



President's Message

Greetings to all FACRL members!

As another semester draws to a close and we prepare for our annual meeting at the Florida Library Association, I am reminded that while each new semester does indeed add continued challenges to meeting the ever increasing information needs and expectations of our faculties and our students, there are also continued opportunities for us, as academic and research librarians, to come together, to share our thoughts and ideas and to learn from one another. As our work lives become ever busier, our professional organizations are even more important.

Debbi Dinkins, FACRL vice-president, has been coordinating the spring program for the Academic

Board of Directors Propose Bylaw Changes

The board of directors proposes that the bylaws be changed to add a Section 6 to Article 6 that addresses the removal of inactive board members to protect the integrity of the board and provide an opportunity for others to join.

The proposed addition of Section 6 reads as follows:

Any member of the Board of Directors who ceases to meet the qualifications for Board members (e.g., active member of ACRL) is no longer eligible to serve on the Board. The individual must resign from the Board, or be terminated as a Board member by action of a quorum of the Board. Any member who fails to perform the functions of a Board member, including failure to attend at least one Board meeting a year, may be removed from the Board by action of a quorum of the Board.

These changes will be voted on at the business meeting of the Academic Library Section at FLA, scheduled for Thursday, May, 6th at 8:00 a.m.

Section of the Florida Library Association. The topic, "Making a Name on Campus: Innovative Customer Service Programs in Academic Libraries" should interest many of our members. Art Lichtenstein from the University of Central Arkansas will be the keynote speaker discussing one of their innovative programs for bibliographic instruction for minority students. The meeting is on Thursday, May, 6th at 8:00 a.m. and will start with a brief business meeting.

Before closing, I would like to say thanks(!) to all the people who do work so hard with FACRL: to those who plan for the spring program and the fall workshop and all of those who work to make each possible; to those who edit our newsletter and those who contribute to it; to those who maintain our website; to those who recruit new officers and members; to all who serve on the Board and to our membership. We encourage your input, welcome your ideas and need your energy for FACRL to maintain a valued professional presence within Florida.

I look forward to seeing you in St. Augustine in May!

Elaine Henjum, FACRL President
Florida Center for Library Automation

Making a Name on Campus: Innovative Customer Service Programs in Academic Libraries

Academic Libraries Section
76th Annual Florida Library Association
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Thursday, May 6, 1999
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St. Augustine, Florida

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 18: News deadline for fall issue of the Newsletter

Thanks to all the contributors to the Newsletter! Without your assistance, this would cease to exist.




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The FLA
Academic Section
presents

FLA Annual Conference Program



**Making a Name On Campus:
Innovative Customer Service Programs
in Academic Libraries**

Three speakers share how their unique and innovative customer service programs are making a name for the library on their campuses.

▶▶ **Art Lichtenstein**, coordinator for public services at the University of Central Arkansas, will discuss a bibliographic instruction program for minority students.

▶▶ **Susan Ryan**, associate director for public services at Stetson University, will discuss development and maintenance of a Web-based virtual collection.

▶▶ **Cynthia Kisby**, online search services coordinator at the University of Central Florida, will speak on personalized searching services for faculty and students. These services stand out because they involve partnerships with other departments, instruction for special needs customers, original uses for standard techniques or equipment, and much more.

Join us on Thursday, May 6, 1999, 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. at the FLA Annual Conference in St. Augustine for this enlightening program.

☛ For more information contact Elaine Henjum at (352) 392-9020, ext. 345.

FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

People: Appointments, Departures, Promotions

Amy Shepper and **Roberto Ferrari**, both from the University of South Florida, have joined FAU as reference librarians.

People: Awards, Degrees, and Grants

Rita Pellen, associate director, received an State University System (SUS) Professional Excellence Program (PEP) award. The award recognizes and promotes excellence and productivity of full professors who have completed 10 years at that rank in the SUS.

People: Papers, Publications, and Presentations

Dahl Moore, serials acquisition librarian, had her book, the *Librarians Genealogy Notebook*, published by the American Library Association (ALA) in August 1998.

People: State/National Activities

Ed Erazo, head of reference, has recently been appointed to ALA's Steering committee for the Library Education Summit, Orientation Training and Leadership Development Committee, and the Committee to plan the President's Program for the Midwinter 2000 Meeting in San Antonio.

Diane Kachmar, monographic acquisition librarian, invites colleagues to join at the ACRL/ALA Popular Culture in Libraries Discussion Group meeting at ALA in New Orleans. The meeting will be on June 27 at 4:30 and will feature the Group's own Marie and Gary Radford. The group discusses the image of librarianship in popular culture.

