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Special Libraries Association Annual Conference Report

Pamela Bennett, Director-at-Large, Military Libraries Division



The Special Libraries Association's annual conference in Seattle kicked off June 15 with journalist Charlie Rose interviewing Dr. Vinton Cerf, the vice president of Google. Cerf provided an interesting view of how the Internet developed, where it is now and where it is going.

The Military Libraries Division presentations on June 16 were well attended. Edward Metz of the Combined Arms Research Library led things off with his presentation titled "Make your Screencasts in a Flash!" A standing room only crowd of about 110 people listened as Metz presented practical and

helpful tips and techniques on how easy it is to build flash-based online tutorials and videos to highlight library resources and services. Metz received great survey feedback, including, "great presentation", "excellent speaker", and "very informative".

Kathy Buker and Elizabeth Merrifield, also from the Combined Arms Research Library, led the second MLD-sponsored session with "Surviving your Digitization Project". They gave practical advice and information on how to successfully plan a digital project. More than 100 people attended. Buker and Merrifield's survey feedback included many positive remarks, including "excellent program", "great session", "would of liked more time", and "very informative".

Also on June 16, Dr. Ralph Ernest Chatham presented the MLD/SLA Spotlight Session "Games for Training: the Good, the Bad and the Ugly". Chatham worked for the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency designing war games for military training. He talked about the value of gaming, how focused users are and how successful the training can be for users. Almost 100 people attended and the session received great feedback, including "great ideas for my training program", "good speaker", and "knows his stuff".

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Notes from the Chair



The Notes from the Chair column is in summer hiatus. However, the Chair is NOT in hiatus and will be happy to receive your calls and your emails.

Be on the lookout for emails requesting your response to Survey Monkey questions in the coming months.

Thanks so much for your support!

— Marybeth Dowdell, Division Chair

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For Your Calendar — August to December 2008

World Library and Information Congress: 74th IFLA General Conference & Council, Quebec, Canada, August 10-14, 2008

www.ifla.org/IV/ifla74/index.htm

Internet Librarian, Monterey, CA, October 20-22, 2008

www.infotoday.com/il2008/

2008 52nd Annual Military Libraries Workshop, Monterey, CA, December 9-12, 2008

www.sla.org/division/dmil

Education & Training

Click University's course of the month is titled *Leading Effective Teams*. It's free for SLA members and runs through August 14. Explore how to overcome the hurdles that get in the way of your team reaching its goals. Discover how teams can provide wonderful opportunities for collaboration and innovation. Main topics include: Focus on Results, Provide Structure and Build Teamwork.

Find out more or start today at <http://sla.learn.com/learncenter.asp>. Scroll down to Course of the Month and click on "Participate at No Charge".

Member News

Edwards and Miller Move with Army Materiel Command



Tim Edwards and Gloria Miller, librarians at the U.S. Army Materiel Command, have moved from Fort Belvoir, Virginia to Redstone Arsenal, near Huntsville, Alabama, to become part of Headquarters Army Materiel Command-Forward. The move resulted from the U.S. Department of Defense's Base Realignment and Closure Commission proposal of 2005.

Jayasuriya Joins Pentagon Library

The Pentagon Library is pleased to announce that Betsy Jayasuriya has joined the Pentagon Library as the Chief of the Research and Information Services Branch. Jayasuriya comes to Federal libraries after working in university libraries in Washington D.C. and Texas. Her work was focused on information literacy and supported graduate programs in the applied sciences, life sciences and nursing, as well as general undergraduate programs. Jayasuriya also served as a research librarian for the Legislative Reference Library in Austin, Texas.

She earned her Master of Science in Library and Information Science from the University of Texas at Austin after completing graduate work in linguistics and a bachelors degree in German and Russian.

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Submission Deadlines: 2008-2009

Summer	July 15, 2008
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From left, MLD members Elizabeth Merrifield, Kathy Buker and Pam Bennett. Merrifield and Buker were conference presenters. Bennett was the MLD conference planner for SLA 2008.



From left, MLD members Janice Pepper, Sharon Lenius and Phyllis Cassler. The trio was promoting SLA's "Centennial Celebration" conference which takes place next year in Washington, DC.

