Nancy Kranich has been elected a director of the National Issues Forums Institute, which promotes public deliberation in the United States. Kranich will take on this role at the institute’s annual meeting in Washington, D.C., in May 2007. The institute’s directors are volunteers drawn from leaders in government, colleges and universities, libraries, civic organizations, the media, and medicine. A champion of the public’s information rights, Kranich has led efforts by the library community to promote civic engagement, open access, and free expression. Kranich served as ALA president in 2000-2001, focusing on the role of libraries in democracies. During this period, she edited the book Libraries and Democracy: The Cornerstones of Liberty. Since serving as ALA president, Kranich has continued to promote democratic participation, launching ALA’s civic engagement membership initiative, participating in the Kettering Foundation’s ongoing dialogue between the U.S. and Russia, and teaching civic engagement. In 2004, she moved to State College, Pennsylvania, where she now chairs one of the oldest National Issues Forums groups in the country. In 2003-2004, Kranich served as a senior research fellow at the Free Expression Policy Project in New York, writing The Information Commons: A Public Policy Report, which documents the damage of restrictive copyright regimes on free speech, civic participation, and innovation. Previously, she was associate dean of libraries at New York University.

Neil Rambo, associate director of health sciences libraries at the University of Washington (UW)-Seattle, has been appointed the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) visiting program officer to pursue ARL’s agenda regarding library support for research and e-science. The assignment is half-time for the next two years. Simultaneously Rambo is taking on new responsibilities at UW as director of cyberinfrastructure initiatives and special assistant to the dean of university libraries for biosciences and e-science. The assignments at ARL and UW are designed to reinforce one another and provide synergy between institutional and community-wide perspectives on the same set of issues.

Appointments

Mona C. Couts has been appointed director of the Triangle Research Libraries Network.

Anne Kenney, senior associate university librarian for public services and assessment, has been appointed interim university librarian at Cornell, succeeding Sarah Thomas, who is leaving the university to direct the University of Oxford’s libraries. Kenney joined Cornell University Library in 1987 and served as associate director for the Department of Preservation and Conservation until 2001. From 2002 to 2006 she was the associate university librarian for instruction, research, and information services. Active in the archival and preservation communities, Kenney is a fellow and past president of the Society of American Archivists. She currently serves on the Social Science Research Council’s Committee on Libraries and Archives of Cuba and is a member of Advisory Committee of Portico, a nonprofit digital preservation service. Kenney has served as a commissioner of the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (National Archives), the National Science Foundation/European Union Working Group.
on a Digital Preservation Research Agenda, and was a member of the Clinton/Gore Transition Team. Her research interests include digital imaging, preservation, and public services in research libraries.

LeRoy LaFleur has been appointed head of the Arlington Campus Library at George Mason University.

Nedra Peterson is now director of library services at Woodbury University.

Heidi Abbey has been appointed humanities reference librarian at the Pennsylvania State-Harrisburg Library.

Maryellen M. Allen has been named reference librarian/distance education specialist at the University of Alabama Libraries.

Julie Artman has been promoted to head of reference and instruction at the Leatherby Libraries of Chapman University.

Friederike Baer is now special collections librarian in the Horner Memorial Library at the German Society of Pennsylvania.

Amia Baker has been named business librarian at Auburn University Libraries.

Douglas A. Boyd has been appointed digital services program manager in the Hoole Special Collections Library at the University of Alabama Libraries.

Charlene Chou is now Chinese cataloger for the C. V. Starr East Asian Library at Columbia University.

Amalia Contursi has joined the Columbia University Libraries as offsite storage project manager.

Suhua Fan is now catalog librarian at the University of Alabama Libraries.

Gabriel Farrell has joined Drexel University Libraries as library systems developer.

Bill Gillis is now reference and instruction librarian at the Simmons College Library.

Cheryl Highsmith has joined the Leatherby Libraries of Chapman University as electronic resources librarian.

Irina I. Holden has been appointed outreach and instructional service librarian, Science Library, at the University at Albany Libraries-State University of New York.

Claudia Holland has been appointed communication, sociology and anthropology liaison librarian at George Mason University.

Peter D. Ivanick has joined Drexel University Libraries as head of library systems.

Helen Josephine has been named head librarian for engineering at Stanford University Libraries.

Zack Lane has assumed the role of offsite storage project manager for the original serial and monograph cataloging department at Columbia University Libraries.

Danya Leebaw has been appointed business research librarian in the Goizueta Business Library of Emory University.

