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From the Division Chair

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Hello from the Heartland! Spring is here which means the SLA Conference is right around the corner.

This year's conference is in Philadelphia – the home of the Liberty Bell and “The City of Brotherly Love.” Ms. Theresa Taylor has done a wonderful job putting together a great program this year. You can read more

about it in this newsletter.

In other news...the Division website will be getting a new look and feel when we utilize the SLA's New WordPress web hosting site. The site will be more flexible, allowing for multiple authors and contributors to provide content, and it will accept social widgets so we can display RSS feeds, a Twitter feed, images, and more. The division will be sponsoring one of the MLD web team members, Ms. Dawn Joines, to attend the “Designing Library Websites with WordPress” class at the SLA Conference this year.

The Division's Strategic Plan 2007-2012 is due for an update. The plan is a currently available at <http://units.sla.org/division/dmil/>. The revisions will be based on constructive input from MLD's current leadership and active members.

Ms. Amy Tursky and the 2012 Military Libraries Workshop Committee are beginning the work of organizing the workshop which will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Ms. Gail Nicula and the 2011 Military Libraries Workshop Committee are busily getting things ready for the workshop in Norfolk, Virginia, December 5-9. A mere thank you from the Division does not come close to expressing the gratitude we have for the motivated, hard working individuals who take on the task of organizing the annual workshop.

The MLD leadership has recently passed a motion to pay registration and up to \$1,500 stipend for hotel and airfare for one accredited MLIS student who is a member of SLA/MLD to attend the Military Libraries Workshop. The student is to provide 10 hours of assistance with the workshop when they attend. You are able to find the application and more information about this award on the MLD website.

It will be another busy year for the Division and we will be looking forward to your questions, ideas, suggestions which you can send to me at pamela.bennett@us.army.mil. Hope to see you in June!

From the Editor

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Thanks to the 69 of you who took the time to respond to the survey I recently put out about your preferences for newsletter format and content. Here are a few highlights of the results:

Format:

52% prefer to receive the newsletter as a pdf file

20% prefer to receive the newsletter as an email with embedded content

13% prefer to view the newsletter on a website

Content:

78% think it would be a good idea for the newsletter to focus on feature articles contributed by members, and for announcements, short member news items, calendar items and other time-sensitive information to be posted on the division website and/or blog. However, some acknowledged that receiving enough content could be very challenging!

I look forward to sharing more details and thoughts with the SLA Board and Web Committee at SLA in June, and anticipate subsequently making some changes. For those of you who are interested, I have shared a summary of results at http://www.surveymonkey.com/sr.aspx?sm=9cLjYbbdY_2bWFfh_2fX8DIW_2bx7Ka7_2fGGPL09H_2bcaBizZ1l_3d. This summary does not include the free form comments many of you provided, however, I read, learned from, and greatly appreciated receiving them.

It's been approximately a year since I became the Editor of Military Libraries. I appreciate the patience and kindness that many of you have shown me as I've been learning the ropes. I will have the opportunity to share some of my newbie "lessons learned" as part of a panel talking about newsletters at SLA in June.

Send your Member News to the Military Libraries editor at mld.newsletter@gmail.com. It is helpful to put Member News in the message subject header.

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Next Newsletter Deadline

July 15, 2011

Corporate Commons (A New Column in the Newsletter!)

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As many of you may know, I have been elected to the MLD Board in its Corporate Director position. This position is a relatively new addition to MLD leadership and governance. It represents you, individually and collectively -- your ideas -- your interests -- your concerns -- as MLD members who have an interest in or support the military, defense and/or security communities, but currently are not civilian or military employees. It includes government contractors, information industry representatives, students, faculty and others in the division.

I've established this column as a communications commons where you can raise questions, express opinions, share professional experiences and discoveries, seek or offer guidance and get to know other division members who are also MLD "Corporates."

To start us out, I thought I would share some thoughts on the question I get quite frequently, "How in the world did you become a library contractor?" My answer is "Location, Location, Location!"

Six years ago, I would have defined myself as an academic library administrator. I had spent most of my 30+ year career at colleges and universities. At the time, my husband and I were living in the Florida Panhandle. After two years of hurricanes bouncing across the state, we both said "Give us New Mexico" where we had lived earlier. He was retired, so I took on the job search and luckily I was hired by Information International Associates (IIA), a company based in Oak Ridge, TN. At that time, IIA was managing the Air Force Research Laboratory's Technical Library at Kirtland, AFB in Albuquerque. We moved here one week before Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans and I've been the library manager here ever since.

So what are some of the things I've learned about being a successful library contractor? Generally, they are the same things that make you a strong professional regardless of your employer.

- Get to know the organization you work for – its people on and off the formal organizational charts, its culture, its short term and long term goals, its main products or focus, the areas where you and your team can make the most visible and viable impact.
- Respect the accountability measures that define your position and your overall unit. Consider ways that you can demonstrate return on investment. Document cost vigilance and actual savings.
- Network with your colleagues exploring both professional interests and sharing your own personal passions. You might discover commonalities you never thought you'd find.

So, how would you answer the same basic questions?

"How in the world did you become _____?"
What things have you learned about being a successful _____?

Contribute to the next "Corporate Commons" column. Contact me at Maryhelen_jones@yahoo.com

Call for Action From the Awards Committee

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It is time to start compiling your lists for the two MLD awards that are described here. Information is posted on the MLD listserv, complete with forms and the email submission instructions. Support your colleagues by nominating someone to receive the **Distinguished Service Award**. Support the next generation of military librarians by spreading the word about the **MLW Student Stipend Award**.

