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Renee Register to Receive Outstanding Alumna/us Award

Renee Register ('89) (formerly Renee Stamper, when a student in the School) has been chosen to receive the School's 2009 Outstanding Alumna/us Award, which will be presented to her at the May 1st Alumni and Awards Banquet. She was nominated for the Award by three people who work or have worked with her: Cindy Cunningham, Director, Partner Programs, OCLC; **Mary Ann Abner ('96)**, cataloging contractor, employed by OCLC and Special Libraries Cataloguing; and Shannan Starnes Rosa, Collection Development Librarian at Ingram Book Company.

After completing the master's-degree program, Renee worked initially at the Council of State Governments as Information Resources Coordinator. She next joined Book Wholesalers, Inc, as Cataloger, and, in 1992, moved to Sullivan Business College – now Sullivan University – as Assistant Librarian. The following year she was promoted to Library Director at Sullivan.

In 1994 Renee joined the staff at Ingram Library Services, in LaVergne, TN, as Cataloger. In 1996 she was promoted to Manager, Cataloging Services, and in 1998 was promoted again, to Director, Classification and Bibliographic Control. After a decade with Ingram, Renee joined OCLC, in Dublin, OH, as Production Manager, Metadata Contract Services. In the position she was in charge of a production team of approximately 90 professionals and paraprofessionals, providing cataloging and metadata services to hundreds of libraries in support of four products.

In May 2006 Renee was promoted to her current position, Global Product Manager, Cataloging Partnering, with OCLC's Cataloging and Metadata Services division. She is responsible for products, services and strategic planning relating to partnering with vendors and publishers in metadata creation, enrichment and delivery.

In her letter nominating Renee, Cindy Cunningham wrote: "I have known Renee for only a year, yet I have known of her work for 10 years, as she was head of cataloging at Ingram while I was head of cataloging at Amazon.com. She and I did not directly interact during that time ... yet, the

results of her team's work were known throughout the industry. Ingram had the fastest response time, most accurate and thorough cataloging, and best cataloging customer service of any of the major book industry players I had to work with....

Renee and I met finally when I joined OCLC, where she has been for the past two and one half years. With her dual perspective, being a librarian yet working in a non-library setting, she has been able to brainstorm an entirely new business opportunity for OCLC and is nearly single-hand-

edly executing on this vision. Her ability to think way outside the box and see new ways to bring libraries and publishers together in the electronic world of metadata is unique and noteworthy. Her energy is tireless, her ideas novel and do-able, and her attitude impressive. She is driven, yet easy to work with, independent, yet collaborative and a great team player. I admire her very much and believe that the unique role she is playing in this important space is worthy of the highest recognition."

In her letter nominating Renee, Mary Ann Abner wrote that in 1996, "with a newly-minted MLIS from the University of Kentucky, I began my first 'real' library job. (I had worked at King North that June and July in a professional position, but it was grant-funded. We all know how those jobs go – great experience but few human resources benefits.) I began work as a cataloger at Ingram Library Services in LaVergne, Tennessee.

... When I began as a cataloger at Ingram, our group was growing quickly. There was no move on management's part to assign us any leadership, so we came up with our own *de facto* choice. Renee had been there the second longest of any of the catalogers [and] it was Renee who gave our department momentum. It was she that we trusted the most, and she who worked the hardest.

Renee has a gift for working with people. When I started out, I was young and unsure of myself. Renee became my mentor and my friend. She is very experienced and very intelligent, and she used those gifts to guide me, to encourage me, to bolster my self-confidence."



William Stead to Deliver Lazerow Lecture

Dr. William W. Stead, Associate Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs and Chief Information Officer at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, will deliver the 2009 Lazerow Lecture on April 22. The School is presenting the Lecture in conjunction with the UK Center for Clinical and Translational Science. Dr. Stead will speak on "Biomedical Informatics: A Scientific Basis for Application of IT to Health Care and Biomedicine." There will be a reception for Dr. Stead at 4:30 in the UK Young Library gallery, with the Lecture to follow at 5:00 in the Library auditorium.

