Ellender Wins Library of the Year!

Ellender Memorial Library received the 2016 Library of the Year Award from the LOUISiana Library Network at the annual LOUIS Users Conference (LUC) in October. This is the first year that “Library of the Year” was a category during the awards ceremony, and is voted on by our institutional peers across the state. According to LOUIS, Ellender won the award based on our active engagement with our community and programming, as well as our re-classification project that has been used as a model by other libraries in the organization. Additionally, our consistent service within the consortium was applauded. This is a great honor for us and we are excited to be recognized by our state-wide peers.

Top: Clifton Theriot (center, Interim Director) receives the Library of the Year Award from Tim Stamm (Delgado) and Sara Zimmerman (LOUIS); Bottom: Library of the Year Award

Nicholls Hosts Louisiana Archives and Manuscripts Association Annual Meeting

The Louisiana Archives and Manuscripts Association (LAMA) held its annual meeting on October 7, 2016 at Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, Louisiana. Forty-five archivists and LSU SLIS students attended the meeting, which included four sessions, a tour, and the annual business meeting. Ellender Library Assistant Archivist Helen Thomas led the meeting as LAMA Vice-President, transitioning into the role of organization president at the conclusion of the meeting. The meeting was sponsored by the Society of Southwest Archivists, LSU SLIS, and the Lafourche Heritage Society.

Sessions topics included primary source research on the Red River Campaign of the Civil War, the implementation of ArchivesSpace (an open source archives information management application), and student and volunteer projects in archival settings. In addition, the meeting hosted its first student poster session, sponsored by LSU SLIS and featuring the research of five library science graduate students. Following the annual business meeting, attendees visited the Ellender Library Archives and Laurel Valley plantation for tours of each.

Top: Members listen to opening remarks by Helen Thomas (Assistant Archivist); Bottom: Poster Session

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Expanded Veterans Exhibit on Display in Archives Exhibit Room

The annual Ellender Library Veterans display opened in August in the Archives Exhibit Room, where the exhibit has been relocated and expanded. These changes have allowed the Archives to exhibit more of the documents and artifacts that have been generously donated and loaned from local veterans and their families. The exhibit encompasses over 150 years of history, from Civil War veterans to those who served in Iraq and Afghanistan. New features include full uniforms displayed on mannequins and in our large display cases, dating from World War II to the present day. Excerpts from the Archives’ oral history collection provide further context on the wartime experiences of veterans and how their military service shaped their lives. The Veterans of Southeast Louisiana Exhibit will be on display through the fall semester.

Library Revamps Outreach and Instruction to Freshmen

Summer 2016: The library offered a scavenger hunt as part of New Student Orientation this summer. Students were given a brief tour of the library and then were assigned to one of three librarians to compete in a scavenger hunt. Everyone ended up being a winner, but it was a great way to meet incoming students and for them to see the layout of the library as well as meet librarians and staff.

Previously, the Library had partnered with UNIV 101 by providing a tour of the library and a one-hour lab session reviewing the tenets of information literacy and how to use our resources. Having been a part of Orientation this summer and having the opportunity to meet so many incoming students, the Instruction Department decided to remove the library tour from the UNVI 101 seminar and add an additional lab session to all in-person UNIV 101 classes. This means that this past fall we were able to teach two one-hour lab sessions to each section of UNIV 101! The first day included a breakdown of the theory behind information literacy and why it matters. The second day we taught students how to find and use our resources, how to cite, and everyone’s favorite: how to break Google.

Library Hosts Workshop on Open Textbooks

Sarah Simms (Research/Serials) was chosen as one of three librarians in the state to train with the Open Textbook Network to understand the issues surrounding open access materials. She then held a workshop on November 16 in the Library’s Multi-Purpose Room with faculty from across campus to explain open textbooks—what they are, why they are important, and how they can be used in the classroom. Faculty attendees were asked to review a textbook from the Open Textbook Library to ensure peer-review of the available materials and to spread awareness of these type of resources. Guest librarians Emily Frank (LSU), Jeanne Pavy (UNO, and Teri Gallaway (LOUIS) attended the workshop. Nicholls was the first in the state to hold an Open Textbook Network Workshop and Sarah will continue to serve as a mentor to librarians around the state who are interested in speaking with faculty about open access materials.
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