

## GELMAN NEWS

### Book Drive

by **Teena Bedola**  
*Administration*



Spring Cleaning is in the air. Found any old books that are of no use to the kids anymore? Please consider donating these books for a good cause! The Gelman Library is having a Book Drive for the Southeast Tennis and Learning Center. Books donated should be appropriate for ages 5-18. These books can be storybooks, literature, textbooks (e.g., elementary, high school or lower undergraduate level, history, biology, economics, etc.) or reference works (e.g., current almanacs, English dictionaries, etc.)

The Southeast Tennis and Learning Center is a \$5 million bid by the city to change Southeast Washington into a showpiece. The complex offers tennis and education lessons to youngsters, paid membership for adults and two courts that will be open to the public on a first-come basis. Classrooms are also available to students who are using the courts. These classrooms can be used either for homework assistance, tutoring or computer training. The idea is to give confidence to young people and to have a goal in an urban neighborhood where they do not usually think of tennis as their game of choice.

The deadline for donations will be June 11, 2001. Contact Alan Loyd (x4-6455) or Teena Bedola (x4-6455) for donation sites and questions.

### Staff Recognition Day Location

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

This is a reminder that the Staff Recognition Day buffet-style luncheon will be held on Monday, May 7, 2001, from Noon – 2:00 p.m.

The event will be held at the Wyndham City Center, 1143 New Hampshire Ave., NW. This is not the same Wyndham as last year: that was on Pennsylvania Avenue and is now called the Melrose.

To walk to the Wyndham City Center, go about four blocks north on 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and bear right onto New Hampshire Avenue. It is about a ten-minute walk from The Gelman Library. The event will be held in the New Hampshire III meeting room on the lower level.

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## **Grover Sherlin/Washington Academy of Sciences Collection Reception**

by **Teena Bedola**  
*Administration*

Please see **Attachment A** regarding the reception celebrating the acquisition of the Grover Sherlin/Washington Academy of Sciences Collection on Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2001 at 5:30 p.m. The reception will be held in Room 207, the Special Collections Department of The Gelman Library.

## **IMF/World Bank Protest Weekend**

by **Peggy Enevoldsen**  
*Building Operations*

Even with the IMF/World Bank demonstrations a few blocks away from Gelman Library, I am happy to report that Gelman Library had a peaceful and successful weekend. There were no reports of violations done by the protesters around campus.

Both Gelman Library's Building Operations staff and University Police Department were prepared for any disturbance over the weekend. We are all relieved that everything went well peacefully.

We hope this fall's IMF/World Bank meeting will be as peaceful as the past weekend.

## **Cabinet News**

by **Gale Etschmaier**  
*Administration*

Members of the Administrative Group and the Library Cabinet recently discussed the mission of Cabinet in relation to the number and membership of other working groups in Gelman. These discussions led to a group decision for the current Cabinet to take a break over the coming months. Members of Cabinet continue to be active in other

Gelman groups and Committees, while The Gelman Library System explores group configurations that can best meet Gelman's needs.

## **The Hippo Comes to Gelman**

by **Randy Jones**  
*Collection Management Services*

The HippoTomes Book Club was formed this month. The book club's purpose is to provide a relaxed forum for eating lunch and discussing books of interest to its members. Membership is open to employees of The Gelman Library System.

The book club's regular meetings are on the second Thursday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 14th, at 1:00 p.m. in Gelman room 202.

Members will discuss *Building Your Field of Dreams*, by Mary Manin Morrissey. It and the other monthly selections reflect the diverse reading tastes of the book club's members. The list of books to be discussed is available on the Web at:

<http://gwu.edu/~friends/hippotomes>

The charter members of the Hippotomes are: Erica Aungst, Crystal Belk, La Nina Clayton, Randy Jones (co-founder/president), Wendell Kellar, Alan Lloyd (treasurer), Juanita Lyle, Alicia Miller (co-founder), Emma Mosby, Dorich Scott, Judy Solberg, Andrea Stewart, Steve Watson, Janice Wills, and Cathy Zeljak.

HippoTomes' members agreed to assess themselves a small fee per month, which will be used for donations and/or club activities.

For more information about the HippoTomes, please contact the any HippoTomes member.

## **Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA)**

by **Douglas Carroll**  
*Virginia Campus Library*

The Director of the Virginia Campus Library (VCL) has finalized preparatory work with the Director, Office of Research Administration (ORA), Naval Medical Research Center (NMRC), Silver Spring, MD, for the development of a CRADA entitled: Basic Collaborations, Investigations and Strategies for the Design, Evaluation and Development of Research Administration Systems, Standard and Services.

Under this CRADA, NMRC and GWU-VCL will co-develop new standards for sponsored research records and archives.