Dr. Stead is McKesson Foundation Professor of Biomedical Informatics and Professor of Medicine at Vanderbilt. He is a Founding Fellow of both the American College of Medical Informatics and the American Institute of Engineering in Biology and Medicine, and is an elected member of both the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies and the American Clinical and Climatological Association. He was the founding Editor-In-Chief of the *Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association*, served as President of the American Association for Medical Systems and Informatics, and of the American College of Medical Informatics.

Dean Candidates Visit Campus

We reported in the fall 2008 issue of the newsletter that Dean of the College of Communications and Information Studies J. David Johnson had submitted his resignation from that position, effective June 30 of this year. Provost Kumble Subbaswamy announced there would be a national search to recruit the next dean and appointed an advisory committee to assist him in that undertaking. Professor **Donald Case** is Co-Chair of the committee, and Director **Jeff Huber** is a member. Three finalists have been named and during April will visit campus, participate in interviews, and make presentations. They are Beth Barnes, Director of UK's School of Journalism and Telecommunications within the College of Communications and Information Studies; H. Dan O'Hair, Presidential Professor in the Department of Communication, University of Oklahoma; and John Oetzel, Chair of the Department of Communication and Journalism, University of New Mexico.

Faculty Activities and Recognitions

Libraries Unlimited has published Professor **Joe Miller's** book, *Internet Technologies and Information Services*, in the Library and Information Science Text Series. The entire newsletter staff extends congratulations to Professor Miller.

Professor **Lisa O'Connor** received the 2008 College of Communications and Information Studies Excellence in Teaching Award. The Award, based on student nominations, was presented to Professor O'Connor during the fall College Awards and Recognition Ceremony.

Professor **Sujin Kim** was notified in February she is the recipient of the 2009 Donald A. B. Lindberg Research Fellowship sponsored by the Medical Library Association. The Lindberg Research Fellowship, established in 2003, is awarded annually by MLA through a competitive grant process. The purpose of this fellowship is to fund research aimed at expanding the research knowledge base, linking the information services provided by librarians to improved health care and advances in biomedical research.

Professor **Donald Case** is the recipient of an award from the College Research Activities fund for a project entitled "Survey of Citation Motivations among Scholars in Infometrics." Professor **Joe Miller** is also a Principal Investigator on the project.

Professor Case has given the following presentations overseas during the past several months:

- "Theories, Models and Concepts in Information Behaviour Research". Speech to the Norslis Ph.D. Conference, Denmark, Nov. 24, 2008.
- "Avoiding Information: Common or Uncommon Behaviour?" Speech to the Norslis Trends in Information Behavior Conference, Denmark, Nov. 26, 2008.
- "Trends and Future Directions of LIS policies: From an International Perspective." Proceedings of the Joint Korea-Japan-China LIS Conference, Pusan National University, South Korea, Dec. 11, 2008.
- "Avoiding Information" Speech to the faculty of the School of Library and Information Studies, University College Dublin, Ireland, March 5, 2009.

Professor Case recently published an article: Case, D. (2009). Collection of family health histories: The link between genealogy and public health. *Journal of the American Society for Information Science & Technology*, 59 (14), 2312-2319.

UK Library C.A.T.S. Formed

We are indebted to Professor Stephanie Reynolds for passing along the following information:

UK Library C.A.T.S. (Children and Teen Services) was formed in September 2008 when students **Jeff Gurnee**, **Krista King**, and **James Payne** implemented a great idea. The group is open to all SLIS graduate students who are interested in learning about the many benefits and career opportunities associated with youth services through public libraries and school media centers.

One shining example of SLIS student outreach is a "book club" program for children formed with assistance from the Community Relations branch of UK. [See following article.] The book club serves children ages 6-13 living in neighborhoods around the UK community. Through these reading groups, SLIS students have provided positive reading models to the neighborhood kids, engaged them in reading and reading related activities, and had lots of fun!

