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GLS UPDATE

Alicia Miller Selected for 2003 ARL Service Quality Evaluation Academy

by **Andrea Stewart**
Administration

Congratulations to Alicia Miller on her selection as one of 18 participants chosen to attend the 2003 Service Quality Evaluation Academy sponsored by the Association of Research Libraries. See **Attachment A** for more details.

For more information, contact Krizi Trivisani, Director of Systems Security Operations, CSO at krizi@gwu.edu, (202) 994-7803.

Time to Look at Your Annual Leave

by **Emma Mosby**
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If you have annual leave to use, this is a reminder that June 30th is fast approaching. Remember, you have to use or lose your leave by June 30.

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FYI

Confidential/Personal Information Alert

It has been brought to our attention that some members of the University community have received phone calls asking them to reveal confidential information such as social security number, date of birth, etc. If someone solicits this type of information from you, please verify the name, department and telephone number of the requestor and report any abuse immediately to the Information Security Office at abuse@gwu.edu. While this type of information is commonly used for legitimate purposes, it can also be used to steal your identity.

It is very important not to reveal this type of information to unknown or unauthorized persons.

Congratulations to Mark Brown

by Cathy Zeljak
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Heartfelt congratulations to Mark Brown. Beginning April 25th, Mark will become the new Library Technician in the European Reading Room, European Division of the Library of Congress. With a celebratory week scheduled in-between, Mark's last day with us will be next Friday, April 18th. For over two years, Mark has been a reliable, dedicated and hard-working employee of the Reading Room, so please take the time to come up to the 7th floor and wish him well before he leaves. We in the Reading Room wish him only the best. Good luck Mark!

“Good as it is to inherit a library, it is better to collect one.”

~ Augustine Birrell ~

<u>LITERARY HISTORY</u>	
April 19, 1881	After a long political career, British novelist Benjamin Disraeli dies in London.
April 19, 1983	The Polish author Jerzy Andrzejweski dies in Warsaw.
April 20, 1887	Oscar Wilde writes: “Every great man nowadays has his disciples, and it is usually Judas who writes the biography.”
April 20, 1996	The model for the human in the Winnie-the-Pooh books, Christopher Robin Milne , dies.
April 21, 1910	Mark Twain (Samuel Langhorne Clemens), 75, dies in Redding, Connecticut, upon the reappearance of Halley’s Comet, which had last shone in the year he was born. He said of his writing, “My books are water those of the great geniuses are wine. Everybody drinks water.”
April 22, 1707	Henry Fielding is born in Somerset, near Glastonbury, to a family that claims descent from a branch of the Hapsburgs.
April 23, 1899	Vladimir Nabokov is born in St. Petersburg to an eminent family. Their fortunes will collapse in the Revolution, forcing them into exile in 1919.
April 24, 1942	Brendan Behan is sentenced by a Dublin military court to 14 years imprisonment for shooting at police during an I.R.A. march.
April 25, 1595	As Lord Byron leaves England forever for exile in Europe, friends arm themselves with firearms to protect him in case the very sight of the poet rouses the crowd to riot.
April 26, 1564	William Shakespeare is baptized in Stratford-upon-Avon.
April 26, 1731	Daniel Defoe dies in Ropemaker Street in the City of London, hiding from creditors.
April 26, 1820	In Mount Healthy, near Cincinnati, Ohio, American writer Alice Cary is born.

SIMPLE TIPS

*How to thrive in The Gelman Library System
(or any other organization)*



Jack Siggins
University Librarian

“Don’t let group-think keep you from expressing your thoughts and feelings. Sometimes, people in meetings agree on decisions that they, as individuals, know are stupid or won’t work.”

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