A CRADA is an agreement between a private entity and a government agency to work together on a project that bears mutual benefit. By entering into a CRADA, the Federal government and non-Federal partners can optimize their resources and reach a variety of research and development-related goals and objectives.

Federal professionals can work closely with their non-Federal peers, exchanging ideas and information for the mutual benefit of research and research related concepts, designs, systems and procedures.

The overall plan for this CRADA is for VCL to advise and consult with NMRC concerning academics, information strategies and research service assistances. VCL would assist in guiding NMRC staff through learning about organization of information and archiving. NMRC would offer information and guidance to VCL in learning about assisting researchers in the Grant Proposal processes.

The official document has passed through the legal offices of both institutions at the time of this writing. After review by legal counsel, officials of

both institutions signed the document sealing the agreement in late May 2001.

## **GELMAN HUMAN** **RESOURCES UPDATE**

### **Vacancy Listing**

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

### **Shirley Taylor Joins CMS Staff**

by **Randy Jones**  
*Collection Management Services*

Shirley Taylor joined the Collections Management Services as our new Linker on Monday, April 23, 2001. She came to us as a temporary employee from PTFS, Inc., this past January. Shirley has over 20 years of experience in D.C regional hospital libraries, primarily working with serials.

Since we now have two Shirleys in the department, we call Ms. Taylor, Shirley T., and Ms. Chang, Shirley C.

Please welcome Shirley T. to the Gelman family!

### **Welcome Manager of Gelman Library Information Services/Media Services**

by **Gale Etschmaier**  
*Administration*

I am delighted to announce that Gerald Phillips has accepted the position of Manager of Gelman Library Information Service/Media Services, effective May 7th. Many of you know Gerald through his long, dedicated service to The Gelman Library.

In 1990 Gerald came to Gelman as the Document Delivery Coordinator/Interlibrary Loan Coordinator for the Gelman Library Information Service. He assumed the position of Coordinator for the Media Services Department of Gelman from 1994-1999. In 1999 Gerald left Gelman Library, but continued to serve The Gelman Library System as the Library Manager at the Virginia Campus Library.

Gerald's document delivery experience prior to joining Gelman includes working as the Manager of Fulfillment for the commercial service Information on Demand, and as the Director of Membership Services for the Universal Serials and Book Exchange, Inc. We are delighted to have someone with Gerald's experience in both media and document delivery in the GLIS/Media position. Please join the GLIS and Media staff in welcoming Gerald back to Gelman.

## **Gary Price to Leave Virginia Campus Library**

by **Douglas Carroll**  
*Virginia Campus Library*

After five years of library service to the Virginia Campus students and faculty, Gary Price has found a new niche in life. Over the years he has been called upon to give a presentation here and there, but in recent months the demand has been overwhelming. His new work will have slight variations to the reference work he has done since February 1996. To paraphrase him, "Every good reference librarian learns about each reference book and knows how to make the most of it. Now we must learn the new electronic references, especially online, and learn what can be found there and how to access it."

This principle spurred him into developing his most famous web page, the Direct Search page (<http://gwis2.circ.gwu.edu/~gprice/direct.htm>) where you can find Web Links to general topics and specific topics ranging from the Academy

Award database to Zip Code Directories. On an average day this site gets more hits than Pete Rose and Hank Aaron together. He followed this success with his List of Lists (<http://gwis2.circ.gwu.edu/~gprice/listof.htm>), which gives "lists" of information. Many of these present rankings of different people, organizations, companies, etc.

Gary now has seven web pages covering topics such as News Center, Congressional Research Service Reports, Fast Facts from almanacs and atlases, Speech Transcript Center and Audio-Video News among others. Gary has delved into the "invisible web"; a term used for resources not easily found using standard search engines. The "Invisible Web" became the title of a book he co-authored with Chris Sherman and expects to be published soon.

Although Gary's last day is April 30th, I am sure we will read about him in news articles, see him at conferences and find him wherever librarians gather. We wish him well in his new endeavor as his own boss, taking uncharted paths through consulting, giving frequent public talks and writing more articles and books. Good Luck Gary!

### **ANDREA STEWART'S SCHEDULE**

**No HR Schedule for this week.  
Please call the Administrative Services Unit at x4-6455  
for an appointment or send a message to the HRM  
Team.**

## **CAMPUS NEWS**

### **New Dean of the Columbian School of Arts and Sciences**

by **Teena Bedola**  
*Administration*

Please see **Attachment C** announcing Jean Folkerts as the new Interim Dean of the Columbian School of Arts and Science. Her starting date is May 23<sup>rd</sup> and replaces Lester Lefton who will be departing GW in July.

## **OTHERS**

### **ILRT -- Invention of Library – Related Things**

by **Teena Bedola**  
*Administration*

*Found in ALA Cognotes* is an article highlighting the invention and history of three library-related items.