Perceived as a long-term project, the main goal is that this program will be expanded to form a wide variety of reading

groups, and create an ongoing partnership with this community for years to come, perhaps inspiring some of these youth to pursue college careers at the University. C.A.T.S. is still looking to add new and interested students to this activity for the Fall 2009 semester, as this is an amazing opportunity to get some experience in working with young people, fostering lifelong reading habits, and doing something great for youth in a traditionally at-risk community.

Thanks go to Jeff Gurnee, our fearless C.A.T.S. President, for submitting and defending a successful application to the UK Student Government. C.A.T.S. is the proud recipient of a \$500 check for this current school year which will go towards resources for the children being served through the community outreach program, as well as for materials to help train participating SLIS students in the way of book talking, storytelling, and practical programming.

Five C.A.T.S. members also traveled to Nashville, Tennessee, in November to participate in the first ever Young Adult Library Services Association Literature Symposium, "How We Read Now". Students in attendance took the opportunity to not only sit in on sessions including "Books Between Cultures" and "Teen Readers' Advisory" but also to network with working professionals and to discuss works with some of their favorite award-winning authors in attendance.

Library C.A.T.S. Begins Outreach Program in Lexington's Pralltown Neighborhood

The School's new student group UK Library C.A.T.S. (Children's and Teen Services) began the first community outreach project in the fall. Students met with the younger members of the Pralltown community for story time on October 9th, and the middle school members for a book club meeting on October 10th. This project was made possible by **Gail Kennedy ('74)**, Director of Little Fine Arts Library; **Susan Daole ('93)**, Acting Head of the Education Library; Lisa Broome-Price, Associate Director of the Gaines Center; and Lisa Higgins-Hord, Assistant Vice President for University Engagement. The Library C.A.T.S. thank them for their ongoing support. Professor **Stephanie Reynolds** is the group's faculty advisor.

New Book Award Announced

Professor Stephanie Reynolds asked the newsletter to publish the following announcement.

Professor **Stephanie Reynolds** and the students in her spring 2009 Critical Analysis of Children's Literature course (LIS 611) are pleased to announce a new book award. Every spring, at the end of the semester, the students in LIS 611 meet with the students in Susan Feix's 6th Grade Gold Reading Class from Harrison County Middle School. At this "meeting of the minds," the students from both classes discuss the current year's Newbery Medal and Honor winners, as well as a handful of other titles from the year that could have been Newbery winners. This has proven to be a great

experience for all involved. Mock voting has also been a part of this tradition. All of the students make their choice from the books discussed to determine a medal winner and honor books. In honor of the 20th year of this tradition, the LIS 611 students have decided to make this mock award real. The winners and the name of the new award will be announced at this year's meeting on April 29th.

School's Program Can Be Completed Online

With the introduction this spring of an online version of LIS 603 Management in Library and Information Science, all of the required courses are available online. With the core available in that format, and many electives also available via that delivery mechanism, a person can complete the master's-degree program online. Two numbers show how far we've moved in that direction: fall semester 2003 seven courses were available online, whereas fall semester 2009 18 courses will be available online. As the only ALA-accredited program in Kentucky, and at a public university, the School feels an obligation to make its program widely available. Taking advantage of online delivery enables the School to do that.

SLIS Advisory Board Reconstituted

The School has begun to plan for the next ALA accreditation review. As one early step, Director **Jeff Huber**, working with the faculty Planning Committee, has reconstituted the Advisory Board. The accreditation standards require that we involve the constituency that we seek to serve, and the Advisory Board is one mechanism for doing that. Members are:

- Arne J. Almquist, Associate Provost for Library Services, Northern Kentucky University;
- Craig Buthod, Director, Louisville Free Public Library;
- Carrie Cooper, Dean of Libraries, Eastern Kentucky University;
- Helane Davis, Director, Law Library, and Assistant Professor of Law, University of Kentucky College of Law;
- Diane Goodwin, Director of Technology, Danville Schools Technology Office;
- Emmalee Hoover, Library Media Specialist, Dixie Heights High School;
- Reinette Jones, Outreach and Diversity Librarian, University of Kentucky Libraries;
- Karen Kasacavage, Director, Logan Helm Woodford County Library;
- Rebecca Montano-Smith, Assistant Manager, Village Branch, Lexington Public Library;
- Wayne Onkst, State Librarian and Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Libraries and Archives;
- Hannelore Rader, Dean, University Libraries, University of Louisville.

