ILA PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Final count from the ILA conference in Ames is 700 attendees! This is remarkable attendance and I hope that each and every one of you who participated in any conference activity took something valuable back with you to your home shop. Perhaps you returned home with a new bit of information, or with the warmth generated by a new friendship. Conferences are designed to provide tangible information to make your work more rewarding, an occasion to network with other library professionals, and the opportunity to develop friendships. The Conference Planning Committee and all sub-divisions worked together to plan and implement a conference that was valuable to the Iowa library community. I am fortunate to have been able to work with such skilled people on this endeavor.

This has been a great year to be President of the Association. The Executive Board is committed to the organization flourishing, and committees and sub-divisions have seriously pursued their goals throughout the year. It was with some trepidation that I began the presidency with the news that Naomi Stovall was retiring—Naomi, after all, functioned for years as ILA’s “glue.” I am so pleased to be able to tell you that Laurie Hews quickly absorbed all the necessary responsibilities and has done an outstanding job of coordinating ILA activities.

Thanks to all of my colleagues for helping me have a great year. I am honored to have served as your President.

Carol French Johnson

Gina Millsap Elected Vice President of ILA

Jim Godsey and Jerri Heid Elected to Executive Board

Gina Millsap, Director, Ames Public Library has been elected President-Elect of ILA. During the candidates forum at the annual conference she stated, “I am committed to looking at new, innovative ways of delivering library service. ILA should take a leadership role in positioning all types of libraries to be successful. I would be honored to serve all Iowa librarians and libraries by leading the organization that will help achieve that goal.”

Jim Godsey, Director, Council Bluffs Public Library and Jerri Heid, Children’s Librarian, Clive Public Library were each elected to a three year-term on the Executive Board.

Carol French Johnson is pictured here with Dale Connelly, the banquet speaker at the Annual Conference. Mr. Connelly entertained us with the story of how he encouraged his son’s interest in libraries. He also shared his story of “The Pet in the Net”.
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE’S FORUM AWARDS

Several CYP Forum awards were distributed at the ILA Annual Conference in Ames. Lois Hatch of the North Liberty Community Library was awarded the CYP Conference Grant in the amount of $350 to attend a national conference.

Missie Sturch of the Waterloo Public Library won the Mr. Anderson’s Attendance Award in the amount of $200 to attend the ILA Fall Conference. Because of a family illness, Missie wasn’t able to attend the 2000 Fall Conference. She may use the funds to attend the 2001 Conference or another conference related to her field of work.

The CYP Summer Reading Program Awards were awarded to the libraries in the following service population categories:

- 0-999 population: Elgin Public Library
- 1,000 –9,999 population: Cherokee Public Library
- 10,000 and larger population: Davenport Public Library

Each library received a $100 gift certificate toward UpStart/Highsmith merchandise.

Four other libraries submitting entries for the Summer Reading Program Award also received $25 cash prizes compliments of a generous anonymous donor. These libraries, selected in a random drawing, were Ames Public Library, Estherville Public Library, Mason City Public Library, and North Liberty Community Library.

Jean Gullikson, CYP Forum Awards Chair
Carnegie-Stout Public Library, Dubuque

Pictured above are the CYP Summer Reading Program Award winners. They are Beverly Strong, Elgin Public Library Director; Jennifer Chapman, Cherokee Interim Children’s Librarian; and Kay Runge, Davenport Public Library Director.

JOHN COTTON DANA LIBRARY PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD CONTEST

The contest is open to all libraries, agencies and associations that promote library service. Additional information is available at http://www.ala.org/lama/awards/jcd. Deadline for entries is December 29, 2000.
ILA MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Kay Kretschmar Runge, Director of the Davenport Public Library and President of the Public Library Association, received the Member of the Year Award at the ILA annual conference.

Kay was recognized for her outstanding service and extraordinary leadership to Iowa library communities. Her passion for libraries is well known at the local, state and national levels. She has served as President of the Iowa Library Association; received the Iowa Education Media Association Intellectual Freedom Award and was named to the National Honor Roll by the Association for Library Trustees and Advocates of the American Library Association.

