



# Biblio-Notes

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Planning Committee, and the 2008 Conference Program Planning Committee.

LES Executive Committee II meets on Monday, January 22, 2007 from 8:00-10:00 a.m. to finish official section business.

## Literatures in English Section Action Plans for 2007-2008

In the past couple of years, ACRL has begun to request specific Action Plans from ACRL sections. These Action Plans are coordinated with the ACRL Strategic Plan.

<http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/aboutacrl/whatisacrl/acrlstratplan/stratplan.htm> LES submitted two Action Plans for 2007-2008.

The first plan ties in with ACRL strategic area Higher Education and Research, Goal Area: Learning, Strategic Objective: ACRL expands adoption, use and development of information literacy standards.

At the LES Membership Meeting at ALA Midwinter 2008, the members of LES will discuss innovative ways they have used the LES Research Competency Guidelines for Literatures in English with the faculty and students of their campuses. Additionally, members of LES will identify ways for the Guidelines to be expanded and revised for more effectiveness.

Steps toward fulfilling this plan include getting the Research Competency Guidelines for Literatures in English approved in 2007; distributing the Guidelines to LES members; and convening LES membership with a focused agenda at Midwinter 2008.

The second plan also addresses the ACRL strategic area of Higher Education and Research, but in the goal area of Scholarship. Within Scholarship, this plan meets two strategic objectives: Strengthen ACRL's relationships with learned societies. and Strengthen ACRL's role in supporting and developing new scholarly communication models.

LES members want to raise awareness about the role of subject specialist librarians in Literatures in English and about the LES Research Competency Guidelines for Literatures in English with the membership of the Modern Language Association who research and publish in literatures in English and who teach literature courses at colleges and universities. LES members will seek opportunities to present a session at MLA about

the role of the subject specialist in Literatures in English, to distribute and advocate for 1.1557 TDs L(opport

be provided in the spring issue of *BiblioNotes*. Among the many activities and performances, the Folger Library will celebrate its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2007, offering the exhibit "Shakespeare in American Life" during ALA. The National Building Museum plans to do an exhibit on "Reinventing the Globe." The Shakespeare Theatre Company will be presenting *Hamlet*.

I'd like to thank the enthusiastic and energetic 2007 Conference Program Planning Committee members Douglas Black (Nova Southeastern U.), Angela Courtney (Indiana U.), Mollie Freier (U of IL-Springfield), Tim Hackman (U. of Maryland), Michael Rodriguez (Michigan State U.), and friends Charlotte Droll (Wright State U.), Susanna Van Sant (U. of Maryland), and Abby Yochelson, (Library of Congress) for all of their work in putting together the conference proposal and work on carrying out planned activities. Every chair should be so fortunate.

#### How to Get Involved in Literatures in English Section

Check out the Section web site.  
<http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/aboutacrl/acrlsections/literaturesineng/leshomepage.htm>

Join LES-L, the email discussion list for LES and keep abreast of topics of interest to your literature colleagues. Recent topics of discussion have included quality of cataloging for graphic novels, position announcements, offers of back issues of periodicals, and the problem of electronic journals not always reflecting fully the print journal contents.

Vote in the election for new officers next spring. The Nominating Committee (Michaelyn Burnette, Kristine Anderson, Steve Harris) put together a wonderful slate for the 2007 election.

If you attend ALA, come to the General Membership Forum at Midwinter and to the Conference Program at Annual. Also, take part in one or more of the three Discussion Groups: Collections, Literary Reference, and New Members. Or, visit a committee meeting.

Volunteer for a committee. Volunteer forms can be found at <http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/aboutacrl/acrlsections/literaturesineng/lescommitteeevolunteer.htm> or use the link from the LES Section Committees page <http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/aboutacrl/acrlsections/literaturesineng/lescommittees.htm>

The main "season" for making committee appointments is coming up; most appointments for 2007-2008 will be made by late winter 2007.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments about LES, please let me know. I look forward to meeting many of you, either in person at ALA or virtually via LES-L, phone, or email.

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#### Luau Librarians at Loex of the West

If you have ever been tempted to choose your conferences based on location, this years Loex-of the-West on The Big on8 VoluBDI7TT5 1.02 410.r1(d tiioc)5wa

Conference Chairs David Brier, and Vickery Kaye Lebbin, both of University of Hawaii at Manoa, included a booklet listing each book and its reason for inclusion.

Many of the sessions which impressed me did so by engagingly demonstrating how librarians

The 2008 Loex-of -the West will be hosted by librarians at University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

uncomfortable kind of interest, accompanied

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## **LES-L, THE List for Lit Librarians**

Where can you find discussions about databases, corpora, graphic novels, subject area doctorates related to literatures in English and more? If you are a member of LES-L, you know the answer is the LES-L listserv and archive. These topics and several more have been the focus of discussion on the list in the past few months. We could discuss much more though. Do you have questions about collection development, switching print reference sources to electronic versions, conferences or other professional development issues? These are all fair game for discussion on the LES-L list. Please post literature related questions, comments, tips, jobs, calls for conferences and other relevant issues to the list. Right now it is not a busy list. If you are like me, you probably don't need more e-mail, *but this is a forum for literature librarians.*

If you are not a member of LES-L, join by sending a message to [listproc@ala.org](mailto:listproc@ala.org) with the message subscribe les-l [your name] in the message field. Archives are available for the list. Directions for accessing the archives can be found on the LES-L webpage <http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/aboutacrl/acrlsections/literaturesineng/leshomepage.htm> Look at the link for LES-L for directions.

If you have questions about subscribing, your email address or anything else, you can contact the list moderator:

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## **My Double Life: Librarian by Day / Aerobics Instructor by Night!**

When mingling at a party, I'm often secretly pleased by the question, "and what do you do?"; I relish answering, "I am a librarian....and I also teach aerobics classes." My answer will usually throw people off guard and pique their interest. Occasionally it can be a particularly

feel more confident being a leader and taking control of a situation.

Second, the wealth of new acquaintances I've made through teaching for the campus recreation program has been great. I have become friends with the other instructors and smile and say hello to many students who attend my classes. I believe this reflects well, showing that the librarians are involved in activities beyond the walls of the library. In

free daily *Wired Chronicle* email, covering topics related to technology in academe.

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## **LES Librarian to Retire**

I will retire from my position as Librarian for English & American Literature, French & Italian, at the Univ. of Minnesota on Nov. 1. I was there at the Collection Development and Management Institute at Stanford in July 1981 when Scott Stebelman said, "Let's organize the specialists in English." To see our organization expand has been wonderful. I feel very fortunate to have associated with the skilled and inspiring colleagues in LES, and I know our specialty will thrive in all your good hands. You all have my best wishes for fun, intellectual excitement, and professional innovation in the next years.

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## **Note From the Outgoing Editor**

This is the last BiblioNotes issue I will edit. Laura Taddeo is taking the reins, and she will do an excellent job. This has been a lot of fun and I have really enjoyed it. My sincere thanks to all those who have contributed articles or other items, and also to those who have read them. You have clearly demonstrated the great breadth of talent, intellectual curiosity,

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