Distinguished Service Award

The award recognizes a Military Libraries Division member for outstanding and sustained service to the MLD. It is presented at the Military Libraries Workshop (MLW) in December. Submission requirements are given on the nomination form.

MLW Student Stipend Award

The purpose of this award is to encourage, mentor, and invite a student to see how the MLD and the MLW function. It is an opportunity for the student and the MLD members to be involved with one another in a conference setting. It is also a wonderful opportunity for the student to begin, or continue, the networking process that is vital to the next generation of military librarians. Submission requirements are given on the self-nomination form.

Ways to Stay Current on Division Activities

Most of you are probably already aware of the various ways, in addition to this newsletter, that you can both stay current on division activities and communicate with your MLD colleagues. However, I (editor) thought it would be useful to compile them in one place:

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Twitter*	http://twitter.com/SLA_DMIL	Joyce Green joyce.green@marshallcenter.org
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*to receive twitter posts by text message on your cell phone or PDA, just text 'follow SLA_DMIL' (sans quotes) to 40404 to receive SMS text messages (via Twitter) whenever content is updated.

For Your Calendar

- SLA 2011 Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, 13-16 June 2011
- MLW 2011, Norfolk, VA, 5-9 December 2011

"Come Get 'Future Ready' in Philadelphia!" SLA 2011

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As the birthplace of America's Declaration of Independence and the home of the earliest electronic computer, Philadelphia—the City of Brotherly Love—offers a unique blend of history and progress. But did you know that Philadelphia is also the site of the nation's first public library? What more fitting destination, then, for thousands of information professionals to gather for four days of learning, networking and sharing at the 2011 SLA Annual Conference and INFO-EXPO.

Philadelphia is known for historic gatherings, and it will provide an ideal setting for information professionals to expand on the industry's noteworthy past and strategize for the future. Highlights will include the VIP Need to Know Forum, designed to educate local executives about the information profession; the opening keynote speaker, award-winning New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman; the closing speaker, James Kane, a leading authority on building and maintaining loyal business relationships; and the INFOEXPO, a showcase of the latest industry products and a place to network with top service providers, colleagues and friends.

Don't miss this opportunity to become 'future ready' by exchanging ideas and connecting with thousands of fellow information professionals, all gathered in the historic city where the U.S. Constitution was written and the Declaration of Independence was signed. Join SLA 12-15 June 2011 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center for the 2011 SLA Annual Conference & INFO-EXPO. Watch for the preliminary program on the conference web site.

MLD is sponsoring the "Embedded Librarianship" session featuring Mr. David Shumaker, a Clinical Associate Professor in the SLIS program at the Catholic University of America. Mr. Shumaker has authored several publications and presented at numerous conference. His presentation will describe the purpose and functions of an embedded librarian. He will be joined by panelists Michael Moore, of The Mitre Corporation and Rachel Kingcade, Marine Corps University Library, who will discuss their roles as embedded librarians.

MLD has co-sponsored with the Government Information Division the session "Establishing a Digital Consortium." The panelists will discuss creating procedures and goals for

a Digital Consortium. The panel includes Kathy Buker,

CGSC Combined Arms Research Library; Aaron Trehub, Auburn University; and Connie Rendfeld, Indiana State Library. Deborah Keller, Department of Homeland Security will be facilitating this session.



Let your current and former Military Library friends know they are welcome to attend the DMIL Open House on the evening of Wednesday, June 15.

MLD has garnered another spotlight session featuring Hyrum W. Smith. The session is entitled the "Power of Perceptions - Dealing with Change". Mr. Smith will be using and teaching key concepts related to perception

and behavior change to provide a positive, impactful learning experience that produces lasting results. His engaging delivery combines wit and enthusiasm with a gift for communicating powerful concepts that have lasting value and help bring about personal change. His speeches on the need for clear perception and the link between beliefs and behavior have been taught to audiences worldwide. In 1984, he helped create the widely used Franklin Day Planner, and formed Franklin Quest Company. He helped found The Galileo Initiative in 2001. He is the author of several nationally published and acclaimed books, including "The 10 Natural Laws of Successful Time and Life Management", "What Matters Most", "The Advanced Day Planner User's Guide", "The Modern Gladiator", and is co-author of "Excellence Through Time Management".

We have arranged a great tour of the Tastykake Factory in Philadelphia. The new facility has been refitted into a BRAC naval base that was part of the old shipyards. Please join MLD and their co-sponsors the Engineering, Knowledge Management, Leadership and Management, and Food, Agriculture & Nutrition Divisions to see how they have "greened-up" this former military base into a tasty place. We have coordinated a 55 passenger bus. Join us from 0800 – 1200 on Thursday June 16th for a fascinating tour.

The calendar on the next page displays the SLA opening and closing sessions and the events hosted by the Military Libraries Division. Let your current and former Military Library friends know they are welcome to attend the DMIL Open House on the evening of Wednesday, June 15.

