



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The week of October 18 was one to remember! The Annual Fall Workshop was first threatened by "Lili." The storm battered Cuba and kept South Florida wondering where she would go next. On the day of the workshop, participants were further challenged by downtown Orlando parking. In spite of these difficulties, 85 registrants gathered to hear speakers discuss how they instruct others in the use of the Internet.

The number of participants, representing many libraries including academic, public and school, indicates the increasing interest and importance of the topic. The evaluations described the presentations as well-prepared, very informative, and useful.

Many issues are taken into consideration

when planning a workshop. The comments and suggestions made by those who attend our programs are important to the leadership of FACRL. We use this information to select topics for future programs, as a guide to facilities selection and other details. We appreciate and depend on your input.

Planning for the academic program for the 1997 Annual FLA Conference is well underway. "Partnerships Transforming Academic Libraries" promises to be a dynamic event. We will post more details in the spring *Newsletter*.

In the meantime, I hope you all enjoy the "cooling" temperatures of fall and the approaching holidays.

Deborah Henry

Teaching the Internet!

The Annual Fall FACRL Workshop

The Annual Fall Workshop, held on October 18 at the Harley Hotel in Orlando, began with Gail Clement's (FIU) presentation "The Pleasures and Pitfalls of Subject-based Training." As a warm-up exercise, Gail asked the participants to identify themselves as one of four types of Internet trainers, ranging from novice to ace instructors. The activity generated several questions (as well as many laughs) which Gail hoped to address during the workshop. Ms.

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Sherry Carrillo Honored by FACRL

The Florida Chapter of ACRL honored Sherry Carrillo, past-president of FACRL, at the Annual Fall Workshop. Sherry, the assistant director of reader services at Florida International University, was awarded a plaque in appreciation for her service as an officer and member of the Florida Chapter of ACRL.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 21, 1997: News deadline for spring issue of the *Newsletter*.

May 6 - 9, 1997: FLA at the Adam's Mark Hotel and the Ocean Center, Daytona Beach.



With the theme "Choosing Our Futures," the ACRL's 8th National Conference promises to address many of the concerns for the future of academic libraries as we face the 21st century.

- Choose from more than 175 sessions to attend.
- Share ideas at roundtable discussions and poster sessions.
- Find out how your colleagues are finding creative solutions.
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- Explore career opportunities at ACRL's Job Placement Center.
- Take home an action plan from the interactive closing session to achieve a preferred future for your library.

**Make Plans
To Attend
Today!**

Florida Library Association Annual Conference Partnerships Transform Academic Libraries

The spring program for FLA is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7 at the Adam's Mark Hotel & Oceanfront Conference Center, Daytona Beach. The academic program will feature Dr. Ralph Russell, university librarian at Georgia State University, as the keynote speaker. Dr. Russell is also the ACRL's Academic Research Librarian of the Year.

The program will also include two panelists, Dr. William Miller and Dr. Ann McGee. Dr. Miller is the library director of Florida Atlantic University and the president of ACRL. Dr. Ann McGee is the newly appointed president of Seminole Community College.

More details of the program will be forthcoming in the spring *Newsletter*.

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Clement provides subject-based training through workshops for both library and non-library organizations. She discussed how she prepares for each session by analyzing her audience and preparing special objectives for each group. One of her goals is to provide practical and useful information and experiences, emphasizing applications and resources of immediate value. She also ascertains the kind of computer environment and tools available to the group and gears her instruction accordingly.

Although Jim Alderman (UNF) commented that Gail's lively presentation was a "tough act

to follow," his presentation "Untangling the Web" drew excellent reviews as well. Jim showed the group how the University of North Florida Library incorporates teaching the Internet in its LIS 1000 course, Beginning Library and Information Systems Strategies (BLISS). Pages from the BLISS Home Page were displayed where the students can go to get their course syllabus, class notes, assignments, and other information. As part of the handout packet, Jim included examples of class notes, Internet vocabulary definitions, and a search engine tip sheet. Teaching students to evaluate the quality of Internet resources is an important goal of instructors and the copy of the BLISS Material Selection Worksheet was particularly valuable.

Ilene Frank's talk "University Level Courses in the Classroom and at a Distance" focused on teaching the Internet via distance education. Ilene recounted how the University of South Florida's undergraduate and graduate level courses were originally developed and modified as Internet technology advanced. In addition to course content, she discussed some of the advantages and disadvantages of distance learning for both the students and the instructor.

