

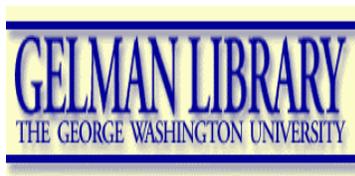
GELMAN NEWS



Africana Women at the Dawn of the New Millennium Exhibition and Program

by **Erica Aungst**
Administration

On Monday, March 13, The Gelman Library Special Collections Department hosted an exhibition reception and program based on the current *Africana Women at the Dawn of the New Millennium* exhibit. The 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Pre-Gala Exhibition Viewing and Reception was lively and well attended. The crowd followed jazz saxophonist Peter Fraize across H Street from The Gelman Library to The Dorothy Betts Theater at The George Washington University Marvin Center for the 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Program and Awards Gala Ceremony.



The program opened with the Urban Nation H.I.P.-H.O.P. Choir, directed by Ricky Payton. Dr. Mary Hatwood Futrell, Dean of the GW Graduate School of Education and Human Development welcomed the large audience for GW. Caroline Long, Associate University Librarian for Collections Services read the D.C. City Council Resolution and Mayoral Proclamation. Francine I. Henderson added to the welcome with explanation of the importance of Special Collections, primary research and the *Africana Women at the Dawn of the New Millennium* collaborative exhibit and programming.

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ANDREA'S SCHEDULE IN THE HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE

Monday, March 27, 2000	In workshops
Tuesday, March 28, 2000	In workshops
Wednesday, March 29, 2000	2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 30, 2000	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Friday, March 31, 2000	2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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Both the exhibit and program are White House Millennium Council Partnership activities. Caroline Croft, of the White House Millennial Council, offered greetings and read a letter of congratulations from First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton. Howard University's Dr. Cynthia Jacobs Carter, President of the Africana Women's Nexxus Institute, developed the exhibit concept and design during her doctoral dissertation research. Dr. Carter and Francine I. Henderson presented Nexxus Institute awards and GW certificates of recognition for the guests of honor.

The program Honorees included Lady Gloria Blackman, wife of the Ambassador of Barbados; Professor Adriane Dorrington of Nova Scotia; The Honorable Wilma Lewis, U.S. Attorney for D.C.; Ambassador Sheila Sisulu of South Africa; and a special Lifetime Achievement tribute to Dr. Dorothy I. Height, of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. The Mistress of Ceremonies was Fox 5's Morning News Anchor Lark McCarthy. The awards were interspersed with impressive performances by vocalist Darlene Echols.

This exhibit and program was sponsored by The Gelman Library and the Africana Women's Nexxus Institute. The Special Collection exhibit will be showing Monday from noon - 8:00 p.m. and Tuesday - Thursday from noon until 5:00 p.m. Be sure to visit this extremely popular exhibit before May 1. Please refer to Attachments **A** and **B** for enthusiastic viewer testimony for the *Africana Women at the Dawn of the New Millennium* exhibit and program.

Employee Benefit Spring 2000 Open Enrollment

by **Emma Mosby**
Administration

Beginning April 3 and continuing through April 21, 2000, Spring Open Enrollment will be held for the following University benefit plans:

Voluntary Term Life Insurance
Voluntary Universal Life Insurance
Voluntary Short Term Disability
Voluntary Long Term Disability
Retirement Plans

Representatives from Benefit Services, insurance carriers and retirement plan vendors will be available. Please refer to **Attachment C** of this issue of *R.T.* for further information.

Staff Selected to Attend 8th Annual Two-Day Paraprofessional Forum at The University of Richmond, VA

by **Emma Mosby**
Administration

Congratulations to the following staff members who were selected by the Human Resource Advisory Committee to attend the Paraprofessional Conference that will be held in Richmond, VA at the University of Richmond from May 21-May 23, 2000: Teena Bedola, Administration, Christopher Gross, Periodicals, Randye Jones, Collection Management, Nia Phillips, Human Resources and Delia Rafuson, Acquisitions. This conference, sponsored by the Virginia Library Association, is a well-regarded conference and provides opportunities to develop team building, technical and leadership skills. Staff will share information from this conference with staff in their departments.

"The reward of a thing well done is to have done it."