MLD Sessions and Events at SLA, June 2011

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Sunday June 12	Monday June 13	Tuesday June 14	Wednesday June 15	Thursday June 16
12:00-3:00 pm DMIL Executive Board Meeting 5:00-7:00 pm SLA Opening General Session – Thomas Fried- man	7:30-9:30 am DMIL Network- ing Breakfast 2:00-3:30 pm “Embedded Li- brarianship”	7:30-9:30 am DMIL Network- ing Breakfast 10:00-11:30 am “Establishing a Digital Consor- tium” 12:00-1:00 pm DMIL Business Luncheon	7:00-9:00 am DMIL Network- ing Breakfast 8:00-9:30 am “Power of Per- ceptions Dealing with Change” - Hyrum Smith 2:00-4:00 pm SLA Closing Gen- eral Session James Kane 6:30-9:00 pm DMIL Open House	8:00 am-12:30 pm Tastykake Factory Tour



Photo of the Philadelphia Skyline from the SLA Conference web site

A Few Highlights from the SLA Leadership Summit

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Gloria submitted the following notes from the SLA Leadership Summit held in Washington D.C. in January 2011:

Cindy Romaine, SLA President, has as her 2011 theme “Future Ready.” This means being ready for whatever comes our way. SLA has a Future Ready 365 community blog at <http://futureready365.sla.org/>, and invites everyone to submit a post. One submission will be posted each day. Read the “Join In!” tab for more information.

SLA is redesigning its web sites, and will host unit sites for only \$40/year. The new brand-compliant templates are produced through WordPress; HostGator will have 24/7 technical support for all webmasters. All units will need to convert their old SLA-hosted site by December. More information is available at <http://futureready365.sla.org/01/20/id=806>.

Susan Robertson, American Society of Association Executives (ASAE), presented findings from two of their reports, The Decision to Volunteer and The Decision to Join. People’s perception of the value of membership in a group or association increases with their level of involvement. The #1 reason someone volunteered for a task, committee, etc. was because they were asked. Volunteer involvement is a membership benefit.

Plan now to attend the SLA Annual Conference in Philadelphia, 12-15 June. For the first time, there will be a “Need to Know” series of sessions for non-Librarian managers.

Thanks to Sharon Lenius for this photo of Gloria Miller at the Leadership Summit



Stick Your Nose Into Other People’s Conversations!

Gloria Miller, MLD Chair-Elect, U.S. Army Materiel Command

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Gloria submitted the following entry to SLA’s [Future Ready](#) blog:

I work in a cubicle. However, most of the people around me are not Librarians. This gives me opportunities to overhear conversations, ask questions, and join in whenever I think I can help. At first, the quizzical looks seem to say, “How can a Librarian help with this?” It doesn’t take long for them to realize the value of an Information Professional.

For me as well as my boss (also a cubicle Librarian), it has meant learning more than we ever expected to learn about Business Case Analysis, Excel, government contracting, SharePoint, and more. Each conversation becomes an opportunity to learn something else, and put it to use for the good of the organization as a whole. And every successful project becomes an advertisement for other teams to seek out the Library staff for input.

So, get out of your chair, leave your comfort zone, and stick your nose into hallway conversations. You’ll be surprised at where you may end up.

MECC+ Friends Distance Librarian Group Formed

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Work with distance students? Would you like to discuss the intricacies and challenges of distance librarianship in the military environment? A new group of the Military Education Coordination Council (MECC) was formed last late September. The MECC+ Friends Distance Librarian group's purpose is to share ideas, instruction and delivery techniques, develop best practices and keep on top of new technology specific to military environments for library services to distance learners.

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Why did I request to start the MLD group? I am new to military libraries and previously worked as a clinical/reference librarian in an academic medical library. When I first started working in medical I came across a wiki, <http://ebmlibrarian.wetpaint.com>, which provides instructional tools, handouts as well as a forum to discuss and share issues with colleagues. In April 2010 I attended the Off-Campus Library Conference <http://ocls.cmich.edu/conf2010/> (now called the Distance Library Services Conference) and was exposed to many interesting ideas. However, the environment, culture, security, students and so forth really do differ from our academic military libraries. I thought it would be useful to create an information sharing site specific to military education distance librarians that would provide helpful resources as the EBM Librarian wiki did for me in the medical realm. When asked why they joined the group, members responded:

- Elucidate the DL problem for me
- I hope to participate in this committee to share innovative ideas for ways to connect library services to DL students/faculty
- Find out what other libraries are doing to help distance education students and see if there are ideas we can use in our library
- Share ideas about Distance services, including specific vendors/products used
- Raise awareness of resource possibilities for distance learning students

The group is being organized as a communications commons that is there when needed, but will not require a large time investment. The group currently has fourteen members and we look forward to more of our colleagues joining to discuss and share distance resources. As the group is still in its infancy, things are subject to change; however we would like to have meetings every few months. Currently the member consensus is to hold meetings via Defense Connect Online (DCO) and/or teleconference calls. DCO has recently revamped its portal and is much more

conducive to online meetings. A milBook (social networking behind the DoD wall) group has been formed and can be accessed at <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/groups/distance-librarians>.

