

2006 Annual Library Report

University Library. New initiatives in the library included online tutorials that provide technical training for library staff; cataloging manuscripts housed in Special Collection into the WorldCat online database which shares information unique to Samford worldwide; and implementation of ILLiad Interlibrary Loan System. The University Library hosted the Association of College and Research Libraries' "Marketing Your Library" Workshop with Dr. Ken Marks and the Alabama SOLINET Users' Group Meeting. Robert McCammon noted author of more than 14 novels and numerous short stories was the guest for "Live at the Library," Homecoming. Notable among library gifts were a viewing/listening room on the main floor named in honor of Acy William and Annie Louise Wilson, parents of Ron Wilson; two library collections, history and political science, graciously endowed by Ron, Jody and Matthew Wilson; a diverse collection of books and CDs given by Robert W. Staines.

Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research. A successful Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research included ten courses, 234 registrants and 32 faculty members. 13 participants in the British Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research studied in London, Dublin and Belfast.

Faculty Professional Service.

Beth Ashmore - Outgoing chair of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Instruction Section's Teaching Methods Committee, American Library Association (ALA); Webmaster for the Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries (AACRL); Webmaster for "The Researching Librarian," program coordinator for the ALLA AACRL/CUS Best Practices Sessions; AVL training for Leeds Elementary and Middle School librarians

Della Darby - Recruitment Task Force, Network of Alabama Academic Libraries (NAAL); Intern Liaison for University of Alabama School of Library and Information Studies internships at Samford.

Harold Goss - Education Committee, ALLA; CUS Planning Committee, ALLA.

Sue Peterson - NAAL Online Content Committee.

Jaroslav Szurek - Music OCLC Users' Group Program Committee.

Jennifer Taylor - Moderator of the Alabama Library Association List Serve; moderator of the 2006 Alabama Literary Festival.

Jean Thomason - NAAL Advisory Council; Chair of NAAL Membership Committee; Taught Administration and Management, Graduate School of Library and Information Studies University of Alabama; Received the Significant Contribution Award from AACRL.

Carla Waddell - Secretary of AACRL; Secretary of Government Documents Round Table, ALA; Chair-Elect CUS; Co-taught a Horizons class.

Elizabeth Wells - President of the Alabama Genealogical Society; Association Awards Committee, ALLA; Treasurer of the Alabama Baptist Historical Society; Vice President, Association of Librarians and Archivists of Baptist Institutions; Consultant, Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond; Consultant, Alabama Episcopal Dioceses.

Faculty Presentations.

Beth Ashmore and Cheryl Cecil - "Information Literacy Double-Bill: Standardized Information Literacy Assessment" CUS/AACRL, ALLA Best Practices Mini-Sessions."

Lori Northrup - "E-Books Pros & Cons," SOLINET Users' Group Meeting; "Using WebCT to Train Library Student Workers" for AACRL best practices mini-sessions, ALLA.

Jennifer Taylor - "Website Development," Southern Baptist Library Association (SBLA); "Researcher Needs and Expectations," SBLA.

Elizabeth Wells - "Finding Grandpa in the Pew: Use of Church Records in Historical and Genealogical Research," ARK-LA-TEX Genealogical Seminar; "Sweet Home Alabama: Resources for Genealogical and Historical Research," Monroe County Historical Association Seminar; Church History Workshop for the North Alabama Methodist Conference.

Faculty Publications.

Beth Ashmore - "No Laughing in the Library: Sexy like CSI," College and Undergraduate Libraries, 13 (2006); "Information Literacy in the Disciplines Unveiled," Instruction Section Newsletter 22(2005):2; "Library Virtual Tours: A Case Study," Research Strategies 20(2004):77-88; Editor for the Internet Insider feature in College and Undergraduate Libraries;

Beth Ashmore and Lori Northrup - "Internet Insider: Creating Easy to Update Subject without Using a Database," College and Undergraduate Libraries 13(1)2006.

Lori Northrup - "French" annotated subject guide at The Educator's Desk Reference (www.eduref.org).

Elizabeth Wells - "American Church Records," The Source: A Guidebook to American Genealogy (2006).

Staff Development. Staff attended national and regional conferences including those hosted by the Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries, Alabama Library Association, the American Library Association, the Baptist History and Heritage Society, the Federation of Genealogical Societies, the Music Library Association, the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries, the National Genealogical Society, the Southern Baptist Library Association and SOLINET.