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*a glimpse behind the scenes of the Department of Library Science*



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## On the Road with LIBS

The Department of Library Science will be represented at the events below. As always, we invite you to look for and join us at future events whenever you have the opportunity.

### Visit us at:

North Carolina Library Association (NCLA) 58th Biennial Conference  
October 6-8

ECU Homecoming and ALA Student Chapter Tailgating Party  
October 17

American Association of School Librarians (AASL)  
November 5 - 8 Charlotte, NC

Fall MLS Road Tour  
Randolph County Public Library- Asheboro Branch  
201 Worth Street, Asheboro, NC  
October 31, 10:00am-12:00pm

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### Other dates to remember:

Early Registration - October 26  
Last Day to Drop a Course - November 30  
Commencement - December 18

## ALA Student Chapter 3rd Annual Tailgating Party

**What:** ALA tailgating before the ECU homecoming football game against the Rice Owls.

**When:** Saturday, October 17 from 1 p.m. to game time at 3:30 p.m.

**Where:** 202 W. Berkshire Road, Greenville. Berkshire Road is off Charles Boulevard and across from the football stadium. Parking is available on the street.

**Who:** All MLS students and faculty along with their family members and significant others are welcome. Attendance at the football game is not required.

**What to bring:** Bring a side or two and your drink. Hot dogs, paper products, and coolers are provided.

**RSVP:** By October 10 to Dr. Jami Jones at [jonesj@ecu.edu](mailto:jonesj@ecu.edu)

**Cost of tickets:** \$25 Contact Dr. Jami Jones for discount code.



## ECU's Master of Library Science named as one of the top 10 largest distance education programs in U.S. News annual listing



Two graduate programs at ECU have been named by U.S. News in the largest programs for distance education in the magazine's annual best graduate schools edition.

The ECU College of Nursing is listed in the nursing programs section, and the ECU College of Education is listed in the library science programs.

According to U.S. News, it surveyed 473 programs with 409 responses to compile a list of the largest graduate-level programs measured by enrollment in business, education, engineering, library science, nursing and public health. The top programs appear in the May 2009 publication and [www.usnews.com/elearning](http://www.usnews.com/elearning).

"This ranking emphasizes the strength of our online graduate-level nursing concentrations. The pass rates for our annual national certification exam scores are consistently above 95 percent," said Dr. Sylvia Brown, acting dean of the College of Nursing. "The combination of national recognition and such high pass rates certainly draws prospective nursing graduate students to ECU."

The College of Nursing was first named to the U.S. News list in 2004. The school offers seven online options in the master's of science in nursing program: adult nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, family nurse practitioner, neonatal nurse practitioner, nursing education, nursing leadership and nurse midwifery.

The College of Education's Department of Library Science offers a totally online, Internet-based Master of Library Science degree. The department has offered online courses since the late 1990s. For more information about the program, visit <http://www.ecu.edu/educ/libs/>.

## Student & Alumni News

Deep River Elementary school Media/Library has been awarded the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) School Library Collection Development Grant in the amount of \$10,000. Monique Boulanger-Scott was part of the media committee that developed a 3-year collection plan for the media center.

Katie Fountain has received a grant from the International Paper Foundation for \$1,000 for the purchase of books and educational materials for the Fair Bluff Community Library, a branch of the Columbus County Library System. She was assisted by local board president Judith Eznor.

Joan Williams has received the LSTA grant

Vickie Woodard achieved National Board Certification in the area of Library Media/Early Childhood through Young Adulthood.

Lisa Powell has received the LSTA grant for 2009-2010

Lisa Denning has been awarded the NCLA Memorial Scholarship.

Patricia Stringer has received the Query-Long Scholarship in the amount of \$1000.00 from the NCLA Scholarship Committee.

Barbara Anderson has receive one of fifty grants from NEA's Read Across America.

## Welcome to the Profession

Milton Dail has been hired in Washington High School in Beaufort County.

Cindy Berry has been offered the media specialist position at Wells Elementary School in Wilson.

Michele Byrd has been hired as a media specialist for Cooper Elementary School in Clayton.

