Upcoming workshops - A workshop for Trustees is being planned for this fall. Legal obligations and responsibilities of Library Boards will be discussed. Watch for more information.

Basic Library skills will be covered in a series of workshops in September and October. An updated version of the 1986 series, Beverly Laughlin will present the workshops which will cover basic library reference books found in all libraries (by type, not title), inter-library loan, copyright laws, and Bayouland services. Four workshops are planned in sites around Bayouland.

New Holdings and Reference Services - At USL, the reference department now has the CD-ROM databases for ERIC, the Education Index, GPO-Marcive, and two stations for InfoTrac. These were added in the fall semester; USL hopes to expand into other databases within the year. NICHOLLS has added the Matthew Bender Tax Library in optical discs and paper formats, and the Bell & Howell Phonetique.

Zydeco Spring Fest - The Oberlin branch in ALLEN held their annual Zydeco Spring Fest April 6. Preston Frank's All Family Zydeco Band provided the music, and local merchants and other citizens provided food and prizes.

LOVE program - Participants in the program were honored with commemorative bookplates in new children's books in the LAFAYETTE library. Former Lafayette Board member, and Bayouland trustee, Mrs. Theresa Davis, heads the LOVE program at the Lafayette Parish Correctional Center. The program encourages and supports women inmates in activities such as reading together with their children to reinforce learning, reading skills, and to foster the bonding necessary to ensure the family unit remains together when the prison term is finished.

People - Sandy Hime, of USL, was the host of the spring meeting of the Louisiana Federal Depository Library Council. Cyd Toups, Shailja Dixit and Mary Salsberry joined the Documents section at NICHOLLS; Donna Newchurch now works in Serials, and Jackie Brinkley in Microforms. Steven W. Gahagan, Jr. will be retiring June 26 afetr 26 years of service as the Acquisitions Librarian. In OPELOUSAS, Faye Hansen, headquarters assistant, retired after 17 years of library service. ST MARY library staff were shocked and saddened at the sudden death of their co-worker Barbara McCoy on May 26. Barbara joined the library in 1985, and had been in charge of interlibrary loans for the past year.

Awards and Honors - Sherry Moore (USL) was awarded a Right to Know grant from the Banton Foundation, through the American Library Association, to promote environmental awareness of industrial releases of toxic chemicals into the environment. Linda Bourgeois received a 20
year service pin for her work at NICHOLLS; Geraldine Malsonc and Angela Graham each received 10 year pins. Teresa Roberts, Head of Circulation at LAFAYETTE, was chosen as the next recipient of the Friends of the Lafayette Public Library Scholarship. Clara Maynard, ILL assistant is a recipient of LLA's Trustee scholarship. Both are working on their MLS degree at LSU.

Suzan G. Allen, a member of LAFA YETTE's Board has been chosen as the 1991 recipient of the ALTA/Gale Outstanding Trustee Conference Grant, enabling a public library trustee to attend an ALA Annual Conference for the first time.

National Library Week Activities - Business people in Oakdale (ALLEN) were invited to drop by their branch library for coffee, donuts, hot biscuits and the morning newspapers for Breakfast at the Library.

Donation - The Ta Wa Si Club of Thibodaux in LAFOURCHE donated some of the proceeds from last year's antique show and sale to the Thibodaux Branch Library. Three reading chairs were purchased with the donation.

Federal Job Fair - ALLEN Parish Libraries co-sponsored a job fair May 15 with the Louisiana Employment Security Service. The job fair was held at their Oakdale branch.

Mardi Gras Krewes - LAFOURCHE had several parades this year. Thibodaux had a parade of the Krewe of Bookworms February 6. Joshua Marcott (3 years old) was King Bookworm IX and Latricea Tillman (4 years old) was queen. The Krewe of Once Upon a Time rolled February 8 in Lockport during Preschool Storytime with King Dorian Allemand and Queen Melissa Toups. The mayor toasted royal couple at the start of the parade, which featured 39 children.

Expanded Hours - ST MARTIN was successful in their bond and millage increases in January. Branches will be built, books will be bought, and repairs will be made. Breaux Bridge and St. Martinville branches are now open until 8:00 p.m. Monday - Thursday, and until 5:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The branch in Cecilia also increased its hours. As soon as they get a building with a bathroom, they will be open 40 hours a week.

"Inscriptions of the Past" - In celebration of the St. Landry Parish Heritage Festival, LeDoux Library at LSUE has an exhibit of matted gravestone rubbings from six cemeteries in and around Eunice, including that of Arnold LeDoux. A brochure prepared for the exhibit describes how to prepare rubbings and their usefulness in genealogical research.

Extension Library - NICHOLLS's Etlender Library and the Morgan City Library were the recipients of a grant from Mobil Oil Company to purchase and make available library materials for offshore workers enrolled at Nicholls.

DinerSaurus Den - Acadiana Mall donated a small storefront next to the Puppet Stage to the LAFAYETTE library for a Children's branch open each Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. during the Summer Treasures Reading Club. DinerSaurus appears every week to get his Reading Club awards and to sing and dance about the fun of reading. The members of Delta Kappa Gamma are helping provide some of the personnel for the storyline activities scheduled each week.

Literacy Workshop - A tutor training workshop will be conducted by Operation Upgrade of Baton Rouge at the OPELOUSAS library June 21-22. The workshop is funded by a LSCLA literacy grant.
US Dept of Labor Quote - 75% of the unemployed lack basic reading and writing skills.

Genealogy: New Publication - Ramona A. Smith and Kathleen M. Stagg (EVANGELINE's director) recently published Le Vieux Cimetière: The Old Ville Platte, LA, Cemetery, 1852-1990. (120 pages, softcover, $15.00) Over 3,000 names are included in the listings of the Le Vieux Cemetery and three smaller ones adjoining it. Contact Ramona Smith, P.O. Box 894, Ville Platte, LA 70586.

Genealogy: Census Microfilms - Many patrons are eager to check various census listings that are nearly impossible to find on interlibrary loan. The National Archives Rental program offers low cost rentals for these microfilms. For more information, contact:
National Archives
Census Microfilm Rental Program
P.O. Box 30
Annapolis Junction, MD 20701-0030

Another source, with a different pricing structure is:
American Genealogical
Lending Library
P.O. Box 244
Bountiful, Utah 84011

Worker’s Comp - Many libraries have patrons asking questions about worker’s comp. The LABI/Workers’ Compensation Desk Book is a loose-leaf notebook full of answers to your patrons’ questions and has regular updates to keep it current. Lafayette’s copy is kept at the reference desk. For purchasing information, contact:
LABI
P.O. Box 80258
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-0258

or call 504-928-5388.

Christmas Lagniappe - Many people asked for the recipe for the lemonade cake served at the Annual Meeting in EVANGELINE last December. The Hot Dog Hut doesn’t give it out, but a friend of Kathleen Stagg’s had a recipe that tasted just like it.

Lemonade Cake

1 small package of lemon jello
3/4 cup water
4 eggs, well beaten
3/4 cup cooking oil
1 package yellow cake mix
1 small can frozen lemonade
3/4 cup sugar

Dissolve jello in water. Add oil to beaten eggs, add cake mix, beat well. Add jello mixture. Bake in tube pan 1 hour at 350 degrees. Thaw lemonade and mix with sugar. Pour over cake while it’s still hot and still in the pan. Leave in the pan overnight to soak in well.