Message From the President— Ida Z. daRoza

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president this year. It was a pleasure meeting many of you at the workshops we held and to work with such a stellar Board.

Before I review some of this past year’s highlights, I think it is important to let you know about the reorganization that took place this year within the California Library Association and what it means for our Technical Service members.

THE NEW CLA – FROM ACTSS to TSIG

This year there was great structural change within the California Library Association. The former three tier system of sections, interest groups and round tables was streamlined into a single tier.

Those groups that wanted to continue within CLA in concurrence with CLA by-law changes needed to officially advise CLA that they would like to continue on as an Interest Group.

The ACTSS board agreed to the name change from Access Collections and Technical Services Section (ACTSS), to the Technical Services Interest Group (TSIG). On July 21st, 2009, the CLA office sent out a broadcast to all members stating the name change.

BENEFITS OF THE SINGLE TIER SYSTEM

With a single tier system, the CLA is able to offer equal services across the board to its membership. Each interest group is provided with a web page and listserv. This change equalizes the benefits for CLA members which was not the case in the past. For TSIG the web page is still http://cla-net.org/aboutcla/actss.php.

To subscribe to the TSIG listserv, please go to http://lists.cla-net.org/listinfo.cgi/actss-cla-net.org.

NEW BENEFITS TO TSIG MEMBERS – ENHANCED CONNECTIVITY

Richard Berta, CLA tech guru or officially the Membership, Marketing, & Communications Manager has enhanced the Web 2.0 presence for members enabling interactive connection within the CLA membership.

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Newsletter Co-Editor: Bie-hwa Ma
Newsletter Editorial Board: TSIG Board Members
CLA MESSAGE FORUM

There is a forum message board for CLA as a whole, with separate message boards for interest groups who request one. TSIG’s message board can be found at http://cla-net.org/forum/index.php.

CLA FACEBOOK

For those on Facebook, type California Library Association in the search box and choose to become a fan. This will post updates to your Facebook news feed about what is happening in the Association. CLA is doing a nice job of posting frequent updates and posting photos of events. There are currently over 300 CLA Fans and an archive of digital photo albums. This archive includes photos of the TSIG Spring Fling Events.

CLA TWITTER

CLA’s Twitter is http://twitter.com/CalLibAssoc. There is an official 2009 CLA Conference hashtag - #cla09 or #cla2009.

CLA E-PUBLISHING OPPORTUNITIES

CLA’s California Libraries has been reformatted as well into a monthly e-newsletter format.

We would like to encourage TSIG members to submit articles for publication to Richard Berta rberta@cla-net.org at the beginning of each month. He would like to have 1-3 articles per Interest Group leaders per issue, with a length anywhere from 200-500 words.

ACTSS 2008-2009

SECOND LIFE MEETING: ACTSS had a successful year starting with a Second Life meeting two weeks following the CLA 2008 Long Beach conference (see full detailed article in this issue).

SPRING FLING WORKSHOPS: CLA started a new program called Spring Fling this year in the interest of bringing programming to members in between the CLA annual conferences. Through our NCTPG liaison Aimee Algier we partnered with NCTPG to provide a series of three cataloging workshops in the spring: Chinese Cataloging, RDA Workshop and Spanish Cataloging. We had a great workshop turnout with over 70 attendees (See full detailed article in this issue).

TSIG 2009-2010

Board changes: Due to an exciting new job opportunity, our ACTSS vice president/president-elect Peter Nguyen is regrettably unable to continue as our next TSIG Chair. Our ACTSS/TSIG secretary, Bie-hwa Ma, was seen as a strong leader to fill this vacancy. She worked tirelessly for the Interest Group preparing Spring Fling and Conference programs. Thus, we are pleased to announce that Bie-hwa accepted the Board’s proposal to fill the position of Interest Group Chair. Our nominations committee chair, Sandra Schmitz who has been a dedicated Board member, was asked by the Board and agreed to fill the position of vice Chair/Chair-Elect.

Procedures for Interest Group elections are still being developed within the new CLA structure. The TSIG Board moved quickly to fill the vacant officer positions so that a strong TSIG presence would continue for the upcoming conference. As Interest Group guidelines and best practices evolve, we will provide that information to the group.

Our Board has a history of volunteering to staff the CLA membership table in the CLA exhibits area. Please come by to say hello so we can meet each other in person. We want to hear from you and your concerns, needs or programming ideas. If you are unable to attend the conference and would like your questions or concerns reviewed at the Technical Services membership meeting, please email me at daRoza@smcl.org and we will get back to you.