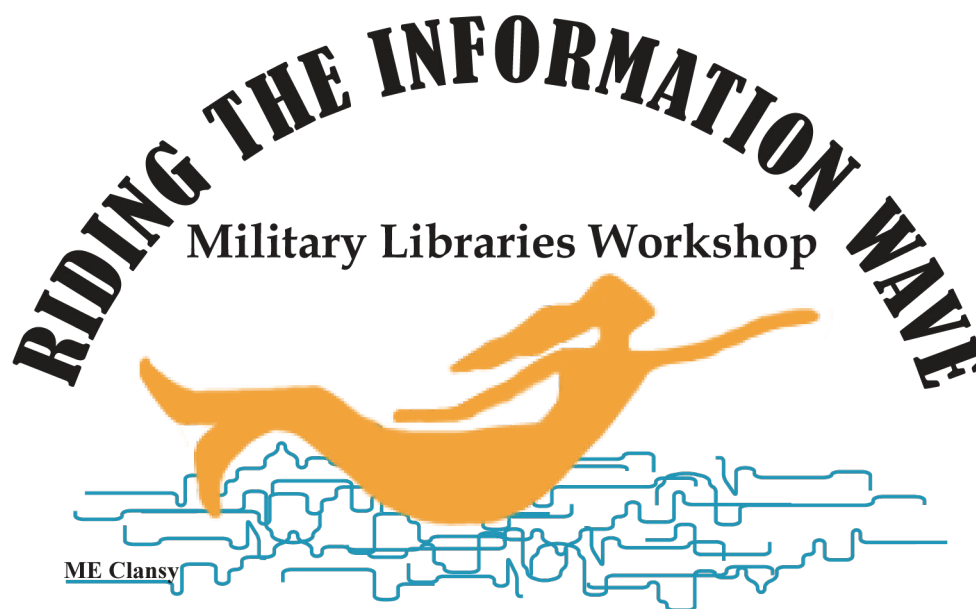
The DL milBook group site is open to all individuals interested in distance education and library resources. DL faculty, staff and students are encouraged to become members to increase communications, in particular, via the discussion area of the group. MECC+ Distance Librarian group members are owners/editors of the milBook site and currently there are 25 members of the group comprised of individuals from various military education departments and government agencies.

For questions, additional information or to join the group, please contact: Catrina Whited at catrina.whited@ndu.edu, (757) 443-6416; DSN 646-6416. Or visit <https://www.milsuite.mil/book/groups/distance-librarians>

MLW 2011 Preview (December 4-9)

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December 4-9, 2011
Norfolk, VA

managers,
analysis of
intelligence,
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MLW 2011

planning team looks forward to hosting you in Norfolk, Virginia this December! Your **conference hotel is the Norfolk Waterside Marriott**, located at 235 East Main Street, in the heart of downtown Norfolk. The hotel is within easy walking distance of the General Douglas MacArthur Memorial Museum and Archives, the Hampton Roads Naval Museum, the USS Wisconsin (BB-64), and the Nauticus Museum, excellent restaurants, and a large indoor mall, with ice skating for the intrepid! <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/orfws-norfolk-marriott-waterside/>

Pre-conferences will begin on Sunday, 4 December. The traditional **welcome reception will be held at 1800 on Monday, 5 December.** Additional events include: DTIC boot camp; Veterans History Project workshop and presentation, offsite at the MacArthur Museum and Archives; presentations on information overload, managing your library's

information resources; a ghost walk, and much, much more.

Our banquet will be aboard the Spirit of Norfolk on Wednesday, 7 December, with a jazz theme (and yes, dressing up is allowed!!) <http://www.spiritofnorfolk.com/Norfolk/ship> We will sail on the Elizabeth River toward the Norfolk Naval Station – both Norfolk and sister city Portsmouth will be decked out for the holidays – so be sure to bring your cameras.

Friday will bring tours of the Norfolk Naval Station, the Hampton Roads Naval Museum, and the battleship Wisconsin.

Looking forward to seeing you in Norfolk in December!

MLW 2010

Compiled by the editor

MLW 2010 was held Dec. 6-10 in Destin FL. It sounds like the planning committee did a fantastic job! The presentations are available online at http://slamilitarylibraries.org/wpcms/?page_id=5. The following pages include write-ups from our MLW Interns and from a first-time attendee.

Thanks to Sharon Lenius for providing the photographs on this page.



At MLW Registration Desk, Gloria Miller, Candy Parker, Sharon Lenius and Tammy Lowery



Ed Burgess hurrying by "temptation" of pre-workshop Buffet

Canucks at MLW 2010

Elizabeth Fournier, Directorate of History & Heritage Library (National Defence Canada)

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Last December I represented DHH at MLW 2010. As a first time attendee I did not know what to expect. The last library event I attended was IFLA 2008 in Quebec City, which is not really comparable to the MLW as it targets all libraries. 2010 was also the year that I changed jobs from a library where the users were known to say, "Last time I was in a Library was in high school." I was now a solo library technician, feeling a little overwhelmed with learning new tasks and providing services to PhDs. I was hoping that MLW 2010 would fill me with renewed energy and inspiration. I headed to Destin hopeful and with an open mind.

I left Ottawa December 5, at 6:45 am and arrived at the hotel at 6:45 pm. On the shuttle from Pensacola to Destin I met four very nice ladies: Karen, Carol, Annette & Michelle. They invited me to join them for dinner and we just gabbed and got to know each other a little bit. Their warm welcome highlighted Americans' friendliness and hospitality.

In the past few years a few Federal libraries in Canada have been closed or downsized by management due to a belief that Google will provide information seekers with what they need, or that subscribing to electronic journals and databases is the equivalent of a library at lesser cost. "Communication is Your Combat Power" was the perfect theme to inspire actions to counter this notion of replaceable libraries, especially with budget cuts forecasted for 2011.

From the preconference session, DoD Information and the Right Tools to Enhance Your Mission, to the other sessions such as Managing BRAC-Related Change and Embedded Li-

brarianship, to Ula de Stricker's Communicating Value, two ideas resonated with me. They were: know what your users want, and dare to innovate, whether by installing a stationary bicycle in a library lobby, using Chuck Norris' mannerisms, or the Corp-spedia project. American Military Librarians demonstrated imagination and enthusiasm that produced great initiatives and success.

