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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Jan Heagy

Have you seen **The Librarian's Book of Lists** by George M. Eberhart? This ALA
publication is great fun. The lists cover an
impressive range of topics from library
classics (Ranganathan's 5 Laws of Library
Science (Updated)) to pure for the fun of it
(10 Suggestions for a Library-Related Ben
and Jerry's Flavor). For detailed contents
information, go to this link: http://www.alastore.ala.org/detail.aspx?ID=2886.

All this got me thinking about what I would include in a collection of lists especially for geoscience librarians. How about ice cream "favored flavors" -- Rocky Road! Then I had a brain freeze (probably due to the ice cream, certainly not due to the summer weather). What other ice creams? What other topics?

So I am opening this up to the GSIS membership at large. Send me your topic candidates and I'll compile our own list of lists from your suggestions. I will unveil the results at our annual conference. How is that for a great incentive to come to Denver?

If that isn't enough, I'm sure the plans outlined by Janet Dombrowski and Kay Johnson in this newsletter will do the trick.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and e-mail those geoscience librarian list ideas to me at jan.b.heagy@exxonmobil.com!

VICE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Kay G. Johnson

The GSIS Annual Meeting is a little over two months away. The meeting rooms have been reserved and you can see the tentative schedule on page 3 and on the GSIS website: http://www.geoinfo.org/2010schedule.html.

The luncheon is being moved to 12:30 on Monday to accommodate the Technical Session on Tuesday. Jan and I are continuing to develop the round table session. I have contacted nineteen potential sponsors and will be checking back with them in the near future. This is a great opportunity to showcase your organization, goods, or services, so if you have an interest in contributing financially towards any of the sessions, please get in touch with me.

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Janet Dombrowski has passed along a couple of great ideas for field trips. Please take a look at the field trip options (below) and let me know what you prefer. Meanwhile, I encourage you to register for the conference, gather materials for the International Initiatives Committee silent auction, and get the adrenalin pumped for meeting in Denver. It is going to be fantastic!

GSIS Field Trip Suggestions

- 1. Denver Museum of Nature & Science Take a look at terrific paleontology and mineralogy collections. We may be able to get a curator to give a talk or lead a tour of the paleontology labs. The group admission fee is \$10 per person. The museum is about a 20 to 25 minute bus ride away from the Convention Center with no transfers. I have taken the bus to the museum, and it was straight-forward. People may also prefer to share cabs.
- 2. Denver Public Library The Central Library is a 10 to 15 minute walk from the Convention Center. It is an attractive and architecturally interesting building. We may be able to get a behind the scenes tour of digitization projects or learn more about the Western History and Genealogy collection. There is no admission charge.

Please let me know if you would be interested in going to either of these locations for a half-day field trip on Wednesday morning (Nov. 3). Do you have a preference for the museum or the library? Would you prefer a structured trip (a talk, formal tour, etc.), or unstructured?

Thanks!
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CONFERENCE UPDATES

◆ PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

Saturday, Oct. 30

9:15 am. - 3:45 pm. Geosciences Librarianship 101 (see page 4) 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. GSIS Executive Board Meeting

Sunday, Oct. 31

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. GSIS Business Meeting

Monday, Nov. 1

12:30 – 2:00 p.m. GSIS Luncheon *(ticketed event)* 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. GSIS Professional Issues Round Table

Tuesday, Nov. 2

8:00 am. – 12:00 noon (tentative)
T79. Geoscience Information Services:
"Peak" Performances
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
GSIS Reception, Awards, and Silent Auction

Wednesday, Nov. 3

Morning TBA GSIS Field Trip

All GSIS events, except the technical session, will be held at the Hyatt. Rooms and updates will be posted at http://www.geoinfo.org/2010schedule.html. The schedule for GSA Technical Programs should be finalized by Aug. 30.