Gary Parsons, reference librarian, **Janice Donahue**, assistant director of technical services, **Carla Robinson**, Port St. Lucy Campus, and **Ed Erazo** attended the annual Fall FACRL workshop, entitled "The Electronic Library."

**FLORIDA GULF COAST
UNIVERSITY**

People: Papers, Publications, and Presentations

Linda Marie Golian, associate university librarian, presented a poster session concerning the methodology, findings and conclusions of her doctoral study entitled *Thinking Style Differences Among Academic Librarians* at the February ALISE Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She also presented a contributed paper at the 1999 ACRL National Conference in Detroit on this same topic.

People: State/National Activities

Pamela Sawallis, associate university librarian, and **Anjana Bhatt**, assistant university librarian, will chair a round table discussion concerning electronic databases and their implications on student use of journal collections at the 1999 ACRL National Conference.

News From the Field: Acquisitions, Programs, Services

FGCU Library has been awarded \$15,600 by the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program to assist the program in meeting its data management responsibilities. The library will develop a prototype of a cooperative web site that seeks to coordinate collection, organization, and dissemination of information to the public, engineers, managers, and scientists who need access to Charlotte Harbor ecosystem information resources.

The FGCU Library is also involved in a project to develop a definitive collection on the history of the Caloosahatchee River and its watershed. With funding from the South Florida Water Management District, the development of this collection will serve as a resource for researchers throughout south Florida. The library acquired, annotated, cataloged, and scanned over 450 documents for the Caloosahatchee Collection. The materials will be part of the library's website.

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

People: Appointments, Departures, Promotions

After thirty-one years, **Lois Burdick**, the associate director, retired on March 31. **Jeannette Cox** has been appointed the new associate director.

FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE

People: State/National Activities

Mary Flekke, instructional services librarian, will be delivering a workshop in June on the topic of oral history to the National Association of Christian Librarians at Lee College in Tennessee. In July she will be delivering a presentation on "The Reading and Viewing Habits of Generation X" at the National Association of Church and Synagogue Librarians in Orlando.

Andrew Pearson, director, was elected vice-president/president-elect to the Tampa Bay Library Consortium's board of directors.

POLK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

People: Papers, Publications, and Presentations

Bill Foege, coordinator of public services, and **Sarah Johnson**, coordinator of development services, will present "Restructuring Academic Libraries for Information Technology - the Polk Community College Experience" at the Annual Conference on Teaching and Learning in Jacksonville on April 16.

News From the Field: Acquisitions, Programs, Services

The PCC libraries have a new WWW site. The site, <http://www.polk.cc.fl.us/it/library/index.html>, was created to serve PCC students.

Designed with a high level of functionality, it incorporates PCC's own collections and resources with those available through State cooperatives and the internet.

STETSON UNIVERSITY

People: Appointments, Departures, Promotions

Susan M. Ryan accepted the position of associate director for public services. Susan has been at Stetson for ten years as government documents librarian. She replaced David Everett, who is now the library director at Hiram College in Hiram, Ohio.

Barbara Costello has joined the Stetson faculty as government documents librarian and assistant professor. Barbara comes to Stetson from the Connecticut State Library and brings ten years of experience working in the field of government information.

People: Papers, Publications, and Presentations

Barbara Costello accepted the position of chair of the Government Documents Interest Group of the Central Florida Library Cooperative.

Debbi Dinkins, technical services librarian and assistant professor, will present a poster session in April at the ACRL Conference in Detroit, entitled, "Making the Most of EbscoHost: Providing Full-Text Article Access Through Your OPAC."

People: State/National Activities

Jane Bradford, coordinator of library instruction and associate professor, has been appointed as an intern on the ACRL Instruction Section Membership Committee, effective after ALA this summer.

News From the Field: Acquisitions, Programs, Services

The duPont-Ball Library joined with 13 other Independent Colleges and Universities of

Florida Libraries (ICUF) in subscribing to UMI's *ProQuest Research Library*. The *ProQuest Research Library* (which includes *ABI/INFORM Global*) includes summaries of articles from more than 2,000 publications, with about half in full-text or full image format. Citations and abstracts for some journals go back to the early 1970s and full-text articles are included for some journals back to the early 1990s.