One could not hope for a more dedicated and enthusiastic Board. I am grateful for all the time and energy everyone gave this year to keep our programming presence strong within the association. I feel I have earned another master’s degree in programming, collaboration and professionalism from this group. In closing, I want to recognize and thank each and every member of our board: Aimee Algier, Bie-hwa Ma, Elaine Franco, Julie Moore, Mary Cohen, Peter Nguyen, Sandra Schmitz, Xiaoli Li, Yu-lan Chou, Marie Nguyen, Craig Cruz, Michael Smith and Sandra A. Vella. You can now erase the great number of emails from the past year and free up space on your hard drive!
TSIG Programs at CLA Annual Conference and Pre-conference

Ready for RDA Implementation?
Monday, November 2, 2009
9:00-10:15 AM

*Presenters: Chamya Pompey Kincy (UCLA) and Luiz H. Mendes (CSU Northridge)*

Resource Description and Access (RDA) is the new cataloging standard designed to replace AACR2. It is a fundamental rethinking of cataloging theory and practice that challenges catalogers to respond to the opportunities of a digital environment. This program will report the latest RDA implementation plans; discuss implications for local libraries; illustrate key changes between AACR2 and RDA through sample bibliographic records constructed according to RDA; and inform catalogers of opportunities for RDA training, especially training available regionally and electronically.

Chinese Cataloging Workshop
Friday, October 30, 2009
9:00 AM—3:00 PM

*Shi Deng, UC San Diego Libraries; Jeanny Chan, Cerritos Library; and Yu-lan Chou, Innovative Interfaces, Inc.*

A workshop for catalogers from public libraries or smaller academic/research libraries, or anyone responsible for managing/cataloging Chinese language materials. Working knowledge of MARC and AACR2, as well as a reading knowledge of Chinese required. Cataloging workflows, policies, vendor-provided acquisition records, batch processing, Chinese scripts, Unicode, ILS, RDA, and all other specifics pertaining to Chinese cataloging for monographic, continuous, microform, and audiovisual resources will be addressed. Authority records will not be covered.

When the Earth Quakes: From California To China
Sunday, November 1, 2009
1:30pm–3:00pm

*Presenters: Dr. Jean-Pierre Bardet, University of Southern California, Dr. Yong-Gang Li, University of Southern California, Dr. Susan C. Curzon, Dean, University Library, California State University, Northridge, Sally C. Tseng, CALA Honorary Executive Director, and Joy Wang, Moderator, Soka University of America Library*

In response to pervasive earthquake damage and losses, the speakers will share their expertise from their efforts in investigation and research, and leadership and management in the rebuilding and preservation of invaluable collections from the 1994 earthquake in Northridge, CA and the 2008 devastating 8.0 magnitude earthquake in China. This Program benefits administrators, librarians and staff in all types of libraries, archives and museums with methods and strategies that can be applied to safety preparedness and the reduction of damage and losses and to preservation programs.

Sponsored by the Chinese American Librarians Association, Southern California Chapter (CALA-SCA Chapter) and cosponsored by the CLA Technical Services Interest Group (formerly: CLA ACTSS) and the CLA Chinese American Librarians Interest Group

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TSIG Membership and Board Meetings
Sunday, November 1
Pasadena Convention Center
Room TBA
Membership Meeting
3:15-3:50 pm
Board Meeting
3:55-4:30 pm
Council of Regional Groups (CRG)

The Council of Regional Groups (CRG) provides a link between the American Library Association’s technical services division (ALCTS, the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services) and affiliated technical services groups. The Council of Regional Groups (CRG) is a unit of ALCTS committed to promoting the interests of organizations that are affiliated with ALCTS at the state, local, and regional levels. It promotes the activities of the affiliates by assisting them with information and advice for their programs, and advising ALCTS about their interests and continuing education needs. The CLA Technical Services Interest Group is affiliated with ALCTS through CRG.

The more active regional groups have attracted and retained members by providing conference programs and continuing education opportunities on topics of interest to technical services librarians. The activities of the CLA Technical Services Interest Group compare favorably with those of other regional groups.