◆ IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 27—Early registration deadline
Oct. 15—deadline to register of Geoscience
Librarianship 101
Oct. 27—deadline for speakers to upload

Oct. 27—deadline for speakers to upload their presentations prior to arrival

◆ REGISTER NOW FOR GEOSCIENCE LIBRARIANSHIP 101

The Geoscience Information Society's popular professional development seminar returns this fall. "Geoscience Librarianship 101" will be presented on Saturday, October 30 in Denver, just prior to the start of the GSA Annual Meeting. Registration is free and open to all information specialists, professional librarians, and students in library and information studies.

Clara McLeod (Washington University in St. Louis) is again coordinating this year's seminar, which is aimed at librarians new to the geosciences and those already in the field who want a refresher. A team of experienced geoscience librarians will cover topics including collection development, reference and instructional services, map librarianship and GIS. After these presentations, there will be a chance for participants to engage in open discussion and to give feedback. The schedule of presentations is still being finalized and will be posted on Geonet-L and the GSIS website in the next few weeks.

GL101 will be held from 9:15 am. to 3:45 pm. in the Auraria Library, 1100 Lawrence St., Denver, Colorado. Pre-registration is required; no walk-ins will be admitted. You do not need to be registered for GSA in order to participate in GL101. Registrations must be received by October 15. To sign up, please provide your name, daytime contact information, and professional (work/school) affiliation to: Shaun Hardy, Carnegie Institution-Library, 5241 Broad Branch Road, NW, Washington, DC 20015, telephone 202-478-7960, e-mail shardy@ciw.edu.

SILENT AUCTION ALERT FOR DENVER

GSIS Silent Auction fun will once again be taking place at the GSIS reception. Please consider donating items. Popular items in past years: calendars, regional items, jewelry, handmade art/wearables, coffee, teas, or books.

The proceeds from the auction are for the International Fellowship and Stipend which supports international earth science librarians.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Meredith Bush

University of Texas at Austin (student)

Bonnie Swoger

SUNY Geneseo

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MID-YEAR TREASURER'S REPORT SUMMARY

During the first half of 2010, GSIS received income of \$7,807.21 and incurred expenses of \$6,440.04. GSIS bank account balances as of June 30, 2010 were as follows: Checking, \$8,507.85; Savings \$18,571.83; GSIS General Funds CD, \$20,062.97; Ansari Best Reference Awards CD, \$5,818.16; and Ansari Distinguished Service Awards CD, \$3,498.82. The total balance in the treasury on June 30, 2010 was \$56,459.63. Details are on pages 9 and 10.

Respectfully submitted, Angelique Jenks-Brown GSIS Treasurer

2010 MID-YEAR REPORT: ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

Two boxes of Geoscience Information Society (GSIS) archive material was deposited in the University of Illinois Archives in the past year at no charge to GSIS. Currently, GSIS has 19 boxes occupying 15.6 cubic feet of space, in the Archives. The GSIS archives holdings can be viewed at http://www.library.uiuc.edu/archives/ (search on "geoscience"). No research has been done on looking at ways to reorganize the material already in the Archives so that similar documents reside in the same box

Members are invited to submit library histories, biographies, vitae, photographs from GSIS meetings and field trips, or other manuscripts that document the history of GSIS or its members. In the changing climate of libraries, these histories are valuable resources on the creation and operation of geoscience libraries. Photographs and biographies are especially useful for award nominations and presentations.

Respectfully submitted, Anne M. Huber

GEOSCIENCE LIBRARY NEWS

• New librarian selected for Geophysical Institute's Keith B. Mather Library

After a lengthy search and vetting process, Flora Grabowska was selected as the new librarian and research assistant professor at the Keith B. Mather Library. The Mather Library boasts a collection of more than 27,000 books and 24,000 reports and supports both the Geophysical Institute (GI) and the International Arctic Research Center

(IARC) at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Grabowska will begin work at the library on Aug. 30, 2010.

Grabowska has an extensive background in library science and held her most recent post as science librarian at Vassar College since 1995. At Vassar, Grabowska was a strong proponent of open access, which is a move to provide scientists, teachers, students and the general public free and unrestricted use of research published in scholarly journals.

