

# DELAWARE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

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## Remembering September 11, 2001

*"The price of freedom is eternal vigilance ."  
—Thomas Jefferson*

There are some remarkable web sites published on the Internet that are worth looking at as we remember fallen loved ones, strangers, heroes and heroines, the man or woman that lived just down the street from you, a family member, a child from your child's school, a patron from your library, a parishioner, a college chum, average and not so average citizens and foreigners. The devastation of September 11 united our country in a tragic and glorious way. We were confronted with both the tenuousness and the tenacity of life. The breath of life is fragile, able to be snuffed out in the blink of an eye and yet, for those who survive, it is an anchor. I'm proud to be an American. I love my country and my flag. We are truly **"one nation, under God, indivisible. . ."**

*Pamella A. Russell, Editor*

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## Calendar of Upcoming September Events

September is -

### **National Library Card Sign-Up Month**



<http://www.ala.org/pio/librarycard>



### September 8th is - **International Literacy Day**

<http://www.reading.org/meetings/ild>



September 21st—28th is -

### **Banned Books Week**

<http://www.ala.org/bbooks>

## Calendar of Upcoming October Events

October 3rd—6th



### **Fall for the Book Festival**

<http://www.fallforthebook.org>

October 12th

### **National Book Festival**

Sponsored by 1st Lady Laura Bush



<http://www.loc.gov/bookfest/welcome/index.html>

October 13th—19th



### **Teen Read Week**

Graphic Novels

<http://www.ala.org/teenread>

## **University of Delaware Library Introduces New Online DELCAT Catalog**

A new web version of the University of Delaware Library online catalog, DELCAT, was introduced on July 1, 2002, and provides easier searching with more search capabilities. The new DELCAT is accessible via the web at:

<http://delcat.udel.edu>

The basis for the new DELCAT is software called ALEPH 500 developed by Ex Libris (USA) Inc. which was recently also installed at the libraries of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard University.

The new DELCAT provides live web links to electronic journals and other online resources, and the ability to search specific libraries or collections such as Journal/Serials, the Chemistry Library, Special Collections or the Media Collection. Additional features will be added during 2002/2003.

Microsoft Internet Explorer version 5.5 or Netscape 6.0 are the web browsers which work most effectively with the new DELCAT.

For more information, or questions regarding the new DELCAT online catalog, email the University of Delaware Library at [askref@poole.lib.udel.edu](mailto:askref@poole.lib.udel.edu) or link to <http://www2.lib.udel.edu/ref/askalib>

**How many academic librarians does it take to change a light bulb?** Just five. One changes the light bulb while the other four form a committee and write a letter of protest to the Dean, because after all, changing light bulbs IS NOT professional work!



#### Definition:

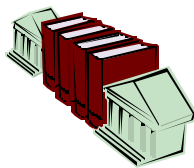
**Librarian is a  
service occupation. . .**

**Gas station attendant  
of the mind.**

*In The Gold Bug  
Variations p.35, 1991  
Richard Powers*



## No Need to Reinvent the Wheel!



Regardless of where we are employed, each of us may be called upon to quickly find up-to-date, reliable state government information for a patron or for some project in which we may be involved. If only we had time to “surf the Net,” increasingly, we might find almost everything we need. However, usually we don’t have that key element—TIME—so we tend to fall back on whatever is available at the moment.

The Legal Information Center (aka “Library”) at Widener University School of Law in Wilmington provides a website packed with online information for students, including pathfinders on various topics. While the target audience is our law students, other visitors to our site may also find much of it to be useful.

Go to the Legal Information Center’s site at <http://www.law.widener.edu/Law-Library>. On the left side under “Research,” a click on “Delaware Research” will bring you to “Delaware: Legal and Non-Legal Online Resources.” Topic headings at the beginning permit you to jump down the page to the section you want or you can simply browse the entire three printed pages of links. Local governments also are included to the extent that they have an online presence.