Building

Expansion and renovation of the duPont-Ball Library continued throughout 1998 and 1999. A three-story 13,000 square foot addition has almost been completed and the renovation of the existing building is currently underway. The addition features a new Instructional Media Center, as well as additional stack space for the circulating and periodical collections. The renovation will provide the library with more stack ranges for the reference and documents collections, new office space, and four new group study rooms.

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

People: Awards, Degrees, and Grants

Gary Hyslop, associate librarian and head of the Curriculum Materials Center, received the 1999 University of Central Florida Excellence in Librarianship Award.

Denise Dotson, reference, is the recipient of an H. W. Wilson scholarship for her Spring Semester at the University of South Florida where she is currently enrolled in library school.

A new scholarship will be established this spring in memory of **June Stillman** who died March 10, 1998. The scholarship will be for \$1,000 or more and will be awarded annually in perpetuity to a University of Central Florida student who works in the library. Our thanks to those of you who donated to the scholarship fund.

People: Papers, Publications, and Presentations

Frank Allen, associate director at the University of Central Florida Library, has co-authored an article in the January issue of *College and Research Libraries* entitled, "Using the Contingent Valuation Method to Measure Patron Benefits of Reference Desk Service in an Academic Library."

Rich Gause and **Peter Spyers-Duran**, reference, held a Patents Day Open House on December 12, 1998. The Central Florida community was invited to see demonstrations and presentations of the Patent and Trademark information available at the library and through the library's home pages. Highlights included presentations by Spyers-Duran, members of local inventors councils, and a patents attorney.

Meg Scharf, head of reference, and **Jeannette Ward**, head of serials, gave a presentation on electronic term paper mills and plagiarism at the Mid-Year Meeting of the Government and Non-Profit Section of the American Accounting Association, held in January at the University of Central Florida.

Carole Hinshaw, coordinator of library instruction, attended the Annual Conference of the American Association of Physiatrists held in February at the Caribe Royale Resort in Orlando. Her presentation, "A Guide to Research Evidence Based Medicine," was followed by a hands-on workshop.

The Library participated in University of Central Florida's Instructional Technology Showcase and Expo, held March 2. The day began with a presentation "Journals at Your Desktop" by **Suzi Holler**, head of access services, **Roger Simmons** and **Jeannette Ward**. **Rich Gause**, government documents librarian, and **Peter Spyers-Duran**, reference librarian, demonstrated the use of Government Documents, Patents and Trademarks in the Faculty Showcase. **Athena Hoepfner**, reference librarian, and **Meg Scharf** demonstrated the library

resources available "at your fingertips" in the Faculty Showcase.

Athena Hoepfner presented "Going Up and Getting Over: Web Based Tutorials" at Computers in Libraries held in Crystal City, Virginia.

Athena Hoepfner was one of three co-presenters of "All About Web Tutorials" at LOEX, in Houston, Texas.

Carole Hinshaw is presenting "Designing the Perfect Electronic Classroom: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly" with **Phyllis Ruscella**, Georgia State University, at the Syllabus Education Technology Conference, held at the University of Central Florida.

Rich Gause is presenting "Don't Throw Out the Baby! Combining New Technologies with Classic Methods of Instruction" with **Karren Baird-Olsen**, assistant professor of Sociology and Anthropology at the University of Central Florida, at the Syllabus Education Technology Conference, held at the University of Central Florida.

Meg Scharf is presenting a hands-on workshop entitled, "Taking Control of Technology: Strategies for Building Technology-Enhanced Courses" with Karen Smith, Director of the University of Central Florida's Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning, and Ruth Marchall, Director of the University of Central Florida's Office of Instructional Resources, at the Syllabus Education Technology Conference, held at the University of Central Florida.

Frank Allen and **David W. Harless**, professor of economics, Virginia Commonwealth University, published their article "Using the Contingent Valuation Method to Measure Patron Benefits of Reference Desk Service in an Academic Library." *College & Research Libraries*, Volume 60, Number 1, January 1999: 56-69.

Gary Hyslop, Cynthia Hutchinson, and Mercedes Tichenor published "A Professional Development School Partnership Initiative" in *SRATE Journal*, Volume 8, Number 1, Winter, 1999.

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

People: Appointments, Departures, Promotions
Tom Cetwinski resigned from his position as library personnel officer on January 27. **Pam Cenzer** accepted a temporary reassignment as acting library personnel officer.

Daniel Cromwell, agriculture cataloger, resource services department, was appointed head of the department's copy cataloging unit.