Over a glass of wine I met Ed Burgess, who earlier in the fall sent me an article from the United States Military Magazine dated 1840, for which I am so grateful. How can I thank Bill Hansen enough for his very generous gift, and repatriation of the Canadian Armour's official insignia drawing, at a time when his life's work is being dismantled? Amongst all the very serious presentations, we were entertained by Jaws chasing "long winded" exhibitors. Serendipity also visited. I met the only other Canadian Military Librarian roaming the exhibitors' hall. We had travelled on the same flights unbeknownst to each other, and discovered that we are both Francophones, live five minutes away from each other in Ottawa, and both play the flute. We are planning to get together soon.

I left Destin having made new friends, fired up with ideas, and with a renewed commitment to librarianship.

The organizing committee did a fantastic job of planning, organizing and ensuring a truly inspiring and worthwhile workshop. Bravo! Thank you to all who made this workshop so memorable. I hope to be in Virginia next year.



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Flags

From Our MLW 2010 Interns

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Although the Military Libraries Workshop was not my first conference as a library school student, it was my best experience yet. I knew that being a conference intern would be an excellent opportunity, but I had no idea just how invaluable my time at MLW would be. Since I had not yet worked at a military library (I began a SCEP position with Fairchild Research Information Center in January), I was hoping to gain an understanding of the kinds of issues military librarians face, learn more about the different kinds of military libraries, and most importantly, meet military librarians from all over. I accomplished all of these goals and more.

I owe huge thanks to Gloria Miller, who first mentioned the volunteer opportunity to me at SLA, and Deborah Keller, the planning committee chair who allowed my fellow intern Mallory and me to be present during many stages of the conference. Deborah let us listen in on planning conference calls, sit in on the meeting with the hotel staff, work the registration table, and provide feedback during the conference planning "lessons learned" meeting. We were also in charge of the MLD social media pages, posting several updates throughout the sessions and interacting virtually with other attendees. Best of all, we got to attend every session of the conference – how many conferences can you say that about?

Speaking of the sessions—I definitely gained something from each of them, and it would take me pages and pages to recap my lessons from them all. However, I especially loved the Embedded Librarians session; hearing about the outreach work military librarians from all service branches are doing was so inspiring. The Unconference session also allowed me to glean insights from another varying group of military librarians, and I learned so much about what librarians are currently accomplishing in their respective institutions, and what they hope to accomplish. I even contributed something to the discussion, and my thoughts were treated with respect. I feel fortunate to have met so many of you (to those I didn't get to meet – next time)! I can only hope that future students will take advantage of this opportunity. I am overwhelmed by all of your collective knowledge and experience, and I hope my career can be as fulfilling and successful. Thank you for making my first MLW unforgettable.

--Lauren Dodd

MLIS student at University of Alabama
Graduation May 2011

Since I began library school 19 months ago, I have found myself in a constant swirl of information – learning where to find it, how to use it, and how to pass it on to others. I have been extremely lucky to be able to work in a library full time over the course of my schooling, and even luckier to hold a Student Career Experience Program (SCEP) position with the U.S. Army at the Combined Arms Research Library. Each library escapade I embark on (from learning how to create phase boxes to attending the SLA 2010 conference) leaves me with a growing understanding of the information field and how to successfully interact with it.

One of the greatest experiences I have been offered and taken part in thus far has been as a student intern at the Military Libraries Workshop (MLW) in December 2010. Deborah Keller, the amazing and talented conference planner for MLW 2010, made a great effort to include Lauren and me in the conference proceedings. Not only were we able to attend the sessions cost free, but we also sat in on pre-conference calls, stuffed folders for attendees, worked the registration desk, attended meetings during the conference, and contributed to social networking by posting frequent updates to SLA_DMIL's Twitter and Facebook accounts! I truly felt I received the complete conference experience.

Through it all, I brought home a greater knowledge of the power of communication within military libraries, a better understanding of the force of social networking, and an amazing list of contacts that I otherwise would not have! The internship challenged me by forcing me outside of my comfort zone and into the world of a true information professional, bringing me to a realization that this is truly the world I want to be immersed in.

For any library school student considering taking on a conference internship, I would highly encourage you to do so! For any member of SLA's Military Libraries Division that has not attended the MLW conference, I would encourage you to try. I came away from the conference a stronger information professional and rejuvenated with my career choice, a boost that all professionals can use from time to time.

--Mallory Ruth

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Very Successful MLW Vendor Exhibits and Presentations

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The following is a listing of Companies represented at the 2010 MLW in Destin, Florida.

ABC-CLIO	Gale Cengage Learning	OCLC
AMA (American Medical As'n)	Gaylord	Peterson's
Baker & Taylor	IEEE	Playaway (Findaway)
Blackstone Audio	IHS Jane's	Proquest
BNA	Infobase / Facts on File	Recorded Books
Brodart	Infodesk	Safari Books
Comex	Ingram	SirsiDynix
CQ Press	Innovative Interfaces Inc.	Springer
Dow Jones	Knovel	Swets
DTIC	Learning Express	Systems Link
ebrary	LexisNexis	Tantor Media
EBSCO	LibLime of PTFS	Taped Editions
Elsevier	LibraryDesign-UniversalAirlift	Taylor & Francis
Emerald Publishing	Mango Languages	Thomson Reuters
FEDLINK	Morningstar	Wiley Blackwell
Forecast International	NewsBank	WT Cox
	Northern Micrographics	

MLW welcomed some new companies and new representatives from familiar vendors.

Sally Wilmoth of **ABC-CLIO** is new to the Federal Representative scene, and we were happy to have her at MLW.

A new organization and representative for the MLW Vendor show was Christine Hearne of the **American Medical Association**.....interesting to see the variety of publications AMA produced.

Gardner Cobb of **Baker & Taylor** joined the list of exhibitors again with a new mix of products and the great B & T "cat bags."