Dave Whisenant, executive director of NEFLIN, concluded the program with his presentation "Teaching the Internet: the Cooperative Perspective." Dave examined the role of the state library consortia in training library staff and patrons in Internet use. He discussed the transitions taking place in the types and content of instruction offered by consortia, e.g. increasingly more hands-on, less demonstrative and leaning more toward subject-based training.

Although the speakers use different formats or different approaches to teaching, they expressed similar concerns and goals. In this regard, the workshop provided a balanced view of options for teaching the Internet.

Deborah Henry

FLAGLER COLLEGE

People: Appointments, Departures, Promotions

Cynthia Barrancotto has been appointed to the position of reference librarian. Cynthia is a returning Florida native. She received her M.L.S. degree from University of Texas at Austin.

Buildings

The library has completed its move into a new facility. This 58,900 square foot building is three times the size of the old library and includes a 30 terminal Internet Computer Lab and a capacity of up to 125,000 volumes.

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

People: State/National Activities

Dr. William Miller, director of libraries, chaired the Executive Committee meeting of the ACRL board in Chicago, September 27-28, 1996. He spoke at the Georgia ACRL Chapter on October 10. He is also the ACRL's delegate to the coalition for Networked Information that meets December 5-7.

Teresa Abaid and **Linda Wiler** attended the Association of Professional Researchers for Advancement (APRA) Annual International Conference held August 21-24 in San Diego in preparation for setting up a new University Prospect Research Office at FAU.

People: Papers, Publications, and Presentations

Linda Golian, head, serials department, and **Rita Pellen**, assistant director for public services, coauthored an article "Helping Re-entry Women Develop Library Technical Skills and Research Strategies" that was published in *Feminist Collections*, 17 (Winter 1996): 44-46.

People: Awards, Degrees, Grants

Linda Golian, head, serials department, is the

1996 winner of the Kappa Delta Pi, Educational Foundation, Hill Grant for Dissertation Studies. Linda will use this grant to underwrite her research expenses in conducting the national survey for her dissertation entitled "Thinking Style Differences Among Academic Librarians."

Dr. William Miller and **Rita Pellen** received "The Literati Club's Outstanding Paper Award for Excellence" of the MCB University Press Journals for the Article: "Cutting a Million Dollars' Worth of Journals," *The Bottom Line* 8 (No. 3 1995): 4-9.

FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE

People: Appointments, Departures, Promotions

Randall M. MacDonald has been appointed collection development librarian at the Florida Southern College Library in Lakeland. He had previously served as a reference librarian at Florida Southern College since 1986.

People: Papers, Publications, and Presentations

Mary Flekke, reference librarian, presented a lecture on young adult literacy entitled "Our Generation X, What Are They Reading?" to the Suncoast Chapter of the Church and Synagogue Librarians Association.

INDIAN RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

People: State/National Activities

Rudy Widman, assistant dean of learning resources, is the executive chair-elect for the College Center for Library Automation (CCLA) Advisory Board. He is also the Florida Association for Community Colleges (FACC) Region V Deputy Director.

Pat Profeta, head of library services, is on the CCLA Resource Cooperation Standing Committee and on the Circulation Committee. She is also chair of the Florida Library Paraprofessional Workshop Committee.

Fran Mimms, technical services librarian, is on the CCLA BibWatch Committee. She is treasurer of the FACC Learning Resources Committee. She is also president-elect of IRCC's FACC Chapter.

Lucy Harrison, reference librarian, is on the CCLA Public Access Catalog (PAC) Committee. She is also involved with the CFLC Government Documents Group.

People: Papers and Publications

Pat Profeta contributed an article entitled "Paraprofessionals-Wizards of Time and Technology" to the September/October issue of *Library Mosaics*.

Lucy Harrison's short story "Sanctuary's for the Birds" won an award for the Best Online Fiction 1996.

Buildings

The St. Lucie West Library, a joint-use facility shared by IRCC, Florida Atlantic University, and the St. Lucie County Library System, is set to have its grand opening December 12.

ST. LEO COLLEGE

People: Appointments, Departures, Promotions

Melanie Cooksey has been appointed the full-time cataloger/librarian. She received her M.L.S. from Florida State University and an M.L.A. from the University of South Florida. Her previous employment includes both public and special libraries.