On June 17, MLD presented, "All I Really Need to Know I Learned...in Library School?" Dr. Joe Janes and Ms. Nancy Gershenfeld moderated a session with five library school students from the University of Washington's Information School. This insightful and informative session highlighted new opportunities realized by technology and the changing attitudes in librarianship. More than 70 people attended. For more about this session go to SLA's IT Division blog at: <http://sla-divisions.typepad.com/itbloggingsection/2008/06/sla2008-all-i-r.html>.

On June 18, MLD presented, "We'll always have the Movies: American Cinema during World War II". Robert L. McLaughlin and Sally E. Parry, professors at Illinois State University and co-authors of the book *We'll Always Have the Movies*, screened over 600 movies about the WWII made between 1937 and 1946. Their sociopolitical analysis of the films was fascinating and thought provoking. There were 70 seats in the room and not a single one was empty. Attendees indicated on their surveys that even though this had nothing to do with their library jobs, they liked to have a different program which interested them personally. One said it "was a treat for my self after days of library related topics".

The 2009 SLA Annual Conference in Washington, DC will mark the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Special Libraries Association by John Cotton Dana in 1909. Everyone should try to attend and support your Military Libraries Division!

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SLA 2008 Podcasts Posted Online

Missed SLA 2008? Or perhaps you missed a session due to scheduling conflicts or travel plans. No worries! Several speakers and facilitators at SLA's 2008 Annual Conference volunteered to have their remarks recorded. These sessions are available at no charge on the Click University website at:

<http://sla.learn.com/learncenter.asp?page=310>.



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SLA Hosts Inaugural Ethics Summit; Releases Top 5 Values

Pat Sproehnle, MLD Ethics Ambassador

More than 40 SLA Ethics Ambassadors and unit leaders from all over the world attended the Global Information Ethics Summit during SLA on 14 June in Seattle. The summit was the first of its kind in SLA's 99-year history.

Attendees listened to presentations from ethics experts Christopher Bauer and Barbie Kaiser before forming small groups to brainstorm items for an Association values statement around information ethics. The PR Advisory Council reviewed all of the ideas gathered and selected the top five favorite values statements best reflecting the Associations core mission, values and objectives.

The date for the next Global Information Ethics Event has been moved forward from Spring 2009 to the Fall of 2009 and will be held in the Washington, DC area. Since we have more time to plan, I've been asked to gather additional input from you so that MLD members feedback can be included in forming this set of practical guidelines around information ethics, as well as to collect examples of ethical dilemmas faced by MLD members.

After hearing some of the Ethics Ambassador's suggestions at the Summit, the PR Advisory Council has come up with the following tools and ideas:

- Information Ethics Blog – <http://sla-divisions.typepad.com/ethics/>.
- Bi-Weekly Info Ethics Poll in SLA Connections - Plans are in the works for a bi-weekly poll question in the new Information Ethics Corner in SLA Connections. This will be a spot where you can place a response and we'll easily be able to gather statistics such as how many member organizations have an information ethics policy or how many members have been asked to do something they considered unethical in obtaining information. More to come on this.

Below are the Top Five Ethics Values statements that came out of the Summit in Seattle. Please feel free to share your thoughts on the value statements below and any additional feedback, questions or ideas by emailing psproehnle@safarijv.com.

Top Five Values Statements from Ethics Summit, SLA Annual Conference 2008.

We Value:

- Making appropriate use of other peoples' work (e.g. intellectual property) whether created within our organization or externally.
- Transactional Integrity: Acting with honesty, fairness, and in good faith in serving and providing value to customers and negotiating with vendors.
- Respecting the privacy and rights of individuals and organizations in use of e-mail and online discussions and provision of information on user actions to management
- Educating our constituencies on good information-seeking behavior appropriate to the type of decision being made, legal use of the information and using authoritative information sources.
- Diversity, cultural inclusiveness, respect for differences (e.g. making our sentiments known when we feel that material may be used in a manner harmful or hurtful to any given group.)

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CARL Named Best Large Federal Library of the Year

Fort Leavenworth Public Affairs Office

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kansas

— The Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC) has named the Combined Arms Research Library, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, its library of the year for 2007 in the Large Library/Information Center category. Winners of these national

awards for federal librarianship recognize the many innovative ways that federal libraries, librarians and library technicians fulfill the information demands of government, business and scholarly communities and the American public.



[The CARL] is an incredible resource.

It's a great facility, but it's the people in it who make it as great as it is.

