

GELMAN NEWS

Appointment of Director of Library Information Technology

by **Jack Siggins**
University Librarian

It is my great pleasure to announce the appointment of William A. Mayer to the position of Director of LIT for The Gelman Library System. He will start on November 5, 2001.

Bill has served at the Washington Research Library Consortium as Systems Librarian for Public Services since June 1999. Prior to that, he served first as Document Delivery Services Librarian and then as Access Services Manager at Harvard Business School's Baker Library. Before that he was Document Resources Librarian at MIT.

Bill has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Washington in Seattle and a Masters in Library Science from Simmons in Boston.

For many of us in GLS, he will be a familiar figure. He has guided WRLC's Access Services Committee as it worked on many projects. He is very familiar with Aladin and the Voyager system. He brings full understanding of the importance of LIT services to the effective operation of GLS. He also has a keen appreciation of the need for cooperation and strong leadership not only within GLS, but in the University and WRLC as well.

For the next several weeks, Bill will remain at WRLC while he wraps up several projects of importance to all of us. Following that, he will take time off for personal reasons and be ready to start in early November.

I thank all of the staff that participated in the selection process by helping with the interviews and providing comments on the candidates. Your contributions were absolutely vital to our success in finding an outstanding person to assume this position.

I also want to give special recognition and thanks to Debbie Bezanson for her extraordinary leadership, vision and hard work as Acting Director of LIT. Her unstinting commitment carried GLS through a very difficult period of transition and change. She will leave behind for her successor the dual legacies of cooperation and high standards of service.

Finally, I wish to acknowledge the tremendous work of the LIT staff over the last several months as they have confronted, in an outstanding manner, the daunting task of keeping our systems running in a time of uncertainty and change.

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With the appointment of Bill Mayer, I believe we will see even more progress toward our goal of providing outstanding IT services for staff and users alike and toward an enhancement of GLS' leadership position at GW.

New Student Liaison for the Gelman Library System

by **Corrie Bouma**
GLS Student Liaison

My name is Corrie Bouma and I am the new Gelman Library Student Liaison. What do I do for the Library? Basically, my job is to make sure that The Gelman Library System is meeting the needs of the GW community. I answer suggestions, complaints, questions, and any other concerns the students may have that pertain to Gelman. In addition, I am the head of the Gelman Library Student Advisory Board (GLSAB). The GLSAB meets twice each semester to discuss concerns about the Library.

Another one of my responsibilities is to help with events at the Library. The first of these events will be the Open House. The Open House will be held next week, on Thursday, August 30th, from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the 1st floor 24-hour study lounge of the Library. This is a great opportunity for students to meet with various departments within the Library and have their questions about Gelman answered.

Therefore, it is important that each department is represented at the Open House. I have contacted the department heads within the Library, but I need a final count of who will be attending the Open House as soon as possible. Please e-mail me at your earliest convenience:

cbouma@gwu.edu, or you can contact me GroupWise.

Also, I would like to meet with the department heads within the Library so that I can be fully informed of their various duties and can direct concerns of students to the correct dept. Please contact me to set up a time to meet. I would really

like to get to know everyone and am interested in learning about each dept.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me! My phone # is 994-2937, e-mail: cbouma@gwu.edu, and I can usually be found in the Administrative Services Unit. Thank you for your time!

American Banking Association Library Closes; Gelman and Burns Libraries Accepted the Collection

by **Caroline Long**
Administration

In early August, the American Banking Association closed its library. Fortunately, the librarians there had time to notify other libraries, so the collection could be saved. GW's Gelman and Burns Law Libraries accepted the bulk of this important collection.

According to Shmuel Ben-Gad, Collection Development Librarian for business and related subjects, the books, journals, magazines, and newsletters will significantly enhance Gelman's holdings in the areas of finance and bank management. The materials will primarily support the Finance Department in the School of Business and Public Management. That department is a large and strong one, offering the B.S., M.B.A. with a concentration in finance, M.S.F. (Master's of Science in Finance), and Ph.D.

Alan Lloyd, Gelman's Gifts Liaison, organized the packing of the materials Gelman accepted and coordinated the transport of them to Gelman with Peggy Enevoldsen, Head of Access Services. With the help of Amena Gelani, Gifts Assistant, and several temporary staff, Alan packed some 630 boxes at the ABA. Moving Masters delivered this mountain of material to Gelman's Lower Level during the week of August 13, at which time Alan commenced the unpacking. Once the materials are all unpacked into the compact shelving where we store unprocessed gifts,

Shmuel will begin reviewing the materials and deciding which to keep. Those we keep will be

cataloged and added to our circulating and periodical collections.

Thanks to all involved in accepting this major gift collection! We had some very tight deadlines, but due to excellent planning and good communication, the project went smoothly.

GELMAN HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATE

Vacancy Listing

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



SIMPLE TIPS

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

by **Jack Siggins**
University Librarian

“Never assume you can keep major changes a big secret, because you can't. Staff always knows.”

CONFERENCES

CIRLA

Interlibrary Loan Committee Meeting

by **Quadir Amiryar and Glenn Canner**
Interlibrary Loan

On August 13, 2001, we attended the annual meeting of the Interlibrary Loan Committee of the Chesapeake Information and Research Library Alliance (CIRLA) that was hosted by the University of Delaware in Newark, Delaware. The Mission of this Committee is to recommend policy and policy changes to the Board of Directors, prepare annual report of statistics, activities, accomplishments and concerns to the Board of Directors.