-- Ralph Waldo Emerson --

Welcome New Staff Association Committee (SAC) Members

by **Allegra Johnson**
Business Office

I am thrilled to have the new SAC members join our team: Wendell Kellar (Periodicals), Bernadette Boucher (Special Collections), David Killian (Eckles Library at Mount Vernon College) and Emma Mosby (Administration). Members staying from last year are yours truly, Teena Bedola and Peggy Enevoldsen. On behalf of the Staff Association Committee, we would like to thank those of you who participated in the nomination process, and even though the nominees were few, it was enough to accomplish the mission. We are now fully staffed and look forward to serving the Gelman Library Staff in the future. *Students! Your appreciation event is next on the menu so stay tuned!*

Testing a New Form of Cabinet

by **Marty Courtois and Gail Etschmaier**
Reference *GLIS*

On the morning of March 8th and the afternoon of March 9th, Cabinet met with Maureen Sullivan. These meetings were planned as the next step toward learning more about facilitating meetings and working toward becoming a self-managing team. Throughout the meetings, we discussed ways of re-structuring Cabinet to become a smaller group. On the second day of these meetings, we agreed to try a new, smaller Cabinet group consisting of group/team leaders and department heads. The members of this group are: Marifran Bustion, Marty Courtois, Gale Etschmaier, Liz Harter, Francine Henderson, Janice Houck, Maira Liriano, Jean Pec, Barbra Tschida, and Cathy Zeljak. We plan to evaluate this structure after a six month trial period.

In the coming weeks, this group will be focusing on decision making and developing ways to communicate well with the Administrative group and other groups in the Library. Please feel free

to send any suggestions to the "Cabinet" e-mail group.

STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

by **Stefanie Weinstein**
Gelman Student Liaison

Last week we held our first Student Advisory Board meeting for the semester. Notable students in attendance were Cathy Resler, the Student Association Executive Vice President- Elect, Megan Poinksi, Editor-In-Chief of the GW Journal, and Dan Seigal, a long-time advisory board member. The board discussed various Gelman services, spending a long time on the photocopy services, specifically on the 3rd floor. We also discussed a possible campaign to ask for donations from graduating seniors' parents for furniture for Gelman. There were two hot topics at the meeting. The first was the possibility of asking for the voluntary student library fee to become mandatory. Dr. David Grier, head of the University Honors Program, and member of ITAC, attended the meeting and delivered a draft for the new university policy that would put a cap on free printing from university computers. Overall the meeting went very well, and we will work on having another one later in the semester.

GELMAN HUMAN RESOURCES

VACANCY LISTING

Please see **Attachment D** for Gelman's Vacancy Listing.

OTHER NEWS

2000 Diversity Fair

by **Emma Mosby**
Administration

Attached to this issue of *R.T.*, as **Attachment E** is an article on the 2000 Diversity Fair at the Annual Conference of the American Library Association that will be held in Chicago, IL on July 8, 2000. The Advisory Committee of the Office for Literacy and Outreach Services sponsors this fair. It provides opportunities for ALA members from all types of libraries to celebrate examples of diversity in America's libraries, and to demonstrate possibilities for other libraries in search of "diversity in action" ideas.

THIS WEEK IN LITERARY HISTORY

March 28, 1868	Maxim Gorky (Aleksei Maksimovich Peshkov) born in Nizhni Novgorod
March 28, 1941	Virginia Woolf ends her life by walking into the River Ouse
March 29, 1952	E.B. White questions his editor as to "whether children will find anything amusing in [<i>Charlotte's Web</i>]; only time will tell"
March 31, 1631	John Donne dies in London
March 31, 1809	Nicolai Vasilyevich Gogol born in the Ukraine
March 31, 1914	Octavio Paz born in Mexico City
March 31, 1945	Tennessee Williams' <i>The Glass Menagerie</i> opens at the Playhouse Theatre in New York
April 1, 1922	William Manchester born in Attleboro, Massachusetts



Workstation Tip of the Week

March 28, 2000

by **Alicia Miller**
Management Information Systems

Share a GroupWise Folder And Save Disk Space

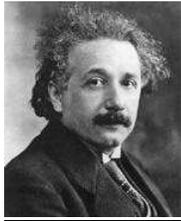
If you are one of those people who conscientiously reduce your paper work to save Earth's trees, you will love this cyber-environmental tip: Reduce your GroupWise message stores and save a few megabytes!

Just as we deplete our natural resources by devouring paper pulp, we deplete our system resources by gobbling up storage space on our network servers. A typical example of how we "eat up" storage space is forwarding one message or file to 23 people in a GroupWise distribution list. With that one action, you place 23 exact copies of that same message or file into 23 different mailboxes. Some of us even forward copies of previously forwarded copies containing multiple attachments. What a waste!