People: Awards, Degrees, Grants

Alena Aissing, bibliographer for Germanic and Slavic Studies, received the International Research and Exchange Board Short Term Travel Award to conduct research at the Open Society Institute in Budapest, Hungary and at the Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty in Prague during September 1998.

Peter Malanchuk, bibliographer for Africana and Political Science, received the University of Florida Faculty Professorial Excellence Program (PEP) award for outstanding achievement. Under his leadership, the University of Florida's Africana Collection has grown to be one of the nation's finest, documenting the political, social and cultural aspects of the countries as well as the natural history of Africa.

Edward Teague received a Worldwide Books Publication Award for his website, Art and Design Associations on the World Wide Web (<http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/afa/artsorg/>) at the Art Libraries Society of North America annual conference in Vancouver.

People: Papers, Publications, Presentations

Helen Jane Armstrong, head of the Map and

Imagery Library, is the author of *Antique Maps of the Holy Land: An Annotated Cartobibliography*. The antique maps, most of which are from the collection donated by Dr. James and Adina Simmons to the library, span five centuries of Holy Land cartographic history.

Rita Smith, curator of the Baldwin Library of Historical Children's Literature, published "Caught Up in the Whirlwind: Ruth Baldwin," *The Lion and the Unicorn*, 22:3 (September 1998): 289-302. Ms. Smith describes how Dr. Ruth Baldwin amassed the collection of nineteenth century children's books which eventually became the Baldwin Library of Historical Children's Literature. The Baldwin Library, housed in the department of special collections, has expanded to include 20th century children's books. With over 90,000 volumes, it is one of the premier historical children's book collections in the United States.

Carol Ritzen Kem served as a member of a panel at the Financial Planning Seminar sponsored by the Budget Analysis and Review Committee, an ALA Council standing committee. She presented her work on revising the budget process and reporting mechanism for the New Members Round Table of ALA. She was also recently appointed to a BARC subcommittee which is charged with developing and implementing a budget review process for other ALA Round Tables.

Jimmie Lundgren, head of the science unit and **Betsy Simpson**, head of the social sciences unit of the contributed cataloging section, resource

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services department, published "Looking Through User's Eyes: What Do Graduate Students Need to Know About Internet Resources Through the Library Catalog?" *Journal of Internet Cataloging*, 1:4 1998.

People: State/National Activities

David Fuller, interlibrary loan librarian, was appointed to the SHARES Practitioner's Council. SHARES is the Research Libraries Group Shared Resources Program.

Carol Ritzen Kem, department of collection management, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Exhibits Round Table of ALA.

Edward Teague, head of the Architecture and Fine Arts Library, was appointed to ALA's Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Task Force Book Award Committee. Established in 1971, the committee annually awards authors of books of exceptional merit that examine the lesbian, gay and/or bisexual experience.

News from the Field: Acquisitions, Programs, Services

A creative partnership between the George A. Smathers Libraries and the Harn Museum of Art was begun with the inclusion of antique maps from the Map & Imagery Library in a Museum exhibit, "European Prints from the Harn Museum Collection," which is on view from January 17 through August 22. **Dr. Helen Jane Armstrong**, map librarian, helped curate the exhibit on European print makers. The exhibit recognizes the artistic aspects of early maps, many of which were designed and engraved by well-known print makers. The maps illustrate how mapmaking during the fifteenth to the eighteenth century was considered to be both a science and an art.

The George A. Smathers Libraries of the University of Florida has acquired more than 750 additional items that supplement its Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Papers. Almost 500 of these

are letters from Marjorie Rawlings to her husband Norton Baskin. Most were written in 1943-44 when Norton was in India as an ambulance driver with the American Field Service.

Jack Rudloe, Florida author, biologist, and conservationist, has donated his literary and research papers to the Smather Libraries. The papers include manuscripts of his books and articles, correspondence, and research material.

The P.K. Yonge Library of Florida History received the William and Sue Goza Historic Newspaper Collection consists of nearly 1000 issues of newspapers that contain articles about Florida. These are all non-Florida newspapers—most are from the New England and the Middle Atlantic states—and give a perspective on how events in Florida were reported to people in the English colonies/United States. This newspaper collection is especially important for coverage of the Patriots War (1812-1814), the transfer of Florida to the United States (1821), the Second Seminole War (1835-1842), and the Civil War in Florida.

William Goza is a former president of the Florida Historical Society and he and his wife Sue have been avid collectors of Floridiana for more than 30 years. Their newspaper collection (donated to the) is especially important for coverage of the Patriots War (1812-1814), the transfer of Florida to the United States (1821), the Second Seminole War (1835-1842), and the Civil War in Florida.

HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER LIBRARY
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

People: Appointments, Departures, Promotions

Ramona Miller has accepted a position as a reference librarian. Ramona received her Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Florida followed by a Master of Science in Library Studies from Florida State University. She joined the Health Science Center Library (HSCL) reference staff in October 1998 where

she is currently the library liaison for the College of Health Professions.

Libby Anderson has accepted a position as the coordinator for information/publication services. Libby received her Bachelor of Arts in Art from Meredith College and her Master of Arts in Mass Communication in Advertising from the University of Florida. She joined the HSCL staff in January where she is currently coordinating public relations events and working on website development.

Lisa Eichholtz has accepted the position of assistant director for access services. Lisa received her Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies from LeMoyné College and her Master of Information and Library Science from Syracuse University. Lisa joined the staff in February after leaving her position as Special Projects Librarian at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.

Tara Tobin has accepted a position as reference librarian. Tara received her Bachelor of Science in Biology and Marine Science from the University of Tampa and her Master of Library and Information Sciences from the University of South Florida in Tampa. Tara joined the HSCL reference staff in February where she is currently the library liaison for Clinical Sciences in the College of Veterinary Medicine.

People: State/National Activities

Pamela Neumann is the director of the Borland Library at University of Florida's Health Science Center in Jacksonville. Pam has recently accepted an appointment to the Medical Library Association's National Program Committee (NPC) 2001. She will be helping plan the program for the Orlando meeting in 2001.

FLORIDA CENTER FOR LIBRARY AUTOMATION

People: Awards, Degrees, Grants

Michele Newberry, assistant director for library

services, received the 1998 Alumni of the Year Award from Florida State University's School of Information Studies.

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

People: Appointments, Departures, Promotions

Dr. Derrie Perez was appointed as the Interim Director of the University of South Florida - Tampa Campus Library. Dr. Perez is a faculty member in the USF School of Library and Information Science. She holds a doctoral degree from Florida State University, an M.L.S. from Louisiana State University, and a B.A. in English and Liberal Arts from Louisiana State University. Before coming to University of South Florida, Dr. Perez was the Associate Vice President of Learning Resources Services at Hillsborough Community College. She is the Past President of the Tampa Bay Library Consortium, Past President of the Florida Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries, and Inaugural Chair of the Advisory Board and Executive Committee of the College Center for Library Automation.

Rachel Viggiano was appointed as a distance learning librarian at the Florida Distance Learning Reference & Referral Center. She graduated from University of South Florida's School of Library and Information Science, and has worked in the Reference & Referral Center and the Tampa Campus Library for two years.

Meredith Ault was appointed as a distance learning librarian at the Florida Distance Learning Reference & Referral Center. She received her MSLS from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She most recently worked as a Corporate Librarian for Unisys Corporation in Blue Bell, PA.

People: Awards, Degrees, Grants

Jim Vastine, university librarian, reference department, Tampa Campus Library, and Gerald Notaro, University Librarian, University

of South Florida - St. Petersburg Campus Media Center, were each awarded a Professorial Excellence Program (PEP) Award for their demonstrated excellence in performance following attainment of the rank of professor or its equivalent in the State University System (SUS) for Florida.

Rhonda Smith, a 1996 graduate of the University of South Florida School of Library and Information Science and Coordinator of User Training at the Florida Distance Learning Reference and Referral Center was awarded an ACRL's New Librarian Conference Scholarship.

People: State/National Activities

Stephanie Race, Director of the Florida Distance Learning Reference and Referral Center was a featured speaker at the First Annual Minitex Conference, Connecting Users with Services: Reference Service in the Networked Environment.

News from the Field: Acquisitions, Programs, Services

Florida Distance Learning Reference and Referral Center (RRC) services are now available to the distance learning students, faculty and staff of all Florida-based, regionally accredited, higher education institutions. This expands the coverage of the service from the 38 public community colleges and universities to a total of nearly 80 institutions.