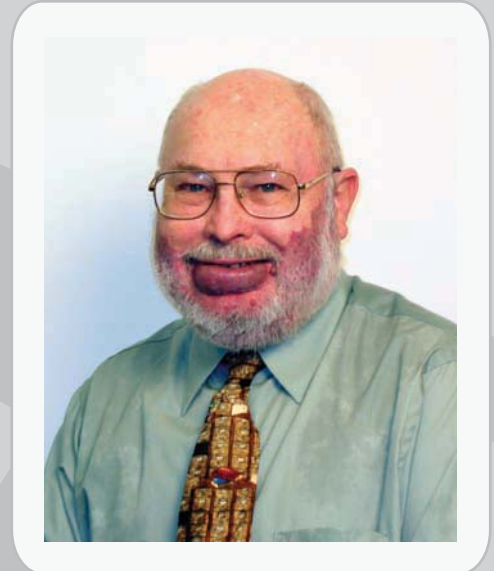
Kelly Puglisi has been hired in Polenta Elementary School in Johnston County.

Joyce Deaton has been offered the media specialist position at East Garner Magnet Middle School.

Aleisha Ainsworth has been hired as a media specialist starting Fall 2009 at Cheraw Primary School in Cheraw, South Carolina.

Kevin Vickers has been hired as media coordinator at Sun Valley Elementary School, Union County Public Schools

Meet  
the  
Faculty



## Dr. Patrick Valentine

Patrick Valentine recently enjoyed his 30th wedding anniversary. His wife is a school librarian- they met in library graduate school when he was bowled over by a dynamite class presentation she made! Their daughter is a twenty-something post-graduate now working in Savannah. Dr. Valentine also has a brother living in Colorado.

Dr. Valentine became an Assistant Professor at East Carolina University's Department of Library Science after retiring as a public librarian. His doctorate is in European history from Tulane University and he has a master's in librarianship from the University of South Carolina. He enjoys reading history and current events and watching football on TV. His principal occupation is walking a very spoiled rescue dog but he also finds time to trim and weed the lawn.

He headed the North Carolina Foreign Language Center, a statewide library project from 1979 to 1985, after which he was director of the Wilson County Public Library for twenty years. He has written on multilingual issues, minority language libraries, and the history of libraries, as well as two books on local history. He teaches Collection Development and History of Books but also has taught 6031 Library Administration and 6012 Research.

Dr. Valentine has served for extended periods on the executive board of the North Carolina Library Association, was president of its Public Library Section and active in the North Carolina Public Library Directors Association. He has also taken leadership roles in local civic, education and religious groups, and is presently a member of ECU's Libraries Committee.

"I believe in lots of contact with students. I use audio and video casts as well as live interactive computer tools. I learned all this after turning sixty and feel if I can do it, students can too. Librarianship requires people with communication skills and an active approach to helping people. Librarians don't sit behind desks and read books, their jobs are much more demanding and active. Being a librarian is not for the faint hearted!"

## COLRS 2009 Summer Workshop

The 2009 Community Oriented Librarian Recruitment Scholarship (COLRS) Workshop started off with a bang---a bang of lightning and thunder that knocked out the hotel's wireless access. Despite the incredible downpour on Friday evening, the COLRS recipients and members of the Department of Library Science faculty and staff arrived safely and enjoyed meeting face-to-face again.

David C. Vinciguerra, Instructional Technology Specialist for the Department of Library Science and his wife, Jennifer Vinciguerra, Distance Education Coordinator for the College of Education, provided a multimedia presentation together on using Flip Video cameras. After the presentation, the workshop appeared like an episode of the Oprah Winfrey show, as every COLRS recipient received a Flip Video Camcorder. The students will be using these camcorders to post videos of themselves in their working environments to the COLRS blog.

Later in the evening, faculty and students dined together while enjoying a presentation by Jacqueline K. Ogburn, author of *The Bake Shop Ghost*. Ogburn discussed the writing process, having her book made into a play and short film and gave a sneak peak of her next book. The evening concluded with each student receiving an autographed copy of *The Bake Shop Ghost*.

The following Saturday was full of events. Students met informally over breakfast and then attended a presentation by former student Gail Holmes who discussed school library media. The faculty and students enjoyed a question and answer session and then met with Shanna Norris, young adult author of *Something to Blog About*. Norris discussed being a young adult author and has a new book coming out during the summer entitled *Troy High*, where Homer's *Iliad*, the classic tale of love and revenge, is shrewdly retold for teens. Each student received an autographed copy of *Something to Blog About*. Later in the day Joyner Library's William Gee discussed Interlibrary Loan options for distance education students and Alan Bailey presented on the Teacher Resource Center in Joyner Library.





