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Special Library Events

Shalom/Salaam Symposium

by **Erica Aungst**
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Please see **ATTACHMENT A** for information about the Thursday, November 11 Shalom/Salaam Symposium: A Response to the Artist.

Faculty Author Signing Reception

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Please see **ATTACHMENT B** regarding the Thursday, November 11 Faculty Author Signing Reception. We are proud to feature “Gelmanite” Mark Yoffe as one of the authors.



OTHER NEWS

WRLC Update

Summary of WRLC Meeting on October 6, 2004

by **Lizanne Payne**
Executive Director, WRLC

This is a summary of the meeting held at the Washington Research Library Consortium (WRLC) on October 6, 2004 to discuss funding options and issues related to the future expansion of the WRLC offsite library storage facility.

After a brief tour of the WRLC facility, Lizanne Payne presented a summary of the current issues and desired actions resulting from the meeting.

1) Review the need to expand the storage facility and related issues including

- How to fund construction and operation
- What is equitable participation for WRLC members
- What are the implications for WRLC governance

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2. Goals for this meeting

- Consider funding models for storage expansion
- Determine which if any should be pursued
- Determine effects on governance
- Recommend next steps leading to a proposal to the WRLC Board next May

3. Suggested timeline

- May 2005: Proposal to WRLC Board recommending funding model and any related changes to governance
- May 2006: Final detailed plans to Board to authorize construction
- Winter 2006: Target completion of building expansion

4. Financing and governance issues

- Funding models were prepared assuming 10-year term construction loan
- A loan probably must be guaranteed by one or more member universities because the property would not be acceptable as collateral due to federal lien
- Members providing loan guarantees may require a change to WRLC governance to secure proportional governance in exchange for assuming risk of loan

5. Expansion funding models

Lizanne had originally prepared four models and added another at the meeting:

- Option 1: Equal shares - all members share equally in the expenses of the expansion. This is the same as the current model.
- Option 2: Actual usage plus share of remaining - Members pay for items actually stored and pro-rate the costs of the then-remaining space (formula for apportioning remaining costs to be

determined).

- Option 3: Actual usage plus fixed allocation - Members pay for items actually stored in the original facility and pro-rate the costs of the expansion by a fixed allocation (paid whether used or not)
- Option 4: Equity funding by one or more members - Not really a financial model, no sample fees, it would depend on the arrangement proposed by the partners.
- New option 3B: Fixed allocation - A variation of Option 3 above. Members would pay for a fixed percentage of all storage costs (original plus expansion) based generally on size or relative need for storage. All members would pay at least the minimum percentage while larger libraries would pay more.

After some discussion, the consensus was to focus on Option 3B: Fixed Allocation. Three principles were articulated which underlie this choice:

- Financial support should be based primarily on use (expected or proportional)
- Space should be reserved even for the smaller libraries
- All libraries should participate at some level to support continued availability of other libraries' collections

The percentage allocations for individual member institutions will be negotiated and defined further in the upcoming months.

The group also recommended that the proposal being developed should include:

- Procedures for periodic review of the allocation percentages (at least every five years)
- Review and possible revision of current storage usage policies going forward into the future expansion:
- Duplication: Consider implementing a "last

copy" policy with no duplication.

· Nonlibrary and nonmember materials: Consider whether these materials should be allowed or restricted.

Next steps

A volunteer task force was identified consisting of Pat Wand (AU University Librarian and WRLC Board Member), Myles Mutnick (UDC CFO and WRLC Board member), Zary Mostashari (MU Dean of Libraries), Donald Lehman (GW Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs), Jack Siggins (GW University Librarian), and John Zenelis (GM University Librarian). This task force will meet with Lizanne Payne and other WRLC staff over the next few months to develop the details of the proposal planned for the WRLC Board meeting in May. It was agreed to reconvene the full meeting (all chief academic officers, chief financial officers, and library directors) in February 2005 to hear the preliminary report from the smaller task force.