The agenda of this meeting was designed to update members on changes in OPACs and ILL management software, new projects, the participation of the British Library Document Supply Center into the OCLC's IFM program and the approval of the revised Mission statement for the ILL Committee.

At the end of the meeting, Ms. Sandra Millard, Director of the Public Services in the Library of the University of Delaware, invited her guests to lunch and a tour of the library. We found the meeting as well as the tour very informative and enlightening.

We are very pleased to learn that for the next two years, Jack Siggins will be the Chair of the Board of Directors of the CIRLA and Gale Etschmaier will serve as the Chair of Interlibrary Loan Committee.

Congratulations, Jack and Gale!

The following libraries are member of the CIRLA:

The George Washington University
Georgetown University
Howard University
Johns Hopkins University
Library of Congress
National Agricultural Library
Smithsonian Institution
University of Delaware
University of Maryland

OTHER NEWS

Gary Price's New Book

by **Douglas Carroll**
Virginia Library Campus

Gary has co-authored a book on the Invisible Web and is now on the author/speaker's circuit. I heard him myself on the Jack Diamond morning show today. Here's the citation from Amazon.com should you be interested in following:

The Invisible Web: Uncovering Information Sources Search Engines Can't See

by *Gary Price, Chris Sherman*

From Amazon's review: "Enormous expanses of the Internet are unreachable with standard Web search engines. This book provides the key to finding these hidden resources by identifying how to uncover and use invisible Web resources."

Should you have any questions you can still contact Gary at gprice@gwu.edu

"The library is not a shrine for the worship of books. It is not a temple where literary incense must be burned or where one's devotion to the bound book is expressed in ritual. A library, to modify the famous metaphor of Socrates, should be the delivery room for the birth of ideas – a place where history comes to live.

- Cited in *ALA Bulletin*, Oct. 1954



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Gelman Library System Open House

8/30/01 Thursday, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Gelman Library
1st Floor, 24-Hour Reading Room

LITERARY HISTORY

Aug. 26, 1880	French poet and movie critic, Guillaume Appollinaire , is born.
Aug. 26, 1901	The New Testament of the American Standard Version of the <i>Bible</i> is first published.
Aug. 27, 1932	Biographer Antonia Fraser (Mary Queen of Scots) is born.
Aug. 28, 1963	Martin Luther King Jr. makes his " <i>I have a dream</i> " speech at the Lincoln Memorial.
Aug. 29, 1815	Civil war writer, Anna Ella Carroll is born.
Aug. 30, 1797	Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley , author of <i>Frankenstein</i> , is born.
Sept. 1, 1648	French mathematician, Marin Mersenne , dies at 59.
Sept. 2, 1884	Frank Laubach , an educator who taught reading through phonetics, is born.
Sept. 3, 1752	First day of the ten-day riot as England adopts the Gregorian Calendar. People riot thinking the government stole 11 days of their lives.
Sept. 4, 1908	American Author, Richard Wright , is born.
Sept. 5, 1905	Hungarian writer, Arthur Koestler , is born.
Sept. 6, 1805	Sculptor and writer, Horatio Greenough , is born.

Sept. 7, 1655	Tristan l’Hermite , French dramatist and poet, dies.
Sept. 8, 1588	Mathematician, musician and philosopher, Marin Mersenne , is born.
Sept. 8, 1858	Lincoln makes a speech about when one can fool people.
Sept. 8, 1952	" <i>Old Man and the Sea</i> " by Ernest Hemingway is published.



School Library Viruses

Ghengis Khan Virus

- Area of Infection:** Usually well-behaved students.
Characteristics: Will cause wild behavior, loud noise and damage.
Propagation: Prior failure to suppress infected individuals.
Solution: Isolate infected individuals outside the library.

Bermuda Triangle.bk

- Area of Infection:** Overdue books.
Characteristics: Will delete from shelves after Overdue notices have been issued. The defaulter will swear blind the book has been returned, but intense searching will fail to find any trace of the item.
Propagation: Word of mouth
Solution: Use InvoiceForLostBook.doc

MessyShelf.exe

- Area of Infection:** Heavily used areas of the collection.
- Characteristics:** Books will be constantly shelved backwards, upside down, on wrong shelves, misused, and damaged.
- Propagation:** Multiple classes with the same assignments.
- Solution:** TeacherPlanning.timetable

Truant Trojan

- Area of Infection:** Homework defaulters, students at risk.
- Characteristics:** Students often arrive with Forged.doc, or have various excuses, and usually produce little if any work.
- Propagation:** Faulty communication procedures.
- Solution:** Use CleanUP.chit

Bad Day Worm

- Area of Infection:** Tired and burnt-out library staff.
- Characteristics:** Will make important documents disappear, generate multiple simultaneous requests for the impossible, irate parental confrontations, computer failures, budget cut threats.
- Propagation:** Library staff work overload
- Solution:** Use the Home key.

Warrior Librarian Weekly

<http://www.geocities.com/bibliophist/HUMOUR/virus.html>

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