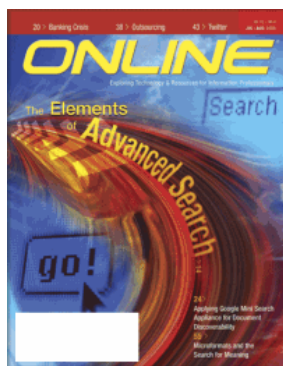
— *Lt. Gen. William B. Caldwell, IV, commander, Combined Arms Center*

"This award recognizes a culture of customer service and attention to the needs of Fort Leavenworth personnel, whether they are students, family members, or active duty members of the armed forces," said Ed Burgess, CARL director.

The CARL is recognized for its superior provision of a wide range of services to its 8,000 students, faculty, scholars, staff and the Army community at large. In 2007, the library system achieved its mission to promote the library as a network-centric learning and adaptive organization. CARL used creativity and innovation to reach its service goals with initiatives such as e-access to domestic and international audiences, promotion and marketing efforts, research and public services, space and technological upgrades, and professional development. Evidence of the CARL staff's energy, enthusiasm and success can be seen in a significant increase in customer satisfaction, evidenced by a 28 percent growth of database usage and a 76 percent increase in Online Public Access Catalog searches.

In a ceremony held June 24, Lt. Gen. William B. Caldwell, IV, commander, Combined Arms Center, recognized members of the CARL staff for their contributions to this landmark achievement. "It [the CARL] is an incredible resource, it is a premier resource for the United States military and it's a great one for the United States government ... It's a great facility, but it's the people in it who make it as great as it is," he said.

Metz and Burgess Article Published in *Online*



Edwin Burgess, Director of the Combined Arms Research Library, and Edward Metz, former systems librarian at the CARL, wrote an article titled "Applying Google Mini Search Appliance for Document Discoverability" which was published in the July/August 2008 issue of *Online*. The article was Metz's last as a U.S. Army librarian as he has recently taken a job with the Federal Emergency Management Agency in Maryland.

The article is an extended version of an article on the same topic which was published in the Spring 2008 issue of *Military Libraries*.

The full-text article in *Online* is being offered for \$2.95 on the publisher's website at www.infotoday.com/online/default.shtml. However, being library professionals, you'll undoubtedly be able to put your search skills to use and track down the article by deploying your tricks of the trade.



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Landstuhl Medical Library Named Best Small Federal Library

Chuck Roberts, Landstuhl Regional Medical Center Public Affairs



Maj. Stephanie Meyer reads a journal in the library at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in support of her job as a dietitian. The LRMC medical library is winner of the 2007 Federal Library/Information Center of the Year award in the small library/information center category.

If you continue past the USO office and barber shop at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, you'll come to the end of the hallway where you'll find the 2007 Federal Library/Information Center of the Year.

The medical library was recognized as the nation's best in the small library category in recognition for the service it provides to approximately 3,000 medical professionals spread across Europe, Africa, Iraq and Afghanistan.

The award, which encompasses approximately 5,000 eligible federal libraries, is a "great honor and a great distinction," said LRMC librarian Cornelia Camerer, who shares the honor with recently departed fellow employee Craig Wilcox.

The award is based on three criteria: mission support, creativity and innovation in services, and customer support. Most of their daily effort at the LRMC library involves assisting medical, dental and veterinary professionals accomplishing research and reports.

"Fast support is very vital," said Camerer. "Rapid document is the key to helping healthcare professionals accomplish their mission," Camerer said, especially for requests made in support of patient care.

To speed customers on their way, the library offers access to 15 medical databases, 100 bound periodicals, 1,000 journals online, and more than 3,000 books. If customers are unable to track down what they're looking for from the information readily available, the LRMC staff will track it down for them, Camerer said.

In making their selection, the Federal Library and Information Center Committee acknowledged LRMC for the following accomplishments:

Mission Support: Customer service is enhanced through a virtual library webpage, bilingual reference in English and German, mediated searching, acquisition, technical services and cataloging, interlibrary loan, the sharing of resources and a streamlined planning process.

The library maintains close contacts with DOD libraries worldwide and belongs to an online catalog system supported by the IMCOM-Europe Library Program. In addition, the staff serves as the European medical library consultant to European Regional Medical Command.