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

People: Appointments, Departures, Promotions

Alena Aissing, collection management department, has been awarded tenure and promoted to the rank of associate university librarian.

Leilani Freund, humanities and social sciences services department, has been awarded tenure

and promoted to the rank of associate university librarian.

Richard Phillips, Latin American collection, has been awarded tenure.

Denise Bennett, Marston Science Library, and **Yael Herbsman**, resource services, were promoted to the rank of university librarian.

Elizabeth Alexander, special collections, has retired as the head of the P.K. Yonge Library of Florida History after more than 30 years of service.

Mary Jane Daicoff, special collections, has retired from her position in the Belknap Performing Arts Collection after 20 years of service.

People: State/National Activities

Dot Hope, chair of resource services, has been elected vice-chair/chair-elect of the ALA Council of Regional Groups.

People: Papers, Publications, and Presentations

Shelley Arlen, reference and collection management, is the author of "For Love of an Idea: Jane Ellen Harrison, heretic and humanist," the lead article in the summer issue of *Women's History Review* 5 (No. 2 1996): 165-90.

Robert Singerman, Judaica, is the author of the monograph entitled *American Library Book Catalogues, 1801-1875: A National Bibliography*, published by the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 1996. He has also authored *Indigenous Languages of the Americas: A Bibliography of Dissertations and Theses*, published by Scarecrow Press in Lanham, Md., 1996.

Jimmie Lundgren and **Betsy Simpson**, resource services, presented a poster session at Annual ALA Conference in New York entitled "Cataloging Needs Survey: An Instrument for Faculty Input on Elements of the Catalog

Record." They also gave a presentation at the ALCTS Cataloging and Classification Research Discussion Group meeting at the Annual ALA Conference entitled "Cataloging Needs Research: Development of a Survey Technique at the University of Florida."

Shelley Arlen, Jana Edwards, Ann Lindell, Razia Nanji and Colleen Seale presented two poster sessions entitled "Crafting a Reference Home Page for the Ultimate Ready Reference Tool," and "Peering into the Future through Windows 95" at the Annual ALA Conference in New York.

Peter Malanchuk, collection development, was a contributor to the "African Reference Books for 1995: An Annotated Bibliography" in the April 1996 issue of the *African Book Publishing Record* (AFBPR) by Hans Zell.

People: Awards, Degrees, Grants

Elaine Yontz, resource services associate chair for contributed cataloging, will be on career development leave until July 14, 1997. **Yael Herbsman** will serve as acting associate chair for contribute cataloging during Elaine's leave.

Peter Malanchuk, African and political science bibliographer, has been granted career development leave for the Fall '96 and Spring '97 semesters. Malanchuk will collaborate with **Lenny Rhine**, the health sciences bibliographer, to establish a website for the Third World Refugee Studies in the areas of health, social sciences and law.

News from the Field: Acquisitions, Programs, Services

The department of special collections of the University of Florida Libraries has opened several new manuscript groups recently. All have finding guides and are fully accessible.

- **Mary Lindsay Elmendorf Papers, 1952 - 1994.** Professional papers of an applied anthropologist whose work included studies of response to change among Mayan women, and

consultation on the involvement on women in health, sanitation, and water supply projects.

- **Florida NOW Records, 1973 - 1982.**

Organizational records, including the formation of the National Organization for Women in Florida.

- **Arthur R. Marshal Jr., Papers, 1954 - 1984.** Environmental papers relating to the restoration of water flow from the Kissimmee River to the Everglades and to other Florida topics.

- **Archie F. Carr, Jr., Papers, 1935 - 1994.** Papers relating to sea turtle biology and conservation, other phases of Florida environmentalism and herpetology, and his role as a University of Florida professor. Manuscript of Carr's trade books are included.

- **Tom Harrison Papers, 1947 - 1976.** Papers relating to sea turtle observation in Malaysia and to worldwide conservation efforts to save turtles.

- **Carl Hiassen Papers, 1986 - 1982.** Manuscripts of several novels.

- **Tracy L. Angas Papers, 1892 - 1986.** Personal papers of a Florida woman who was an actress, radio broadcaster, and public lecturer. Includes materials on the history of fashion.

- **William Moore Angas Papers, 1892 - 1950.** Business papers of several British firms investing in Florida in the late nineteenth to mid-twentieth centuries.

