exchanges and job shadowing for librarians.

Job exchanging lets a participant trade places for a set period of time—typically from one to six months—with someone who has similar responsibilities.

Job shadowing, on the other hand, typically lasts between half a day and two days and comes in two varieties: 1) a mentee posts his or her contact information on a list specifying the type of job that would be of interest. A mentor who works in this type of job contacts him or her to arrange a time for the mentee to shadow the mentor; 2) a mentor posts his or her contact information and job responsibilities on a list. A mentee interested in this type of job contacts the mentor to arrange the shadowing—there is a particular need for this variety of job shadowing.

To sign-up go to http://www.exchangingjobs.org/app_shadowme.html. In both varieties the mentee would accompany the mentor during the work-day.

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(This in no way indicates an endorsement by the Delaware Library Association)

Library Cats Around the World

The Library Cats Map is a feature of the Iron Frog Productions Web site

<http://www.ironfrog.com/catsmap.html>

What is a library cat? It is a cat that calls a library its home. Most were homeless before being adopted by a library. Now Web-surfing cat lovers can find these felines that live in libraries by consulting the map. Visitors can click on any region of the world to view a list of the cats known to reside in libraries there. People can view photos of the cats, visit the cats' home pages on the Web, and even send them email.



The map contains information on more than 450 library cats around the world. There are certainly more cats in the stacks. Iron Frog Productions would like your assistance in compiling the definitive list of library cats in the world. Visit the site and check out the ones from your area. If, purr chance, you know of one that was missed, you can help update the list. In this way, you will play a part in creating a resource for people who would like to stop by on their travels to visit a library cat.

The Library Cats Map's data derives from Iron Frog Productions' research for the award-winning documentary film, *Puss in Books: Adventures of the Library Cat*.



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