# SASSY RADICAL LIBRARIAN LOBBYISTS!

The COLRS recipients each received a flip camera at this summer's COLRS workshop. Their assignment is to take the cameras and post video blogs on what it is like being a librarian. Not even a week had passed when a blog entry titled "Sassy Radical Librarian Lobbyists!" appeared, posted by Joyce Deaton and Jill Whitson.

Joyce Deaton explains the process of using the flip camera and posting to the blog.

"Having just returned from the COLRS workshop, there was no excuse not to take the handy Flip camera that was provided to us the prior weekend. I didn't really need any instructions to use the camera, just turn it on and hit the record button. The size of the camera fit easily in my purse and I could take it out in a moments notice. One word of advice is that if you plan on using the video and want quality sound, you need to have the camera close to the person's face, approximately a head-shot frame would give you the range to pick up sound. Downloading the video to the computer was particularly easy, including being able to edit out unwanted parts at the beginning and end of a shot. Compared to my digital camera, which takes excellent video, the flip camera made the uploading process very easy.

Posting to the blog is a great experience, although regrettably ours is limited to just the COLRS students. I think that if time were available I would love to do more blogging, either for advocacy work, or more likely, as part of my job as a librarian. I am thinking of starting a blog at school to encourage teachers and administrators to blog about the books that they are reading. Utilizing video in a blog, particularly if you can do so with faculty, administration, as well as students would increase the interest of a blog, especially to middle school students (and their parents.) It of course also serves as a valuable marketing tool for your library."

COLRS students can log into the COLRS blog to watch the videos.  
<http://ecucolrs.blogspot.com/2009/07/lobby-in-raleigh.html>

Other MLS students can read the blog on the following page.

# COLRS

Wednesday, July 1, 2009

## Sassy Radical Librarian Lobbyists!

Hello all!

Jill Whitson and I met today in Raleigh (July 1st) at the legislative buildings to have an adventure in democracy - as sassy radical librarian lobbyists! It was way out of our comfort zone to talk to the people in power, but by the end of the day WE were EMPOWERED! [We also had our handy flip camera to take a few videos. See below.] Ah...fitting as July 4th is upon us and cuts in our state budget may impact any one of us. I must admit that I was absolutely stunned to realize just how our presence there can make an impact when it comes to the decisions being made. If no one is sitting at the table and advocating for us, then we can say goodbye to assistants, crucial media specialist positions, not to mention the already meager budget for the collection. We need to get sassy!

If any of you are interested in lobbying in Raleigh - shoot me an e-mail and I would be happy to go down to meet you. We can give out legislative one-pagers about how valuable the media center is, and tell our story of teaching in the trenches. Besides the potential impact on our legislators and the experience, it would be a great chance to see my fellow classmates again, after our brief encounter at the COLRS workshop. This is a PERFECT TIME to come to Raleigh as we are on summer break, and we might even make an impact on whether or not we get that job, or have an assistant in the library next year.

Join our Sassy Radical Librarian Lobbyist Brigade! We are not that "sassy" or "radical"... but we want to be! It can be useful when you meet with stubborn politicians who just want us to "suck up" and deal with economic cuts to education. We say: No teacher left behind! No Library left behind! = No child left behind!

Joyce



Above: Joyce Deaton in the legislative building and Jill Whitson with State Senator Don Davis



From registration to graduation, Student Manager Karen Mathis can answer all of your questions about ECU's MLS degree program!

Send your questions to  
[mathisk@ecu.edu](mailto:mathisk@ecu.edu)

DEAR KAREN,  
ONLY YOU CAN PROTECT OUR  
FORESTS. PLEASE TELL ME ECU  
HAS PLANS TO HELP SAVE OUR  
TREES.

-SMOKEY

Hello Smokey,

As someone who cares deeply for our environment as well, I have wonderful news for you. ECU has recently switch to e-billing. This way, students will receive bills for their classes in their e-mails rather than in traditional mail. This not only saves trees, but it also saves time for students since they can easily pay for their classes online.

