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the Division Officers, I will determine if the materials warrant archival status. Since I am new to this responsibility, I find that support from the Association is also just an email or phone call away!

Again, I gratefully acknowledge my predecessor, Sylvia O'Brien, who has made my job as Archivist so much easier with her work in organizing the

archives so efficiently and making the arrangements for their present location in Philadelphia.❖

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Beyond the Chemistry Web ...

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In taking over this column from Ben Wagner, chair-elect of the SLA Chemistry Division, I plan to keep up the tradition of covering more than chemistry. However, as an industrial chemist turned academic librarian, I find chemistry really is central. If you have any recommendations, please send them to buchana@auburn.edu

GENERAL

Peter Sandman's Risk Communication Website is aimed at industry and governments, but libraries can also benefit. His **Laundry List of 50 Outrage Reducers** suggests what to do when bad news needs to be delivered, such as a journal cancellation project.

<http://www.psandman.com/>
<http://www.psandman.com/col/laundry.htm>

32 Tips to Inspire Innovation for You and Your Library presents lively and practical advice from Stephen Abram.

http://www.imakenews.com/sirsi/e_article000458643.cfm?x=b11,0,w

GENERAL SCIENCE

The online version of Robert Todd Carroll's book **The Skeptic's Dictionary** provides a skeptic's view of supernatural and pseudoscientific phenomena and ideas. Most entries are documented with references or further reading in this growing database along with links to reader comments pro and con.

<http://skepdic.com/>

FUN STUFF

60 Optical Illusions and Visual Phenomena offers interactive demonstrations and explanations.

<http://www.michaelbach.de/ot/>

MEDICAL & HEALTH

Merck makes the full text of several **Merck Manuals** freely available including *The Merck Manual of Medical Information – Second Home Edition*, *The Merck Manual of Geriatrics*, *The Merck Manual of Health and Aging*, and *The Merck Manual of Veterinary Medicine* (1998 edition).

<http://www.merck.com/pubs/>

The Merck Manual of Diagnosis and Therapy

is a classic deserving its own entry.
<http://www.merck.com/mrkshared/mmanual/home.jsp>

CHEMISTRY

The American Chemical Society (ACS) keeps adding new links, features, and resources. Some of the following are new, others are not, but all are worth keeping in mind.

DGRWeb 2005 is the online version of the *ACS Directory of Graduate Research*. Faculty can be searched by name, discipline, research interests, institution, state, gender, keyword, and more. Kudos to the ACS for making this classic resource available free online. Also includes the 2003, 2001 and 1999 databases.

<http://dgr.rints.com/>

LiveWire, which is part of the Librarian Resource Center for ACS publications, began adding Librarian's Corner and Chemist's Corner in July 2005. Since there is no easy way to find these articles (besides opening each issue of LiveWire), here are links to two recent articles.

<http://pubs.acs.org/4librarians/livewire/>

"Using RSS to stay ahead" by Erja Kajosalo

<http://pubs.acs.org/4librarians/livewire/2005/6.8/librarians.html>

"Scientists as writers, scientists as readers" by Judith Currano
<http://pubs.acs.org/4librarians/livewire/2005/6.12/librarian2.html>

C&E News (web version) currently offers free access to many sections including Books, Careers & Employment, Education, News, Safety Letters, Special Reports & Cover Stories. Browse current and previous content back to 2000.
<http://pubs.acs.org/cen/index.html>

Chemical Safety Letters, published in C&E News since 1993, are organized by chemical name.
<http://pubs.acs.org/cen/safety/index.html>

Heart Cut and **Patent Watch** are two weekly sci-tech news features that stayed online after the cancellation of *Chemical Innovation* (formerly *Chem Tech*).

<http://chemistry.org/heartcut.html>
<http://chemistry.org/patentwatch.html>

What's That Stuff connects chemistry to everyday life.

<http://pubs.acs.org/cen/whatstuff/stuff.html>❖



2006 Marion E. Sparks Award for Professional Development

The Chemistry Division of the Special Libraries Association is sponsoring a student/new member scholarship essay competition in 2006. The award is named in honor of Marion E. Sparks, a chemistry librarian at the University of Illinois from 1913 until her death in 1929. Ms. Sparks contributed a great deal to the field of chemical information. Her achievements include teaching courses on chemical information and authoring and publishing what is argued to be the first book to formally address chemical literature and library instruction.

This competition is intended to encourage student members or new members of the Chemistry Division to attend the annual meeting and participate in the activities of the Chemistry Division of the Special Libraries Association.

AWARD: The winner will receive \$1,500 to attend the 2006 SLA Annual Conference June 11-14 in Baltimore, MD. The winner will also receive a certificate of achievement and will be introduced at the Chemistry Division business meeting & breakfast. This award is intended to reimburse the winner's expenses for attending the convention, including: registration, airfare, lodging, food and/or the continuing education course (registration in one of the Chemistry division CE courses - "Chemistry for the non-chemist librarian" or "Chemical Information

Sources, Requests, and Reference", or any other continuing education course is recommended but not required).

ELIGIBILITY: All student members of the Chemistry Division and all individuals who became members of the Chemistry Division since January of 2005 are eligible to enter the contest.

TO ENTER: Compose an essay to address the candidate's objectives for professional development and the outcomes if a person is granted the award. Essay should not exceed 400 words or two typed doubled-spaced pages. Please include a resume and the names of two references.

Entries may be submitted by email or regular mail to:

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University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
Milwaukee, WI 53211
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Deadline for submission: March 15, 2006

Essays will be judged by a panel of SLA Chemistry Division members.

The winner will be notified by April 10, 2006

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