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by **Gale Etschmaier**
Administration

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- * Randy Jones' The Art of the Negro Spiritual concert on April 27, 2003.
- * Faculty Authors Book Signing Reception!

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Carolyn Frenger to Undertake Full-Time Graduate Study

by **Gale Etschmaier**
Administration

Carolyn Frenger has taken 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.

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

~ **Anonymous** ~

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 C** for the Gelman Library System’s Vacancy Listing.

MUSICAL EVENT

The Art of the Negro Spiritual

by **Teena Bedola**
Administration

Another chance to see our very own Randye 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. For more information, please see **Attachment D**.

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 had to do with holdings records, often the dreaded "No information available..." Some of these problems happened during our conversion from NOTIS to Voyager so they've been around for 5 years.

At this time, Judy Solberg and Janet Olsen are tied for second place. Does anyone care to challenge them? If so, please read those ALADIN records and report any problems you find to me. Send me either a print out of the offending ALADIN record, or copy it to me in a GroupWise message. Shmuel is a great example that it is never too late to report an ALADIN problem.

Disclaimer: CMS staff cannot apply as they report and solve ALADIN problems Daily.

WRLC UPDATE

Summary of WRLC Library Directors Meeting March 14 at George Washington

by **Teena Bedola**
Administration

Attachment E is Lizanne Payne's report on the WRLC Library Directors Meeting.

PUBLIC WELCOME!!!

FACULTY AUTHORS BOOK SIGNING RECEPTION

by **Teena Bedola**
Administration

The Faculty Authors Book Signing Reception will be held on Friday, April 4, 2003 from 10:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon. Featured authors are:

Professor Faye Moskowitz
English Department Chair and Professor of English

Dr. Jerrold M. Post
Professor of Psychiatry, Political Psychology and International Affairs and
Director of the Political Psychology Program

Evelyn Jaffe Schreiber
Associate Professor of English and Director of the Writing Center

For more information: See **Attachment F**

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, 1905 **Jules Verne**, father of modern science fiction, dies in Amiens.
- 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 Leggiano-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 Dumpy'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 novel
- 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 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, 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.

SIMPLE TIPS

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**

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