The CRG wiki [http://alcts.ala.org/crgwiki/index.php?title=Main_Page](http://alcts.ala.org/crgwiki/index.php?title=Main_Page) includes a directory of CRG affiliates and links to a Continuing Education Clearinghouse and a Speakers Bureau. Through the CE Clearinghouse you can find or share continuing education offerings and see materials from successful programs sponsored by affiliates. The Speakers Bureau Directory includes individuals who are willing to present at conferences or workshops for no additional fees beyond travel expenses. All entries in the directory include areas of expertise and current contact information.

The Council of Regional Groups (CRG) provides a forum at American Library Association conferences for representatives of the affiliated state and regional technical services organizations to report on their activities, compare notes, get new ideas, receive reports on ALCTS activities, and have opportunity for input. In April 2009 CRG held its first online meeting, using GoToWebinar software. Participants expressed interest in having online membership meetings twice a year, with more opportunities for affiliate groups to participate. The recording of the online meeting and the PowerPoint presentations are available on the CRG wiki.

CRG also maintains an email discussion list that includes officers and representatives from the affiliates as well as CRG officers and committee members.

CRG works within ALCTS through an elected Executive Committee, appointed CRG committees, and liaisons to many ALCTS committees. All ALCTS members are eligible to serve on CRG committees and as CRG representatives to ALCTS division-level committees. CRG offers many opportunities for involvement in ALCTS for newer librarians seeking national-level association experience. Prior experience in state or regional associations is considered a valuable asset for prospective CRG volunteers and new people are encouraged to volunteer for CRG committees. Non-members of ALCTS are welcome to apply for selection to the Speakers Bureau.

If you are interested in building professional communities across distance and developing your association savvy and leadership potential, involvement in CRG may be for you. Many active CRG members have developed skills that allowed them to “move on” to other responsibilities within ALCTS and ALA. While professional leave and financial support for face-to-face meetings at national conferences...
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References have become less available for many interested librarians, opportunities for virtual membership in CRG committees have continued to grow.

*Submitted by Elaine Franco, ALCTS/CRG Representative*

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Assembly

April 14, 2009
CPhA Building Board Room
Sacramento, CA

The big news from the Assembly is that this meeting was the last meeting. (As per the CLA restructuring, the Assembly layer of the organizational structure was dissolved as of July 1, 2009.) President Barbara Roberts presided.

The timeline for the election of the 2009 President Elect and Board of Directors was set for the nominating committee, chaired by Monique le Conge, to act upon. Assembly members were encouraged to contact the nominating committee if they were interested in self-nomination for serving on the Board.

Barbara Roberts reported that the Executive Committee is in the final stages of selecting an Executive Director or deciding to contract with an association management firm.

Barbara Roberts concluded the final Assembly meeting by recognizing each Assembly member with a certificate and thanked us for our service.

*Respectfully Submitted by Julie Moore, ACTSS Assembly Representative*

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CLA Spring Fling Workshops

**SPRING FLING**
CLA implemented a new program this year called Spring Fling with the intent to bring programming to members in between the annual conferences. Our board provided a strong show of support for this new program by arranging three Spring programs out of the eleven that were offered.

Within our Technical Services Interest Group board this year we had many diverse, multilingual members. Three of the board members were, in fact, ALA Spectrum Scholars. As many of us had experience working in world language collections, we wanted to share this experience and connection to other specialists in the field within the TSIG membership.

Barbara Roberts discussed the IT Task Force recommendations for CLA to purchase. This included: Drupal 6.0 (for better web presence); Microsoft Office Professional 2007 (office technology); and WebEx (virtual communication tool).

Rosario Garza headed the Standing Rules, Organization and Bylaws Committee. They transformed the existing Standing Rules and Bylaws into new documents. The 2009 Standing Rules were approved at the April 14 Assembly meeting. The 2009 Bylaws were scheduled to take effect July 1, 2009. Everything should be pretty well in place when the new Board of Directors meets at CLA Conference 2009.

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**SPRING INTO CLA CONFERENCE 2009**

When we posted the Spring Fling sessions, we received emails from catalogers in Southern California asking if another session would be repeated in the South. Our board proactively submitted CLA conference proposals on the topic of Chinese Cataloging and RDA. We regret we were not able to provide a Spanish cataloging program at this year’s conference.