ILA SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Every year the Iowa Library Association Foundation awards two scholarships. The recipients of these scholarships send a letter to ILAF within the year detailing how they used the scholarship money. Following are some excerpts from the letters from the 1999 winners.

"Thank you very much for helping to support my academic work in the Masters program at the University of Iowa with the Jack E. Tillson Scholarship. I applied the scholarship funds toward my living expenses in my first full-time semester in the program, enabling me to focus on a substantial course load (seven courses) without having to work more than ten hours per week. During the academic year I was able to complete work in eleven courses for a total of 20 semester hours."

William M. Musser, University of Iowa

"I am writing to again express my appreciation for the Iowa Library Association Foundation scholarship I received in the fall of 1999. It helped to make my way through graduate school and was a great honor. In addition, my attendance at the ILA conference allowed me to meet and speak with librarians throughout Iowa with whom I would otherwise have not had contact."

Jennifer Brown, University of Northern Iowa

This year’s winner of the Jack Tillson Scholarship is Christie Rydell, University of Iowa. In her application she stated “At the present time I feel myself pulled in two directions. I am interested primarily in being either a reference librarian in an academic library or a children’s librarian in a public library setting. Both these positions appeal to me because of the element of public service in both. I believe I would find assisting users in both settings extremely satisfying. I am also a strong believer in the importance of information literacy and user education and I think both positions would allow me to be a teacher in these areas. My goal is to promote access to information through reference service and user education in order to help patrons achieve success in their information, education and entertainment pursuits.”

Robin Moeller of the University of Northern Iowa is the ILAF Scholarship winner. Robin stated in her application “I would like to become a school library media specialist for a middle school. This scholarship will help me obtain my goal by assisting me in paying for my tuition to graduate school. I am currently working for Bunger Middle School in Evansdale, IA as the network administrator. I also assist students in the computer lab and library as needed.”

The Iowa Library Association Foundation Board appreciates your support of the scholarship programs through your donations to the Foundation.

Susan Kling presents Christie Rydell with her ILAF Jack Tillson Scholarship at the ILA annual conference.
"Thank you, no." (click). Those are the words and actions I use, for efficiency, to deal with phone solicitors.

I talk to you today in support of the ILA Foundation’s Endowed Speaker Fund.

However, this is not a solicitation, but an opportunity to invest.

To invest in what? To invest in continued excellence in conference quality through subsidizing the conference speaker’s budget. I say “continued excellence” because this effort is a renewal of a successful plan that has brought you such speakers as Susan Stamberg, David McCauley, Gentry Lee, Clarence Page, and this morning’s speaker, David Werner.

This is not philanthropy, this is in your own, even self, best interest. Just as you join ILA and attend its conferences to increase your skills and abilities, so too does this fund provide you with invaluable professional stimulation and development.

It is important to remember that this is an investment where only the growth of the fund is used for the support of conference speakers, and then only after half of the growth is set aside for future development. Your donation is tax deductible. This fund is carefully managed by a responsible professional foundation with consistent oversight by its board of directors.

A pledge of as little as $150 or $300 paid over 36 months, or larger amounts up to $1,500 are most helpful, but smaller one time payments are also welcome and greatly appreciated. Our goal is to achieve a fund of $100,000. This is crucial, yet ambitious. We are less than half way to that goal.

Therefore “Thank you, no?” Not so. Your response should be “Thank you, yes, for this wonderful opportunity to invest.” This pledge is for you. I’ve made mine.

Carl F. Orgren
Past President, ILA
Associate Professor Emeritus, University of Iowa

If you would like to make a pledge please use the form on page 5

The ILAF auction was a popular place during the ILA conference in Ames. One hundred and thirty two items were up for bidding and raised $4,055 for the foundation. Thanks again to all who donated the items and bid on them in order to make the auction a success.

A trip for two to London was another fund-raiser for ILAF during the conference. A special thanks to Ken Jones, President of Jones Library Sales, for sponsoring the trip. It raised $2,122. Denny Sharp, FEH Associates, was the winner.
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JONES AD
Mary McInroy introduces Gail McMillan, Virginia Tech, to those at the registration desk. Ms. McMillan was the ILA/ACRL speaker on Thursday afternoon, discussing the topic of digital libraries.

