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- Drugs & Aging
- Genetic Testing
- Glycobiology
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Recovery

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Greg Bodin is the new Technology Coordinator of the NN/LM SCR office. Greg is a Louisiana native and resident of New Orleans. He received his MLIS from Louisiana State University in 1994. In addition to previous experience as a systems librarian at the Ochsner Medical Foundation in New Orleans, Greg has also worked as a branch manager in the Ascension Parish Library system in Louisiana and as a business/science librarian at the Memphis/Shelby County Public Library in Memphis, Tennessee.

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