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Susan Nutter Named 2005 Librarian of the Year

Susan K. Nutter, vice provost and director of libraries at NC State, has been named the 2005 Librarian of the Year by the national publication *Library Journal*. The award is celebrated in a cover story of the current issue of the magazine.

Shortly after Nutter came to NCSU from MIT, the NCSU Libraries ranked 101st compared to its peers in the Association of Research Libraries (ARL). Within a little more than a decade, she led the Libraries' climb to 32nd place in North America—an unprecedented accomplishment in ARL history.

What sets the NCSU Libraries apart is the strength of its collections in the specific disciplines of the university, the caliber of the library staff, and the quality and innovation of the services they offer. Nutter also recognizes the importance of faculty support for the Libraries over these years. When NC State faculty were offered a salary raise in the mid-1990s, they voted to forgo the money in favor of the library and student financial aid. Professor Michael K. Stoskopf of the College of Veterinary Medicine said,

That generous gift made with enthusiasm by the entire university faculty was the catalyst that allowed the transformation of our library. . . . [Nutter] provided the vision

and made it possible for literally thousands of faculty to show their greatness and to be heroes.

The library was one of the first to remain open twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week during the academic year; was a pioneer in creating a Learning Technology Service to assist faculty in developing online courses; and was the very first in the nation to hire an intellectual property attorney to help librarians and faculty interpret how copyright law protects or limits their access to information. The Scholarly Communication Center forms part of the Learning and Research Center for the Digital Age together with the Digital Media Lab, Usability Research Lab, and Digital Library Initiatives Department.

NCSU librarians have been recognized nationally for their work, earning accolades in 2003 and 2004 for Web-based resources and tutorials. In 2000 the Libraries won the first Excellence in Academic Libraries Award in the university library category. The award, sponsored by the Association of College and Research Libraries, recognizes staff who work as a team to develop academic libraries that are outstanding in furthering the educational missions of their institutions. ♦

Introducing RefWorks

The NCSU Libraries is pleased to announce the availability of RefWorks, a Web-based citation management tool. RefWorks allows users to search for, store, manage, and export bibliographic references. It is a Web-based alternative to other citation management tools such as EndNote.

RefWorks can help users to organize and manage citations effectively while conducting research. They can incorporate references into word-

processed documents, create independent bibliographies in a variety of styles, and collect references from a variety of sources including databases.

To access RefWorks, users must first create an individual account, which is free of charge. For more information, see <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/risd/guides/refworks.html>. To find RefWorks from the library's home page, click on the Research Assistance link in the navigation bar on the left. Then look for the RefWorks link on that page. ♦

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Birds of North America Online

Birds of North America is one of the few comprehensive reference works covering the life histories of North American birds. The eighteen-volume print edition (call number: QL681 .B62) was the result of a ten-year project of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, the American Ornithologists' Union, and the Academy of Natural Sciences. The NCSU Libraries now subscribes to the recently released online version of this important resource.

Birds of North America Online (BNA Online) has detailed accounts of the more than 700 bird species that breed in America and Canada. Topics covered for each species include distribution, migration, habitat, breeding, demography and populations,

systematics, conservation, and management. Each species account contains audio clips, such as recordings of songs and calls, video clips showing key behaviors and features of habitat, and an image gallery that includes maps of breeding and wintering ranges. A comprehensive bibliography is also provided.

BNA Online is continually updated and can be accessed by NCSU faculty and students via the Libraries' online catalog or database finder. It should be a useful resource for researchers and for students in ecology, wildlife, and zoology courses. Please send questions or comments about *BNA Online* to bob_sotak@ncsu.edu. ♦

NCSU Librarian Wins Diversity Leadership Award

Tamika Barnes McCollough of the NCSU Libraries' Research and Information Services Department has won the Special Libraries Association's (SLA) Diversity Leadership Award. This award helps to accelerate the advancement and visibility of members who represent a diverse population of the association by mentoring them for more leadership opportunities within SLA. McCollough will receive a \$1,000 stipend to pay for CE courses at the SLA's annual conference, as well as travel and accommodations. She will also receive complimentary registration for the conference and relevant events.

The SLA is a nonprofit global organization for innovative information professionals and their strategic partners. It serves more than 12,000 members from eighty-three countries in the information profession, including corporate, academic, and government information specialists. For more information on SLA, visit its Web site at <http://www.sla.org/>. ♦

Friends of the Library Events

Bob Cairns To Speak at Special Friends of the Library Reading

The Friends of the Library will host a special reading by NCSU's Bob Cairns, author of *V & Me: Everybody's Favorite Jim Valvano Story*. The event will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2005, at 7:00 P.M. in the Faculty Senate Chambers. The Faculty Senate is located on the second floor, West (Erdahl-Cloyd) Wing, of the D. H. Hill Library. The event is free and open to the general public and to the NCSU community. Books will be available for sale. A portion of all profits will benefit The V Foundation for Cancer Research.

In his book, Cairns reminisces with more than 100 people about their memories of the dynamic Jim Valvano. Kay Yow, Dick Vitale, Dean Smith,

Mike Krzyzewski, and many more sports notables shared personal stories about the coach who brought the NC State Wolfpack to an NCAA basketball championship in 1983.

Cairns has been a writer at NC State University for twenty-seven years. He has written for *Sports Illustrated*, *TV Guide*, *Field & Stream*, *Baseball Digest*, and *Golf Digest*. He is author of the novel *The Comeback Kids* and of the nonfiction book *PEN MEN*.

For more information, please call the Friends of the Library at (919) 515-2841, or visit the Web at www.lib.ncsu.edu/friends/. ♦