ARL Update

August—October 2004 ARL E-News

Note: Report sent by **Duane Webster**
Executive Director, ARL

Governance and Membership Activities

1. ARL Membership Meeting Plans for the Future <http://www.arl.org/eneews/augoct04.html#1>

A. Highlights of the Membership Meeting: Includes reports from the Strategic Planning and Governance Task Forces. <http://www.arl.org/eneews/augoct04.html#1>

B. Highlights of the ARL Business Meeting, October 14: Includes member approval of a 3% increase in ARL dues and the election of three new ARL Board members: Joyce Garnett (Western

Ontario), Tom Leonard (California, Berkeley), and Suzanne Thorin (Indiana). <http://www.arl.org/eneews/augoct04.html#1B>

C. Highlights of the ARL Board of Directors Meetings, October 12 and 14: Includes the election of Brian E.C. Schottlaender (California, San Diego) as Vice President/President Elect, the decision to establish an Implementation Team to advise the Board on implementing the recommendations from the Task Force on Strategic Planning, the decision to address the findings of the Implementation Team and the recommendations of the Governance Task Force in February 2005, and the naming of the members of the new ARL Finance Committee. <http://www.arl.org/eneews/augoct04.html#1C>

2. Selecting a Site for May 2008 ARL Membership Meeting: Any member library that would like to invite ARL to meet in your city should write to Duane Webster. <http://www.arl.org/eneews/augoct04.html#2>

3. ARL Forms Task Force on Measuring Collections: The task force, chaired by Brinley Franklin (Connecticut) will aim to engage all member libraries in a constructive dialogue on measuring collections. <http://www.arl.org/eneews/augoct04.html#3>

4. ARL Publishes Enabling Change: ARL Activities Report 2004: The report describing progress in implementing the 2004 ARL priorities was mailed to each ARL director with other materials for the October Membership Meeting. <http://www.arl.org/eneews/augoct04.html#4>

5. ARL Transitions: Albany, Dartmouth, McGill <http://www.arl.org/eneews/augoct04.html#5>

Scholarly Communication

6. ARL and CNI Hold Forum on E-Research and Supporting Cyberinfrastructure. <http://www.arl.org/eneews/augoct04.html#6>

7. ARL Presents Testimony to ACLS Cyberinfrastructure Commission: On October 26, Fred Heath (Texas at Austin) presented ARL's statement of how research libraries are contributing to advance the emerging cyberinfrastructure and the challenges and barriers

that are faced. <http://www.arl.org/enews/augoct04.html#7>

8. Comments Due November 16 to NIH on Proposal on Public Access to Research <http://www.arl.org/enews/augoct04.html#8>

9. Wellcome Trust and National Library of Medicine Discuss Worldwide Open Access Archive: The next step is to hold discussions with the research community on the practicalities of bringing about the vision of an open access publishing model for all Wellcome Trust funded research, which will be placed in a public access archive within six months of publication. <http://www.arl.org/enews/augoct04.html#9>

10. SPARC Developing "Author's Addendum" to Insure Retention of Key Rights: SPARC seeks feedback on two draft addenda that take different approaches to the problem of balancing the needs of authors, readers, and publishers. <http://www.arl.org/enews/augoct04.html#10>

11. Citigroup Smith Barney Issues Report, "Reed Elsevier: Science Friction": The report analyzes the science/technology/medical (STM) journal industry and the market position of Reed Elsevier. <http://www.arl.org/enews/augoct04.html#11>

12. ARL Publishes Sound Savings: Preserving Audio Collections. <http://www.arl.org/enews/augoct04.html#13>

Other ARL News

13. AAU/ARL Global Resources Network (GRN) Update: 65 member representatives have agreed to make voluntary contributions to support GRN program activities in 2005. A progress report and newsletter are available online. <http://www.arl.org/enews/augoct04.html#14>

14. ARL Special Collections Task Force Update: The October Status Report, available online, summarizes progress in exposing hidden collections, education and training, developing assessment tools, and outreach work. <http://www.arl.org/enews/augoct04.html#15>

15. ARL Statistics and Measurement Program: Status of Annual Surveys. <http://www.arl.org/enews/augoct04.html#16>

16. ARL Supplementary Statistics Quantify Member Library Spending on Electronic Resources. <http://www.arl.org/enews/augoct04.html#17>

17. ARL Visiting Program Officers to Create a New Library Assessment Process. <http://www.arl.org/enews/augoct04.html#18>

18. LibQUAL+(TM) Update: More than 110 libraries are registered for the spring 2005 survey. Participants are encouraged to register by December 10. An introductory LibQUAL+(TM) webcast will be held on January 11. <http://www.arl.org/enews/augoct04.html#19>

