

GELMAN NEWS

Ad Hoc Group Determines E-Resources Activities

by **Caroline Long** and **Gale Etschmaier**
Administration

As noted in the February 27th RT, an ad hoc group explored ways to handle electronic resources responsibilities and projects while Debbie Bezanson is serving as Acting Director of Library Technology. Group members are: Debbie Bezanson, Marifran Bustion, Gale Etschmaier, Liz Harter, Caroline Long, Clara Ruttenberg, Judy Solberg, and Cathy Zeljak. We looked at the responsibilities currently being handled and determined who is handling them. We also examined things we are not doing related to electronic resources. From the latter list we determined four priority activities to be pursued. These are:

- Catalog the electronic resources we already have. Internet resources will be dealt with before CD-ROMs are cataloged. Acquisitions has hired a temporary serials cataloger to work on this.
- Clara will finish creating a spreadsheet which will provide, for our electronic resources, expenditure information and renewal dates. Target completion date: March 15. Information from the spreadsheet will be used by Collection Development Librarians, Acquisitions staff, and others.
- Determine which of Gelman's print subscriptions include free access to full text journals; decide which package/s to "turn on," and then work with vendors/publishers to activate Web access for titles in the package/s.
- Submit SPARC orders for FY01.

Debbie, Marifran and Clara will be coordinating our electronic resources efforts. Anyone with questions should talk with one of them.

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The Friends of the Libraries Annual Dinner 2001

by **Erica Aungst**
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The Friends of the GW Libraries Annual Reception and Dinner will be held on **Wednesday, April 18, 2001**. The Reception is at 6:00 p.m. at The Mount Vernon Alumnae House; 4535 W Street, NW; Washington, D.C. The Dinner is at 7:00 p.m. at Merriweather Post Hall; The GW at Mount Vernon Campus; 2100 Foxhall Road (Entrance off of W Street, walking distance from the Reception) (Please see **Attachment A** for the menu)

The reception will honor Friends Board President Walter E. Beach for his many contributions to GW. Dr. Joe Goldblatt, CSEP, will receive special honor at the Dinner for his continuing development and support of The Gelman Library Event Management and Marketing Archives, located in the Special Collections Department.

Our speaker is Kenneth Bowling, of GW's First Federal Congress Documentary History Project. His talk, "The 'Coming Out' of Peter Charles L'Enfant," will be the public disclosure of previously unacknowledged information regarding L'Enfant, his "designs on the capital," and the socio-political climate of the city at that time. Kenneth Bowling's Books will be sold in Post Hall before and after the Dinner. Available titles to be announced.

Space for this event is extremely limited. Only dinner guests may attend the reception (due to limited space). Cost: Non-Friends members = \$55; Friends members = \$45; GW Library Staff = \$25. Payment must be received at the time of your reservation. We cannot take charge cards. Checks must be made payable to GW. We do accept cash. Please see Lana in Gelman Administration, Suite 201, to make your reservation.

In order to accommodate the many people who cannot attend the event due to lack of space, the Friends of the GW Libraries will host a complimentary book-signing in early fall. Kenneth Bowling will present a special lecture, topic to be announced.

Due to the historical value of Dr. Bowling's Friends Dinner lecture, the Friends of the GW Libraries will publish these remarks in a special volume commemorating the GW Friends of the Libraries' 30th Anniversary. This commemorative volume, along with other books by Ken Bowling, will be available at the fall event.

New Gary Price Website

by **Erica Aungst**
Administration

Check out Gary Price's newest website at <http://resourceshelf.blogspot.com/>. It's very convenient and informative. Thanks again Gary! And thanks for the tip, David Ettinger!

GELMAN HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE

Vacancy Listing

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

**THIS WEEK IN LITERARY
HISTORY**

Crystal Belk will join Gelman

by **Andrea Stewart**
Administration

I am pleased to announce that Crystal Belk will join the staff of The Gelman Library System as Manager, Financial Operations, Monday, March 19.

Crystal is currently a Senior Budget Analyst with GW's Budget Office, and until last year, was one of Ingrid Eusebe's primary contacts on budget matters.

Please join the Administration Department and Business Services staff in welcoming her next week. More information will follow on opportunities to meet her as we finalize her orientation schedule.

OTHER NEWS

Arthur Miller Lectures at Kennedy Center

by **Erica Aungst**
Administration

Playwright Arthur Miller will lecture at the John F. Kennedy Center on Monday, March 26, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. Miller was named the 2001 Jefferson Lecturer in the Humanities by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The lecture is free and open to the public. Please see **Attachment C** for details.

March 11, 1818	Mary Shelley's <i>Frankenstein</i> is published.
March 12, 1846	Elizabeth Barrett writes to Robert Browning , "If it will satisfy you that I should know you, love you, love you—when then indeed... You should have my soul to stand on if it could make you stand higher."
March 12, 1863	Gabriele D'Annunzi , Italian poet, novelist and soldier, is born in Francavilla al Mare, Pescara.
March 13, 1818	John Keats writes to Benjamin Bailey , "I am sometimes so very skeptical as to think poetry is a mere Jack-o-Lantern to whoever may chance to be struck with its brilliance.
March 14, 1883	Karl Marx dies in dire poverty in London at age 64.
March 14, 1887	Sylvia Beach , founder of Shakespeare and Company, is born in her father's parsonage in Baltimore.
March 15, 44 B.C.	Author of <i>Commentaries on the Gallic War</i> , Julius Caesar , is assassinated.
March 15, 1929	While in Paris looking for a publisher for <i>Lady Chatterley's Lover</i> , D.H. Lawrence meets Harry Crosby of the Black Sun Press; in spite of having corresponded for a year, they disagree violently about everything.
March 16, 1850	<i>The Scarlet Letter</i> , by Nathaniel Hawthorne , is published.
March 17, 1911	Italian novelist Antonio Fogazzaro dies in the city of his birth, Vicenza.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Exhibit - *Africana Women at the Dawn of the New Millennium*
1/24/01 Mon.-Sat. 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Charles Sumner School Museum - Farragut North
Through Metro Station – 1201 17th St., Washington, DC 20036, (202) 442-6060
6/21/01

Event - Friends of the GW Libraries Annual Dinner
 Wednesday, April 18, 2001 – 6:00 p.m. reception at GW Mount Vernon Alumnae House; 7:00 p.m. Dinner at GW Mount Vernon Post Hall. Speaker: Kenneth R. Bowling, “The ‘Coming Out’ of Peter Charles L’Enfant.” Call (202) 994-6455 for information.

Event - Friends of the GW Libraries Counterculture Lecture Series: Heavy Metal Music.
 Monday, April 23, 2001 – 6:00 p.m. Gelman Library – Room 202
 Call (202) 994-6455 for information.

Exhibit - Special Collections Dance Exhibit Reception
 April 26, 2001; early evening time to be announced.
 Call (202) 994-7549 for more information.

Event - Café Gelman
 April 26, 2001. 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. – The Gelman Library 24-hour Room. Call (202) 994-6455 for more information. Reading

Event - The Gelman Library Senior Corner Unveiling
 April 30, 2001. Time and Location to be announced.

ANDREA STEWART’S SCHEDULE

Monday, March 12, 2001	No Schedule
Tuesday, March 13, 2001	No Schedule
Wednesday, March 14, 2001	No Schedule By Appointment
Thursday, March 15, 2001	Human Resources 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, March 16, 2001	Human Resources 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.



BOOK QUOTE

*Books are the quietest
and most constant of
friends; they are the most
accessible and wisest of
counselors, and the most
patient of teachers.*

Charles W. Eliot
The Happy Life
1896

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