Geneva Henry, executive director of Rice University’s Digital Library Initiative, has been named a Digital Library Federation (DLF) distinguished fellow. Working with a team of DLF colleagues, Henry will develop the DLF Services Framework, an initiative that seeks to understand and communicate the business processes of libraries in the new world of digital information and to relate them to emerging services. It is intended to provide the community with a roadmap and a common reference vocabulary around which to organize collective attention to library services in a changing networked environment. The fellowship is part of the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR)/DLF Distinguished Fellows Program, which was established in 2000 as a means of giving talented individuals an opportunity to pursue their own research while helping advance the agendas of CLIR and DLF.

Appointments

Douglas Anderson has been appointed director of the Dawes Memorial Library at Marietta College in Ohio. Anderson previously served as systems officer with the University of Alabama Libraries. Prior to that he had been director of the library at Presbyterian College in South Carolina and head of automated systems and cataloging at Furman University.

While in South Carolina he served as chair of the Library Directors Council of the South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities and was a founding cochair of PASCAL, the Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries.

Dalia L. Hagan is now the director of Whitman College’s Penrose Library. She had served as library director at Saint Martin’s College in Lacey, Washington, for 17 years. Hagan’s professional memberships include service on the boards of the Library Administration and Management Association; the Orbis Cascade Alliance; the Northwest Association of Private Colleges and Universities, Libraries; the Puget Sound Academic Independent Libraries; and the Washington Library Association.

Joyce Ogburn is now director of the J. Willard Marriott Library at the University of Utah. She has more than 20 years of experience in academic libraries. In addition to her most recent position as associate director of the libraries for resources and collection management services at the University of Washington, Ogburn has served in similar posts at Old Dominion University, Yale University, and Pennsylvania State University. She is involved in several national organizations, including the American Anthropological Association, ACRL, the Center for Research Libraries, and SPARC.

Virginia Steel has been named university librarian at the University of California-Santa Cruz (UCSC). Steel had previously been director of libraries at Washington State University-Pullman and prior to that position, she spent four years at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as associ-
ate director for public services. She also held several high-level library management positions at University of California-San Diego between 1988 and 1997. Steel said that one of her high-priority goals in her new position is to facilitate the McHenry Library expansion and renovation project that began in the fall.

Tom W. Dillard has been appointed head of the special collections department at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville.

Elaine Dong has joined the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville as the new special formats cataloging librarian.

Tess Gibson has been named head of the interlibrary loan department at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville.

Patricia E. Kirkwood is now the engineering and mathematics librarian at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville.

Rich McGowan has been appointed assistant librarian in information services at the Weill Medical College of Cornell University.

Michelle McKinney has joined the staff of University of Cincinnati’s Raymond Walters College Library as reference/instruction services librarian.

Fran Mentch has joined the staff at Cleveland State University as social and behavioral sciences librarian.

Timothy G. Nutt is the new manuscripts and rare books librarian in the special collections department at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville.

Judy Ruttenberg has been appointed Triangle Research Libraries Network (TRLN) project librarian at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Diane Worrell has been named special projects librarian in the special collections department at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville.

JiPing “Tim” Zou is the new head of the access services department at the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville.

Retirements

Sharon Bonk, chief librarian of Queens College-City University of New York, has retired after a 36 year career in academic librarianship. Bonk served as chief librarian of Queens for 12 years, where she was active in City University and a variety of New York state library committees. She served on the boards of METRO, (Metropolitan New York Library Council), NYSHEI (New York State Higher Education Initiative), and SUNY/OCLC and its successor NYLINK. She was a member of OCLC Users Council and OCLC’s Advisory Committee on College and University Libraries. She also served on and chaired the New York State Regents LSCA/LSTA Advisory Council. Prior to Queens College, she held a number of positions at the University at Albany-State University of New York, including assistant director for user services, assistant director for technical services, and interim director. While at Albany, she was involved in a number of RLG and ARL activities, including the initial RLG ILL cost study. While at Albany, she received the Nancy Stirling Lambert Scholarship, which provided her the opportunity to do research in the UK book trade while affiliated with the College of Librarianship.
Wales. Later, she was awarded a Fulbright Travel Award for work at the British Library Document Supply Center on the economics of interlibrary loan and document supply services. She began her career at Northeastern University, where she held positions in collection development, online search services, and serials. She taught courses in the Northeastern University library science minor program. She was active in ALA, including service on the ACRL ULS Board and Program Committees, and numerous ALCTS committees, including the ALCTS Board of Directors, Budget and Finance Committee, and the Council of Regional Groups. She also served on the New York Library Association Executive Board when she was president of NYLA’s Section of Management of Resources and Technology, from which she received Professional Achievement Award in 2000.

William Young, a member of the Reference Management Team of the University at Albany (UA) Libraries-State University of New York, retired on January 20, 2006, after 31 years of service to the library profession. Young began working at the UA Libraries in 1980, where he served as a member of the reference group and was twice selected to be the team leader. In his retirement, Young plans to work in the private sector.

Deaths

Gerald Hodges, 61, ALA associate executive director for communications and marketing, has died. Hodges joined the ALA staff in 1989 as director of Membership Services and the Chapter Relations Office. His first professional job was as head librarian and Spanish teacher at Florida Central Academy in Sorrento from 1968 to 1970. A longtime member and supporter of ALA, Hodges had stipulated that a portion of his estate be used to establish the Gerald Hodges Fund, in support of intellectual freedom issues and legal challenges to legislation such as the Children’s Internet Protection Act and the USA Patriot Act. Hodges had also asked that, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to the Gerald Hodges Fund. Make checks payable to the American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611, and send to the attention of Judith Krug, director, Office for Intellectual Freedom.

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