19. ARL at ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston, January 2005: Leadership Symposium for M.L.I.S. Students, Learning Outcomes Working Group, Survey Coordinators and SPEC Liaisons, LibQUAL+(TM), Project SAILS. <http://www.arl.org/enews/augoct04.html#20>

20. Upcoming ARL Training Opportunities: Workshop on Web Development with XML: Design and Application, A Webcast Introduction to LibQUAL+(TM), Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Webcast. <http://www.arl.org/enews/augoct04.html#21>

21. ARL Publications Recently Released:
<http://www.arl.org/enews/augoct04.html#22>
+ ARL: A Bimonthly Report 236 (October 2004)
+ ARL Academic Health Sciences Library Statistics 2002-03
+ ARL Academic Law Library Statistics 2002-03
+ ARL Supplementary Statistics 2002-03
+ Assessing ILL/DD Services: New Cost-Effective Alternatives
+ Enabling Change: ARL Activities Report 2004
+ Sound Savings: Preserving Audio Collections: Proceedings from the Symposium
+ SPEC Kit 281, The Information Commons
+ SPEC Kit 282, Managing Electronic Resources
+ SPEC Kit 283, Grant Coordination
22. CNI Update: Register for the Fall Task Force Meeting to be held in Portland, Oregon, December 6-7. <http://www.arl.org/enews/augoct04.html#23>
23. Blue Ribbon Panel Will Aid NISO Planning: CNI's Clifford Lynch chairs a panel of 11 experts from industry, academia, and the library community. <http://www.arl.org/enews/augoct04.html#24>
24. IFLA Invites Nominations for Governing Board and President-Elect by February 2: The U.S. delegation to IFLA supports Barbara Ford of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for election to the IFLA Board. <http://www.arl.org/enews/augoct04.html#25>
25. Other Transitions of Interest to ARL Community: CNI, CLIR, NCLIS, NEH. <http://www.arl.org/enews/augoct04.html#26>

26. Honors: Frances K. Groen (formerly McGill) was awarded the 2004 CARL national award for Distinguished Service to Research Librarianship. <http://www.arl.org/enews/augoct04.html#27>

27. In Memory: Peter S. Graham (1939-2004) and James F. Govan (1926-2004). <http://www.arl.org/enews/augoct04.html#28>

Health Information

Fact Sheet on Stopping Germs at Home, Work and School

Attachment C is The Department of Health and Human Services fact sheet about stopping germs at home, work and school.

CONFERENCES

Georgia Conference on Information Literacy

Attachment D is Jennifer Nutefall's report on the Georgia Conference on Information Literacy she attended on October 8-9, 2004.

D.C. Historical Studies Conference

Attachment E and F are Jennifer King's and Mary Faith Pankin's reports on the D.C. Historical Studies Conference they attended on November 5 and 6, 2004.

WHAT'S NEW AT THE GLS? Job Opportunities

Are you interested in growth, career change? Are you curious about skills required for certain positions? Here is what is currently available.

POSITION POSTED

Computer Operator, (FT) Information Technology, Grade 12.....Bill Mayer

Library Pub. Servs./Technology Coord., (FT) Grade12 (Eckles).....Cathy Zeljak

Library Specialist II, (FT),Circulation/Reserves Grade11.....Barbra Tschida

Systems Specialist, (FT), Information Technology, Grade 16.....Bill Mayer

Library Specialist I, (full time), VA. Campus, Grade 9.....Stacey Graham

Library Specialist I, (PT), Periodicals, Grade 9 Joyce Whitmore

Librarian 2 or 3 Instruction- Collection Development Librarian.....Jennifer Nutefall

Librarian 2 or 3 Web Services/Reference Librarian.....Gale Etschmaier

Administrative Assistant, (FT) ADMIN.Office, Grade 9.....Emma Mosby

All positions that are open are **bolded**.

Non bolded=candidates have been selected for interviews.

POSITIONS NOT YET POSTED

Library Specialist I, FT, Circulation, Grade 9.....Barbra Tschida

If you are interested in any of these positions and would like more information call or e-mail Sandra Carpenter, Manager of GLS HR or contact the manager or supervisor directly.



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University Librarian

SIMPLE TIPS

How to Thrive in the Gelman Library System (or any other organization)

***“Your memory is made of paper.
Keep great notes.”***