Merger Vote Outcome

The DC SLA Merger Ballot closed on May 26 and received 104 responses out of 361 members. That is a 28% response rate. Of those responses, 99 (95%) voted in favor of the merger, and 34 (30%) respondents indicated that they were willing to take a volunteer role in the year ahead.

The results of the votes by all three communities have been shared with the Community Board Liaisons and will be reported to the SLA Board of Directors in the next few weeks. The SLA Board will approve the proposal and set a date when the merger will be completed. The merged community will elect its 2023 Community Board in the Fall. Those individuals that have offered to serve will be approached about being on the ballot for that election.

Celebration of Life: Anne Caputo, August 18

The SLA Community lost an outstanding member on April 1, when Anne Caputo passed away. Anne was executive director of Dow Jones’s learning and information professional programs from 1998 to 2012 and a past president of both the Special Libraries Association and the Washington, DC Chapter. Anne found joy and fulfillment as a volunteer chaplain at Inova Alexandria Hospital in retirement. Anne died of congestive heart failure and pneumonia.

The DC Community will host a virtual Celebration of Life for everyone that wants to remember and honor Anne and her contributions to our profession on Thursday, August 18, from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. Further details will be made available in the coming weeks.

If you are interested in being part of a transition team to ensure the merger is a success, please let Richard Huffine (richardhuffine@gmail.com) know.
Remembering Donna Scheeder

Our SLA Community lost another icon in our profession when Donna Scheeder passed away on March 7. Donna was not only a former President of the DC Chapter and the Special Libraries Association but also served as President of the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) from 2015 to 2017.

Donna spent over 30 years at the Library of Congress, beginning her career as a research assistant in the 1970s and rising through the ranks to retire in 2015 as Deputy Chief Information Officer of the Congressional Research Service. She was also a community advocate as chair of the Eastern Market Community Advisory Committee, where she shepherded a $22 million rebuild of the historic structure after it was gutted by a fire in 2007. The Eastern Market building burned the same day as a fire severely damaged the Georgetown Branch of the DC Public Library. Donna made sure that emergency legislation addressed both tragedies. She was a visionary librarian who led with her heart and will be missed.

October 2022: A "Human Library" on Transition

The DC Community is planning a new type of program this Fall. We're planning a "Human Library" event that will invite speakers that have experienced a "transition" in their library career to share their experience with the community in small groups. If you've ever leaped from academic to special libraries or from public services to technical services, we want you to share your stories with attendees at this unique program. If you've changed careers, retired, been laid off, or started your own business, your transition would be of interest in this program.

More details will be shared in the coming months, but if you have experienced a transition, let Richard Huffine (richardhuffine@gmail.com) know, and he will include your experience in the program.

Richard Huffine
DC SLA Past-President
DC SLA BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, July 6, 2022
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM ET

The Washington DC Community will discuss the latest updates on merging with SLA Virginia and SLA Maryland. We will also be discussing updates in SLA, hearing from committees, and discussing future activities.

Registration is a 2-step process, please register through Eventbrite first, then you will receive Zoom registration details. Email dcslanewprograms@gmail.com for help.

Register Here

DC SLA PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 13, 2022
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

The programming committee for the Washington DC Community of the Special Libraries Association will have their monthly meeting on July 13 at 6PM. Please come share your ideas with us and help us to plan some great events.

Registration is a 2-step process, please register through Eventbrite first, then you will receive Zoom registration details. Email dcslanewprograms@gmail.com for help.

Register Here

SLA EAST COAST COMMUNITIES RECEPTION

Monday, August 1, 2022
6:30 PM - 8:00PM ET
Location: SLA Annual Conference, TBA

More details coming.

MORE SLA EVENTS

Roundtables, networking, and more!

Check out more upcoming events from SLA here:
https://connect.sla.org

Upcoming SLA Events

Follow Us On Social Media
SLA NY: MUSEUM MILE FESTIVAL

Tuesday, June 14, 2022
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM ET

Hey SLAers! Will you be in Manhattan Tuesday, June 14? Come hang with SLA-NY as we get together in-person for the Museum Mile Festival when museums along 5th Ave -- from the Met to The African Center -- open their doors to the public from 6-9pm for free!

SLA JUNE 2022 TOWN HALL

Thursday, June 16, 2022
11:00 AM- 12:00 PM ET

SLA is excited to continue the SLA Town Hall meetings in 2022, giving us a connection point with members to discuss specific topic areas. SLA members are invited to attend Town Halls but must register through the Learning Hub. SLA uses Zoom Webinar for Board Meetings.

JUNE SLA ENGINEERING MIDDAY BREAK: WORLD OF STANDARDS WITH KAREN K. RECZEK

Wednesday, June 15, 2022
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM ET

I’m delighted to announce we have Karen K. Reczek, a Social Scientist in the NIST Standards Coordination Office and the President of the SES: The Society for Standards Professionals Board of Directors, speaking at our June Midday Break. Standards are a frequent topic of conversation in the Engineering Community, with many of us wishing we understood more about what they are and why we need them. Here is an opportunity to learn from an expert.

ORAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION & SLA DICE: ASSESSING THE ROLE OF RACE AND POWER IN ORAL HISTORY THEORY AND PRACTICE

June 27-29, 2022

On June 27, 28, and 29, 2022, oral historians from around the world will gather virtually for three days of discussion about the role of race and power in oral history theory and practice. Organized as a symposium, discussions will be based on pre-circulated papers posted on the conference website and made available to all registrants.
SJSU ISCHOOL: UKRAINIAN LIBRARIES DURING THE ONGOING RUSSIAN-UKRAINIAN WAR

Wednesday, June 15, 2022
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM PT

The iSchool presents a symposium on library conditions and services in contemporary Ukraine. Registration is free, and the sessions will be recorded. Register to attend at: https://sjsu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_AKB68TBxRiSD7Eici3l56A

NATIONAL ARCHIVES MUSEUM: JUNETEENTH A CELEBRATION

June 17-20, 2022

In commemoration of Juneteenth, celebrating the liberation of enslaved people in the Confederate states, and in conjunction with the display of the original Emancipation Proclamation signed by President Abraham Lincoln, and General Order #3 (which transmitted the news of emancipation to the residents of the state of Texas), we join with the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) for a discussion with a musical performance. Moderated by Dr. Elizabeth Clark-Lewis, professor of history at Howard University, the program will include Dr. Anton House, Delaware State University, and Don and Jocelyn Pinkard, members of the ASALH Dallas Branch. Violinist Gabrielle Clover will perform.

Extended hours: The National Archives Museum will be open to the public until 7 p.m. on June 18, 19, and 20 for the Juneteenth weekend.

UMD ISCHOOL: LIBBY HEMPHILL IN CONVERSATION WITH PERVERADE

Tuesday, June 21, 2022
1:00 PM ET

In this conversation, Dr. Libby Hemphill, Associate Professor School of Information University of Michigan, will talk about data stewardship for personal and pervasive data, providing responsible researcher access to social media and digital data, and the role of data repositories in building trust in pervasive data research.