The RRC complements home libraries by providing a full range of individual reference services through its web site, toll free phone, email, fax, and postal mail. These include ready reference, research advice and skills training. Librarians will also consult with faculty, prepare class resource pages, and provide group bibliographic instruction. The RRC is open 106 hours a week during term time and answers most questions immediately. All enquiries receive a reply within 24 hours. For further information including contact details, see their web page at

<http://www.lib.usf.edu/distance>

In November, financial support from the American Library Association allowed three representatives from the University of South Florida to attend the International Book Fair in Guadalajara, Mexico. Derrie Perez (now the Library's Interim Director,) John Keeth, Acquisitions Department Head, and Maggie Doherty, Collection Development Librarian for Language, spent three days at the fair, selecting books for the university. Angelo Perez, professor of history from Hillsborough Community College, assisted with selection and Spanish.

Obituaries

Sam Y. Fustukjian, director of libraries at the University of South Florida, died March 1. Sam served USF for 19 years, first as director of the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library in St. Petersburg and since 1991, as the director of the Tampa libraries. He was instrumental for USF's selection as the home for the state's Reference and Referral Center. Among his many other accomplishments was the expansion of the web-based Virtual Library, a feature that gives distance learners access to the library's electronic resources and services from remote locations. He was admired by his colleagues and friends at USF and will be greatly missed.

Participation Breeds Success to State Programs Words from the Editor

The Florida Chapter ACRL and the Florida Library Association's Academic Section provide the best opportunities in Florida for academic librarians to network and to participate in professional development. This year they are working jointly to provide the program at FLA's Annual Conference entitled, "Making a Name on Campus: Innovative Customer Service Programs in Academic Libraries." (For a more detailed description of the program, see page 3.)

This program is one more example of how your organizations are working at a state level to provide you with programs that will appeal to a broad range of interests among academic librarians. Past programs have included *The Electronic Library: Reality Check, Partnerships Transform Academic Libraries, Distance Learning and Its Implications For Libraries and Librarians, Teaching the Internet, Multi-format Periodicals in the Age of Electronics, and Organizational Change*. They have also brought speakers that we read about in our library journals such as Dr. Ralph Russell and Mr. Walt Crawford, as well as the best from our own backyard of Florida such as Dr. William Miller, Dr. Derrie Perez, and Ms. Monica Metz-Wiseman.

Other state chapters of ACRL continue to develop an array of imaginative programs at a local level, too. The Alabama chapter invited Maureen Sullivan, president of ACRL, to their recent workshop on dealing with the place of librarianship in the face of rapid change. The Arizona chapter pulled together a collaboration to develop an Arizona Business Information Web Site. The Minnesota chapter sponsored seven sessions and a preconference at their annual state library association conference.

Of nothing comes nothing. Without somebody somewhere bringing program ideas into fruition

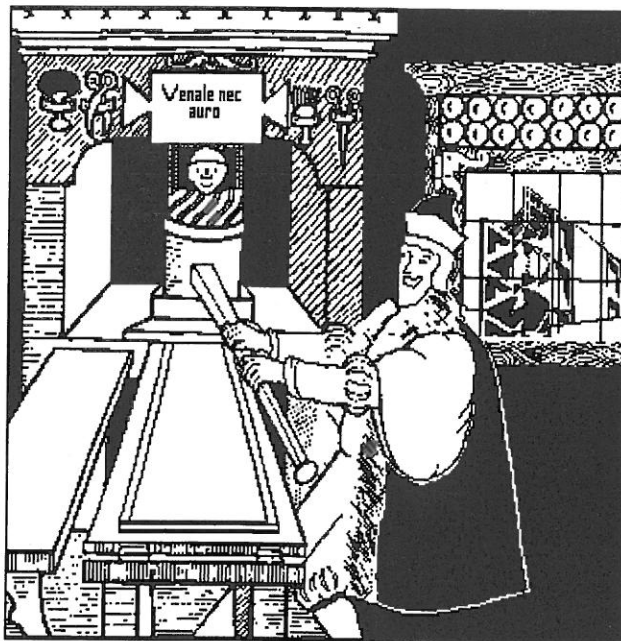
and putting hours of work into these programs, nothing would ever happen. A dynamic state organization of academic librarians does not just happen. **YOU ARE THE SOURCE FROM WHICH GREAT THINGS CAN HAPPEN FOR ACADEMIC LIBRARIANS IN FLORIDA.**

Whether you are a librarian who thinks outside of the box or creatively inside of the box, choose to participate.

As I finish my final newsletter as editor, I have enjoyed getting to meet you and to know a little more about your libraries. I would like to thank all those who have helped me by submitting news items these past four years.

I would like to introduce you to your new newsletter editor, Barbara Tuck. Barbara is a reference librarian at the University of North Florida. She will be looking forward to hearing from you for the next newsletter.

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