

2009 Careers in Federal Libraries
ALA Annual Pre-Conference Event
Friday, July 10 2009

9:00 Welcome

Roberta I. Shaffer, Federal Library and Information Center Committee/Federal Library Information Network (FLICC/FEDLINK), Executive Director

9:10 - 9:40 Overview

Helen Sherman, Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC), Director Users Services

9:40 - 11:15 Interaction with Federal Information Professionals

*Sally Bosken, U.S. Naval Observatory Library
Mary Chute, Institute of Museum & Library Services, Deputy Director Library Services
Kathel Dunn, National Library of Medicine, Associate Fellowship Coordinator
Steven Kerchoff, Foreign Service Information Resource Officer, U.S. Dept. of State
Deb Schwarz, Library Associates Companies
Lydia Tkaczuk, Veterans Administration*

11:15 - 11:30 You Can Host a Mini-Career Event

Michelle Demeter, Florida State University

11:30 - 1:00 Lunch on your own and networking

1:00 - 2:30 Interviewing 101, Resume tips, and More

Robert Newlen, Congressional Research Service

2:30 - 3:30 Internships, Practicums, Career Fairs, and Networking

Blane Dessy, Department of Justice

After the Careers event ends, everyone is invited to travel to the Pritzker Military Library for a tour of their beautiful facilities and the FAFLRT awards reception from 4-6 pm.

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Roberta I. Shaffer
FLICC/FEDLINK Executive Director

Roberta I. Shaffer is the Executive Director of FLICC/FEDLINK. Before this post, Shaffer was the Director of External Relations and Program Development at the College of Information Studies, University of Maryland—College Park. After serving as the executive director of the Special Libraries Association, Shaffer founded an information management firm called TheKnowLedgeGroup. Previously she was the Dean of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Texas—Austin, and the Director of Research Information Services at the Washington-based law firm, Covington & Burling. Shaffer has also worked at the George Washington University Law School and at the Law Library of Congress. Shaffer received a bachelor's degree from Vassar College, her law degree from Tulane and her master's in librarianship from Emory.



Helen Q. Sherman
Director, Users Services, Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC)
FLICC Education Working Group Chair

Ms. Helen Q. Sherman serves as Director, Users Services, for the Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC) at Ft. Belvoir, VA, and manages a staff of over 60 personnel involved with Registration, Marketing, Reference, Training, DTIC Web services, and Special Programs, such as the coordination of DTIC conferences. She started her federal career in 2000 as a reference librarian for the Marine Corps. At DTIC she has also worked as a librarian, analyst, database instructor, team leader, and deputy director. Ms. Sherman earned her B.A. at the University of North Dakota, her M.ED. at Auburn University, and her M.S.L.S. at Catholic University of America. Last year, she taught the core course, "Reference Sources and Services," for Catholic University. She is currently the chair of the FLICC Education Working Group that plans training for federal librarians and technicians; the FAFLRT representative to FLICC; the ALA Education Assembly Liaison for FAFLRT; and the past president of Iota Chapter, Beta Phi Mu Library and Information Studies Honor Society.



Dr. Beth Paskoff

Louisiana State University School of Information and Library Science

Dr. Beth M. Paskoff has been Dean of Louisiana State University's School of Library and Information Science since 2000. She is the author of many publications, some of which are about teaching ethics in library school, collection development projects and recruitment for special librarianship. Dr. Paskoff has participated in numerous presentations on the national and international levels. She has also been a member of many professional memberships including the American Library Association (of which she was co-chair of Information Exchange Suite), the Association for Library and Information Science Education, the Medical Library Association and the Louisiana Library Association. Dr. Paskoff received her doctorate from Florida State University.



Deborah Schwarz

Library Associates Companies, Inc.

Deborah Schwarz is the founder and president of Library Associates Companies, heading a national consulting and staffing organization for information professionals, with locations nationwide. Ms. Schwarz is responsible for business development and marketing on a national level, and directs the overall strategic growth and planning for LAC. She also acts as senior advisor/consultant on specific projects, particularly when the project involves the evaluation or auditing of employees and staffing project management. Ms. Schwarz is a frequent author and speaker on topics such as outsourcing, benchmarking salaries, recruiting and staff retention. Ms. Schwarz received her BA from the University of Michigan and her Master's degree in Library Science from the University of Toronto. She is an active member of several professional organizations, including AIP, SLA, ALA, California Staffing Professionals (CSP), ASIDIC and the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO).

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