Board members Bie-hwa Ma and Yu-Lan Chou have arranged a fabulous pre-conference Chinese Cataloging workshop for the Pasadena CLA Conference on Friday October 30, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Elaine Franco and Xiaoli Li of UC Davis have also arranged a program on the current status of RDA now in the testing phase. This program is scheduled for November 2, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Even if you attended the Spring Fling workshops, the Chinese Cataloging and RDA programs will have different speakers and a variation on the information provided in the Spring workshops. We hope you will attend these valuable sessions.

*Reported by Ida Z. daRoza*

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**Chinese Cataloging Workshop**

On April 24, 2009, ACTSS provided a well-attended, full day program on Chinese Cataloging at San Jose State University’s MLK Library. Board members Bie-hwa Ma and Yu-Lan Chou presented, as well as, arranged a panel of four speakers for this program. Other featured speakers were Diane Lai, head of technical services from San Jose’s Public Library and Ai-lin Yang, Chinese Cataloging Librarian, from the East Asia Library at Stanford University.

This workshop was designed for public librarians or colleagues from libraries with a small Chinese collection. It was a first attempt to complement ALCTS’ cataloging workshops from different perspectives in applying cataloging rules, sources of catalog records, batch processing, recent development, Unicode, CJK indexing, workflow, integrating library system, and other issues pertaining to cataloging and acquiring Chinese materials.

Among the participants, 27% were from academic libraries, 64% from public libraries, and 9% are vendors. In order to help the speakers prepare the materials, a cataloging background survey of ten simple questions was conducted. Below are the summarized survey results:

- 82% are catalogers and 18% are in public services
- 18% are non-fluent Chinese speakers and 9% are non-Chinese speakers who came to obtain the information for their volunteer staff (who are Chinese speakers)

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- 56% have more than three years of cataloging experience, 33% have less than one year, and 11% have no experience
- 67% of the institutions present were not PCC participants, 22% were NACO participants, and 11% unknown
- When asked to suggest what topics from the tentative topics to be focused on, 22% said all topics, 78% did not answer

In general, the survey results show that the workshop successfully fulfilled the participants’ needs and expectations. Most participants felt that the content was at their expertise level except for a few from academic libraries where the need may be in more specific areas like the workshops provided by ALCTS instead of the broader and generic topics that were presented. Some participants asked us if ACTSS can sponsor a workshop in cataloging Chinese audiovisual materials. Overall, it was a great learning and interactive experience for us as well as for the participants. It provided catalogers and those in collection development an opportunity to question experts in the field. It also brought colleagues from different types of libraries together to exchange skills and experience of creatively and efficiently cataloging and processing Chinese materials in North America.

Special thanks to our host Diane Lai, for letting us have the workshop at the San Jose MLK library and to board member Peter Nguyen and honorary board member Janice Wakimoto for their administrative help.


Reported by Bie-hwa Ma and Ida Z. DaRoza
Spanish Cataloging Workshop

There is a great demand for Spanish materials in California libraries. While there is always original Spanish cataloging to be done, there are seldom workshops on the topic. With that in mind, our other non-English cataloging workshop was Spanish Cataloging held on June 5, 2009, at Redwood City Public Library.

I had once taken an advanced cataloging class which involved doing original cataloging in Spanish. Lynnette Fields, now a lecturer at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, agreed to come to California and teach an expanded version of original Spanish cataloging to our membership. Professor Lynn Fields reviewed cataloging and authority control rules specific to Spanish cataloging. By the end of the class, everyone had cataloged a sample book in Spanish. Attendees included Southern California catalogers.

A special thank you goes to Maria Kramer, division manager of Redwood City, for allowing us to hold the workshop on the premises and to board member Sandra Schmitz for her administrative help.

Reported by Ida Z. daRoza

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AACR2, FRBR, and RDA: It’s a Brave, New Cataloging World!

Dr. Robert Ellett, Lecturer at the School of Library & Information Sciences, San Jose State University and Catalog Librarian at the Joint Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia presented the workshop entitled AACR2, FRBR, and RDA: It’s a Brave, New Cataloging World! at Santa Clara University on May 13, 2009. Dr. Ellett was an excellent speaker for this topic, since he is so involved with committees studying RDA, Resource, Description and Access (the new cataloging rules designed to replace AACR2). His participation in the RDA Implementation Task Force was particularly useful for this workshop, because he has access to recent RDA news.