Creativity/Innovation: In 2007, the library created a worldwide reference program to meet the needs of patrons deployed or serviced in remote locations. The staff offers database research assistance via e-mail, fax, telephone and mail, a great help for patrons without suitable access to databases or who do not have the time or expertise to find the critical information they need.

Customer Support: In 2007, the LRMC library introduced a number of research online database classes to its patrons. Research classes were provided in English and upon request for local national employees in German.

The library also introduced the "Author Board" to the LRMC in 2007. The staff petitioned medical staff to submit their books, reprints, articles, or presentations, to the library for posting on a bulletin board. The staff's vision was to celebrate talented LRMC authors and presenters by displaying their intellectual property to LRMC visitors and to increase customer awareness of the hospital's world-class staff and their commitment to excellence.



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Power to the People: Establishing an Effective Security Policy in Libraries

Timothy D. King, Patch Library, Stuttgart, Germany



In the world of computers and technology, change is certain. Not only does this hold true with the transformation of various hardware components, the same is also evident in the evolution of computer software. What is even more remarkable is when companies manufacture programs that are geared towards a niche market, and their implementation provides a streamlined and more effective way of conducting business. A key area where this is now taking place is within the world of libraries, where software management tools are

replacing the traditional sign-in sheets once used for public PC access. EnvisionWare (www.envisionware.com) provides the interface that most Army Europe library patrons have grown accustomed to. The networking capabilities that the PC Reservation and LPT:One systems provide are the ease for patrons to self-checkout a PC if they are a registered library patron, more regulation over print jobs and financial accountability, and remote capabilities to enforce time limits on individual public PC sessions.

Library management software allows registered library patrons to manually reserve public PC terminals. In addition to providing more freedom of choice for authorized users, the requirement that some form of identification is necessary dramatically decreases the chances of a network being compromised by an unknown attacker. Most libraries are faced with two types of issues related to public PC access: access control, such as determining specific websites that may or may not be viewed, and access management, which includes patron authentication and usage reports (Boss, 2006). "Patron authentication is an important feature of reservation software because it makes it possible to deny multiple reservations by the same patron," said Boss.

For a library staff member working in a military library on a military server, access control is determined at a much higher level of authority with various signal commands. However, the intuitive capabilities of an access management program now create an environment where if an attack on the network does occur, library staff members are able to trace the incident to a specific date, time, and PC terminal. "A huge number of viruses still come from users who bring in programs on floppy disks, writeable CDs, and USB drives," although multiple virus attacks do occur through the use of the Internet (Myers, 2004). Since a registered patron can only checkout one public PC through the self-checkout PC at a time, then theoretically an incident could be traced back to one specific individual.

Library management software also controls printing and properly accounts for any paid print jobs. An effective print management system serves three distinct purposes: it allows staff to set the price per page, it allows staff to set the number of pages that can be printed, and it allows patrons to cancel printing altogether. All of these help to reduce wasted paper and ink cartridges (Wayne, 2004). Patch Library in Stuttgart, Germany has seen a dramatic decrease in the amount of wasted paper since implementing Envisionware. Here's how it works: end users are prompted to enter a specific pin number prior to printing. Then the document is stored in a print queue for up to two hours. In order to get the document, the patron has to ask a staff member to release the specific print job. If print jobs are not claimed after the two hour time period, the information is automatically erased from the print queue. The system also alerts patrons about the cost of their print jobs.

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Lastly, library management software provides remote capability over the public PC terminals inside of the library. This added feature can be used for multiple reasons. "All of the products make it possible for staff to remotely set up reservations, send message[s] to any PC, terminate a session, extend the time for a user, restart a PC, or shut down any or all PCs," said Boss. Whether used to increase or reduce the amount of time allotted to an individual patron, the ability of this system gives staff personnel unyielding power that once was not available. Prior to software implementation free-reign was given to library patrons at Kanawha County Public Library System under the honor system (Dawson, 2004). As a result, 30-minute blocks were established, but there was no limit to how many sessions a patron could sign up for in a given day. Dawson said "staff would often have to get involved to break up minor (or sometimes not-so-minor) time disagreements among patrons." It didn't take long for their library to implement EnvisionWare's PC Reservation, the same software currently in use by Army Europe Libraries. Once the software went live, Dawson said the number of incidents involving staff intervention dramatically decreased, which meshed well with the library goal of "elimination of threats to create a safe environment for computer usage."