Before earning her master's degree in library science in 1981, Grabowska was a scientist in biochemistry at the University of British Columbia and at the Macaulay Institute for Soil Research in the United Kingdom.

"I love working with scientists," Grabowska said by phone from her Poughkeepsie, NY home. "Several aspects of the research that's being worked on (at the GI and IARC) are front page news — volcanoes, earthquakes and climate change — I find that all very exciting."

Since the GI's creation in 1946, the institute's librarian has played a key role in the research facility's operations. In fact, the Act of Congress that established the GI, dictated that a librarian be one of the key positions of the institute.

"I'm honored. I'm really honored at being selected for this position," Grabowska said. "It will be challenging, but I love a challenge — that's what makes me productive."

The most northern special library in the United States, the Mather Library has a number of special collections, including the largest aurora collection in the country. For more information:

http://www.gi.alaska.edu/services/library/.

2010 GSIS AWARDS

MARY B. ANSARI DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

The Mary B. Ansari Distinguished Service Award recognizes significant contributions to the geoscience information profession. The award was established in 2005 through the generous support of Mary B. Ansari, Director Emerita for Branch Libraries and Administrative Services, University of Nevada-Reno and President of the Geoscience Information Society (1990).

The Geoscience Information Society is proud to present the 2010 award to **Julie Hallmark**, Professor Emeritus, University of Texas.

Julie's career as an educator from 1969 to 2003 has been distinguished by her interest in scientific communication, user behavior, and emerging technologies. For nearly 40 years she has made important contributions in these areas. Her impact has been felt nationally and internationally.

Through her research Julie has sought to understand how scientists seek, use, and disseminate information, and how digital technology interfaces with those processes. Papers such as "Geoscience Information Sources and Services from the User's Viewpoint" (1978), "End User Database Searching in Geoscience" (1987), "Information Seeking Behavior of Geoscientists" (with Dederick Ward, 1989), and "Methods Used by Geoscientists to Access and Retrieve References Cited in Their Journal Articles" (1994) span her career. Coincidentally they also document the evolution of information technology in support of scientific inquiry.

In illuminating the processes of information



search and retrieval. Julie's research has helped information professionals re-shape their products, services and perspectives. In a 1974 paper Julie stated prophetically that digital bibliographic databases would become more important than print bibliographies. At the time few people saw this possibility. GeoRef, like many databases, had been designed to produce a print publication, the Bibliography and Index of Geology. Julie's paper describing changes that were needed in GeoRef to facilitate database searching was imaginative and persuasive. The thoughtful changes she advised, as well as others she called for subsequently as a member of the GeoRef Advisory Committee, were largely adopted to the continuing benefit of the geoscience community.

Her preference for viewing communication and information resources from the user's perspective has been an abiding theme of her work. Long before it was popular she understood the importance of a user-centered approach to information organization and services. The librarian, she urged her students, must first understand users and how they work before designing library services or hoping to have an impact. Readily accessible, she was fond of new ideas, opened many eyes, and inspired students to think creatively. In addition to teaching in the UT School of Information, Julie has lectured and taught in Mexico, Argentina, Cuba, Romania, Australia, China, Guatemala, and the Philippines. Her efforts to encourage library education in Latin America have been noteworthy. She has traveled extensively in the region and used her considerable personal charm and confidence to attract new members to the profession of librarianship. Her perspective on science librarianship has been invigorating.

Julie joined the Geoscience Information Society in 1966, a year after its founding. She served on numerous committees and was devoted to the success of the society. Her keen intellect, bountiful enthusiasm and energy have engaged people in projects they may have otherwise been reluctant to join. As President (1979) she was instrumental in making GSIS more professional, with a broader outlook and hence a wider impact. With colleagues she established international conferences in geoscience information, six of which have been held to date. Her frequent presentations at GSA meetings have broadened understanding of scholarly communication and the issues in geoscience information. Her papers twice earned the GSIS Best Paper Award (1987, 1990). She was active in the American Society for Information Science, the Texas Library Association, and the Special Libraries Association. She also served on the SLA Board of Directors and the American Geological Institute Executive Committee.

