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## GELMAN NEWS

### Don't Miss This Party!

by **Alicia Miller**  
*Administration*

Please join us at The George Washington University Inaugural Ball to celebrate the new administration and welcome the university's new neighbors. This black-tie invited event will feature live music and dancing, food, gifts, and tons of other surprises.

The ball will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2001 at eight o'clock in the evening. The location of the ball will be announced. Advance reservations are required.

Tickets will be on sale beginning Monday, December 4th at 9 a.m. Please call 202-994-1600 (Visa or MasterCard) or stop by Rice Hall 504 (Visa, MasterCard, GWorld Card, check, or cash). From December 4th to December 22nd at 5 p.m., ALL tickets will be \$45. After December 22nd, all tickets will be \$55.

Tickets may be picked up in Rice Hall 504 between Tuesday, January 16th and Friday, January 19th from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or at the door of the event.

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.  
ALL TICKET SALES ARE FINAL.



A formal invitation will be mailed shortly. If you have any questions, please e-mail the Office of University Special Events at use@gwu.edu or call 202-994-7129.

DON'T MISS THIS PARTY!!

### Gelman Library donates more than \$650 in gifts to "Adopted" Williams Family

by **Bernadette Boucher**  
*Special Collections*

From November 24th to December 11th, Teena Bedola and Bernadette A. Boucher of SAC collected gifts for the Williams family, Gelman's "adopted" family for the 2000 holiday season. A drop-box was placed in Gelman's Administrative Office. Over the course of two weeks, Gelmanites donated more than \$650 in presents, gift certificates and monetary contributions.

The Williams family includes 6 children, ranging in age from 5 to 16 years. Some of the presents the children received are: gift certificates to CVS, Giant Food, Borders, and AMC Movies; a Poo Chi robot dog; a football and basketball; clothing; stockings filled with snacks; soap and candles; coloring books and crayons; and a dictionary.

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SAC learned of The George Washington University's "Adopt-A-Family" program through GW's Office of Community Service. OCS coordinates the "Adopt-A-Family" campaign with D.C. area organizations such as Bread for the City and House of Ruth.

SAC would like to heartily thank all Gelman staff who contributed to our campaign! Happy Holidays!

## **GELMAN HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE**

### **Vacancy Listing**

Please see **Attachment A** for Gelman's Vacancy Listings.

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **Annual Nominations for Library Mosaics and COLT**

By **Randy Jones**  
*Collections Management Department*

Library Mosaics and COLT are still accepting nominations for two annual awards, to be presented to individuals who have been outstanding in their service to library support staff. Two awards, one for support staff and another for a supporter of support staff (e.g., administrator, supervisor, corporation, etc.) will be awarded at the 2001 Annual COLT Conference in San Francisco. Winners of the award will receive a \$100 prize, along with a plaque noting their special recognition.

You may either nominate yourself or a colleague. Please submit a brief description of the nominee, with a justification of why you feel the candidate is deserving of the award. No more than two

pages will be accepted. The description may include a list of activities, programs, state and local organization participation and recognition, innovative programming, promotion of support staff development, as well as noteworthy achievements in the local workplace. Selection for the awards will be made by an Awards Committee, composed of selected support staff and Library Mosaics staff.

The deadline for nominations is December 31, 2000. You may submit your nominations to: Library Mosaics, P.O. Box 5171, Culver City, CA 90231.

### **Voyager 2000 Upgrade Delayed**

by **Emma Mosby**  
*Administration*

The following is a Voyager update from Lizanne Payne, Executive Director for the Washington Research Library Consortium (WRLC).

“WRLC staff in consultation with staff in the member libraries have recommended postponing the upgrade to Voyager Release 2000, originally scheduled for the winter break between Christmas and New Year's. Testing revealed some significant problems with the new Acquisitions module which were particularly troublesome on workstations using the Windows NT or Windows 2000 operating systems. Endeavor Information Systems plans to release a software patch at the end of December which is intended to fix these problems, but WRLC and library staff believes that would not leave sufficient time for adequate testing if we held to the original schedule, and that the risk of software instability would be too great. The revised plan is to perform the upgrade sometime after the end of spring semester. There will be further discussions over the coming weeks to determine the specific timing.

### *CLS improvements:*

George Mason library staff can now successfully post articles to WRLC myALADIN accounts using the Ariel/Prospero interface. Up until now GMU staff had been unable to deliver CLS articles to other WRLC patrons via the Web, because the GMU Ariel workstation was not connected to the WRLC network. Lara Bushallow at GMU and Bill Mayer and Don Gourley at WRLC worked out a solution which will be portable to any Ariel workstation in the Consortium that is not already installed on a WRLC network.

WRLC staff have also enhanced the CLS system to provide automatic redirection of requests, which the system can determine are unfillable (for example, if the item is checked out, lost, or non-circulating). Rather than returning an "unfilled" message to the requester, as before, the system now redirects those requests to a randomly selected WRLC library which has that item available.

Between July and the end of November, over 28,000 CLS requests have been filled by WRLC libraries: almost 21,000 book loans and over 7,600 articles. CLS lending statistics are available on the WRLC intranet at <http://www.libraries.wrlc.org/borrowing/ytdlibx.html>.

### *Consortial lending statistics for 1999-2000:*

We have posted on the intranet two reports on borrowing among WRLC libraries for the last full academic year 1999-2000.