BNA (Bureau of National Affairs) sent Karen Silber, a librarian from the Bureau who had great examples of BNA's products for attendees.

Keith Dennis, Tito Vazquez and Fred Goodman demonstrated the Library Materials Vending Machine that **Brodart** will carry.

Comex Systems' Doug Prybylowski represents a leading publisher of books, videos, and CDROM's for CLEP, GED, SAT, GRE & GMAT preparation. They had the neatest sayings on buttons; what a collection!

CQ Press (a division of SAGE) had some good products represented by John Mitchell, new to MLW.

Judy Perez of **Dow Jones** brought the latest innovations to products to the MLW Exhibits.

Luis Cabrera represented **ebrary**, an online digital library of full texts of scholarly e-books and public library products. (As of Jan 6, 2011 **ebrary** was acquired by **ProQuest**).

The various **EBSCO** entities were well represented by Scott Grove, Betsy Gardiner and Chris Keene,,, always innovative.

Elsevier, headquartered in Amsterdam, is a global organization and publisher of science and health information. Good to have a couple of new representatives with us.

Donna Reynolds with **Emerald Publishing**, a new exhibitor at MLW, is a leading independent UK-based publisher of global research with impact on business, society, public policy and education.

Forecast International, provider of market intelligence for Aerospace and DoD, sent Pryce Brodeur to represent this great resource.

Gerry Gordon, Nicole Licavoli and Eleanor Michniewicz of **Gale-Cengage Learning** showed new products and updates to familiar **Gale** publications. Quality library supplier

MLD Vendors, continued

Gaylord had a colorful table ably set by Maryellen Dodge.

IEEE, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, (bet you forgot that one!) representatives Mike Petro and Kristen Fitzpatrick had a great display about IEEE Xplore . It delivers a variety of publications, standards, and Ebooks.

I.H.S-Jane's , two companies that many military libraries use, had Pamm Gross at the booth for **I.H.S.** (by the way, Pamm is serving as MLD Secretary) and the folks from **Jane's** including Justin Geiger and Bob Loughman demonstrated the expanded Jane's periodicals and other publications. They have come a long way from "All the World's Fighting Ships!"

Ben Jacobs returned to represent **Infobase/Facts on File**, the publishers of World Almanac and other services, such as Films on Demand video service.

InfoDesk, represented by Paul Farrel, provides solutions that make it easy to personalize/deliver more content with less drain on staff resources.

Patrick Moore of **Ingram Library Services/Coutts** Information Services provided a familiar face as he demonstrated the extensive line of e-books from **Ingram**.

Dave Hemingway Turner, an active SLA member, was there to answer questions from his many **Innovative Interfaces** customers.

Knovel, the web-based application for tech info and analytical search tools for engineers and scientists, returned to the MLW Exhibits. David Soistmann demonstrated the very useful **Knovel** products.

Learning Express was a first time exhibitor. Products include customized materials and tutorials for military. LexisNexis, a "pioneer" exhibitor at MLW continues to provide content enabled workflow solutions, beyond just online research to military libraries worldwide.

LexisNexis representatives Adam Dietz, Marie Kaddell and Kara Owen greeted booth visitors.

PTFS and its new division, **LibLime**, were represented by Patrick Jones and Kelly Sherman who showed the company's new products. **PTFS** is a long time sponsor of MLW.

Library Designs and Universal Air Lift are handy to

know about when you have major or minor moves of library shelving and furniture. Jeff Fischer, the **Library Designs** representative, answered all inquiries. Who knew so many libraries had a move in their future! Must be the BRAC.

Mango Languages Government staff Ryan Colpaert and Jane Potee, showed the practical conversation and cultural insights for military personnel learning obscure languages and dialects. **Mango Languages** is a leader in this field of building conversation ability for the troops.

Morgan & Claypool manager, Michael Morgan and Michael Walsh of **Systems Link International** introduced their scholarly databases, journals, standards and e-books.

Morningstar's Camille O'Connor demonstrated the **Morningstar Investment Research Center** that provides real-time data and unbiased guidance on stocks, mutual funds. **Morningstar** newsletters are coming soon.

MLW welcomed back **NewsBank** representatives Ren Dimond and Bill Doktor to show their web-based access to current news and other products. **NewsBank** is a longtime supporter of the Military Libraries Division.

Northern Micrographics provides a full service approach to digitization, and preservation microfilming. Colleen Lubinsky is **Northern Micrographics** knowledgeable representative at MLW for the past few years.

Scott Hojnacki of **OCLC**, that icon of the library world, was new to MLW but quickly got the rhythm of the Workshop. Scott talked about plans and trends that **OCLC** watches and coordinates.

Peterson's provides tools for voluntary educational search and selection, test preparation and career advancement to DoD for all services' use. Robin Pettinato and Kim Marcelliano also spoke of **Peterson's** affiliation with **NELNET**.

Howard Alston and Margie Rowe of **Playaway** had a find display of **Playaway** products, the all-in-one audiobooks, which are pre-loaded with content....ready for listening in any situation in forward areas or a post/base library.

ProQuest stands ready to serve the military communities with a vast array of resources for unique research needs. Knowledgeable **ProQuest** representatives Chako Morgan, Clay Boss and Susan Brock proved to be good listeners as well, as MLW attendees talked about future needs.

MLD Vendors, continued

Recorded Books expanded beyond audiobooks and is now offering databases for language learning, test preparation and continuing education. Patrick Deering talked about the audiobooks and Charles McGonagle represented the language/education products of **Recorded Books**.