A valuable colleague, Julie has always been well-informed, perceptive and willing to

share her knowledge. Her generosity of spirit has been inclusive, positive and encouraging. Whether working independently or collaboratively her efforts have greatly enriched the geoscience information community and the people who populate it.

GSIS is pleased to name Julie Hallmark the 2010 recipient of the Mary B. Ansari Distinguished Service Award.

Previous Ansari Award winners:

2009 Sharon Tahirkheli

2008 Connie J. Manson

2007 John G. Mulvihill

2006 Dederick C. Ward

2005 Charlotte R. M. Derksen

The 2010 selection committee consisted of Sharon Tahirkheli, Marie Dvorzak, and Patricia Yocum (Chair).

GSIS BEST PAPER AWARD

The Geoscience Information Society Best Paper Award Committee has selected Linda **R.** Musser's article titled "Progress in the Citation of Geoscience Data" for the 2010 Best Paper Award. The members of the committee believe that her paper performs a valuable service by educating the geoscience community about the importance of citing the sources of data and explaining a publication's stand on the issue of data citation. The paper is published in volume 39 of *Proceedings of* the Geoscience Information Society and was based on a paper given at the 2008 meeting of the Society.

Linda R. Musser is Librarian and Head of the Fletcher L. Byrom Earth and Mineral Sciences Library at Pennsylvania State University.

◆ 2010 BEST GUIDEBOOK AWARD

The Best Guidebook Award Subcommittee of the GSIS Guidebook Committee is pleased to announce that the Best Guidebook Award for 2010 goes to Scott Southworth, D. K. Brezinski, R.C. Orndorff, J.E. Repetski., and D.M. Denenny for Geology of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park and Potomac River corridor, District of Columbia, Maryland, West Virginia, and Virginia: U.S. Geological Survey Professional Paper 1691, 2008, 144 p., 1 pl. (Also available online at http://pubs.usgs.gov/pp/1691/.)

The Award will be presented at the GSIS/GSA Conference in Denver in November. Members of this year's Best Guidebook Award Subcommittee are Erin Palmer, Chair, Jody Foote, and Linda Musser.

◆ BEST WEBSITE AWARD

On behalf of the GSIS Best Website Committee, I am honored to announce the 2010 winner: **The Echinoid Directory**, by Dr. Andrew Smith, Natural History Museum of London,

http://www.nhm.ac.uk/research-curation/research/projects/echinoid-directory/.

John Kawula and Robert Tolliver served on the Best Website Committee this year. Their assistance has been invaluable. Below are comments from the committee members and nominator:

This is an excellent web site for anyone interested in echinoids. The site has a clear layout and is well organized and has a great deal of information on echinoids including sections on morphology, keys to identification, classification, 3D models, an index to taxa, and a glossary. The index of

taxa is very extensive and informative with images, in some cases of the type specimen. (Robert Tolliver)

This site, an open community project maintained by Dr. Andrew Smith of the Natural History Museum in London, provides a non-technical overview as well as a detailed taxonomic resource for Echinoids, a major group of marine invertebrates with an extensive and well documented fossil record. Most of the site is highly technical with a large glossary, illustrated keys for identification, hierarchical classification, and searchable index. Without a doubt, one of the most striking and noteworthy features of the site are the exquisite, sharply focused high resolution images and interactive 3-D models. (John Kawula)

The imagery is spectacular, the information is accurate, and the educational value is huge. It excels in so many ways, every year it gets a little bit better until now it is the most authoritative work on echinoids for the online world. It is a truly remarkable production by Andrew Smith at the Natural History Museum in London. It is a must for paleontologists both academic and amateur... and just anyone who wants to be educated...painlessly! This site is an open community project which currently provides access to images of the type species of almost all described genera of echinoid, both recent and fossil. Some additional non-type species are also illustrated. (Ann M. Molineuxnominator)