McConnell Literature Conference 2009

Exploring Beauty, Humor, and Truth in Literature for Youth was the theme of the 2009 McConnell Youth Literature Conference, which was February 27-28 at Lexington's Griffin Gate Marriott Spa & Resort. Gary D. Schmidt, a Newbery Honor Award recipient for *The Wednesday Wars* and *Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy*, addressed these themes when he delivered the 3rd annual Joy Terhune Lecture at the Friday night banquet. Mrs. Terhune could not be with us this year, but she was with us in thought, as was conference namesake, the late Anne McConnell.

The banquet was attended by many School faculty, CCIS Dean J. David Johnson, State Library Commissioner Wayne Onkst, and former State Library Commissioner Jim Nelson. We also welcomed the School's newest director, Jeff Huber, to his first McConnell Conference. A dessert reception followed the banquet, giving attendees the opportunity to mingle with our featured presenters and special guests.



Students Sarah Flood and Krista King flank illustrator E. B. Lewis

On Friday afternoon, many aspects of literature for youth were explored in breakout sessions, which featured non-fiction picture-book author Kelly Milner Halls. Librarians Heather Waters (Jefferson County Schools) and Heather Kirkman (Louisville Free Public Library) presented "Café Book: A Collaboration to Reach Reluctant Male Readers," and Master's students in the Critical Analysis of Children's Literature course discussed the recipients of the 2009 Caldecott, Newbery, and Printz awards.

On Saturday morning, conference attendees were delighted by the beautiful creations of artist and children's book illustrator E. B. Lewis as he talked about his latest work, including *The Negro Speaks of Rivers*, based on the Langston Hughes poem (written when he was just 17). The lunch session on Saturday featured the unwavering honesty of author Chris Crutcher, a recipient of the Margaret A. Edwards Award for lifetime achievement in young-adult literature. Crutcher is the author of many masterful works, including *The King of the Mild Frontier*, *Whale Talk*, *Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes*, and *Deadline*.

Saturday's sessions included smaller gatherings with Schmidt, Lewis, and Crutcher, a repeat of Friday's sessions,

and the addition of an exploration of pop-up books with Ohio librarian Floyd Dickman entitled, "Magical, Moveable Books: Using Pop-ups with Children." Thank you to all of the presenters for a job well done.

On Saturday afternoon, the 41st McConnell Conference concluded with a wonderful Reader's Theater program featuring a production of Schmidt's *The Wednesday Wars*, which was created and presented by SLIS alums Mary Landrum and Peter Howard.



Banquet speaker Gary D. Schmidt, Professor Stephanie Reynolds, and author Kelly Milner Halls

The Blue Marble Bookstore of Fort Thomas, Kentucky once again provided conference attendees with a wonderful selection of books. We are grateful for the continuing support of Peter and Tina Moore, and the staff of The Blue Marble.

This was just my second year responsible for the McConnell Conference, and it would not have been possible without the help of McConnell Graduate Assistant Krista King and many energetic volunteers. Thank you all.



Students Lauren Wolfe, Sarah Brace, Maggie Nunley

Next year, Dandi Daley Mackall will be one of the featured speakers at the 42nd McConnell Conference on February 26-27, 2010. Registration will open in December 2009. Conference updates can be monitored on Facebook. Just type *McConnell* in the Facebook search box. I hope to see everyone again next year. Thank you for your support of the McConnell Conference.