Self-checkout reservation with authentication, print management software, and remote access capability, provides libraries with better network security. Change does not come easy, as staff members and patrons need instruction and time to adjust with new technologies. However, through proper training and implementation, the results are rewarding for everyone.

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Notable Podcasts and Webcasts

The Internet is loaded with free educational and recreational webcasts (audio and video presentations) that are relevant to book freaks and library professionals alike. Many of these are streamed files and cannot be downloaded. However, a number of them can be downloaded and transferred to your portable device of choice. For those of you with iPods, type "library" into the podcast section of the iTunes Store to subscribe to a number of free library podcasts. Search around for something that fits your interests or check these out:

SLA Podcasts — www.sla.org/content/resources/podcasts/index.cfm

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Electronic Library Kiosk Bound for Iraq

Michael McNulty, European Regional Library Support Center



Movers crate an Army Europe Libraries e-Branch kiosk for shipment to Camp Victory, Iraq. The e-Branch kiosks are designed to support educational opportunities for Soldiers and deliver electronic library services and information to customers who can't get to a brick-and-mortar library.

HEIDELBERG, Germany – Camp Victory in Iraq is nearly 2,000 miles from the nearest Army library in Europe. But troops deployed at the sprawling base near Baghdad International Airport soon will have access to a broad spectrum of library resources through an e-Branch kiosk.

A team of movers packed and loaded the kiosk July 14 at the European Regional Library Support Center here for shipment to Camp Victory, where it will be installed at the Victory Education Center.

"The kiosk will have a wonderful home here," Army Staff Sgt. Jimmy Labas, education programs director at Victory Education Center, said.

Labas noted that the kiosk "offers

a wonderful array of knowledge and research capabilities" for all service members assigned to the camp. "It truly is a key to success," he said. "We are becoming the leading education center in Iraq, and are grateful to have such a useful tool."

Army Europe Libraries also have kiosks at the Pat Tillman United Service Organizations center at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan; the Warrior Transition Unit at Kleber Kaserne, near U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern, Germany; and the European Regional Library Support Center here.

The e-Branch kiosks are designed to support educational opportunities for troops and deliver electronic library services and information to customers who can't get to a brick-and-mortar library.

The freestanding kiosks are quick and simple to use, with touch-screen technology and programmed buttons. The buttons mean that service members don't have to remember Web site addresses or search for information. They simply touch the buttons on the screen to go to news, sports, scholarly articles or 24/7 virtual reference services from military librarians.

Users also can access a wide selection of virtual library materials: online books, newspapers, journals, magazines, dictionaries and encyclopedias. Additionally, customers can find free information on topics such as education, business, law, marriage and family, health and fitness, government and travel.

The kiosks are not meant to duplicate what Internet cafes provide, such as quick access to e-mail and social networking sites. Rather, they were designed to help bridge the gap of information, education and recreation services that Army libraries normally supply.

"The kiosks are just one example of how Army Europe Libraries are attempting to reach out and enrich the quality of life for Soldiers, no matter where they are," Meg Tulloch, Europe Region librarian, said.

Richard Hanusey, a former Europe Region librarian who died in 2004, earned the Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation's White Plume Award in part for initiating the e-Branch kiosk project. The White Plume recognizes outstanding service and contribution to MWR and family programs. It is the Army's highest medal for achievement in support of Army MWR endeavors.

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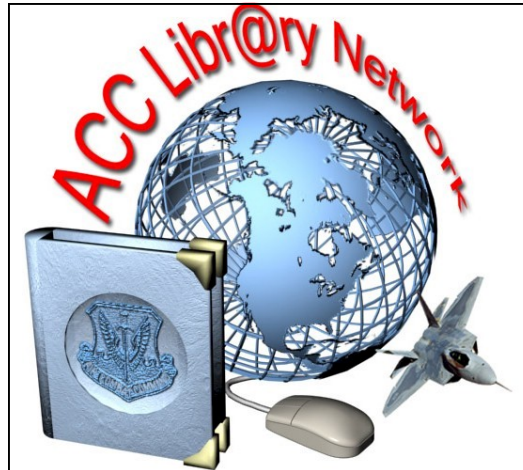
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Information Research Service Center Benefits Airmen

Carol Emery, Air Combat Command Librarian, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia



It's 10 p.m. on a weeknight and the lights are still on at Langley Air Force Base's Bateman Library. The library has closed for the day but the silhouette of a lone individual can often be seen working late. This is a normal workday for the Information Research Service Center staff. They are still conducting research for customers long after the end of a normal duty shift.