Respectfully Submitted, Carolyn Laffoon Chair, GSIS Best Website Committee

GEOSCIENCE INFORMATION SOCIETY 2010 Q2							
(by Angelique Jenks-Brown 07/2010)							
	Income Budgeted	Income Actual	Expense Budgeted	Expense Actual			
EXECUTIVE BOARD							
President			\$400.00				
Vice-President			\$375.00				
Past-President			\$25.00				
Secretary			\$125.00				
Treasurer			\$75.00	\$33.85			
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$33.85			
MEETINGS							
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2010 Meeting (rooms and AV and Internet)	\$1,500.00		\$2,500.00				
2010 Business Meeting refreshments	\$500.00		\$750.00				
2010 Meeting Reception	\$1,000.00	\$87.21	\$2,000.00				
2010 Meeting Exhibit Booth (furniture &	\$1,000.00	ψ37.21	\$2,000.00				
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2010 lunches			\$80.00				
2010 Invited speakers, abstract fees			\$135.00				
2010 Speaker Honorarium / Gift			\$300.00				
2010 Meeting: fieldtrip	\$0.00		\$0.00				
Subtotal	\$3,000.00	\$87.21	\$6,765.00	\$0.00			
DUES							
Institutional	\$900.00	\$700.00					
Personal	\$5,500.00	\$3,905.00					
First Year (New Personal)	\$225.00	\$270.00					
Sustaining	\$405.00	\$405.00					
Retired	\$260.00	\$100.00					
Student	\$80.00	\$120.00					
Pooled Sponsorship	\$100.00	\$385.00					
Subtotal	\$7,470.00	\$5,885.00	\$0.00	\$0.00			
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Newsletter: mailing			\$400.00	\$49.39			
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Newsletter: cancellation refunds	1		1				
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AGI Gov't Affairs Program rep				
Congressional Science Fellow				
CUAC (2 reps @ \$200 each)				
Publicity Officer			\$50.00	
Auditor			\$25.00	+
1144101			Ψ23.00	
Subtotal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$0.00
COMMITTEES & SERVICE POSITIONS				
Archivist			\$150.00	
Award Certificates & Frames (Best Reference Work, Best Paper, Best				
Guidebook, Distinguished Service)			\$175.00	
Best Paper Committee			\$25.00	
Best Reference Work Committee			\$25.00	
Collection Development Committee			\$25.00	
Distinguished Service Award (Committee expenses and gift)			\$75.00	
Exhibits			\$50.00	
New display case/Repairs			\$0.00	
E-Resources			\$25.00	
Guidebooks Committee and				
Subcommittees			\$50.00	
International Initiatives	\$500.00		\$75.00	
Membership			\$50.00	
Membership brochure			\$30.00	
Nominating			\$75.00	
Preservation			\$25.00	
Website Advisory Subtotal	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$25.00 \$880.00	\$0.00
Subtotal	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$660.00	\$0.00
MISCELLANEOUS		1	+	+
AGI member society dues	 	† †	\$270.00	\$270.00
GAP contribution	 	1	\$400.00	\$2,0.00
GSIS International Fellow		 	\$500.00	
Ansari Best Reference Award			\$500.00	
Ansari Distinguished Service Award			\$400.00	
Geoscience Librarianship 101	\$500.00		\$500.00	
Gifts (unrestricted)	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$100.00	
Gifts- Professional Develop Fund	\$100.00	\$35.00	\$100.00	
Gifts - Membership Pool		\$55.00		1
Bank charges		1	\$25.00	\$48.32
Interest	\$630.00			
Subtotal	\$1,430.00	\$390.00	\$2,795.00	\$318.32
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-v. 38, 2007 [published 2010], Geoscience Information: Making the Earth Sciences Accessible for Everyone; ed. by Claudette Cloutier.

-v. 37, 2006 [published 2008], Geoscience Information: Keys to Discovery, ed. P.B. Yocum [978-0-934485-68-5]

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