Stephanie D. Reynolds, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor/Conference Organizer

Robert Shapiro, Zach Young Present at Midwest MLA/MHSLA Conference

Students **Robert Shapiro** and **Zach Young** made a presentation, "Mapping the literature of public health systems and services research from impetus to present," at the 2008 Midwest Chapter MLA/MHSLA Joint Conference, "Vital Signs: Keeping You and Your Library Vibrant and Healthy," held October 17-21 in Traverse City, MI. Robert explained to the newsletter:

Our research used bibliometric techniques to analyze the publication patterns in the emerging field of study, public health systems and services research (PHSSR). Public health systems and services research is a field of inquiry dedicated to the analysis of the organization, financing, and delivery of public health services in various communities, and examining the effect that these services have on population health status. Our objectives were to define a core set of journals in which PHSSR literature is being published as well as determine a relative frequency of cited format types for the field.

A search strategy employed by previous research was utilized and refined to retrieve PHSSR literature. Author, date, publication type, uniform resource locator (URL), and, for journal articles, journal title were recorded for each retrieved item. Journal titles were analyzed using Bradford zones.

We are currently working on two information-seeking behavior studies, one comparing behaviors and expectations of public health researchers and policy makers with the data we collected from the bibliometric analysis, and another surveying the information-seeking behaviors of public health practitioners.

In developing the presentation, Robert and Zach were assisted by **Rick Brewer ('94)** and Rick Ingram. Rick Brewer is Assistant Director, Research and Education Division, UK Medical Center Library; Rick Ingram is a candidate for the DrPH degree, UK College of Public Health.

Rob Aken, Reinette Jones Win RUSA Award

On the very day we expected to go to press with the newsletter – if "go to press" applies to a digital publication – we received a note from **Kathy McCardwell ('08)** and the link to the ALA release with good news about **Rob Aken ('83)** and **Reinette Jones ('88)**. The release reads:

University of Kentucky Libraries' online African American history tool wins RUSA award

CHICAGO—Robert A. Aken II, Web administration librarian and Reinette F. Jones, diversity and multicultural activities librarian, both of the University of Kentucky Libraries, have won the 2009 Gale Cengage Learning Award for Excellence in Reference and Adult Library Services for the University of Kentucky Libraries' Notable Kentucky African Americans (NKAA) Database.

The award is administered by the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA) and is given to a library or library system for development of an imaginative and unique resource to meet patrons' reference needs. The NKAA Database was selected not only for its role as an important educational tool, but its unique patron-driven approach to African American history both within and beyond the state of Kentucky. In the four years of the database's existence, it has grown and adapted to meet research needs and to accommodate the voluminous contributions of both library patrons and researchers. It has also had local and national impact, easily serving a broad audience thanks to its user-friendly search interface.

"On behalf of the award committee, it is my pleasure to honor the NKAA Database with this award," said Anne Behler, committee chair. "The database represents the power of a community's collective knowledge and the impact such a resource can have on those accessing information both locally and across the country."

Aken and Jones will accept the award, a citation and \$3,000 cash prize sponsored by Gale Cengage Learning at the RUSA Awards Ceremony and Reception, scheduled for 3:30-5:30 p.m., Monday, July 13, as a part of ALA's Annual Conference events. The exact location of this event will be announced on the RUSA website and at the RUSA Blog in late spring.

We extend congratulations to Reinette and Rob.

Bill Richardson: A Fond Remembrance

We're sorry to report **Bill Richardson ('83)** died on November 18 of last year at age 57. Bill had worked at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives for 18 years and retired from KDLA in 2005. At the time he retired he was Program Coordinator, responsible for the agency's state publications program. **Lisa Thompson ('01)**, who got to know Bill in the years they both worked at KDLA, wrote an especially nice remembrance of him, and we thank Lisa for granting the newsletter permission to publish it.

I had the pleasure of working with Bill during his last five years at KDLA. His office was adjacent to ours (Archives Research Room) for most of that time and we all worked together providing reference service for our customers. To describe all that he did during his tenure is impossible, but let it be said that he was largely responsible for building the State Publications collection into the comprehensive collection it is today. He even traveled to other states to pick up state publications in an effort to complete sets.