How can we make a difference, you ask? It's simple! Delete unnecessary messages and files from your mailbox; archive old messages; stop forwarding multiple copies of messages and files to multiple users; and consider using shared GroupWise folders. When items are placed in shared GroupWise folders, users can access them the same way they access the individual files stored in your data directories on the networked k:\drive: you grant them rights to your mailbox.

A simple right-click on a folder in your GroupWise cabinet will take you to the "Sharing" options screen where you can quickly set up a shared folder. A regular click on Help/Guides from the GroupWise menu bar will take you to

detailed instructions on how to grant rights to those folders. Once you get the hang of this, you will really un-complicate your email life and reduce the strain on GroupWise system resources. Now, go out there and learn how to hug a server!



ADVICE FROM EINSTEIN

“The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing. One cannot help but be in awe when he contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvelous structure of reality. It is enough if one tries merely to comprehend a little of this mystery every day. Never lose a holy curiosity.”



BOOK QUOTE

“Wear the old coat and buy the new book.”

-- Austin Phelps --
 The Theory of Preaching: Lectures on Homiletics, 1881

GELMAN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

EVENT	EVENT
Exhibit <i>Africana Women at the Dawn of the New Millennium</i>	Symposium (See Attachment F)
<u>DATE</u> Monday, January 31 thru Monday May 1, 2000	<u>DATE</u> Thursday, March 30, 2000
<u>PLACE</u> Room 207	<u>PLACE</u> Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre
<u>TIME</u> Monday Noon – 8:00 p.m. and Tuesday – Friday Noon – 5:00 p.m.	<u>TIME</u> 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

RENAISSANCE TIMES

Renaissance Times (RT) is the official weekly newsletter of the Melvin Gelman Library at The George Washington University. *RT* is proofread by **Karen Greisman** and is published every Tuesday by **Teena Bedola** in conjunction with Photocopy Services. Submissions, comments, and questions should be directed to:

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**The 2000 Diversity Fair at the Annual Conference of the American Library
has been scheduled for Saturday, July 8, 2000
3:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m.
in Chicago, IL.**

The fair, sponsored by the Advisory Committee of the Office for Literacy and Outreach Services, provides opportunities for ALA members from all types of libraries to celebrate examples of diversity in America's libraries, and to demonstrate possibilities for other libraries in search of "diversity in action" ideas. Selected applicants will share their diversity initiatives in face-to-face presentations with conferees, utilizing a poster session/table talk format.

The theme for 2000 supports that of ALA President Sarah Long, "Libraries Build Community: Partnerships to Support Diversity." "This year's Diversity Fair theme," says Long, "carries diversity in libraries to another level. It is inclusive of the community's resources, and also includes the involvement the members of the community being served. We know that libraries across the country are collaborating with their community partners to provide quality information services to all its citizens. The 2000 Diversity Fair provides an opportunity for these initiatives to be showcased."

All ALA conferees are eligible to exhibit. Participants must be registered for conference at the time of the fair. Past applicants may apply. Applications are limited to one per library. Applicants will be invited to select one of the following categories:

- * New and non-readers
- * People geographically isolated
- * People with disabilities
- * Rural and urban poor people
- * Children, youth and families
- * People discriminated against due to:
 - * race, ethnicity or language, or
 - * sexual orientation, or
 - * age
- * Multiple categories

An definitive abstract is required, written in 150 words or less, and that includes a description of the library's "diversity in action" initiative. Abstracts must detail the implementation, the degree to which the initiative has succeeded, and its potential uses by other libraries.

The entry process includes an entry form and an information release form, both found at <http://www.ala.org/olos> and at Fax-On-Demand, 800-545-2433, extension 4, #311.

The 1998 and 1999 Diversity Fair Notebooks will be available at <http://www.ala.org/olos> as of Monday, November 15, 1999. All entries will be included in a 2000 Diversity Fair Notebook, available at the fair, along with abstracts and contact information.

The extended deadline for receipt of entry forms is April 1, 2000. E-mail entries and questions may be sent to divfair@ala.org or fax to 312-280-3256. Selected applicants will be invited to exhibit at the 2000 Diversity Fair.

Applicants will be notified by April 15, 2000 via e-mail or fax from the Office for Literacy and Outreach Services. The Diversity Fair Committee is chaired Jeff Coghill, McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LA, a member of the OLOS Advisory Committee. Questions may be directed to Tanga Morris at 800-545-2433 #4294 or divfair@ala.org, ALA Office for Literacy and Outreach Services, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611.