Stephen Bosch, materials budget, procurement, and licensing librarian at the University of Arizona, has been selected by the Association for Library Collections and Technical Services to receive the 2006 Leadership in Library Acquisitions Award. Sponsored annually by Harassowitz, the award is given to a librarian to recognize contributions and outstanding leadership in the field of acquisitions. Bosch has written and presented extensively in the areas of serial and book pricing, use measurement, licensing, and management of electronic resources. The Greater Western Library Alliance nominated him for his leadership in cooperative acquisitions, and licensing endeavors on behalf of the consortia.

James R. Rettig, university librarian at the University of Richmond, has been selected as the 2006 Alumnus of the Year by the Alumni Association of the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Library and Information Studies.

Tito Sierra, North Carolina State University (NCSU) Libraries’ digital technologies development librarian, has been named one of the 2006 “Movers & Shakers who are transforming libraries for the future” by the national trade publication Library Journal. Described as a “dot-com guru” by the magazine, Sierra joined the libraries in January 2004, after capping off several years of experience at Amazon.com. He has applied his skills toward numerous digital initiatives at the NCSU Libraries, including Quick Search, the libraries’ customized Web site search engine, and its revolutionary new online catalog.

Appointments

Elizabeth Bagley has been appointed director of library services at Agnes Scott College’s McCain Library.

John Lamborn has been appointed the new head librarian at Wabash College’s Lilly Library, effective at end of the academic year. Lamborn has been the assistant dean for public services at Ohio University since 2004. He spent the bulk of his career at Idaho’s Weber State University, where he was special collections librarian (1985–90); interim university librarian (1991–92); automation librarian (1993–96); and systems and access services librarian (1992–2004). Lamborn served as cochair of the Utah Library Association Conference Committee and previously chaired the Systems Committee of the Utah Academic Library Consortium. He is a member of the American Society for Information Science and Technology, ACRL, and OhioLINK.

Beth Orgeron has been appointed college librarian and director of resources at Hartwick College in Oneonta, New York. She was previously the library instruction coordinator at Loyola University-New Orleans.

Barbara Whitney Petruzzelli has been appointed library director at the Curtin Memorial Library at Mount Saint Mary College.

Sarah M. Pritchard, university librarian at the University of California-Santa Barbara (UCSB) since 1999, has been appointed

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the Charles Deering McCormick university librarian at Northwestern University, beginning in September. Before joining UCSB, Pritchard was the director of libraries at Smith College for seven years. She began her professional career in 1977 at the Library of Congress, where she was a reference librarian in the Main Reading Room and the specialist for women’s studies. In 1988, she was appointed head of the Library of Congress Microform Reading Room. In 1990 she joined the staff at the Association of Research Libraries as associate executive director. She was a senior trustee of the Leroy C. Merritt Humanitarian Foundation, which makes special grants to librarians suffering job loss as a result of employment discrimination or First Amendment challenges. She has been active in the Center for Research Libraries and the Coalition for Networked Information, and this year was elected to the national steering committee of the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC). Pritchard is the author of the *Research Library Group Conspectus in Women’s Studies* and *The Women’s Annual 1983–1984* and was editor of the *ARL Statistics and Salary Survey* for 1990 and 1991. She has published more than 60 articles and reviews and has lectured and consulted in North America, Europe, and Asia on women’s studies, digital systems, collection development, library management, and other professional issues.

**Ravindra Nath (R.N.) Sharma** has been appointed dean of University Library at Monmouth University in West Long Branch, New Jersey. An active professional, he is the winner of many awards and honors, including the ACRL Academic/Research Librarian of the Year (2005) and the Humphry/OCLC/Forrest Press Award from ALA for his significant achievements and contributions to international librarianship. Sharma has presented 26 papers in various national and international conferences, including ACRL, ALA, and IFLA. He is the author/editor of ten books and more than 250 articles, editorials, and book reviews, and has been editor of *Library Times International* since 1984. Before coming to his present position on March 1, he was director of library at West Virginia State University and director of library at University of Evansville-Indiana. He has also worked at University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Pennsylvania State University, and Colgate University. Sharma has chaired and served on many ALA and ACRL committees

**Mark Anderson** has been appointed digital initiatives librarian at the University of Iowa Libraries.

**Deepa Banerjee** has been appointed South Asian studies librarian in the reference and research services division of the University of Washington-Seattle.

**Christopher Bigelow** has been named reference librarian at Springfield College in Springfield, Massachusetts.

**Karen Bronshteyn** has been appointed reference librarian at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

**Yolanda L. Cooper** is now deputy university librarian at the University of Miami.

**Edee Edwards** has been named reference librarian at Springfield College in Springfield, Massachusetts.

**Lyda Ellis** has joined the instructional services department at the University of Northern Colorado’s James A. Michener Library.

**Mary F. Evangeliste** is now training coordinator for the Information Commons at the University of Arizona.

**Barbara Hutchinson** has joined University of Arizona as assistant dean and team...
leader for the Digital Library and Information Systems Team.