Bill's organizational skills were amazing as he created order out of countless series, subseries, annual, biennial, and otherwise randomly published (and titled) state publications. He kept up with all of this cheerfully - changing name authorities in spite of, and in response to, the ever-changing names of state agencies. Indeed, the collection has grown to the point of requiring the assistance of staff from several divisions and multiple cataloguers.

Personally, working with Bill was a pleasure not only

because of his professional dedication, but because he was such a delightful person. His wit and humor made the workplace fun and his anecdotes were narrated with the skill of a master storyteller. Whenever a new movie was released I knew to ask Bill about it because he could describe a movie better than Siskel and Ebert. He was also a kind mentor to those of us learning the ropes – patient in his explanations, diligent in following up to ensure that we understood the process and that the customer received a thorough reply. He worked incredibly hard despite a concurrent health battle with diabetes – his perseverance was nothing short of amazing. He is missed by all.

Alumni Activities

Rhoda Perkins Boyer ('75) has retired from her position as Secondary Media Director, Livonia Public Schools, KY.

Trina King ('76) was thoughtful to let us know that “As of March 2008 I retired from the H W Wilson Company after 31 years. In my retirement I plan to do volunteer work and to continue my travels.”

Last fall, Student Affairs Officer Will Buntin received an e-mail from **Julia Shaver Kelley ('87)** and passed it along to the newsletter. Julia asked that her e-mail address be added to the addresses to which the e-newsletter will be sent, but she went on to write:

I graduated from SLIS in Dec of 1987. Began work in January '88 at the Knoxville News-Sentinel library. In Sept. 1991 I joined the staff of Oak Ridge National Laboratory where I worked in the Information Services Division until I shifted gears and began a new career at the laboratory in a program focused on research related to improving the energy efficiency of buildings. I'm now a supervisor of 15 researchers in this program, most of whom are mechanical engineers. I enjoy my work and the environment at ORNL. I was married to Dan Kelley in 1995 and we continue to live in Knoxville.

Susan Moore ('93) is Principal Librarian, Adult Services, San Diego County Library, CA.

Stephanie Midkiff ('94) let us know, the end of November, that she and her husband were preparing to leave for Thailand “to visit his Peace Corps Thai friends for a month.”

James Lutz ('96) sent an e-mail to Student Affairs Officer Will Buntin, who passed it along to the newsletter:

I was writing to insure that you have my email address for the SLIS eNewsletter per the article in the Fall 2008 edition. On an Alumni news note I am now in my 13th year at Texas Christian University with the last 11 in Library

Administration as the Director of Library Administrative Services. I have been very active in ALA's LLAMA organization and upon occasion get an opportunity to talk to a SLIS faculty member at conference. Not too many UK SLIS grads in this part of the country and with so many nearby Library schools I do my best to promote UK.

Michael Steinmacher ('98) filed this report in March:

After 10 years at LFPL [Louisville Free Public Library], I'm going to become the Director of the Barr Memorial Library next month at Fort Knox. The BRAC decisions of 2005 and the infusion of troops and families to Fort Knox have created really exciting possibilities for library service, including a major expansion and renovation soon after I arrive.

We congratulate Michael and wish him well.

Paris Webb ('98) has a new position, Digital Resources/Systems Support Librarian at Marshall University.

Several months ago we found a note that had been slid under the door. It reads:

Sue Marshall Allison from class of Dec 2000. We stopped in to see the new “digs.” You did a fantastic job!! The place is beautiful!! Keep up the good work. I am sure you will attract more candidates with this

open and welcoming environment. Can't wait to read about and see the new CAIT and McConnell Center. Beautiful windows in those areas will work well for you. I am so proud to see your progress on the facility. It should serve you well for many years to come.