Air Force base libraries support a tri-fold program: mission, academics, and quality of life. With advances in technology and frequent deployments, outreach programs and services were required.

The IRSC was phased in last October and by February 2008 staff members were ready to support Air Combat Command and Air Force Special Operations Command personnel in their jobs with a one-of-a-kind research service center for base libraries.

The IRSC staff is a specialized group of research librarians, often with prior military experience. And, like all other AF librarians, they hold Masters Degrees in Library or Information Science. Staff members work in shifts to support the customer service desk duty hours between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m. for Continental United States (CONUS) bases and Southwest Asia Learning Resource Centers. The initiative is a special collaboration between Air Combat Command and Air Force Special Operations Command to support military personnel in their work and base communities in their research. Other major Air Force commands are welcome to join in the initiative. Through quality products, services, and research staff, there is one goal: agile open-source information support for airmen. In other words, ACC and AFSOC have a new approach to mission support.

IRSC staff track innovations and trends in subject specific areas identified by base Airmen. Open-source, subject specific information is published, linked, and summarized by IRSC staff. Research and resources are organized by base organization structure: wing staff, operations, maintenance, mission support, and medicine.

All products and services are accessible via the AF Portal or Base Library homepages. Products and services focus on electronic publications and research containing information that is critical to success of the Air Force mission. This pioneering approach to mission support is the perfect complement to resources found at our CONUS Base Libraries or Learning Resource Centers located in Southwest Asia and is easily accessed with a customer's base library card. The next phase is to market and promote the service to each Community of Practice located on the AF Portal.

The IRSC also provides remote research services to personnel through email, telephone, DSN military telephone and fax. Additionally, the IRSC manages the Ask a Field Librarian program, which provides 24-hour, real-time research service to base personnel. Customers can connect to IRSC librarians remotely through a web-based chat interface that allows real-time file sharing and co-browsing of resources.

This initiative represents a transformation of mission support. Historically, mission support was provided through annual buys of hardcopy materials for base organizations.

This outreach approach strives to improve mission support effectiveness, customer satisfaction, quality of information, customer productivity, efficiencies, and impact to the mission.

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Special Collections and Book Donations at the U.S. Air Force Academy McDermott Library

Edward A. Scott, Director, USAFA McDermott Library



The U.S. Air Force Academy McDermott "Cadet" Library main entrance. The Library is home to a number of special collections, including the 20,000-item Col. Richard Gimbel Collection of Aeronautical History, the Stalag Luft III Collection, the Air Force Manuscripts Collection, and the Falconry Collection.

The U.S. Air Force Academy, located on a sprawling 18,500 acre campus near Colorado Springs, Colorado, is a unique academic institution that is almost a special collection by itself. The Academy is authorized to have up to 4,400 cadets, including up to 15 cadets added each year from numerous foreign countries. Additionally, the Academy operates academic exchange programs with several for-

eign air force academies where cadets attend for only one semester. There are approximately 530 academic faculty, about 25 percent civilian and 75 percent military, with most of the military serving three or four year assignments. The library opened in 1955 with 5,000 books, but has grown to almost 2 million items. In May 2008, the Academy graduated its 50th class.

The cadet library is named for the Academy's first permanent academic dean and the person many refer to as the "Father of Modern Military Education," Brig Gen Robert F. McDermott, USAF (Retired). General McDermott later retired as CEO of United Services Automobile Association. The Library's Special Collections Branch is named the Clark Special Collections Branch, recognizing the accomplishments of Lt. Gen. Albert P. Clark, USAF (retired), 6th Superintendent of the Air Force Academy, and founding member of The Friends of the USAFA Library organization.

Since the September 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center, access to the Academy, and especially to the McDermott Library, has been severely restricted. Researchers can still get in, but prior arrangements must be made. Researchers without a Department of Defense-issued photo ID badge must be personally escorted the entire time they are in the library. That said, one should not overlook the Academy's rather significant assembly of special collections located in the Clark Special Collections Branch. There are no security-classified items in the Special Collections Branch. The Special Collections Branch is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays; closed weekends and holidays. Dr. Mary Elizabeth Ruwell is the Academy Archivist and Special Collections Curator. She can be reached at +1 719.333.4674.

