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From the Editor

I hope that all of you are enjoying a pleasant spring. As I write this editorial, the spring semester is winding down and I'm looking forward to a time where I can concentrate on projects left undone in the previous few months. That isn't to say that SELn will get a "rest". I am now receiving monthly reports from Kennesaw State University – whose institutional repository hosts our journal. In February, the journal had 763 full text downloads, with 704 downloads in March. This is proof that providing this access (in addition to the journal's access through the SELA website and Library Literature Online and LITA databases) is a successful expanded benefit to researchers (at no cost to SELA!).

This month's journal articles cover varying topics of interest to librarians. Robert Detmering and Claudene Sproles discuss trends in the job market for those seeking entry-level positions in the Southeast. Gregory H. March and Benjamin Darnell outline a cooperative venture between the library and a campus department to uniquely meet student needs. Sarla Murgai addresses one-on-one research assistance in order to meet the needs of students. Ellen K. Wilson's analysis of citations used in undergraduate honors theses gives insight as to how these can be used by librarians in order to make sure the library is providing the needed resources and instruction to students.

Enjoy the issue and have a great summer!

Perry Bratcher
Editor

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The SELA Membership and Mentoring Committee is looking for SELA members to join its mentoring program either as a mentor or mentee. The program is open to only SELA members, in any stage of their library career or currently enrolled in a library science program.

As a mentor, depending on your background and interest, you will have the opportunity to provide assistance to individuals who work in all aspects of librarianship and those who are either professionals, paraprofessionals or library science students. As a mentee, you will be matched with a mentor who can provide you direction in the area of librarianship you wish to pursue.

The link to the mentoring program (found on SELA's website) is <http://selaonline.org/> under the membership tab. Once you access and read the program description, you will find the necessary forms to complete prior to being accepted into the program.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Hal Mendelsohn, Chair of the SELA Membership and Mentoring Committee either by email hal@ucf.edu or phone 407-823-3604.