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From the President – Kathleen Rainwater

Focus on the future

*What would happen to you if you went to work tomorrow
and found out it was gone?*

Each of us works in a different type of business, and we should have learned by now there are no guarantees that our job will not last forever or even through the end of this month. Even if you work for yourself, your "job" isn't guaranteed. Your customers could find another source of information; your employer could be bought out; your office could close; or people who don't know any better could close your library...

What would you do? Do you have a plan for moving beyond your current job?

Now is the time to start thinking about the future - don't wait until it happens to you.

Now is the time to ask yourself:

Do I want to stay in the same type of library and /or business?

Would I switch subject areas?

Would I want to work in a different type of library? Public? Academic? Corporate?
Law? Medical? Government? Non-profit? For-profit?

Would I like to run my own business? Become a web guru? Try records
management? Become an archivist?

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If you were at the September meeting at e-Global library, you've heard me talk about this before. I started thinking about these questions two and a half years ago when my assistant was laid off and I became a Solo Corporate Librarian. Actually, I moped around and felt sorry for myself for about a year, and then I started asking myself all of the above questions.

I decided that I love being a Corporate Librarian, and would want to stay in the same field. But even knowing that, I found another question to answer: What did I need to do to make myself more marketable? Of course I'm GOOD at what I do now - but what skills and education would I need to find a new job?

Now is the time to ask yourself:

Do I need to go back to school? Get another degree? Or just take some new classes in the field?

Do I need experience in another type of library? How can I get it? Do I want to volunteer? Or maybe get a job as a substitute librarian?

You've heard it before, and I'll say it again - the only thing certain in our life is change. So I challenge each of you to start looking at your future - today. Ask yourself about the future; what would happen if your job disappeared? Do you have a plan? Start thinking about the future now - before it slaps you in the face.

Membership Renewal

It's November already - and the rest of the year will be flying by!

If it's time to renew your membership, don't forget to send it in before the end of the year - our chapter only gets credit (i.e. funding from SLA for current members as of the end December.

If you are temporarily unemployed, you can take advantage of a 50% discount off of the annual membership dues. This discount is limited to a one-year period, is not renewable, and does not apply to extra chapters, divisions or caucus affiliations. This discount is only available to current SLA members. This is another member benefit of SLA. So send in your membership AND remember to take advantage of the SLA's Career Services Online! If you are looking for a job, don't forget to contact our chapter's employment chair:

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FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Marcy Rodney



More than 60 special librarians -- half members, half guests -- attended this year's RMSLA Membership Meeting, hosted by Jones Knowledge's e-global library at the Jones headquarters in Englewood. RMSLA president and Gates Rubber Co. solo librarian Kathleen Rainwater kicked off the evening with an inspiring and humorous talk about how she's exploring her options now in light of an iffy economy. Rainwater has begun an MBA program at DU and is now part of the substitute librarian pool at Front Range Community College's library, a joint venture with Westminster's public library. Jean Heilig, e-global's director of research and information, gave a terrific presentation, walking us through e-global library's research guides, tutorials, e-mail access to reference assistance, and databases, while discussing the particular needs of the online learner. e-global's content has been designed by a team of librarians -- many of them members of RMSLA -- to assist academic, public, school, and corporate librarians and their clients. e-global library generously sponsored the evening, providing their auditorium and a catered buffet dinner.

Membership Report

Marcy Phelps -- Membership Committee Co-Chair

As of the end of September, the Special Library Association Rocky Mountain Chapter has 201 members. The breakdown is as follows:

157 Members
17 Associate Members
2 Forty-five Year Members
1 Life/Honorary Member
6 Retired Members
18 Student Members

New Member Welcome!!

Marcy Phelps

The RMC welcomes David Selden:

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For nearly four years, David Selden has served as the Law Librarian at The National Indian Law Library (NILL) in Boulder, Colorado. NILL is a "special project" of the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) and serves both the NARF attorneys and the public. Library service to the public is free and includes reference and research assistance as well as document delivery. NARF is a non-profit legal organization devoted to defending and promoting the legal rights of Indian people

Mr. Selden received his MLS degree from Simmons College in Boston, Massachusetts. He is a member of American Association of Law Libraries (AALL), Colorado Association of Law Libraries (CoALL) and Special Libraries Association (SLA) and has served in various leadership positions in AALL chapters, including President of Association of New Hampshire Law Libraries and Secretary of CoALL. He has published articles on copyright compliance in the for-profit environment and pre-testing for computer assisted legal research training. He has made presentations to regional and national audiences on copyright issues and Indian Law research.

In his free time he enjoys outdoor activities such as running, cross-country skiing and hiking and has been a home brewer for the past ten years.



'Tis the Season!