Colonel Richard Gimbel Collection of Aeronautical History

Of the Academy's various discrete special collections, the most significant and best known is the Col. Richard Gimbel Collection of Aeronautical History. Gimbel, from the department store family in New York and Philadelphia, liked to say that the 20,000-item collection covered more than 5,000 years of aviation history. The oldest item in the collection is an Assyrian seal from 2700 BCE that shows winged animals and people. The collection is very strong on 18th Century ballooning holdings, including some Jules Verne items, and continues to grow in accordance with Col. Gimbel's will. The collection has more than 8,000 books published between 1489 and the present; there are approximately 2,000 prints and illustrations, a large number of aviation-themed coins and medals, children's books, greeting cards, first-day covers, china, and other aviation memorabilia.

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When the Academy opened in 1955, Charles Lindbergh was on the Board of Visitors and knew about the collection. He personally worked with Gimbel to get the collection for the Academy, but the collection did not come to the Academy until after Gimbel died in 1971 as a bequest. Several years ago, The Friends of the Academy Library produced a selective bibliography, *The Genesis of Flight: The Colonel Richard Gimbel Aeronautical History Collection at the United States Air Force Academy* that was created by a group of renowned international aviation historians. It was during that process that several of the items in the collection were identified as the only known copies in the world.

The Stalag Luft III Collection

A collection for the World War II history buff is the Stalag Luft III German POW Camp Collection. Stalag Luft III is the German POW camp on which the book and the movie, *The Great Escape*, are based; this collection was a major resource for developing both the book and the movie. General A.P. Clark was the senior American POW officer at that camp, and his collection of manuscripts, photographs, diaries, drawings, forged documents, and three-dimensional artifacts, as well as more recent oral history interviews, form the basis of this collection. Over the years former American POWs in World War II Germany have donated their collections to the Academy, including architectural drawings of some of the other prison camps.

The Air Force Manuscripts Collections

For the scholar wanting first-hand insights into the daily operations of the Air Force throughout its 60-plus year history, this is an excellent place for in-depth research. The Clark Special Collections Branch has about 1,500 manuscript collections from early, as well as more recent, retired Air Force personnel and general officers. Some of these collections range from single folder letter-files to multiple boxes of official correspondence, diaries, photographs, oral history interviews, and three-dimensional objects. These small manuscript collections cover officers from the early days of United States military aviation up to the current day. The small manuscript collections have individual finding aids, but an index to all of the small manuscript collections is available at www.usafa.edu/df/dfilib/. The library's website has links that give overviews of the Gimbel Collection, the Stalag Luft III Collection, and other special collections.

The Falconry Collection

The Academy's mascot, the falcon, was the impetus for what may be the largest falconry collection in an academic library in the United States. In addition to books, many dating from the 17th Century, the Falconry Collection also has numerous artifacts, paintings, and memorabilia. The latest Falconry Collection acquisition is a Royal Doulton™ "Falconer" Toby Jug that was a gift from one of the Academy's founders.

The Friends of the USAFA Library

The Friends of the Academy Library have been a major supporter of the Clark Special Collections Branch. They are helping digitize many of the individual collections and making them available either through their own webpage at www.friends.usafalibrary.com or through the McDermott Library's web site. Current Friends projects include photographs from the General Jimmy Doolittle Collection as well as information on every Academy graduate killed in action. Since The Friends founding in the late 1980s, they have raised several million dollars in gifts-in-kind and monetary donations.

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The Importance of Gift Collections

Each year the McDermott Library is greatly enriched by thousands of gift items to the collections. Gifts provide valuable resources to cadets, faculty, graduates, visiting scholars, and friends who depend on the Air Force Academy for teaching, study, and research. Gifts help strengthen the library's holdings, fill in missing issues of periodicals, replace lost or damaged books, and add primary source research materials to the collections.

The Library appreciates and encourages the donation of library resources that will strengthen the collection and support the Academy's academic programs. Gifts cover a wide range of subjects and include materials in all formats: books, diaries, personal papers, letters, manuscripts, photographs, back-runs and current issues of journals, and various electronic formats.

