



NEW LIBRARY DEAN

*Prescott Memorial Library
Louisiana Tech University*

It's official . . . the Library has a new Dean. Although the promotion was announced in late 2007, Mr. Mike DiCarlo formally assumed the office of Dean of Library Services on March 1, 2008. He has been a faculty member of Prescott Memorial Library since 1983, so the Library is proud and pleased to have "one of it's own" as the administrative leader.

This promotion is the culmination of a distinguished thirty year career which includes having served as Head of Reference & Library Automation Departments, Assistant Director of Public Services, Associate Director of Library Services, and Associate Dean of Library Services. Active in the integration of libraries and technology, he has authored several publications and conducted numerous presentations on the state and national levels. Recently, he presented on *Analyzing Help Center Logs to Improve Support* at SIRSI's SuperConference in Nashville.



MR. MICHAEL ALEXANDER DICARLO,
DEAN OF LIBRARY SERVICES

Mr. DiCarlo has a long history of dedicated service within the state library community having served in leadership roles on several committees and technological initiatives. In 1995, the Louisiana Library Association (LLA) awarded him the **Anthony H. Benoit Mid-Career Award**. His continuing professionalism was acknowledged recently when he received the **2008 Outstanding Academic Librarian Award** from the Academic Section of LLA. This award honors a demonstrated record of service which has increased the effectiveness of all academic libraries in the state. In response to this latest achievement, DiCarlo shared, "I am honored to receive the Outstanding Academic Librarian Award, especially in light of the distinguished colleagues who have been my predecessors. I did not earn this award on my own; many others share this honor including mentors, colleagues, and, of course, my family."



At a recent event, Mr. DiCarlo was joined by his wife, Rebecca, and daughter, Carrifrances.

Speaking of family . . . there's another librarian in the family. Mrs. Rebecca DiCarlo has served on the University of Louisiana—Monroe faculty for many years and presently holds the position of Assistant Dean of the Library. Their daughter, Carrifrances, graduated from Louisiana Tech University with a B.S. in Biology last year and was recently accepted into Tech's Nursing Program. Carrifrances and her husband, Jason Alexander, reside in Ruston.

We extend a warm welcome to Mr. DiCarlo in his new position. May the term of his tenure there be professionally and personally rewarding.