Reciprocal Borrowing Totals (Direct and CLS):  
<http://www.libraries.wrlc.org/borrowing/abtot1999-2000.html>

Borrowing Totals (Direct and CLS combined) by Patron Group: <http://www.libraries.wrlc.org/borrowing/adbp1999-2000.html>

### *Consortial database licensing information online:*

We have also added to the intranet a section called ALADIN Databases. <http://www.libraries.org/aladindbs>), containing lists of subscribed databases by database name, by library, and by vendor. There is also a web form which library staff can use to request that a database be added or changed on that library's ALADIN menu (i.e. when a new database is subscribed or when the library is notified by the vendor of changes to the access procedures). At the present time WRLC is working with over 250 different databases subscribed by the seven member libraries plus Trinity College."

## **2001 NASIG Conference Student Grant Announcement**

by **Emma Mosby**  
*Administration*

The following is more information regarding the 2001 NASIG conference student grant announcement. The North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG) is currently seeking candidates for student grants to attend the Sixteenth Annual Conference to be held at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas on May 23-26, 2001.

Established in 1985, NASIG is an independent organization that promotes communication and sharing of ideas among all members of the serials information chain - anyone working with or concerned about serials. For more information about NASIG, please see the NASIG web page at <http://nasig.org/>.

Through the granting of these awards, NASIG desires to encourage participation in the serials information chain by students who are interested in pursuing some aspect of serials work upon completion of their professional degrees. Each year the annual conference is held on a different college or university campus, where the various segments of the serials community (including publishers, vendors, and librarians) meet in an

informal setting to network and share information. The conference includes the presentation of papers, panels, workshops, tours, and social events.

**SCOPE OF AWARD:** Recipients are expected to attend the entire conference and submit a brief written report to NASIG, which will be excerpted, for publication in the NASIG Newsletter. Expenses for travel, registration, meals, and lodging will be paid by NASIG. Each recipient will also receive a year's membership in NASIG.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Students who are currently enrolled at the graduate level in any ALA accredited library school, who do not already have an ALA accredited degree, and who have expressed an interest in some aspect of serials work, are eligible. Applicants must be full- or part-time students at the time of application. In order to accept an award, a recipient must not be employed in a position requiring an ALA accredited degree, or on leave from such a position, at the time of acceptance of the grant. Equal consideration will be given to all qualified applicants, with preference given to those earning their degrees the year of the conference. Students do not have to be NASIG members to apply, and they must not have earned their degrees earlier than the end of the school year prior to the NASIG conference. Applicants must not have attended a previous NASIG conference.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE:** Application forms will be available after November 15, 2000, in ALA accredited library schools, through the NASIG Web Page, in this issue of the NASIG Newsletter, and from Kay Johnson, Co-Chair, Awards and Recognition Committee. Completed applications should be sent to:

Kay G. Johnson  
Co-Chair, NASIG  
Awards & Recognition Committee  
306 Hodges Library  
University of Tennessee  
Knoxville, TN 37996-1000  
Phone (865) 974-6913

Fax (865) 974-0551  
E-mail: johnsonk@utk.edu

The award announcement and application form are also available on the web at: <http://www.nasig.org/public/timedated/studentgrant.html>

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Applications must be postmarked/faxed by JANUARY 31, 2001. Applications postmarked/faxed after this date will not be considered.

**AWARD NOTIFICATION:** Award recipients will be notified by March 12, 2001.



### **BOOK QUOTE**

**Books are standing counselors and preachers, always at hand, and always disinterested; having this advantage over oral instructors, that they are ready to repeat their lesson as often as we please.**

~ [Oswald Chambers](#) ~

## Special Holiday Offer from EBSCO

by **Caroline Long**  
*Administration*

Attached as **Attachment B** is a special holiday offer on magazines from EBSCO. Price list and order form are available too. Completed forms should be returned to the address shown on the order forms.

<b>ANDREA STEWART'S SCHEDULE</b>	
<b>Monday, Dec. 18, 2000</b>	<b>Business Office</b> 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. <b>Human Resources</b> 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2000</b>	<b>No Schedule</b>
<b>Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2000</b>	<b>Business Office</b> 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. <b>Human Resources</b> 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday, Dec. 21, 2000</b>	<b>Business Office</b> 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. <b>Human Resources</b> 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
<b>Friday, Dec. 22, 2000</b>	<b>No Schedule</b>

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Exhibit** - "*Bright Stars Through the Perilous Fight*": *Men and Women Who Would Be*  
**Through** *President* - - Weekdays 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Gelman Special Collections  
**1/26/01** (202) 994-7549

**Event** - **Gelman Library Winter Staff Open Forum**  
**12/19/00** 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. - Gelman Room 202

## THIS WEEK IN LITERARY HISTORY

<b>December 17, 1843</b>	<i>A Christmas Carol</i> by <b>Charles Dickens</b> is published.
<b>December 18, 1855</b>	<b>Samuel Rogers</b> , poet, dies in London at the age of 72.
<b>December 19, 1732</b>	<b>Benjamin Franklin</b> begins to publish <i>Poor Richard's Almanack</i> in Philadelphia.
<b>December 20, 1871</b>	<b>Mark Twain</b> compares himself to <b>George Washington</b> . "I have a higher and greater standard of principle. Washington could not lie. I can lie but I won't."
<b>December 20, 1968</b>	<b>John Steinbeck</b> dies of a heart ailment in New York at age 66.
<b>December 21, 1375</b>	<b>Giovanni Boccaccio</b> dies in Certaldo, Italy, the town of his birth at age 62.
<b>December 21, 1985</b>	At 44, <b>F. Scott Fitzgerald</b> dies of a heart attack in Los Angeles.
<b>December 22, 1849</b>	Novelist <b>Mary Gordon</b> born on Long Island, New York.
<b>December 22, 1880</b>	<b>George Eliot</b> dies at age 61 in Chelsea after returning from a trip to the Continent and catching cold at a London concert.
<b>December 23, 1804</b>	Critic and poet <b>Charles Sallate-Beuve</b> is born in Bologne.

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