

## **J. Edgar and Louise S. Monroe Library, Loyola University New Orleans**

**Library Building or Remodeling Projects:** The library building survived Katrina in good shape. We continue to make modest changes that are noticeable to students, for example, creating an informal library “living room” for meetings and classes, adding a circulating paperback collection, getting our Starbucks coffee cart up and running, adding lockers. We are currently working with a graphics class to create banners that will identify subject areas in the stacks (we got the idea from the Seattle Public Library).

**Marketing or Outreach Initiatives:** We continue to advertise the library and its resources and services through our web site. Our Outreach Librarian has been very active in notifying the campus through email about library activities. We are working on developing a stronger relationship with the honors program, First Year Experience, and Living Learning Communities. Our librarian liaisons are working more closely with departmental faculty and we hope to develop this relationship further.

**Fund Raising Projects:** The focus at the university has been on funding Katrina relief, so individual units like the library have not had much opportunity for raising funds for departmental needs. We have received two grants and some individual contributions to support the Cornet Collection on the art of the Congo. We are in the process of soliciting past parents and current and former Library Visiting Committee members for library support.

**New Library Services:** The library has undertaken an initiative to teach faculty to develop online (or hybrid) courses and support their implementation. This is especially important in light of Katrina. The library is also looking at new service models. The focus is on developing a model that can effectively support our information commons, including circulation, reference, media services, and instructional technology, but its impact will be felt throughout the organization. For example, due to staff losses after Katrina, we have technical services staff who are working at the circulation desk. I think these kinds of arrangements will continue but need to be developed with an eye to long-term needs and benefits.

**Other:** We have joined a state-wide group that is using CONTENTdm. We have been focusing on digitizing honors theses, but may choose another project from Special Collections to get us started.