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He provided an overview of the history of cataloging, and how we arrived at our current cataloging rules, AACR2. He also explained the impetus for the need to change and move forward with our rules. A few issues that were mentioned included: current rules are outdated, Anglo-biased, and there are some basic problems with the current rules; published resources are more varied; technology has improved; users have new expectations; multiple standards are needed for metadata created in many venues (it is not just for libraries anymore); and librarians desire a principle-based set of rules. (The Internet has also rocked the bibliographic world.)

Before one can leap into RDA, it is necessary to gain a clear understanding of FRBR (Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records), because FRBR is the conceptual model on which RDA is running. Therefore, Dr. Ellett spent a good portion of his time explaining FRBR. The IFLA Study Group on the Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Record published its report in 1998. (This has been in the works for over 15 years). This group was working on (and continues to work on) an entity-relationship model (emphasizing the relationships between and among materials, creators, and subjects) independent of cataloging rules or codes. In learning FRBR, one must master a new vocabulary and how each word relates. At the roughest level, FRBR is composed of entities, relationships, and attributes. There are three entity groups. At this point, most of us are trying to get our heads wrapped around the Group 1 Entities, namely: Work, Expression, Manifestation, and Item. After going through each of these new concepts, Dr. Ellett gave us a quiz. (Correct answers were rewarded with chocolate bars!) He also discussed the Group 2 entities (those responsible for the intellectual content) and Group 3 entities (subjects). As a conceptual model, FRBR has been a success.

It is expected that FRBR will improve the user experience in locating information, cut costs for creating description and access to resources in libraries, and position information providers to better operate in the Internet environment and beyond. Now, we need cataloging rules to ride on top of this model ... thus, the impetus for what is now called RDA.

RDA will initially come out as an online tool. It is being written so that it can be used by any communications format (including MARC, UNIMARC, MARCXML, MODS/MADSDC, EAD, ISBD, VRA, MPEG7). It should also be more compatible with other similar standards (such as Archives’ ISAD(G) for Archives and Museums’ Cataloging Cultural Objects).
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In using RDA, the cataloger must answer the questions:

- What is the content type?
- Held in what carrier form?
- To what other resources is it related?
- To which persons, families or corporate bodies is it related?
- To what concepts, events and places is it related?

Most catalogers reading this will think, “So what’s new? We already do that!”

This attendee appreciated Dr. Ellett’s slide:

RDA Key Messages:

- Not much is new …
  But it’s arranged differently.
- Clarifies the processes …
  That we already follow.
- Potential for new developments

It is important to remember that MARC is a communications format. We can expect small changes to MARC because of RDA – a few new tags and a few new codes – not a big deal. Most of the changes will be in how we think about cataloging. There will be a few new rules that will change how we catalog. Take abbreviations, for example. We will use abbreviations only if words appear in abbreviated form in the source being transcribed. We will spell out "edition" and "Department" if those words appear in spelled out form in the source. We will spell out "pages" and "volumes" and "illustrations". Additionally, we will be writing out: “Place of publication not identified” (instead of [S.l.]); “publisher not identified” (instead of [s.n.]); and “date of publication not identified.”

“The Rule of Three” is no more in RDA. For example, if seven authors are listed, they all get transcribed. There is a possibility of only including the first named in a group. For example, Julie Moore [and six others]. (Motivation to get your name listed first on co-authored publications!)

Once RDA is released (now expected in November 2009), the U.S. national libraries (Library of Congress, National Agricultural Library, and National Library of Medicine) (plus a test group of 23 various types and sizes of libraries) will assess the content and online functionality. A report on these findings will be shared with the U.S. library community in October 2010. Depending on the results of that report, RDA will then be implemented. In the meantime, Dr. Ellett encouraged participants to study FRBR and RDA as well as talk with vendors of integrated library systems to determine what preparations are being made for the new cataloging code.

Dr. Ellett did an outstanding job with this workshop, putting participants at ease with FRBR and RDA with his usual wit and humor. Incidentally, Julie Moore was the ALA ALCTS/OLAC Preconference Chair for Cataloging Digital Media Back to the Future, who recruited Dr. Ellett to speak on...
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RDA and FRBR at that preconference as well as serving as Master of Ceremonies, ALA, Chicago, July 2009.