- **Matthew Ernest Mickler Papers, 1940 - 1988.** Manuscripts, other papers, and photographs by the author of *White Trash Cooking*.

Buildings

Renovations have been going on for the past six month at George A. Smathers Library and include an environmentally controlled stack area and upgrading the building's fire prevention system. Three levels of compact shelving will be installed in the renovated stack area which will create increased space in the libraries. The 18-month construction project will continue in the Smathers Library through December 1997.

Construction to convert Library West into an electronic classroom was completed by Labor Day. The renovation of this facility includes the installation of air conditioning ducts and electrical wiring, concentrating on the reference, circulation, and microform areas. New carpeting has been installed and walls painted to give a new look to the area. Nearly 50 brand new, Internet-accessible workstations and a fully-equipped electronic classroom support training, educational, and research programs, as well as connect the University of Florida community to information systems worldwide.

Florida Center for Library Automation, Gainesville, FL

People: Appointments, Departures, Promotions

Donna Alsbury has been awarded tenure and promoted to the rank of associate university librarian.

Health Science Center Library, University of Florida, Gainesville

People: Appointments, Departures, Promotions

Prudence Tucker was promoted to assistant university librarian.

Polly Porter, marketing and public relations librarian, has resigned to take a position with Mosby Publishers in St. Louis.

Mary Ann O'Daniel has resigned her position as assistant director of resource management to take a position with FCLA.

John Sanderlin has retired from his position as head of systems.

People: Awards, Degrees, Grants

Peggy Hsu won honorable mention in the Gold

Standard Search sponsored by the National Library of Medicine. Ms. Hsu searched SPACELINE to illustrate some of the unique resources available in this new online file.

People: State/National Activities

Prudence Tucker was elected for a two-year term as treasurer of the Florida Health Science Library Association (FHSLA) at their annual meeting in May. Ms. Tucker also presented a poster session at that meeting on "Developing an Emergency Procedure Manual."

During the FHSLA meeting in May, **Linda Butson** was named the new editor of FHSLAlert, the official newsletter of FHSLA.

Michelle Tenant was one of 30 fellows selected nationally to attend the National Library of Medicine/Marine Biological Laboratory Medical Informatics Course from May 29 - June 5 in Woods Hole, Mass. in 1997.

Linda Butson chaired the Extended Campus Library Services Discussion Group at the American Library Association Annual Conference in New York, July 1996.

Lenny Rhine, assistant director of collection development, was co-organizer of the session on "Global Communications for Development" at the meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology in Baltimore in March. Dr. Rhine spoke on the sister library program with the University of Zambia Medical Library and on SatelLife's Health Net Program.

Clarissa Fisher, head of access services, was appointed chair of FHSLA Strategic Planning Committee at its annual meeting in May.

Carol Ritzen Kem, collection management, was elected secretary of the Afro-American Studies section of ACRL and appointed to the nominating committee of AFAS. In addition, she was elected treasurer of the New Member Round Table of ALA and appointed to the Constitution and By-laws committee of the

ACRL.

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

People: Appointments, Departures, Promotions

Carolyn Fletcher, head of cataloging since 1979, has retired from this position, but is continuing as senior cataloger in the department. **Cheryl Gowing**, music cataloger, has been appointed acting head of the catalog department.

Frank Rodgers, director of libraries, has announced that he plans to resign. The advertisement for a new director of libraries was published in the October 4 issue of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*.

People: State/National Activities

Fiona Kelleghan attended a seminar on doing authority work for series at the Library of Congress NACO Series Institute in Washington D.C. on Sept. 18-20.

Esperanza de Varona attended the XIIIth International Congress on Archives, as one of the 12 members of the International Council on Archives/Section of University and Research Institution Archives (ICA/SUV). The conference was held at the Beijing International Convention Center from September 2 - 7. The theme of the Congress was "Archives at the End of the Century: Taking Stock and Looking Ahead."

Ms. de Varona was also re-elected to serve on the Steering Committee of the International Council on Archives/Section of University and Research Institution Archives (ICA/SUV) for two more years.

Mr. Bill Brown, archives and special collections librarian, was selected to serve as one of ten members of the British Council Librarian's Study Tour to Northern Ireland in January - February, '97. This national study tour for U.S.

librarians and archivists will focus on creating and enhancing contacts and relationships with colleagues in Northern Ireland. Individual participants will explore shared collection development efforts, bibliographic instruction projects, potential exchange programs, and other initiatives.

