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GLS UPDATE

Open Forum III

by **David Killian**
Eckles Library / SAC Chair

This year's Open Forum III will be held on Tuesday, April 8, in two sessions: the first from 10:00 a.m. to noon and the second from 2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m. GLS staff are invited to attend either of the sessions, as the programs will be equivalent in content. The location will be in Gelman Library's Room 202.

The programs for both sessions will feature reports from members of the Administrative Group.

Refreshments will be served at the event: a Continental-style breakfast for the morning session, and snack/hors d'oeuvres for the afternoon session.

The event is sponsored by the Staff Association Committee.

ALA National Library Legislative Day May 12 and 13

by **Andrea Stewart**
Administration

Please see Attachment A for details on an invitation to attend the ACRL Legislative Luncheon on May 12 and the 29th Annual ALA National Library Legislative Day on May 12 and 13, 2003.

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SPECIAL POINT OF INTEREST

* Mary Faith Pankin's report on the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section Bibliographic Standards Committee and the American Libraries Advisory Committee at the Midwinter American Library Association Conference.

Library staff are invited to attend ALA National Library Legislative Day and the complimentary ACRL Legislative Luncheon. If you wish to attend, please use the administrative leave form, also attached to this edition of RT, and submit it to your supervisor approval.

Treasures from the Jewish Cultural Renaissance in Germany, 1819-1938

by **Teena Bedola**
Administration

Amy Stempler's article on the Treasures from the Jewish Cultural Renaissance in Germany, 1819-1938 exhibit is attached as **Attachment A**.

Thank You for Your LibQUAL+ Responses!

by **Gale Etschmaier**

Administration

On behalf of the Assess Team and Jack, I would like to thank all GLS staff members who responded to the LibQUAL+ survey. Although we will not receive any detailed data on responses until July 2003 (along with the data on student, faculty, and other GW staff responses), we have data on the number of respondents: 60 GLS staff out of the 130 invited to participate (or 46%) responded to this survey! We also received 16 comments and will be consolidating and summarizing these.

The LibQUAL+ survey of the GW

community is progressing with some minor delays. At this point we plan to send an announcement during the week of March 24th and have a target date of March 31st to send out the survey invitation. The survey will run approximately 2-3 weeks, and we will receive the survey results after the annual ALA meeting in late June. Thank you for your participation and support with this important GLS project!

*“A Library is an Arsenal of
Liberty.”*

~ Anonymous ~

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Carolyn Frenger to Un- dertake Full-Time Graduate Study

by **Gale Etschmaier**

Administration

Carolyn Frenger is taking leave effective March 13 to focus on her graduate degree. She does not plan to return to her responsibilities in GLS. We wish her the best in her graduate studies and future endeavors.

VIRGINIA CAMPUS UPDATE

Welcome To a New Member of the Virginia Campus Library

by **Douglas Carroll**

VCL

Charles Tucker joined the Virginia Campus Library in Mid-March. While “Chuck” (he prefers to be called Chuck) studied for his degree at the University of Florida, he also worked at their Architecture and Fine Arts Library. His familiarity with Library circulation and systems allowed him to jump right into our workload and relieved some pressure for the VCL staff. He

will be working with student requests for materials among a host of cross-trained duties from Circulation and shelve reading to copying items and shipping them to students. We hope you all get to meet him at one of the next All-GLS functions. Welcome aboard Chuck!

GELMAN HUMAN RESOURCES NEWS

Vacancy Listing

Please see **Attachment B** for the Gelman Library System’s Vacancy Listing.

GELMAN HUMAN RESOURCES NEWS

The Art of the Negro Spiritual

by **Teena Bedola**

Administration

Another chance to see our very own Randy Jones perform at the Ascension Lutheran Church on Sunday, April 27, 2003 at 4:00 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Ascension Lutheran Day School’s music program and The Art of the Negro Spiritual Research Project.

ALADIN NEWS

Ben-Gad Wins Prize!

by **Jean A. Pec**
CMS

Shmuel Ben-Gad wins the dubious first prize for reporting the most ALADIN problems in one week. He has patiently taken the time to report 12 problems to me this week. For those interested, all of the problems

SIMPLE TIPS

Jack Siggins
University Librarian



“Never Take a Problem to Your Boss Without Some Solutions to Recommend. You are Paid to Think, Not to Whine.”

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LITERARY HISTORY

- March 23, 1913 **Jack London** writes to **Winston Churchill, G.B. Shaw, and H.G. Wells** to ask what they are paid for their “stuff”.
- March 24, **Jules Verne**, father of modern science
- March 24, 1919 **Lawrence Ferlinghetti** is born in Yonkers, New York.
- March 24, 1926 **Dario Fo**, Italian playwright, manager-director, and actor-mime, is born in Legguino-Sangiama, Italy.
- March 25, 1811 **Percy Bysshe Shelley** is expelled from Oxford for refusing to admit writing *The Necessity of Atheism*.
- March 25, 1955 U.S. Customs Department officials confiscated five-hundred-twenty copies of **Allen Ginsberg’s Howl** as they enter the U.S. The poem will then be published by City Lights publishers in San Francisco, leading to the arrest of **Lawrence Ferlinghetti**.
- March 26, 1897 **Mrs. Oscar Wilde** writes her brother about her husband’s arrest and imprisonment: “I think his fate is rather like Humpy Dumpty’s, quite as tragic and quite as impossible to put right.”
- March 26, 1915 **Virginia Woolf** suffers a nervous breakdown following the publication of her first
- March 27, 1928 **D. H. Lawrence**, writing to **Aldous Huxley**, calls **Arnold Bennett** “a pig in clover.”
- March 28, 1775 **Samuel Jackson** delivers a harsh opinion of the late poet **Thomas Gray**: “Sir, he was dull in company, dull in his closet, dull every where. He was dull in a new way, and that made people think him Great.”
- March 28, 1909 **Nelson Algren**, novelist, is born in Detroit, Michigan.
- March 29, 1797 **E.B. White** writes to his editor, **Cass Canfield** about *Charlotte’s Web*: “Whether children will find anything amusing in it, only time will tell.”
- March 30, 1820 **Anna Sewell**, author of *Black Beauty, the Autobiography of a Horse*, is born in Norwich.
- March 31, 1914 Poet and critic **Octavio Paz** is born in Mexico City.
- April 1, 1922 Historian **William Manchester** is born in Attleboro, Massachusetts.
- April 2, 1805 **Hans Christian Andersen** is born, the son of a cobbler, in Odense, Denmark.
- April 2, 1846 **Nathaniel Hawthorne** is appointed Surveyor of the Salem Custom House by President James Polk.
- April 3, 1783 **Washington Irving** is born in New York, the youngest of 11 children.
- April 3, 1920 **F. Scott Fitzgerald** and **Zelda Sayre** are married at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York. Honeymooning at the Biltmore Hotel, they behave so boisterously the management asks them to leave.
- April 4, 1896 French poet and essayist known mainly as the founder of Dada, **Tristan Tzara**, is born in Moinesti.
- April 4, 1928 African-American poet whose autobiographical work will explore themes of economic, racial, and sexual oppression, **Maya Angelou**, is born in St. Louis, Missouri.
- April 5, 1837 Poet **Algernon Charles Swinburne** is born in London.
- April 5, 1920 **Arthur Hailey**, novelist, is born in Luton, Bedfordshire.