Sagaciously yours,  
Karen

Karen—Lets talk. I like to talk---I talk a lot---and I enjoy talking and talking about all sorts of subjects.

But, I'd really like to talk about booktalking since it is something I don't know how to talk about.

Do you know any booktalkers that can teach me how to talk the booktalking talk?

-Joan

Joan,

To learn a little about booktalking you will want to view Dr. Ruth Clark's introduction to booktalking presentation recorded live at the 2007 COLRS workshop. The presentation can be viewed at this address:

<http://www.ecu.edu/educ/libs/community.cfm>

Sagaciously yours,  
Karen

Dear Karen,  
I'm off on another adventure. I've got to find my father (lost in another library- this time in Venice). I need to sit out a semester- Will this cause a problem in obtaining my MLS degree?

Thanks,  
H. Jones, Jr

Henry,

Keeping up with your father sounds as difficult as finding the Holy Grail! Sitting out Fall or Spring semester will not jeopardize your standing with the MLS program. You will need to reapply – just log on to the application facility and complete a readmission form for a master program. You will lose your ECU email but you will receive notification from ITCS prior to the purge. If you notify me, I can request ITCS to keep the email active. If you attend spring semester, you will not need to reapply if you sit out summer.

Sagaciously yours,  
Karen



# ROCK STAR AUTHORS, NETWORKING, AND FREE BOOKS: MY ADVENTURES AT THE ALA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

JILL BATEMAN-WHITSON

**Last summer** I had the honor of representing ECU at the national ALA Conference in the beautiful city of Chicago, Illinois. Every year ALA sponsors a program called Student2Staff; schools of Library Science each choose one student to represent them at the conference, ALA then provides the student with room and board in return for the student working for 4 hours per day at the conference. What a great opportunity!

I arrived in the Windy City early on Thursday afternoon giving a couple of other Student2Staffers and myself a chance to explore the city and find our way to the McCormick Place Convention Center. We decided to walk from Michigan Avenue's Magnificent Mile down to McCormick. It was a long journey but we did get to see Millennium Park, the Museum Campus, Soldier Field and the Balbo Monument. The flowers decorating every square inch of the city were so beautiful, I could live there in the summer!! Some of the Student2Staffers got together that evening for Chicago style deep-dish pizza. It was fun to meet students from across the country.



Chicago skyline

I was able to work with the "Conference Services" group for my daily duties. One of my "duties" was watching some great professors present their papers, another one of my duties was selling tickets to the Annual Scholarship Bash that was held at the Art Institute of Chicago. Selling the tickets was a great way to meet librarians from all over the country! I even ended up buying my own ticket and attending the event. It was so exciting to have the whole Art Institute reserved for just our group to view some of the world's most famous artwork! The money raised from the event was put toward scholarships that are given to Library Science students.



# ROCK STAR AUTHORS, NETWORKING, AND FREE BOOKS: MY ADVENTURES AT THE ALA NATIONAL CONFERENCE ...CONTINUED

JILL BATEMAN-WHITSON



Jill at the Art Institute of Chicago

My work with Conference Services was a great experience; it gave me an insider's look into the convention and let me meet a lot of the ALA staff that do all the work putting the conference together.

The Conference Services folks were very nice to arrange their schedule around mine so I was able to attend the meetings, lectures, and awards ceremonies that I wanted to see. I am a high school librarian and am very

interested in the YALSA group, (Young Adult Library Services Association) so I chose to attend some really fun activities with them. First was YALSA 101 an informative session that told newbie ALA conference folks all about the different ways one can get involved with YALSA. I spoke with several of the leaders of YALSA and told them about my student winning the Wrestlemania Reading Challenge; they invited me to make a blog post about it on the spot! Here it is: <http://yalsa.ala.org/blog/2009/07/29/yalsa-podcast-75-jill-whitson-on-the-wrestlemania-reading-challenge/>

Then I headed over to the "What to Wear" YALSA Happy Hour where we were treated to hors d'oeuvres and a fashion show of all the things a well dressed librarian should wear. It was a great networking evening; I met several Young Adult librarians from different parts of the country. YALSA also sponsored a Coffee Klatch on Sunday morning. I highly recommend this event. It was like "Speed Dating;" authors come to your table and sit for 10 minutes, answer questions and talk about their books. I met Sarah Dessen and Printz Award winner, Melina Marchetta among others.