Reported by Julie Renee Moore
California State University, Fresno

Official RDA Timeline
(as of this writing)

- **July 12, 2009**: Meeting for test partners 1:30-3:30 PM
- **Summer/Fall 2009**: Steering Committee prepares documentation and training materials
- **November 2009**: *RDA Online* released
- **January – March 2010**: Preparatory period, preliminary use of *RDA*
- **April – June 2010**: Formal testing
- **July – September 2010**: Formal Assessment
- **October 2010**: Final report shared with U.S. library community


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CLA Technical Services Conference in Second Life

Second Life is a free virtual world that can be used to hold meetings in between face-to-face conferences. (People are represented by avatars, using their own natural voices and/or instant messaging.)

With travel budgets being slashed, there is an imperative for us to find meeting/workshop solutions that do not require as much expense as face-to-face gatherings. Second Life is definitely a viable option, and the price is right (it’s free). CLA has an office building on Second Life. The big highlight from this past year was the ACTSS Second Life Conference that was held on November 22, 2008 (two weeks after the 2008 CLA Conference in Long Beach.) Sandra Vella (a.k.a. Agnesa Capalini), University of California, Davis and Vice President of the Academic Section of CLA has been the Pied Piper of Second Life for CLA. Along with many others, Sandra has trained a number of our Technical Services members to use Second Life. (She has taught us all to fly!) Teo Matova provided her space for this meeting as well as the snacks and drinks.

We met in the Talis Cybrary Island Coliseum. Ida Daroza (a.k.a. IdaZapa Zapatero), San Mateo County Library and ACTSS/TSIG President welcomed everyone to the first ever California Library Association’s ACTSS meeting in Second Life. Peter Nguyen (a.k.a. Hiro Paulino), San Jose Public Library and ACTSS Vice President and Julie Moore...
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(a.k.a. Cookie Sturtevant), California State University, Fresno and ACTSS Assembly Representative assisted with this meeting along with Sandra Vella.

Ida gave an overview of the Spring Fling programs that we were planning on making available. The main purpose of this meeting (beyond seeing if it was an acceptable venue) was to see if people had other suggestions of programming that they would like to see in Second Life. A number of ideas were floated. One participant suggested a question and

answer session on RDA. Everyone seemed very excited about that idea.

We ended the meeting by socializing and tasting the scrumptious hors d’oeuvres. (No calories!) We also enjoyed all sorts of beverages. Tio turned on the dance ball, so we could dance the night away. After dancing, we went outside of the coliseum where we took Venetian gondola rides along the canals. A few people fell overboard, but not to worry … no one was injured. Some of us even had enjoyable conversations under the water! A good time was had by all!

If you would like a crash course (or a brush up course) on Second Life please contact Sandy Vella, UC Davis, savella@ucdavis.edu

Submitted by Ida DaRoza (a.k.a. IdaZapa Zapatero )
San Mateo County Library and TSIG President;
Julie Moore (a.k.a. Cookie Sturtevant)
California State University, Fresno &
ACTSS Assembly Representative

Venetian gondolas

others find the open bar too!

Sandy and Ida found the drink table!
TSIG Award News

Call for Nominations

CLA TECHNICAL SERVICES INTEREST GROUP AWARD OF ACHIEVEMENT

The Technical Services Interest Group of the California Library Association (formerly known as the Access, Collections, and Technical Services Section) is seeking nominations for the Technical Services Interest Group Award of Achievement to acknowledge superior achievement by an individual in those areas of the library profession that encompass technical services.

All members of the library community are invited to take this opportunity to recognize deserving technical services colleagues who have made significant contributions in those areas of librarianship that have been especially challenged by the need for innovation and adaptation in dealing with rapidly changing technology and work environments.

The Technical Services Interest Group Award is available each year to a qualified recipient identified by the TSIG Award Committee. The award committee must consider only those individuals who have been formally nominated, but is not required to name an award winner each year. The award was established in 1997 and has been presented almost every following year.

Although there are no restrictions regarding who may nominate a candidate for the award, the following restrictions apply to potential award recipients:

ELIGIBILITY:
1) Nominee has worked for a portion of the past year in a California library.
2) Nominee is a member of the California Library Association.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION are outstanding achievements in one or more of the following areas:
1) Leadership in professional associations at the local, state, regional, national, or international level.
2) Significant contributions to the development, application, or utilization of new or improved methods, techniques, and routines demonstrating creativity and innovation.
3) Significant contributions to the professional literature.
4) Significant studies or research.

To nominate an individual, please provide the following information about the nominee:

NAME
CURRENT TITLE
ADDRESS
PHONE
EMAIL

Submit a statement (no more than 350 words) in which you identify the achievement(s) for which you recommend the award to be presented to this individual, and briefly describe the impact of the achievement(s) on those areas of the library profession that encompass technical services. Include your own name, phone number, and email address.

