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Gary Lare Named EBSS Distinguished Librarian

Dr. Gary Lare has been chosen to receive the 2009 ACRL EBSS Distinguished Librarian Award. This award honors an academic librarian who has made an outstanding contribution as an education and/or behavioral sciences librarian through accomplishments and service to the profession.

The award, sponsored by John Wiley & Sons, will be presented July 11 at the beginning of the EBSS Program at the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago. The EBSS Distinguished Librarian Award Committee develops, plans, and implements this Award.

Dr. Gary Lare has had a long history of service to ALA, ACRL and the library profession. Nominators particularly emphasized his mentorship of librarians new to the field.

He served as co-chair of the EBSS committee that developed the first set of ALA guidelines for curriculum materials centers in academic libraries.

Several significant publications followed, including his books: *Acquiring and organizing curriculum materials: A guide and directory of resources* which went to a 2nd edition in 2004, and the *Social Studies teaching activities book: An annotated resource guide* (2006).

Dr. Lare also promoted his specialty in education librarianship through his job. He developed three education facilities including a Curriculum Materials Center (CMC) at Oral Roberts University, as well as a CMC and an education library at University of Cincinnati.

Letters of support recognizing a lifetime of service to the field came from former win-EBSS Sponsors Emerging Leader

Amanda Hornby (2nd from right) was sponsored by EBSS to participate in the American Library Association's Emerging Leaders Program at the Midwinter Meeting in Denver.

The Emerging Leaders Program

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Jill Woolums to be Associate Web Manager

Jill Woolums, a long-time member of the Publications and Communications Committee, has accepted the position of Associate Web Manager.

Because Jill was a member of Publications and had extensive experience with web page development, and in consultation with EBSS Chair, Deborah Schaeffer, we felt Jill's appointment would provide excellent continuity for managing and coordinating our website and future developments.

Currently Jessica Albano has agreed to extend her appointment as Web Manager. Please extend your congratulations (and thanks) to Jill for accepting this important position.

6th Edition of the Curriculum Materials Centers Directory

By Benita Strnad

The Ad Hoc Curriculum Materials Centers Directory committee wishes to announce that at long last the 6th edition of that directory is at the publishers. The ACRL publishing editor believes that this edition will be available for purchase at the sum-

**The Curriculum Materials
Committee**

Members from the **EBSS Online Learning Research Committee** (Corinne Bishop, Mona Florea, and Lori Mestre) moderated this discussion. The original intent of this discussion was to hear examples, tips, technologies and strategies that librarians use to encourage online student participation.

Of the nearly forty participants, only a handful had real experience with online learning management systems, such as Web CT, Moodle, and Blackboard. Most of the attendees were there to hear of

what others are doing, mainly because they understand that they will need to be developing these strategies. Ideas and suggestions generated and shared are being added to the Online Learning Toolkit that is being prepared by the Online Learning Research Committee. It is in draft form and available at: <http://d>

Wil Frost, Chair of the ERIC Users Committee, presided and welcomed the audience, introduced the ERIC Users Committee members in attendance, and introduced representatives of the ERIC CSC Project Team: Larry Henry, Project Manager and Pete Dagutis, Deputy Project Manager.

The ERIC update presented by the panel included these topics: Content and Processing, the Digitization Project, and a Website Update.

Content and Processing

As of December 31, 2008 there are 1,605 sources under agreement, including 718 non-journal sources and 887 journal titles, 91% of which are indexed comprehensively.

The number of records released in 2008 was 42,315 records, representing a 15% increase over 2007. From 2005-2008, about 127,000 new records were added to the database. 100 new agreements were executed in 2008.

Currently, materials are processed in 30 days or less; new content is added to the official government database four times a week. ERIC licensors receive monthly updates (new and changed records).

The ERIC teams continue to fill the gap in 2002-2003 content that occurred during the last transition period between contractors.

There was a minor thesaurus update in 2008; the website has details about thesaurus review.