Jill with Printz Award winner Melina Marchetta



# ROCK STAR AUTHORS, NETWORKING, AND FREE BOOKS: MY ADVENTURES AT THE ALA NATIONAL CONFERENCE ...CONTINUED

JILL BATEMAN-WHITSON

The YALSA people were so nice, they invited me to attend the Printz Awards on Sunday night. This was a fun event; each honoree gave a short speech while the big screen showed a picture of their book cover. It was so interesting to hear some of the author's reasons for writing their book and some told stories about how they had researched information for their books. After the speeches we were invited to have cocktails and snacks while mingling with the authors and other guests.

The Exhibit Hall was a wonderland of library stuff! Being a newbie I was unsure about the rules of the road here but did manage to come away with about 10 free books, several catalogs and information for my library, got on numerous mailing lists, and took lots of pictures of famous authors who were signing books. It was like seeing rock stars to stumble across Neil Gaiman, Richard Peck, Walter Dean Myers, Laurie Halse Anderson, and Jon Scieszka just to name a few!! Whew, the place was huge and the vendors were so nice and I was so tired at the end of each day.



Author Neil Gaiman

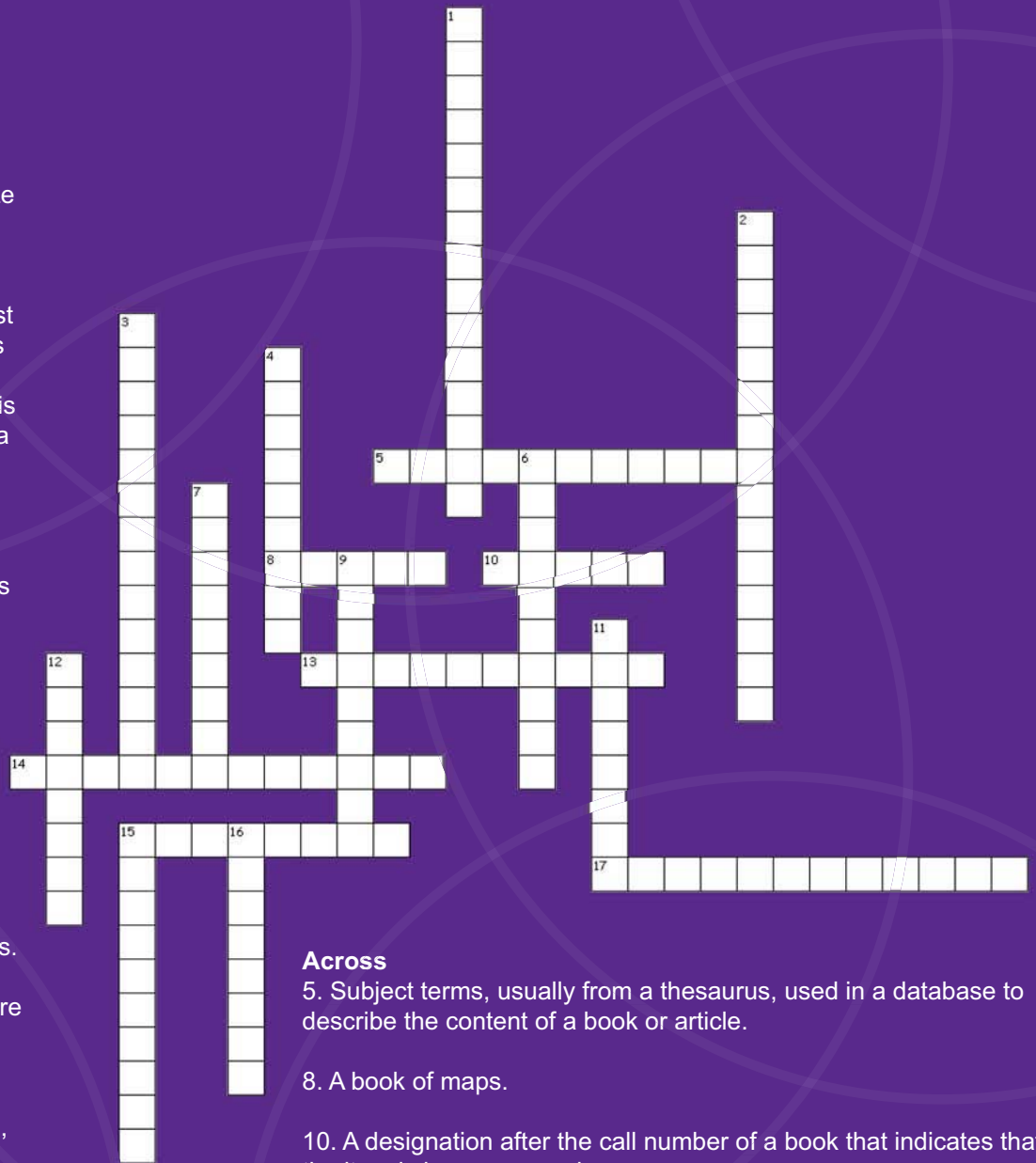
Another exciting and fun event was the Book Cart Drill Team contest, what a hoot. See the link: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HtmZxghTkyY>. There are events for many different groups, libraries, and interests at the ALA Conference; I recommend looking over the information available online before you go and make out a tentative schedule for yourself. There is a place online to put your own schedule that you can access from the conference center computers. If you don't plan ahead you may be disappointed to find you've missed something that you wanted to see.