**Jane W. Kogi** is now preservation services librarian for SOLINET.

**Meris Mandernach** is the new science librarian at James Madison University Libraries in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

**Alison Mansfield** has joined Northwestern University as core reserve librarian.

**Kara M. McClurken** has been appointed preservation services librarian for SOLINET.

**Colleen McFarland** is the new head of special collections and university archivist at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

**Thomas Moritz** has joined the Getty Research Institute as associate director of administration and chief of knowledge management.

**Rob Morrison** is now an instructor at National-Louis University Library in Chicago.

**Pam Newberg** has been named the technical services manager-cataloging at the University of Northern Colorado’s James A. Michener Library.

**Gregory Prickman** has been appointed special collections librarian at the University of Iowa Libraries, effective June 28, 2006.

**Susan E. Teague Rector** is now Web applications manager at Virginia Commonwealth University.

**Rebecca Routh** has been appointed cataloging librarian at the University of Iowa Libraries.

**Zhijia Shen** has been appointed director of the East Asia Library at the University of Washington-Seattle.

**Anna Shparberg** is now reference/collection development and Web applications librarian at Rice University’s Fondren Library.

**Brian E. Surratt** is now catalog/metadata librarian at Rice University’s Fondren Library.

**Sandra Tucker** is now chair of the science/engineering discipline group at Texas A&M University.

**Melissa VanVuuren** is the new English librarian at James Madison University Libraries in Harrisonburg, Virginia.

**Gang (Gary) Wan** has joined Texas A&M University as science librarian.

**Anne Karle-Zenith** has been named special projects librarian in Library Information Technology and Technical and Access Services at the University of Michigan.

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### Retirements

**James Julich** took an early retirement effective November 19, 2004, after serving the University of Iowa Libraries for 20 years, most recently as humanities and Latin American studies bibliographer.

**William C. Sayre** has retired, effective November 27, 2005, after serving the University of Iowa Libraries for the past 30 years. Sayre most recently served as the coordinator for financial services. In this capacity, he has been responsible for the oversight of a $23 million budget. His conscientiousness and good judgment helped the libraries thrive during the most difficult fiscal years. Sayre has been a member of the Foundation Board of the Iowa Library Association since 1994.

**Lawrence A. Woods** has retired from the University Libraries at the University of
Iowa, where he had served as the director for information systems since 1991. Over the years, he also served as the primary administrator for the branch libraries, technical services, and the Hardin Library for the Health Sciences. His technical expertise, flexibility, and good humor made him an invaluable member of the libraries' administrative team. He oversaw the implementation of the InfoHawk system and has been an international leader in the field of library automation.

Deaths

Robert W. Evans, retired director of the library at State University of New York College-Purchase and lifelong member of ALA, has died. From 1955 to 1961, Evans was head librarian at Muskingum College in New Concord, Ohio. From 1961 to 1968 he was head of technical services and associate librarian at Oberlin College. In 1969 he became the first director of the library at SUNY-Purchase; he retired from that position in 1989. Evans served as president of the Westchester Library Association and the SUNY Council of Head Librarians, and he served on the boards of CHOICE and METRO, the 3R’s Council headquartered in New York.

Marcia Grimes, public services librarian at Wheaton College, died March 15, in Xian, China, from apparent heart failure. At the time of her death, Grimes was touring with a delegation of American academic librarians to conduct bilateral exchanges with their professional counterparts in China, under the auspices of People to People Ambassador Programs. Grimes worked in several libraries throughout her career and was responsible for a wide variety of library services, including circulation, reserves, interlibrary loan, and reference. She joined the Wheaton library staff in 1985 as a reference librarian. In addition to her library responsibilities at Wheaton, Grimes served as an administrative mentor to first-year Wheaton students and was a member of the campus American’s with Disabilities Act committee.

Jim Skipper, retired librarian and lifelong member of ALA, died on November 4, 2005. He had a long, distinguished career, shaped by an early interest in automation, a passion for building great collections, and an enduring belief in the value of cooperation. Skipper was acquisitions librarian at Ohio State University Library (1950), director of libraries at the University of Connecticut (1959), executive director of the Association of Research Libraries (1963), associate university librarian at Princeton (1967), chief librarian at the University of California-Berkeley (1968), executive vice president of Kraus-Thomson (1971), director of the Research Libraries Group (1974), and executive director of the Midwest Regional Library Network (1980). He received a Carnegie Fellowship in Advanced Library Administration at Rutgers University (1958). Skipper also enjoyed consulting on many library building and renovation projects over the years. He retired in 1983.

Café Terrace on the Place du Forum, Arles, at Night,” Brooks notes that Van Gogh tells his sister that there is a description of a similar café in the book Bel Ami by Guy de Maupassant. Brooks tells us in the footnote that “Vincent is mistaken—in fact, the Maupassant reference he is thinking of is found in the novel Yvette.”

Brooks has created a site of serious scholarship that enjoys critical and popular success. The Vincent Van Gogh Gallery is endorsed by the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam and is available in 17 languages.—Shannon Van Kirk, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, svankirk@calpoly.edu