This edition of *RT*, we select the library's most precious commodity... Books.

“If libraries are the cornerstone of democracy, then books are the bricks upon which democracy can safely rest.

Books were originally written by hand, either by skilled slaves or paid professionals. Flourishing publishing industries were in operation in ancient Egypt, Rome and Greece. Those early books were papyrus rolls. The rolls dealt with ancient literature, religion and law and were purchased by interested citizens in much the same manner we buy books today.

Books in the form that you see them at the Exhibits – made up of pages bound together at one side – came into being around the second century. Christian writers of the later Roman Empire did the earliest on parchment. It was not until two or three centuries later, in Ireland, that such books became popular.

The early bound book was called a codex and typically focused on religious matters. Codices were written entirely by hand by monks and often took years to complete. In these early books, there was no punctuation or spacing between the words. As was the case with a sixth-century manuscript, everything was run together.

Not until the invention of printing from movable type was it possible to produce books in great quantities. Though the first such book was the *Diamond of Sutra*, published in Korea in 1409, modern printing did not really get its start until 1456, when Johann Gutenberg of Germany printed full-length editions of the Bible. Interestingly, not only was the Bible the first major work ever printed, it is now and has been for centuries, the No. 1 best-selling book in the world.

The first paperback books were published in 1841. Though printed in Germany, the books were in English and were marketed for sale to British and American tourists. Upon buying a paperback, the purchaser had to agree that they would throw it away when finished!

Throughout history there have been some extremely strange books written. For example, the Japanese Emperor Sutoku (1124-1164) wrote a book in his own blood! While in exile for a three-year period, he passed the time by copying the *Lankavara Sutra*, a famous religious essay, using his blood as ink. The bloody work consisted of 135 pages, 1,215 lines and 10,500 words.

Another unique writer was a French printer and novelist by the name of Nicolas Bretonne (1734-1806). During his lifetime, Bretonne authored 203 books, 152 of which were never written.

Instead of writing the books, Bretonne simply set the type for them, making up the stories as he went along.

British author E.V. Wright did not typeset his books as he wrote them. Quite the contrary, he labored long and hard with pen and paper in creating the one and only book for which he is known, *Gadsby*. The novel, which contains over 50,000 words, must have been an enormous challenge to write. The entire book does not contain one word with a letter “e” in it. As “e” is the most often used letter in the English language, it is nearly impossible to write one “e” less sentence, let alone an entire “e” less novel!

Today, vast numbers of new books are published each year. Some are good, and some are bad. And a few are in a class all by themselves.”

**For him that stealeth a Book from this Library, let it change into a serpent in his hand and rend him. Let him be struck with Palsy, and all his Members blasted. Let him languish in Pain crying aloud for Mercy and let there be no sur-cease to his Agony till he sink in Dissolution. Let Bookworms gnaw his Entrails in token of the Worm that dieth not, and when at last he goeth to his final Punishment, let the flames of Hell consume him forever and aye.**

*Curse Against Book Stealers*  
Monastery of San Pedro, Barcelona



## 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  
**Through** North Metro Station – 1201 17<sup>th</sup> St., Washington, DC 20036, (202) 442-6060  
**6/21/01**

**Event - Grover Sherlin/Washington Academy of Sciences Collection**

Thursday, May 3, 2001– 5:30 p.m. Gelman Library – Special Collections –  
Room 207. RSVP to (202) 994-7549.

**Event - Staff Recognition Day**

Monday, May 7, 2001– Noon – 2:00 p.m. – Wyndham City Center – 1143 New Hampshire  
Avenue, NW. , (202) 994-6455

## THIS WEEK IN LITERARY HISTORY

April 29, 1658	<b>John Cleveland</b> , the most popular British poet of his time dies in Leicestershire.
April 29, 1945	After being imprisoned for several weeks in Genoa and transferred to solitary confinement in an outdoor wire cage near Pisa, <b>Ezra Pound</b> is finally turned over to the American Army by Italian partisans.
April 30, 1922	<b>A.E. Housman</b> , poet, dies at 77.
May 1, 1900	Drunk at a dinner for the Harvard junior class, <b>Wallace Stevens</b> recites his class ode and passes out.
May 2, 1945	At 72, <b>Colette</b> becomes the first female member of the Académie Goncourt, one of the highest tributes to literary merit in France.
May 3, 1689	British scholar and poet, <b>William Broome</b> , born in Haslington, Cheshire.
May 4, 1948	<i>The Naked and the Dead</i> , first novel by <b>Norman Mailer</b> is published.
May 5, 1818	<b>Karl Marx</b> , born in Trier, Rheinland.

### RENAISSANCE TIMES

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