Pamela J. Morgan has been named reference librarian/information consultant at the University of Alabama Libraries.

Michael W. Pearce has been appointed catalog librarian at the University of Alabama Libraries.

Nathan Putnam has been appointed special formats cataloger at George Mason University.
Stacy Russo has joined the Leatherby Libraries of Chapman University as instruction librarian.

Robert Schwarzwaler will join Stanford University Libraries and Academic Information Resources as associate university librarian for engineering and science, beginning August 2007.

Heather Shalhoub has been appointed reference/user education librarian at the Dewey Graduate Library of the University at Albany-State University of New York.

Joan Sommer has been named head of access services at Marquette University-Raynmore Memorial Libraries.

Joseph Straw has joined Marietta College as reference and instruction librarian.

Anu Vedantham has been appointed director of the David B. Weigle Information Commons at Pennsylvania State University.

Suzy Westenkirchner has been named education librarian at Auburn University Libraries.

Thomas C. Wilson has been appointed associate dean for library technology at the University of Alabama Libraries.

Susan Wynne has joined the University of Wyoming Libraries as catalog librarian.

Maurice York is now associate head of information technology and North Carolina State University.

Retirements

Dale Canelas, director of university libraries at the University of Florida (UF) since 1985, has retired. Having served as the director for 22 years, Canelas had the longest tenure of any library director at the university. Before joining UF, Canelas served as Stanford University libraries director for public services. Her major accomplishments at UF include: established a collection management department and collection management program through which subject specialists direct the acquisition and management of collections and act as liaisons between academic departments and the libraries; established a preservation program to prevent, confront, and repair physical damage to the collections (caused by age, use, heat, humidity, insects, dust, etc.); established a development program to identify friends and raise funds to support the collection and other needs of the libraries; established the Digital Library Center to digitize, preserve, and make accessible electronically resources of the libraries and the university; oversaw the renovation of the Smathers Library (Library East); established the SUS Electronic Resources Committee to provide for statewide consortial pricing, thus reducing UF’s costs for electronic collections; oversaw construction and opening of the Marston Science Library to support science, agriculture, and engineering programs; oversaw renovation and expansion of Library West, the main humanities and...
social sciences library; created an off-site storage facility; implemented integration of technology with collections and services; and created a human resources office. In addition to her accomplishments at UF, Canelas has served as a leader among her professional library colleagues in the state and nation. For ten years she chaired Florida's State University System Council of Library Directors and the Board of Directors for the Florida Center for Library Automation. She served on the Governing Board of the Research Libraries Group. For ten years she served on the Board of the Center for Research Libraries, which provides sophisticated area studies research support for member libraries. She was elected to the Board of the Association for Research Libraries, served as a member of numerous ARL committees, and chaired its Committee on Research Collections. She was an elected member of the ALA's Council and was president of the Library Administration and Management Association.

Sandra (Sandy) K. Peterson, director of Social Science Libraries and Information Services at Yale University Libraries, retired January 31, 2007, after 40 years of service to the profession as government information librarian at the West Virginia State Library, Oberlin College, University of Northern Iowa, College of William and Mary, and Yale University. Peterson is a champion of free public access to government information; she served in various offices of ALA including the Government Documents Round Table; as Association of Research Libraries visiting program officer; and as member and chair of the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer. In 1994 she was awarded the James Bennett Childs Award for lifetime and significant contribution to the field of documents librarianship.

Bernie Sloan, senior library information systems consultant, has retired from the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI) after nearly 30 years of service. Sloan has devoted his career to expanding library resource sharing in Illinois libraries, a commitment to be marked by a significant milestone this month as I-Share surpasses 10 million resource-sharing transactions since 1979. Sloan joined the CARLI staff well before it was known as CARLI, and even before CARLI's predecessor organization ILCISO (the Illinois Library Computer Systems Organization) became known by that name. Sloan is the author of Linked Systems for Resource Sharing (Boston: G.K. Hall, 1990) and many articles and is a well-known contributor to many library-related electronic forums. He is noted for his work in the areas of resource sharing, and, in recent years, virtual reference service. He was awarded the Illinois Library Association's Hugh Atkinson Award in 1996.

The information here is current and appears to be updated daily. While not without some political bias to the left of center, First Amendment Center seems to aim for a balanced viewpoint on issues. It is recommended for general users, undergraduate students, and others interested in keeping informed about issues related to some of our most fundamental rights. Ford Schmidt, Willamette University, fschmidt@willamette.edu

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