Denise Nason led the **Safari Books Online** team including Elizabeth Branson and Bonnie Williams as they talked about the on-demand digital library of over 12,000 expert reference and learning materials. **Safari Books Online** is a mainstay in many special libraries.

Serials Solutions, an affiliate of **ProQuest**, is a leader in e-resource access and management services (ERAMS) serving all sizes and types of military libraries. Matt Marks of **Serials Solutions** is a very product/customer oriented representative.

SirsiDynix, a longtime supporter of MLW and provider of library technology solutions, had two representatives, the familiar Cindy Stinnett, and Shawna Young, newly returned from military service in Iraq. Information on **SirsiDynix** product updates drew attendees to the booth.

A leading STM publisher, **Springer** offers a variety of eProducts....eBooks, Journals and databases. **Springer** representatives Michael Aparicio and Rumela Mitra reported on the expanding product line.

SWETS products and services assist partner libraries worldwide with information acquisition and management. Sujay Darji and Glenn Rossi spoke about **SWETS'** constant innovations to serve libraries.

Tantor Media, now a FEDLINK vendor, offers audio titles including required military reading list books and best-selling titles. Chris Hansen and John Molish are knowledgeable promoters of **Tantor Media** products.

Mary Nugent of the **Taylor & Francis** Group, publishers of scholarly journals, eBooks, reference materials and online resources, showed how the products enhance library collections. The **Taylor & Francis** booth displayed numerous publications.

Carol Tully of **Taped Editions** showed the latest best-selling titles in DVD and CD Format. **Taped Editions**, a woman-owned company, has made service to the libraries their mission.

Thomson Reuters provides tools and expertise that enhance discovery and accelerate science scholarship worldwide. And Pat Sproehle, Kristin Culp and Jennifer Lewis-Gallagher demonstrated the most recent developments we have come to expect from **Thomson Reuters** products.

Wiley-Blackwell celebrated 10 years of online books. Dennis St. Rose represents this wide variety of **Wiley** subject collections.

WT Cox provides subscription services as a partner for libraries. Deb Knox told attendees about expanded services offered by WT Cox that save time and money. Just what we wanted to hear!

This listing of exhibitors would not be complete without mention of two federal partners to the military community, **FEDLINK** and **DTIC**.

Thank you one and all for your expertise in bringing military library professionals up to date. Your time and talents are not wasted!

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Joint Base Librarianship at McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst

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"What is more important in a library than anything else - than everything else – is the fact that it exists". ~Archibald MacLeish.

Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst library staff wanted to make sure that libraries existed throughout the joint base. And now they do.

Within the past year, a single operation library on the McGuire side of the base has become a "library system" with the opening of a satellite library at the SFAC center on Ft. Dix and the expansion the book swap at Cyber Café on Lakehurst Naval Air Station to a center of full services. The three libraries now share materials and resources, and serve a 65-square-mile behemoth stretching through farmland and forests and flight lines, and offering books, DVDs, CDs, audio books, paperbacks, and electronic readers to Army, Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard, and Marines.

Weekly, library employees travel to each site, loading cars with library materials and supplies. The outreach library staff member works at each satellite library one-two days a week, performing all the same functions to get materials into the patrons' hands. They also implement and track services that initiate at the main branch located on McGuire, and then are delivered to the outreach sites weekly. Any member of the joint base community can use any or all of the three libraries as long as they have registered for a library privilege, using their base ID – military, civilian, dependent, or retiree.

Each library has its own needs and requests. The library services at the SFAC Center are tailored to assist the wounded warriors with materials that would help them with rehabilitation, transition, pursuit of educational venues, enhancement of job skills and dealing with employment issues. The library also provides this population with special services equipment and items that facilitate reading – CCTV – a monitor enlarging print; audio streaming computer – "text to voice" service that reads magazines and newspapers aloud; LARGE PRINT BOOKS.

Lakehurst already had a "paperback swap" in their lively Cyber Café. Now their shelves will house best-sellers, educational materials, gaming selections and non-fiction requests, Playaways, and DVDs. Children's books will also be provided to the CDC facility.

In keeping with the library's commitment to offer the broadest scope of services throughout the tri-base communities, the library has already hosted author talks and programs at both outreach centers and will continue with new presentations this coming year. A partnership with BURLINGTON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM has been initiated and arrangements for the county bookmobile to operate bi-weekly in the family housing area of Falcon Court North is now underway. This mobile library offers the military community over 1,000,000 more resources, including books, CDs and movies from 23 branches.

The goal of the Joint Base library system is to keep assessing the needs of each operation and address them accordingly. Customer service is the primary mission. As the main library pursues new collections and programs the outreach sites will now always be part of the considerations.

Though a library system "in progress," the system works. The library staff is pleasantly challenged by the development of this new "system" and the personnel at both outreach sites have been as enthusiastic and supportive as the patrons themselves. As this joint base library concept emerges, so do the ideas and activity levels of the involved staff. Base awareness of these services is growing and the library staff is developing procedures and policies that are tailored to each center's needs, yet can be applied throughout the system for continuity and smooth execution of customer service.

"Libraries are not made; they grow." ~Augustine Birrell

And, yes... the Joint Base Library will continue to grow.

Why I Want to Be a Military Librarian

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My interest in libraries began while serving 10 years active-duty in the Air Force. I often read in base libraries which instilled my deep appreciation for literature and fostered intellectual growth as I learned more about different cultures I was fortunate enough to have visited. I would often read about culturally historic places and would later go exploring them. This had a tremendous impact on my intellectual growth and directly influenced my decision to pursue a formal education.