Increasingly, state governments are making more information available via the Web. Under Delaware Governor Ruth Ann Minner’s “e-government initiative,” there is a tremendous amount of good information now available about state agencies, including PDF copies of forms. The Delaware Courts also have revamped their Web presence and many of the courts now provide forms and explanatory materials. For example, by going to the Delaware Supreme Court website

<http://courts.state.de.us/supreme>

and clicking on “FAQ: A Citizens’ Guide,” one can find an excellent explanation of how to file an appeal in the Supreme Court of Delaware. Forms also are available on this website as they are on many of the other Court websites.

Pennsylvania is another state about which you may get questions. Going back to the Legal Information Center homepage and clicking on “Pennsylvania Research” on the left side of the page will bring you to the “Pennsylvania: Legal and Non-Legal Online Resources” page. Here, too, the user can find links to a wide variety of Pennsylvania websites. In addition, there are research guides that serve as pathfinders relating to specific Pennsylvania topics. Although the topics primarily are for law students and/or practicing attorneys who may be new to the area, there also is information here that may be of interest to others. Each of the research guides is in PDF format and may be printed for easy use.

Take a look at some of the other resources available through Widener’s homepage. The topic “Legal Research” on the homepage also has a wealth of information available. Please let us know if you ever find errors or dead links or if you know of something that you believe we should add. Contact Marcie Bierlein, Reference/State Documents Librarian, 302-477-2044 or [marcie.bierlein@law.widener.edu](mailto:marcie.bierlein@law.widener.edu)

*How many reference librarians does it take to change a light-bulb?*

*Well, I don’t know right off-hand, but I know where we can look it up!”*

### REMINDER!

#### DLA Executive Board Meeting

**Monday, October 28, 2002**

**3:30 p.m.**

**Delaware Division of  
Libraries**



## CRLD Announces Fall Program



The College and Research Libraries Division announces its Fall Program:

### About Delaware/By Delaware

The program will highlight various finding aids and resources concerning Delaware and Delawareans created by Delaware Libraries or agencies. For more details, see the CRLD web page:

<http://www2.lib.udel.edu/dla-crlid>

To be held at the University of Delaware Library (Hugh M. Morris Library) on Wednesday, September 25 from 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

To register, contact Rebecca C. Knight  
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## **Let's Do Winterthur!**

Last spring DLA sponsored a successful fundraiser in cooperation with the ALA Washington Office. This weekend raised \$500 for DLA and was quite a hit with the participants who are all urging us to repeat this Winterthur, Hagley, Longwood program or a variation on it. The ALA Washington Office is also willing to help again with the publicity.

DLA is looking for a volunteer, or better yet, a pair of volunteers, to manage the weekend program this year. Cathy Wojewodzki and Kathy Graybeal, who set up last year's program, have good notes and will help this year's volunteers as needed.

## Digital Talking-Book Player



IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions) Journal, v.28:4 2002 announced the winner in their Digital Talking-Book Player Competition, sponsored by the Industrial Designers Society of America (IDSA) in cooperation with the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), Library of Congress. There were 146 entries from 28 design schools across the country. Lachezar Tsvetanov, a senior from the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut, won first place and \$5,000 for his entry entitled "Dook."

The winning model resembles a book that opens to reveal a speaker and audio controls. Quoting Tsvetanov -

"It was great to work on a product addressing the challenges faced by those whose needs are frequently overlooked. This was not only a design exercise, but also a life experience. I developed the concept of a book for my entry because many people could relate to the fact that a high percentage of talking-book readers are older. They would have something in front of them that resembles a book... something they were familiar with before losing their sight. And young people who use the Dook will feel they don't stand out in a crowd because it looks like a book."

Tsvetanov is a native of Sophia, Bulgaria and is studying at the University of Bridgeport on a full tuition scholarship.