Carol Tenopir, University of Tennessee, presented *Are Fee-Based Online Services Dinosaurs?* and *The Future of Scholarly Journals: Bytes out of Myths and Bits of Reality*. She is pictured here with Gail Bonath, Grinnell College, Conference Planning Committee member.

Tom Gardner, Chair, Iowa Library Trustees Association and Keokuk Public Library Trustee, and Sheryl Bissen, Grinnell College, Executive Board member, visited with Laurie Ward, TuseNtakk Consulting/The Metanoia Group, after one of her presentations on *Easing the Anxieties Associated with Money*.

Ann Straley, Carnegie-Stout Public Library, Dubuque checks out her e-mail courtesy of the Iowa State Center. The terminal was in use frequently and attendees appreciated this service.

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Public Library Association Spring Symposium program and registration information are now available on their website, www.pla.org. Please see the website for more information on this May 1-3, 2001 event.

The Public Library Association, the National Library of Medicine and the Medical Library Association are sponsoring *The Public Library and Consumer Health: Meeting Community Needs through Resource Identification and Collaboration* January 10-11, 2001. For more information, see www.pla.org.
CONFERENCE MEMORIES

Les Sims, Vice Provost, Graduate Education, University of Iowa spoke about the School of Library and Information Science.

Executive Board members have fun at the Friday luncheon. John Lerdal, Pleasant Hill Public Library; Sheryl Bissen, Grinnell College; Barb Rardin, Ericson Public Library, Boone; Mary Wegner, State Library; Kathy Parsons, Iowa State University; and Dottie Persson, University of Iowa. Sheryl Bissen, Mary Wegner and Ann Watts retire from the Board at the end of the year.

Cathy Perley, Chair of Health Sciences Roundtable with Chris Shaffer, National Network of Libraries of Medicine/Greater Midwest Region; Chris demonstrated the wealth of health information available free at MedlinePlus - information that has met rigorous selection criteria so that it is both current and reliable.

Christie Vilsack held a press conference on Thursday to unveil the new Iowans Read poster featuring herself and Governor Vilsack. This project is jointly sponsored by ILA and IEMA. (Poster order form is on page 12)

At the Thursday luncheon, Mrs. Vilsack received the Citation of Merit Award for her service to Iowa libraries.
We’re headed into a new legislative session with the Iowa General Assembly. GAC and ILA are offering several opportunities for library staff, friends, trustees and patrons to meet with their legislators during the 2001 session.

Listed below are the dates for the statewide legislative day as well as the regional days.

For the past three years, we have sponsored 8 legislative days each session for the Iowa library community to come to Des Moines to communicate with their legislators. Our purpose is to keep library issues at the forefront of legislators’ minds as they debate the many initiatives and special interests that they will be asked to consider.

Wednesday, January 24: Legislative Day

Librarians, trustees and library users from across the state are invited to participate in this event. Plan to meet at the State Library of Iowa (E. 12th and Grand Ave.) at 2:30 p.m. for a legislative briefing and discussion with your GAC chair, State Librarian Sharman Smith and ILA lobbyist Ted Anderson. Following that, we will walk over to the Capitol together for a reception with the legislators scheduled from 4 – 5:30 p.m. The reception will be held in the Law Library.

Regional Legislative Days

Each of the seven regions has its own day to meet and lobby the legislators from those areas of the state. As we did with the statewide legislative day, we’ll meet at the State Library of Iowa (E. 12th and Grand) this time at 1:30 p.m. We will have a legislative briefing and an update on what is currently happening in the legislature. Following that session, we’ll walk over to the Capitol to meet with individual legislators from 3 – 4 p.m.

Dates for individual regional days:
February 6: North Central Regional Library System
February 13: Central IA Regional Library System
February 20: Southeastern Library Services
February 27: East Central Regional Library System
March 6: Northeastern IA Regional Library System
March 13: Northwest Regional Library System
March 20: Southwest IA Regional Library System
March 27 and April 3 are reserved as back-up dates for bad weather.