Gift Information

- Donors receive a formal letter of acknowledgment, but not an inventory, from the Library. Letters of acknowledgement will be sent to the person or agency that ships the gift to the library. That person is then responsible for disseminating the letter to secondary or third-party donors.
- Donors wishing an itemized list of items donated should supply such a list with their donation.
- Gifts are reported officially to the Academy's Office of Gifts and Memorials.
- All donations become the sole property of the Academy and are reviewed by the Subject Bibliographers as to the potential value to the collection and to the usefulness in cadet and faculty study and research.
- Classified materials must indicate that they have been declassified by competent government authorities; the library does not accept classified materials as gifts.
- The donor passes all applicable rights to the donation to the Academy including, but not limited to, the reproduction and dissemination of materials into various formats.
- Donations cannot be accepted if the donor requests that they be returned to the donor or designees at some future date.
- There can be no stipulation that any donated materials will be retained as a discrete collection (manuscript collections & unit histories being the exceptions) or put on any public display.
- The Library reserves the right to determine the retention, location, cataloging treatment, and other considerations relating to the use or disposition of gifts. All gifts are kept in compliance with IRS regulations of gifts-in-kind.
- In accordance with IRS regulations, the Academy will make no appraisal of gifts to the Academy, but will, upon request, help the donor find an appropriate appraiser who would negotiate directly with and be paid by the donor.
- Written appraisals received with donations will be acknowledged in the gift receipt letter.
- The donor is responsible for the costs of packing and shipping donated materials to the Academy.

Gifts Not Added to the Collections

Gifts that are not cataloged or otherwise added to the collection are handled in a variety of ways. They may be offered to other DoD colleges or agencies or to other academic libraries. Duplicate periodicals are frequently exchanged with consortia groups. Donated books that are not added to the collection or placed with another library or that may be damaged or cannot be used for other reasons may be discarded.

Library Hours

The McDermott Library is open to visitors between 0830 and 1630 Monday – Friday, but as mentioned in the beginning of this article, prior arrangements must be made and visitors without DoD photo-IDs must be accompanied during their entire visit to the cadet area, which includes the McDermott Library.

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Online Scavenger Hunt Attracts Air Force Teens

Kirk Fontenot, Systems Administrator, Barksdale Base Library, Alabama



Staff members at Barksdale Air Force Base Library have always struggled to capture the attention of community teenagers. Reading programs for younger children and for adults have generally been successful, but attracting 10 to 16 year olds has been more difficult. This summer staff initiated a new program called iHunt and it was an instant success.

iHunt is, in essence, an online scavenger hunt. Kids register their e-mail address, with parental consent, and each week they receive three iHunt questions. The teens are required to do some online research in order to answer the questions. Library staff assist by providing help with research tools, suggesting websites

and offering sample answers.

The program lasts nine weeks, with questions revolving around a different theme each week. Themes include local events, travel, movies, music, astronomy, weather, and more. When participants submit three correct answers by the end of the week, they win a free prize. If they submit correct answers for six of the nine weeks, they are entered into a grand prize drawing. The first grand prize was an iPod Shuffle, which inspired the "i" in iHunt.

The Library staff has decided to make iHunt a recurring program due to high participation and positive feedback. However, after the summer, the program will run just once a month. Staff may include more challenging questions and offer an array of prizes throughout the year, subject to funding and/or corporate sponsorship. Continuing iHunt will also allow staff to include "plugs" for other library programs geared toward this age group, without abusing our e-mail participants with unwanted "spam."

The iHunt program is definitely a success story that the staff recommends to other base libraries. Staff preparation is minimal and the only costs involved are for the prizes. The program is easily customizable to your own patrons. At Barksdale, patron response has been very positive. In fact, we have received so much interest from our adult patrons, we are considering a version of iHunt targeting an older audience in the near future.

Contact Kirk Fontenot at kirk.fontenot@barksdale.af.mil.

Nominating Committee Seeks Executive Board Members

Nellie Moffitt, Nominating Committee Chair, Past Chair

The Board needs new blood! We need new people to represent where the Division will go in the future. This year we will be having a number of positions that we will need to fill on the Executive Board. I would like to entice all of you to consider the following positions:

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Join the Team

Contact Division Chair Marybeth Dowdell or any of the advisory board members if you are interested in volunteering for one of the committees. Advisory board members serve a one year renewable term of office. Be active, make a difference!

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