



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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NCSU Libraries Receives ALA Award for Excellence in Reference Services

The North Carolina State University Libraries is the 2004 recipient of The Gale Group Award for Excellence in Reference and Adult Services awarded by the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA). The \$3,000 award and citation, donated by The Gale Group, recognizes a library or library system for developing an imaginative and unique library resource to meet users' reference needs. **The NCSU Libraries won the award for the creation of the U.S. Congressional Bibliographies Web site.**

"This resource offers a searchable database of House of Representatives and Senate committee meetings, and comprehensive enumerations of printed Senate hearing transcripts," said Betty A. Gard, chair of the ALA awards committee. "It strives to be an authoritative, exhaustive refer-

ence source of meetings held and documents released by the House of Representatives and Senate committees. The Web site is notable for simplifying complex, sometimes elusive, material and making it easy to locate."

The database is freely available via the Internet. Users should go to the NCSU Libraries' Research Resources page [www.lib.ncsu.edu/eresources/] and click on the link entitled "Congressional Bibliographies."

The award will be presented at the RUSA Awards Ceremony on June 28, 2004, during the ALA annual conference in Orlando, Florida. Jack McGeachy of the Libraries' Research and Information Services Department will accept the award on behalf of the Libraries.

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