Kristin Dougan has been elected as one of the Music Library Association’s three new Board of Directors. Dougan is the music and performing arts librarian in the Music and Performing Arts Library at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

The appointments

Robert Fox Jr., associate dean of libraries at Georgia Institute of Technology since 2005, has been appointed dean of university libraries at the University of Louisville. Fox has been credited with innovations, such as numerous renovation and construction projects, including two new commons spaces, a new library classroom, and planning for a new desk that will consolidate services. He also has improved user engagement through creation of a user experience department and advisory boards for students and faculty. Prior to his tenure at Georgia Tech, Fox served in several positions at Clayton State University in Morrow, Georgia. He was that institution’s director of library services from 1992 to 2005. He also has served as a reference librarian at Woodruff Library at Atlanta University Center.

Hejin Shin was promoted head of library systems at the University of Texas-San Antonio.

Jaena Alabi has joined Auburn University Libraries as librarian in the subject specialties of English language, English literature, and Psychology.

Kawanna Bright was appointed head of first-year services at the University of Texas-San Antonio.

Zhimin Chen has been named digital library developer at George Mason University.

Jae Fowle is project archivist for the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Group Records Project at the University of Illinois-Chicago.

George Fowler has accepted the position of associate university librarian for information resources and technology at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia.

Heather Hamilton was appointed preservation technician at the University of Texas-San Antonio.

Jessica Hayden has joined the Technical Services Department as manager of resource processing and description at the University of Northern Colorado’s James A. Michener Library in Greeley, Colorado.

Michael Holt has joined the faculty of Valdosta State University as reference librarian.

Carol Hunter is now associate university librarian for collections and services at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

Margaret Lam is now physical sciences liaison librarian at George Mason University.

Ken LaZebnik is now director of advancement and public affairs for the library system at Pepperdine University.

Joanna Lee has been named digital repository services librarian at George Mason University.

Anna M. Levi is now assistant curator for Judaica and Hebraica Collections at Stanford University.

Wendy Mann is now head of the newly launched Data Services Group in the Digital Programs and Systems division of the George Mason University Libraries.
George R. Gaumond, university librarian and dean of the master of library and information science program at Valdosta State University, retired December 31, 2010. Gaumond began his career as a reference librarian at the University of North Carolina -Wilmington. He was college librarian at Shepherd College, now Shepherd University. Gaumond has held leadership positions in national, regional, and state library organizations. He was a member of the original committee that established GALILEO, Georgia’s virtual library. He was also instrumental in starting the MLIS Program at Valdosta.

Cliff Mead, head of special collections for Oregon State University (OSU) Libraries, has retired, after 24 years of service. Mead is recognized internationally as the authority on the Ava Helen and Linus Pauling Papers. He has authored several publications, including Thomas Pynchon: A Bibliography of Primary and Secondary Sources (1989). His most recent book, co-edited with Chris Petersen, is The Pauling Catalogue: Ava Helen and Linus Pauling Papers at Oregon State University (2006). He also has co-edited Linus Pauling: Scientist and Peacemaker (2001) and The Pauling Symposium: A Discourse on the Art of Biography (1996).

Betty D. Paulk, associate university librarian at Valdosta State University’s Odum Library, has retired. She began her career at Valdosta State University in 1973 as reference librarian. She has held leadership positions and committee assignments in ACRL, Library Leadership and Management Associ-
Librarians have multiple options for staying current on popular culture. One valuable resource is library student employees; Springer initially sensed that most students would have some awareness of *Jersey Shore* after conversing with student employees. Many libraries also have subscriptions to popular magazines. *Entertainment Weekly* and *People Magazine* both provide a plethora of information on popular television shows and celebrity gossip. Browsing Twitter trending topics and popular culture blogs could also provide inspiration for enhancing library instruction.

**Notes**

4. Ibid.