Please send your nomination via email message or email attachment (and any questions about the award) to:

Sandra Schmitz
tsigaward@yahoo.com

DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2009.

The award will be presented at the 2009 California Library Association Conference in Pasadena, during the CLA Awards Ceremony on Friday, October 30, 2009 (assuming a favorable decision from the TSIG Award Committee).

For more information about the CLA Technical Services Interest Group, including a list of past award recipients, see the website: <http://cla-net.org/aboutcla/actss.php>

Submitted by Elaine A. Franco
New Leader Award Experience

by Michael Smith

As someone relatively new to the library profession I recognize the value in attending conferences, like the CLA gathering each fall. The opportunity to network, participate in workshops, and hear about the latest issues of concern to librarians is especially important. As a struggling graduate student or new library professional, however, it is often not feasible to budget in the cost of attending. Hotel, travel, and conference fees are often out of reach for many of us.

This was my situation in the fall of 2008. I was in my second to last semester of graduate school at San Jose State and had all but written off an opportunity to attend the CLA conference that year. I was devoting much of my discretionary income to school fees, books, and other incidental expenses. Ironically, just a few months earlier, I had left a full-time position with the Fresno County Public Library where I was scheduled to attend CLA with my colleagues. During that summer, however, my wife accepted a position at Chico State and I left behind an employer who was willing to pay my way to CLA.

Then I saw the announcement for the Technical Services Interest Group New Leader Award. While I would not necessarily consider myself a “new leader”, I had spent the previous four years in Fresno as a copy cataloger, was close to finishing my MLIS, belonged to the CLA, ALA, and a local library council, and had a great interest in the technical services aspects of the library profession. I applied and soon found out I had won the award.

The award not only provided me a financial incentive to attend the CLA conference, but also offered an instant networking opportunity with the chance to meet and talk with the TSIG members. All were extremely helpful, with advice about the conference, workshops to attend, and speakers to hear. In addition, I assisted with the three TSIG sponsored workshops and attended the TSIG membership and board meetings, all of which provided me an “insider’s view” of the conference. In short, it was a wonderful experience and I thank the members of TSIG for the opportunity.

Since receiving the award and attending the conference last fall, much has changed for me professionally. I finished my degree and graduated in May of this year. With the California economy in such dire straits, however, it has been difficult to find full-time employment. Public libraries are dealing with lay-offs and a decrease in hours. The CSU and UC systems are facing their own budget shortfalls as well. Through some persistence and networking I was able to secure a part-time adjunct faculty position at Butte Community College as a reference and bibliographic instruction librarian. Although it is not in the technical services department and I work very few hours each week, I feel lucky to be working at all in this economy.

As a part-time employee I get no travel funds so I will not be attending the CLA conference this year. But I want to again reiterate my appreciation and thanks to the TSIG board for the opportunity to attend last year. It was a valuable experience and I think the next New Leader Award winner will agree.

Michael Smith is a reference and bibliographic instruction librarian at Butte Community College and lives in Chico, California.
Many Thanks to Our 2008-2009 ACTSS/TSIG Leaders!

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New Vice Chair/Chair-Elect

After receiving my MLS from the University of Minnesota in 1976, I worked for twelve years as a librarian in the Minnesota State University system, cataloguing everything from monographs, maps and microforms to serials, scores, and local history documents. My greatest challenge during that time was teaching, in my second year out of library school, the cataloguing course in my university’s library science program. My students survived the experience and did well, and explaining to others how and why we catalogue and fielding their questions strengthened my own knowledge and skills. My second greatest challenge was being in charge of the university library one Sunday evening when a tornado came through. (Fortunately, it missed the library.)

Twenty years ago, I left Minnesota to come to California, and became the music cataloguer at the Berkeley Public Library. My current professional interests (besides technical services, of course!) include the use of technology to improve library users’ experience and library internal processes, and the role of e-materials in public library collections.

I’m happy to have served on the TSIG board for the past year and to have assisted in the provision of continuing education for technical service librarians in our state. I look forward to working with our incoming chair, Bie-Hwa Ma, our past president, Ida daRoza, the members of the TSIG board, and librarians throughout our state in TSIG’s continuing efforts to support the needs of technical services librarians in California.

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