I highly recommend a trip to an ALA conference, you can meet librarians from all sorts of different libraries, you can find information on about anything you would ever need for a library, you can meet famous authors, hear some reading from their books, learn new skills, gather great ideas, and much, much more!

# LIBRARY TERMINOLOGY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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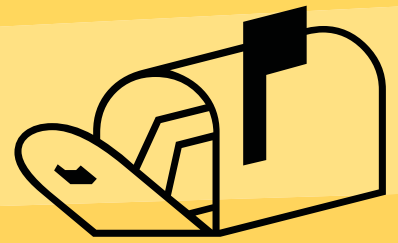
1. The area where you can check out, return, or renew library materials. (2 words)
2. A type of library shelving that uses movable shelves to maximize the storage capacity of a given space. (2 words)
3. A service in which, upon request by faculty, certain library materials are temporarily assigned a much shorter loan period. The purpose is to ensure that all students taking a course will be able to share materials. (2 words)
4. A publication that appears one time only. Usually books or reports but not periodicals.
6. The location, usually within a library or archive, where manuscripts, rare books, papers, photographs, government documents, and other records of historical interest are usually stored.
7. A dictionary or index of geographical names with locations.
9. A person responsible for the care of a library and its contents, including the selection and processing of materials, the delivery of information, instruction, and loan services.
11. All the materials (print, nonprint, and electronic) owned by a library.
12. An annual documentary, historical, or memorial publication containing information about the previous year.
15. A 4x6 inch sheet of film, used for storage of miniaturized text.
16. A brief summary of the content of a book, article, speech, report, or dissertation.



## Across

5. Subject terms, usually from a thesaurus, used in a database to describe the content of a book or article.
8. A book of maps.
10. A designation after the call number of a book that indicates that the item is large or oversized.
13. A search technique in which you use a symbol to search for variations on a word.
14. The process of maintaining library and archival materials in condition suitable for use, either in their original form or in some other, usually more durable, form.
15. A periodical intended for the general public rather than for scholars.
17. A classification number assigned to U.S. Federal government documents, used to arrange materials on library shelves. (2 words)

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## The Dewey Decimal Designation for Correspondences & Collections of Letters

Since I won't be able to attend the graduation reception, I wanted to offer my thanks to you. My experience with the ECU Distance Learning program was wonderful.

Thank you, Julie



Thank you so much for the valuable education I received at East Carolina University. Without your assistance I don't think I would have made it through the past four years. So thank you for your patience and understanding. They say slow and steady wins the race, but I am saddened by the fact I am leaving a wonderful group of professors. I hope you don't mind if I email you guys from time to time.

Affectionately, Sa'Cola



Hi, I just saw a copy of Beyond the Stacks and I love it. Please place me on the mailing list for it as well as any updates on the new library school.

-Jane



The newsletter looks great. I'm glad to keep up with what's happening in the department, even after graduation.

-Vickie



I haven't spoken to you in a long while but as a former student I enjoy getting messages from you guys and I really am impressed with this publication!! Keep up the great work!! Thanks for keeping us "old fogies" in the loop!

- Sheila

