Annual Meeting Each year at the Bayouland Annual meeting, highlights are shared of each library's accomplishments in the past year. This issue of the newsletter recaps some of those highlights.

Bayouland In January of this year, the extended courier service started with Rapides and Jefferson Parishes. A statewide committee for courier service was established with Carla Hostetter as the chair, and Iberville, East Baton Rouge and LSU were added to our courier service. In the fall, we started having trouble keeping the van running, with one repair job done in the middle of the route, and another complete breakdown on the way home. The engine was replaced (twice) and the transmission. Sometime next spring, we will get a new bright red van. The 16mm film catalog was completed, and we are almost finished with the Large Print catalog. Staff changes included Tonette Williams' marriage to Earl Celestine, and Susie Sayes' resignation. Marie Ashman joined the staff in December.

Acadia A generous patron donated a large screen TV for the meeting room in the main library in Crowley. Director Lyle Johnson became an elected official in his successful campaign for the School Board.

Allen Paige Hanchey of DeRidder became the new director in late summer. Karen Kiboudeaux is the new branch manager in Kinder. The library system received a large donation of over 1,000 law books from the estate of Alva Jones, an attorney and former city judge of Oakdale. Glenn Mayfield and his wife published a book called "Party Time Foods".

Evangeline A new branch, their fourth, opened in Pine Prairie in the summer. The library was awarded their first literacy grant this year. A six week program on Kate Chopin was co-sponsored with Northwestern State University and the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities. The library escaped the fire which destroyed the furniture store next door and a department store across the street, needing only minor repairs to roof, walls, and windows. Ville Platte, however, lost two of its oldest buildings.

Iberia Jeanerette and Delcambre branches were added to the automated circulation system, completing the library's automation project. The system includes a public access catalog, and began in 1982. Over 50 programs were offered in the summer workshops, a new record. New courses included T-shirt tie-dying, bow making, gun safety, woodworking, and model rocketry.

Jeff. Davis "We held our first (and perhaps last) festival on June 1st to kick off our summer reading program. Area crafts people, musicians, clowns, etc. came and demonstrated their talents. It was a tremendous success and we think we might as well quit while we're ahead and not do another." Major struc-
board after 36 years of service. Mrs. Linda Hardee has taken her place. Mr. Lee Caffery of Maurice has been appointed to replace Mrs. Delores Campbell on the board.

LSUE In 1990, the LeDoux library began their automation project using compact disks. The card catalog is being replaced with Library Corporation's Intelligent Catalog. The completion of retrospective conversion of records is scheduled for the end of next year. They also have Readers' Guide and the GPO index on compact disks, as well as the World Book Encyclopedia and the County and City Data Book. The Friends of the LeDoux Library organization was revived this fall, with a very positive response from the public. Residents of LSUE's service area are now able to obtain borrowers cards from the library.

Nicholls New staff members include Elizabeth Doolittle, Public Services librarian, Carol Mathias, Head of Archives and Special Collections, and Peter Kaatruge, Associate Director. InfoTrac and the Business Collection have been added to the library's resources, and the new Union Serials List was published in computer format. The Archives received a unique collection of genealogical materials from the estate of Ms. Olga Laurent, including records on fifty families from the River parishes. All areas of public service, circulation, reference and government documents, set new records this year.

USL In January the third module (circulation) of the DOBIS integrated library system was implemented. LIBIS, the online public access catalog, and the cataloguing modules have been operational since August of 1989. Anna S. Brown retired as Head of Cataloging Dept. and Bruce Trible retired as Assistant Director for Technical Ser-

vices. Mr. Trible had worked at Dupre Library for 32 years. Ms. Deborah Fetch, formerly Assistant Head of Cataloguing at Oregon State University, has been hired to replace Anna Brown.

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Because of its prevalence in our region, many patrons have requested more information on Charot-Marie-Tooth disease. Bayouland recently received a copy of CMT Facts from the Charot-Mari-Tooth Association. This booklet is available on loan from the office, or is available from the Association for $3.00. They also have a quarterly newsletter, CMTA Report. For more information, write to:

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