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<http://www.ifla.org>

For him that stealeth a Book from this Library, let it change into a serpent in his hand and rend him. Let him be struck with Palsy, and all his Members blasted. Let him languish in Pain crying aloud for Mercy and let there be no surcease to his Agony till he sink in Dissolution. Let Bookworms gnaw his Entrails in token of the Worm that dieth not, and when at last he goeth to his final Punishment, let the flames of Hell consume him for ever and aye.

—Curse Against Book Stealers  
Monastery of San Pedro, Barcelona



## Laws of Librarianship

- Libraries serve humanity
- Respect all forms by which knowledge is communicated
- Use technology intelligently to enhance service
- Protect free access to knowledge
- Honor the past & create the future.

—Michael Gorman (*American Libraries* 9/95)

### REMINDER!

**Keep your membership current  
with DLA**



## Delaware Academy of Medicine & the Lewis B. Flinn Library

The Delaware Academy of Medicine is collaborating with the Eugene duPont Preventive Medicine & Rehabilitative Institute and other concerned organizations to “determine the current status of access to quality health information by health professionals and consumers in Delaware.” The initiative is part of the Academy’s continuing efforts to make it the premiere resource for health information in Delaware.

The *Academy Update* of August 2002 provides a short list of websites that reference librarians may find helpful when assisting patrons with health related information seeking:

[www.delamed.org](http://www.delamed.org)

The Academy’s website gives access to credible health information selected by expert medical librarians. Their pathfinders for patients make it easy to find information.

[www.mayoclinic.com/findinformation/healthylivingcenter/index.cfm](http://www.mayoclinic.com/findinformation/healthylivingcenter/index.cfm)

This is a section of the larger Mayo Clinic site.

[www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/wellnessandlifestyle.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/wellnessandlifestyle.html)

This is a section of the National Library of Medicine’s MedlinePlus consumer health website.

[www.lib.uiowa.edu/hardin/md/index.html](http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/hardin/md/index.html)

This site is from the Hardin Library for the Health Sciences, University of Iowa.

[www.medweb.emory.edu/MedWeb](http://www.medweb.emory.edu/MedWeb)

This resource is maintained by the staff of the Robert W. Woodruff Health Sciences Center Library of Emory University.

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**Sussex County Library System**  
**Staff Development Day**  
**October 10, 2002**



The challenges libraries face continue to change daily. The ability to increase knowledge and skill levels within the library

profession is a key factor in meeting those very challenges. Lifelong learning extends beyond a service response for the community; lifelong learning includes the staff in our libraries. Even as we reach mastery in certain areas of our work, the one thing that remains constant is the change to those very same areas.

Each year Sussex County Department of Libraries works to address lifelong learning through its Staff Development Day. For the past eleven years, staff of the Sussex County Library System has come together for a day of networking and participation in a variety of workshops. To encourage collaborative efforts and form community connections, the Department seeks community and state organizations, along with individuals, to provide topics of interest and relevance in an endeavor to create a respectful, inclusive environment for staff and patrons. As communities grow and change, it is essential that library services and programs continue to grow and change with them.

Growth and change can occur as staff is introduced to and encouraged to look at new choices and evaluate the effectiveness of current activities with the intent of building on strengths and providing more effective services. It is not always necessary to keep adding more; however, it is necessary to keep looking at old things in a fresh,

clean way.

This year's Staff Development Day will be October 10 at Delaware Technical and Community College, Georgetown. Workshop topics include

- Service to youth



- Cataloging



- Programming for the older population



- Supervision of teen employees



- Mental and physical health in the work environment



Thanks to everyone who is contributing time and energy to make Sussex County Library System Staff Development Day a worthwhile day of fun and learning.

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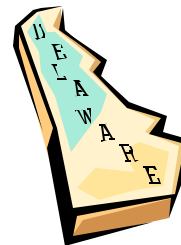
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Know & Grow**

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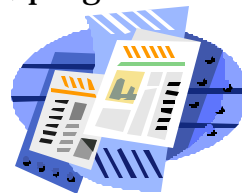
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