Best wishes (from Denton, TX)

“First of all,” **Lisa Thompson ('01)** began,

I'm still left-handed (remember our survey? We had a plethora of lefties in the 2000 SLIS group, making classroom seating a competitive adventure in the old classrooms). I now work at a desk that accommodates lefties and righties within the Arrangement and Description section of PRD-Archival Services (2nd floor – Clark-Cooper building). I process KDLA's [Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives] special format archival materials, including photographs, slides, audiotapes, videos and film. Our treasures include the most complete set of aerial photos (statewide coverage, 1937-1995) in a public Kentucky repository, a glass-LP recording from the 1940's, and an audio recording of Kentucky frogs. I work with other staff to plan conversion and preservation needs, in addition to working towards standardization of description. Some collections require further indexing (usually in database format) to make them easily accessible. It is challenging and interesting work! I also assist customers with scan requests and work in the Research Room as part of the back-up staff. Part of my job involves giving public

presentations about our records. whether the focus is KDLA's special format materials, or early divorce and immigration records.

We thank **Melissa Braun ('04)** for this report:

Melissa (Braun), married Ross Platkowski on Sept. 24, 2005 and welcomed a daughter, Anna Elaine, into the world on Jan. 16, 2008. In between, she left her position as the children's librarian in Marinette, WI and took a non-library job with better hours and a better commute. In January '09, she was hired part-time as the Electronic Resources Management Librarian at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and is delighted to be there, doing a job that didn't even exist when she was a student at UK!

Colleen Harris ('06) started off 2009 as the new Assistant Head of Access & Delivery Services at North Carolina State University, and we congratulate her on the new position.

At the Internet Librarian 2008 conference, Colleen co-presented a pre-conference workshop titled "Dance, Dance Library Evolution" which reviewed some of the newest technologies libraries are using to improve services and reach users, as well as a regular conference presentation titled "2.0 Learning and 1.8 Users: Bridging the Gap" with Rudy Leon, the learning commons librarian at UIUC.

Colleen's book chapter, "The Haves and Have-Nots: Class, Race, Gender, Access to Computers and Academic Success" will appear in *Teaching Generation M: A Handbook for Librarians and Educators*, edited by Vibiana Bowman-Cvetkovic and Robert Lackie, published by Neal-Schuman in 2009. Colleen also has two chapters coming out in another collection, edited by Carol Smallwood. The chapters are "MLS, MFA: The Librarian Pursuing creative Writing" and "The Poet-Librarian: Writing and Submitting Work," in *The Published Librarian: Successful Personal and Professional Writing*, due out from the American Library Association in 2009.

Colleen's first book of poetry, *God in my Throat*, will be published in July 2009 by Bellowing Ark Press. She is scheduled to graduate from Spalding University's MFA in Creative Writing program in November 2009, and has also matriculated into the MS in Technical Communication program out of the NCSU graduate English department

In February, **Rob Langenderfer ('07)** filed this report:

I am enjoying it a great deal at Brown Mackie College in Ft. Mitchell [KY] where I am in charge of selecting books

for their legal studies program as well as books for their history, literature, theology, philosophy and current events collections. My article 'My Adventures in Archives' was recently published in the Winter 2008 online newsletter of the Cincinnati chapter of the Special Libraries Association.

Among Recent Graduates

Bob Callen is a Librarian I at Lexington Public Library.

Vanessa Cooper let us know in March she had been offered – and accepted – the Youth Services Librarian position at Clermont County Public Library, OH, Union Township Branch.

Rob Detmering is a lecturer at the University of Louisville.

Celia Eby is on the staff at Lexington Public Library, Northside Branch.

Rachael Elrod is on the library staff at the University of Louisville.

Andy Gary is Manager of Reference and Local History Services, Clark County Public Library, Winchester, KY.

Sarah Hiner is a member of the Youth Services staff at Clark County Public Library, Winchester.

Michael Key is on the staff at Scott County Public Library, Georgetown, KY.

Rachel Medley is a second grade teacher at The Lexington School.

Mary Schleifer is on the staff at UK's William T Young Library, in the Acquisitions, Serials Unit.

Nick Wilczek is a Librarian I at Lexington Public Library, assigned to the Central Library.

We have learned of the deaths of several alumni:

Ann T Gajdik ('65) in September of last year;
James D Guthrie ('75) in December 2008;
John Calk, MD ('87) in January of this year;
Sally Ann Chesser ('92) in March of this year.

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