People: Papers, Publications and Presentations

Bill Brown presented a televised tour of "Souvenirs of Miami, One Hundred Years of Promotional Literature, 1896-1996," on the Channel 34, Metro-Dade Television show *Downtown Dade*. The informative presentation included a demonstration of the World Wide Web version of the exhibition, as well as an examination and discussion of original materials on display in Richter Library. The show ran daily from June 17-23, 1996, and will be repeated periodically as part of the Miami Centennial series.

Mr. Brown has published an article, "Dinner Key Airport," in *South Florida History Magazine* 24 (No. 1 1996): 28-32, 35. The essay, enhanced by the reproduction of historical photographs from the Pan American World Airways Inc. Records, discusses the development of the Dinner Key Terminal, present-day Miami City Hall, and provides information on the "Pan Am Records."

Mr. Brown has also published "The Yale Baseball Nine, 1880: A Turning Point for Collegiate Athletics," *Nine: Journal of Baseball History and Social Policy Perspectives* 5 (Fall 1996): 94-115. This article explores the origins of organized baseball at Yale University as a case study for understanding the historical role of athletics in our culture and on our campuses.

At the ICA/SUV membership meeting **Esperanza de Varona** presented the official report of the Bibliography Committee and a bibliography of articles and books written in Spanish and published in Hispanic American countries. This bibliography is part of the ICA/SUV Project to create and publish a multilingual annotated bibliography of articles and

books related to university and research institution archives published from 1985 to present. Ten members of the ICA/SUV are involved in this project.

People: Awards, Degrees, Grants

Archives and Special Collections Librarian **Bill Brown** and Professor John Paul Russo of the English department have received a second grant of \$1,000 from Language Research Inc., in order to publish a catalog of materials relating to I.A. Richards, a noted linguistics scholar, that are held in the Richter Library's collections.

News from the Field: Acquisitions, Programs, Services

Recent Acquisitions include:

Directorio Revolucionario Estudiantil Records - a 34 cubic feet collection of correspondence, publications, and other materials from September 1960 through mid 1970s of *Directorio*, a Miami-based organization founded in 1959 by exiled University of Havana students to fight in underground movements against Communism in Cuba.

Armando Couto Collection - an 84 cubic feet collection of typescripts for radio programs, photographs, and correspondence of Armando Couto, a famous writer of popular radio programs first in Cuba and then, while in exile, in Venezuela, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Miami.

Exhibits

The University of Miami: The Early Years, 1926-1952 is the first of two exhibitions designed to celebrate the history of the University of Miami in its 70th anniversary year. The exhibition includes scrapbooks, posters, letters, documents, photographs, ledgers, publications, and memorabilia from the University Archives and related collections.

"Souvenirs of Miami, One Hundred Years of Promotional Literature, 1896-1996" is featured as one of the top new sites on the "Virtual Exhibits on the World Wide Web" Page, as of June 28.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

Sarasota Campus

People: Appointments, Departures, Promotions

Ramona Miller has been appointed to the position of systems/reference librarian.

News from the Field: Acquisitions, Programs, Services

Cook Library is now both a federal and state documents depository library.

Reinstitution of the nursing program on the USF/Sarasota campus has resulted in a cooperative collection development process between Cook Library and Sarasota Memorial Hospital Library.

Automation

The process of replacing LUIS terminals with Pentium PC's has begun. This follows the recent rewiring of the library.

Tampa Campus Library

People: Appointments, Departures, Promotions

Andrew (Drew) M. Smith has been appointed to the position of instructor to the School of Library and Information Science. He will coordinate undergraduate information studies course development including an introductory Internet course. He also teaches a distance-education version of this course using the Internet as a delivery vehicle.

James O. Carey has been appointed position of assistant professor in the School of Library and Information Science. He has been a visiting

assistant professor for the past two years. He will continue to teach in the school media certification program with additional assignments in microcomputer applications and instructional technology. He will also coordinate the School's television and Internet-based distance learning initiatives.

People: Awards, Degrees, Grants

The Frank E. Duckwall Foundation awarded an \$18,007 grant to the University of South Florida Tampa Campus Library to scan the *Burgert Brothers Photograph Collection* (1846-1953) and the *Robertson and Fresh Photograph Collection* (1930s-1960s) onto the World Wide Web. The project seeks to provide global access as well as to preserve these two historic collections that focus on the development of Tampa. Guides to both of these collections are already available through the WWW at <http://www.lib.usf.edu/spccoll/>.