Influenced by literature I decided to major in English as an undergraduate and my exposure to culture led to studying two years of French language classes. I was pleased to have graduated with honors and was quite humbled to have been accepted into the Phi Beta Kappa society.

As a graduate student I decided the next natural step for me is to come full-circle by returning back to military libraries as a librarian. I'd like to give back to the military community but I also can't wait to experience different cultures again. While on active-duty I learned just as much, if not more, about myself as I did about other people and their cultures through direct contact. I would really like the opportunity to foster those same types of developmental experiences with others in the military community.

Speaking as a future military librarian, I look forward to helping integrate the host country's culture into military libraries. By extending a hand of friendship to the host nation through outreach programs, I believe the social environment of a military library has the capacity to function as a didactic tool while serving the military community through the fundamental idea of "library as place."

My military service in combination with military libraries and the exposure to culture has influenced my perceptions for the better and has also helped to cultivate a lasting impression on who I am today. I am grateful for those experiences abroad while active-duty and I look forward to serving the military community again, this time in a military library.

"Poetry Starts With an Emotion," a Poetry Month Display at Grand Forks AFB

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In celebration of National Poetry Month, the Grand Forks Air Force Base Library has created a display to encourage people to renew their interest in poetry. "Poetry Starts with an Emotion" is the theme of this display, with physical representations of the most common emotions that inspire poetry such as love, anger and sadness. This is accomplished through words, pictures and art media. Dangling pictures, cloudy swirls of color and bold media words illustrate emotions swirling in the head of the poet. In conjunction with this display, the GFAFB Library is also sponsoring a drawing to encourage circulation of any poetry books in the facility. The prizes will be poetry kits with a special pen, mini journal, magnetic words and bracelet.



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Member News

Awards/Recognition

Arnold Engineering Development Center (AEDC)

Technical Library staff were recently recognized for research assistance provided to James Masters for his PhD thesis, "Winslow Elliptic Smoothing Equations Extended to Apply to General Regions of an Unstructured Mesh." The work was done for University of Tennessee-Chattanooga.

A team from the **Headquarters, US Army Materiel Command** has won a 2010 Defense Standardization Program Outstanding Achievement Award for their Standards & Specifications Cost Benefit Analysis to consolidate procurement of industry standards and specifications across the AMC Enterprise. The team included three librarians, a budget analyst, and a contracting representative. Librarian members are: **Timothy Edwards**, AMC Command Librarian; **Gloria Miller**, HQ AMC Librarian, and **Paul Fritts**, AMC Standards & Specifications Program Manager.

Positions

Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School (TJAGLCS)

Heather Enderle began a new position in July as Electronic Services Librarian at The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School (TJAGLCS) in Charlottesville, Virginia. TJAGLCS trains Judge Advocates, civilian lawyers and paralegals in military legal education. The Electronic Services Librarian position is a new position and is part of the Administrative and Civil Law Department. A graduate of The Catholic University of America, the University of Virginia and Washington and Lee University, Heather joins the school after almost ten years in law firm libraries.

Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) welcomes two new Reference and Instruction Librarians:

Andrea Davis recently joined Dudley Knox Library as a Reference & Instruction Librarian focusing on digital reference initiatives. Andrea previously worked at the Berkman Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University and the Wheelock College Library, Boston MA. She is a recent graduate of the Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Boston MA.

Kathy Norton began working at Dudley Knox Library as an intern while earning her MLIS at San Jose State University. During the internship, she discovered that she enjoyed the challenge and fulfillment of working in an academic military library and recently came on board full time. She brings a background in public service, having worked at Watsonville Public Library for many years. She

appreciates the positive, forward looking, team culture fostered within the Reference group and within the library as a whole. "It's an exceptional place and I'm happy to be here."

Editors Note: I am delighted that of these new librarians have joined my team. It has been energizing for all of us!

U.S. Naval Academy

James Rettig has been selected as the Library Director and Associate Dean for Information Services and will assume that position on August 1. The full press release is available on the Library's website at <http://www.usna.edu/library/about/news/027-new-librarian-announced.pdf>

Retirements

Mary Ellen McMurtrie has retired from Honeywell Aero Library. She submitted this message to the MLD list on February 28, 2011: "Fun begins on March 3rd. 18 years with Honeywell and mostly a good time. Keep up the great work helping our men and women and families serving in the military. I have enjoyed knowing you electronically and will keep track via SLA membership."

Carolyn J. Ray has retired from her position as STINFO Officer at Wright-Patterson AFB. She submitted this message to the list in February. "Farewell dear colleagues - I have another few hours as a government employee and then begin retired life. So many fond memories of times with you all as part of SLA, MLD and the Workshop. I only hope that the new generation of federal librarians will have those same opportunities to travel, learn from each other and develop friendships that I had. SLA and MLD have been such strong advocates for the profession and have given us a voice and visibility with our organizations that we could never have accomplished alone. Best wishes for your continued success. "

Susan Tarbell writes, "Wanted to let the Division know of my upcoming retirement. I will be retiring as of February 25 after 21 years at the Air Force Weather Technical Library at Scott AFB, IL and then in Asheville, NC since 1998. The library has been moved to Offutt AFB, NE but no Librarian has been hired yet. It has been a great run!

Obituary

Alice Roy, retired Federal Command Librarian for Strategic and Tactical Air Command, passed away on January 23rd, 2011. Read more: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/kansas/obituary.aspx?n=alice-roberta-roy&pid=148089569&fhid=5367#ixzz1HlCgdN6z>.



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