Rocky Mountain SLA
Rebecca Jackson Scholarship Fundraiser

Wine Tasting by Grape Expectations!
Featuring Wines from France, Spain and Italy
Live Jazz and Appetizers

WHEN: Sunday, December 2, 2001

WHERE: Park Hill Golf Club, 4141 E. 35th Ave. Denver

TIME: 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Cost: \$35.00 per person or \$60.00 per couple.

Make your checks payable to RMC/SLA and Mail to: Wanda McDavid,
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SLA's Transitional Staff Structure

Dear SLA Members, Colleagues and Supporters:

This week, SLA embarked on an ambitious plan to make our headquarters a leading 21st Century knowledge-based workplace. You will recognize this as part of the vision of our Association as a whole. Before undertaking our journey, we looked at a number of models in business, academic institutions, non-profits, and other associations that had taken the challenge to be the "best of breed." We looked at their internal processes and compared them to ours.

What we gleaned from their experiences is that a leader today must be able to act quickly, have a structure in place that facilitates information-sharing among highly flexible parts, encourages risk-taking and innovation, questions everything, and has built in at the beginning ways to measure the value of what comes out at the end.

We believe that our new SLA organization puts us on the road to leadership. But it is only the first lap and in the months ahead, as we review our progress, your input will be critical.

Please consult the SLA website (<http://www.sla.org/structure.cfm>) for a view of our transitional staff structure, and for specific information on whom to contact at headquarters as your partners in progress for SLA.

Thank you in advance for your feedback, cooperation and patience as we move forward.

Roberta

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HONORING THOSE WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES: SLA CALLS FOR AWARDS & HONORS NOMINATIONS

Washington, D.C., September 17, 2001 — The Special Libraries Association is now accepting nominations for its 2001-2002 Awards and Honors Program. All nominations must be postmarked or received by December 7, 2001, with the exception of International Special Librarians Day Award (May 18, 2002).

Since 1948, SLA has recognized those who have distinguished themselves in the information profession through its Awards and Honors Program. Award winners will be determined by select committees and approved by SLA's Board of Directors at the SLA Winter Meeting in Chicago, Illinois, January 24-26, 2002. The winners will be announced after the Winter Meeting and officially recognized at SLA's 93rd Annual Conference in Los Angeles, California, June 8-13, 2002.

SLA chapters, divisions, caucuses and individual members are encouraged to submit nominations. Only SLA members in good standing may be nominated for an award (exceptions: Professional Award, Honorary Member and Media Awards). Prospective individuals may be nominated by any member(s) of the Association (including self-nominations) or by an employer or colleague. For complete listings and descriptions of all SLA Awards and Honors, committee information, or a PDF version of the SLA Awards and Honors Brochure, visit Virtual SLA at www.sla.org.

Nominations for the H.W. Wilson Company Award are selected by the H.W. Wilson Committee and are based on articles published in Information Outlook® during the 2001 publication year. The Factiva 21st Century Competencies in Action Award requires a separate application, which can be acquired by contacting Barbara Burton at 1.609.627.2341 or via email at barbara.burton@factiva.com.

SLA Awards and Honors nominations should be sent directly to the Public Communications Department at SLA's Global Headquarters. To request an award nomination form or a brochure, contact Anthony Blue at 1.202.939.3633 or email: anthony@sla.org.

Headquartered in Washington, D.C., the Special Libraries Association (SLA) is the international association representing the interests of thousands of information professionals in sixty countries. Special librarians are information resource experts who collect, analyze, evaluate, package, and disseminate information to facilitate accurate decision-making in corporate, academic, and government settings. The Association offers a variety of programs and services designed to help its members serve their customers more effectively and succeed in an increasingly challenging environment of information management and technology. SLA is committed to the professional growth and success of its membership.

**Special Librarian Association
Rocky Mountain Chapter
Vs.
Colorado Council of Medical Librarians**

Wednesday, December 19, 2001

Face-off in a
LIBRARIAN TRIVIA BOWL

Needed: **4 Contestants and 2 Alternates**

When: **Wednesday, December 19, 2001 at 1:30 – 4:00 P.M.**

Cost: **FREE!!!**

Schedule:

1:30 – 2:00	Networking and hors d'oeuvre – Sponsored by EBSCO
2:00 – 2:45	EBSCO presentation By Tom Palucchi
2:45 – 3:00	Questions / SLA Announcements / Break
3:00 – 4:00	Trivia Bowl Moderator: Dr. Steeper
4:00 – 5:00	CCML Meeting (Not SLA)

Location:

Denver Medical Library, Presbyterian/St. Lukes Medical
1719 East 19th Avenue, Denver, CO
Hostess: Sue Caldran, Denver Medical Library

RSVP:

RSVP by December 15 to Cheryl German at cg@germanguitars.com, 720-887-2368 (W), or 720-929-0241 (H). Also, feel free to contact Cheryl with any questions or comments.