USF Tampa Campus Library received a gift of \$200,000 to endow the Library's Oral History Program. The gift will be paid over five years and is eligible for a \$100,000 match through the State of Florida's Matching Grant Program.

News from the Field: Acquisitions, Programs, Services

The University of South Florida Tampa Campus Library's Special Collections Department has been selected as one of 15 libraries to participate in the Monticello Electronic Library Pilot Project. The Monticello Project will determine how practical it is to set standards for arranging, indexing, and presenting data via the Internet.

USF Tampa Campus Library also received a 1,100 volumes collection on Floridiana from Hampton Dunn. The *Hampton Dunn Collection* consists of thousands of historical photos and negatives, manuscripts, vertical files, memorabilia, documents, maps, and paintings, historical issues of numerous newspapers, oral history tapes, a large antique post card collection, color

slides and miscellaneous that relate to some aspect to Florida history.

The University of South Florida in Tampa has acquired the papers and library of Stetson Kennedy, a native Floridian author, journalist, and lecturer. This collection includes documentary material gathered by him during a decade of infiltrating the Ku Klux Klan and a score of its militia-style affiliates following World War II. When completed, a guide to the collection will be placed on the USF Library's Special Collections home page on the World Wide Web at <http://www.lib.usf.edu/spcoll/> to facilitate networking with other Kennedy materials placed earlier with the Schomburg Center for the Study of Black Culture at the New York Public Library, and the Southern Labor History Archive at Georgia State University.

USF Library received a gift of rare music manuscripts from John Vaich. The manuscripts, valued at more than \$10,000, consist of an 1823 leather bound collection of concert music sheets autographed by the composer or listed performer, a 1730 hand-printed Breviary, a 1480 cloth bound book of Gregorian Chants, and a manual giving precise instructions on the making of the Carillon bells.

VALENCIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Automation

The serials control module of LINCC was implemented at the West and East campuses in March. The serials module will display the holdings of the two campuses in the statewide LINCC database.

EAST CAMPUS

People: State/National Activities

Dennis Weeks, coordinator of instructional technologies, will present a paper entitled "Electronic Conferencing Tools: Enhancing Distance Education On-Line and Classroom Instruction" at the annual conference of the

League for Innovations in February.

News from the Field: Acquisitions, Programs, Services

The LRC has added the Instructional Technology Services (ITS) division to assist faculty with technology in the classroom. The division includes the Faculty Resource Center, a hands-on facility for training faculty in the use of computer hardware/software and a variety of other AV and production equipment. The division also includes Distance Learning and Telemeeting Support, Closed Circuit/ Intercom Support and AV Booking/Distribution.

A library science department has been added to support the LRC's offering of credit classes in Internet instruction. Library science faculty include **Pat Henderson, Heather DiLaurenzio, Dee Bozeman and Athena Holcomb.**

OSCEOLA CAMPUS

Following the acquisition of the 5000th circulating volume in May, the Osceola campus LRC became the 60th dedicated LINCC site.

WEST CAMPUS

Judi DeLisle and Paulette Smith have developed a virtual reference desk (VRD) for the West Campus LRC home page. The VRD contains over 200 Internet sites and is arranged in LC order to supplement the existing reference collection. Visit the VRD at:

<http://www.gate.net/~valencia/lrcwest/virtualref.html>

The 10 Toughest Decisions

I recently attended a SOLINET workshop entitled "Dealing with the New Information Technologies: The 10 Toughest Decisions." The presenter, Tom Kinney from AMIGOS, outlined 10 tough areas of decision-making in regard to new technologies. These areas are worthy of reflection and reaction.

- How should your library develop and implement plans?
- What areas get more resources?
- What areas get fewer resources?
- Who will manage technology implementation?
- Who will report to whom and what will they do?
- What new training is needed?
- What is the library's role?
- What role do other units have?
- What partners do we need?
- In what areas will the library lead?

These decisions touch on the theme of the 8th Annual ACRL Conference, *Choosing Our Futures*. The decisions libraries make now with technology will deeply impact our profession for years to come. ☛ *Andrew Pearson*

A Time For Action

A Time For Choices

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