Digitization Project

ERIC continued the work to convert the 1966-1992 ERIC microfiche to TIFF and PDF files and obtain explicit permissions to release materials by the March 2009 contract deadline. Scanning of all fiche was completed as of December 31, 2008; verification is in progress. Slightly more than 191,000 full-text documents have been made available through the digitization project.

The ERIC CSC team is delivering the TIFF and PDF files to the National Library of Education (NLE) in 2009. Those documents for which authorizations were not obtained and which are not considered in the public domain will be available from NLE via interlibrary loan.

Website Update

Changes in 2008 included an upgraded interface with RSS features, related item search, citation export enhancement; downloadable list of journals that is updated quarterly;

more robust help features including context-sensitive, search, and index help, zero results suggestions, Flash tutorials, a glossary of terms; and new information for publishers, authors, librarians, and licensors.

Audience Questions

Is there a need for a PDF ERIC Thesaurus?

Several attendees thought it would be useful for library educators or technical service staff.

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Accessibility to Library Databases and Other Online Library Resources for People with Disabilities

Are your library's databases accessible to people with disabilities? Do they comply with Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act or the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines? How about your other licensed resources, such as ejournals, ebooks, and meta-search engines? Catalogs, chat software, wikis and other web 2.0 applications?

There is a wiki page on ASCLA's new wiki to help librarians find and share the answers to these questions. From this page http://ascla.ala.org/toolkit/index.php?title=Main_Page, go to the link at the bottom of the page for "Accessibility to Library Databases and Other Online Library Resources for People with Disabilities". Googling "Accessibility to Library Databases and Other Online Library Resources for People with Disabilities" works too.

There is also a section of the page for librarians to share practical experiences and advice about evaluating resources for accessibility. This is geared toward librarians who are not experts about accessibility. I hope you will consider contributing to the wiki.

More information about accessibility of many types of resources is needed. If it is easier for you to email information you'd like to contribute, rather than to post directly to the wiki, you are welcome to email amullike@syr.edu

The ERIC Users Committee has been discussing how to help the National Library of Education and its ERIC Database program identify and obtain more association publications. ERIC has reported that it has been difficult for them to obtain permissions from some professional organizations to include their publications. Association staffing issues and publication business models are some of the reasons that have been cited.

The Committee believes that the ERIC program would be interested in receiving lists of organizations whose publications are not well represented in the ERIC database, especially those published since 2004. One of ERIC's key selection criteria for non-journal materials is sponsorship by professional societies and organizations.

We encourage education librarians to communicate with ERIC about education-related organizations whose publications should be in ERIC and aren't. Go to the official site at <http://eric.ed.gov/> and click on the Contact Us link at the very top of the page. That will allow you to send a message to ERIC with your information.

The following are examples of the types of non-journal materials that associations might publish that are considered for inclusion in ERIC:

- Books

News from Members

Cristina Ramirez has been awarded an ACRL travel grant to attend National Library Legislative Day in D.C. She will be traveling to London, England this summer to participate in Virginia Commonwealth University's London Summer Study Abroad Program in Housing and Urban Regeneration in the U.K. to complete her electives towards a Master in Public Administration in the Wilder School at VCU. She also served on the Leadership Metro Richmond Education Seminar Day Planning Team.

Recent publications from Lori Mestre include: Mestre, L.S. (2009). Improving computer use success for students of diverse backgrounds. In Monteil-Overall, P. & D. Adcock (Eds.) *School Library Services in a Multicultural Society*. Chicago, IL: American Association of School Librarians.

Mestre L.S. (2008). Diversity: Cross Cultural Education. In E. Lindsay & C. Cox (Eds.), *Information Literacy Instruction Handbook* (193-207). Chicago, IL: Association of College & Research Libraries.

Mestre, L.S. (2009, Feb.). Culturally responsive instruction for school librarians. *Teacher Librarian* 36(3): 8-12