I encourage all of you to consider visiting the Capitol for one of these sessions. If you are unable to attend for both the statewide day as well as your regional day, you might want to give priority to your regional day since that day is focused exclusively on your legislators.

In December, please look for copies of the ILA legislative agenda brochures. As we did last year, we will be mailing multiple copies of these to local libraries throughout Iowa. We will also prepare talking points and information packets to help you communicate effectively with legislators. In the meantime, please visit the ILA website (http://www.iren.net/ila/web/) for legislative information. I will post up-to-the-minute legislative updates on the Iowalib discussion list. If you are not subscribed, I encourage you to do so. Visit the State Library of Iowa website (http://server.silo.lib.ia.us/maillist_ser.html) for instructions.

The Iowa Library Association is known and respected by our legislators as an effective advocacy group. That is all due to your efforts over the past several years as we’ve lobbied successfully to gain new state funding for public libraries and to defeat an attempt to mandate Internet filtering in libraries, to name a few issues. Please join the members of the Governmental Affairs Committee this year in keeping library concerns on our legislators’ “radar”. I look forward to seeing many of you in Des Moines. And beginning now and through the legislative session, if you have questions or wish to share information, please don’t hesitate to call or email me.

Gina Millsap
Director, Ames Public Library
Chair, Governmental Affairs Committee, ILA
Voice: 515-239-5632
Email: gmillsap@ames.lib.ia.us

MAYO AD
CALL TO ORDER AND REVIEW OF PROCEDURES
The 2000 Iowa Library Association business meeting was called to order by President Carol French Johnson on Thursday, October 19, 2000, at 1:20 p.m. at the Scheman Building in Ames. Kay Runge moved approval of the meeting procedures. Motion was approved.

INTRODUCTIONS
President French Johnson introduced the Executive Board, the parliamentarian, and the secretary to the Executive Board. She expressed her appreciation to the Board.

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
Ken Davenport, Northeastern Iowa Regional Library, reported that a quorum was present.

AMENDMENTS TO AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA
The agenda was approved as distributed.

MINUTES OF THE 1999 BUSINESS MEETING
President French Johnson announced that the minutes appeared in the November/December 1999 Catalyst and were approved by the Executive Board in December, 1999.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Kay Runge presented an update on the University of Iowa School of Library and Information Science. She reported that the school has hired new faculty, is advertising for a director, and appears to be in good hands. There was no other unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

2001 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA
Vicki Myron, Spencer, moved the adoption of the 2001 legislative agenda. The legislative agenda was approved as distributed.

MISSION STATEMENT & STRATEGIC PLAN
President French Johnson thanked Robin Martin and the Strategic Planning Committee for their work on the mission statement. Marsha Tate, Muscatine, moved that the mission statement be approved. The mission statement was approved as distributed.

ELECTION OF ILA FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER
Susan Kling, Marion, nominated Barb Rardin for a three-year term. Hearing no other nominations from the floor, Rardin was elected by acclamation.

OPEN FORUM
There were no remarks.

REMARKS FROM THE PRESIDENT
President French Johnson spoke about the Library Services Task Force. She told the membership that the ILA Executive Board had endorsed the concept of a Task Force. She told the membership that they should be proud of the way that they had adapted to change in the past. French Johnson said she felt that the library community would be better off if they initiated and designed forthcoming changes themselves, rather than having others make those changes for them. She encouraged members to contact Task Force members if they have questions.

RESOLUTIONS OF COURTESY
Emily Navarre, Southeastern Regional Library, offered the following motion: Be it resolved that the membership of the Iowa Library Association expresses its appreciation to Sheryl Bissen, Ann Watts, and Mary Wegner, for their three years of service on the ILA Executive Board.

Karen Burns, Southwest Regional Library, offered the following motion: Be it resolved that the membership of the Iowa Library Association expresses its appreciation and thanks to the members of the 2000 Conference Planning Committee for their commitment and hard work in presenting this very successful conference. Members of the Conference Planning Committee are Carol French Johnson, Gail Bonath, Mary Cameron, Susan Craig, Dawn Hayslett, Vicki Hibbert, Susan Lerdal, Olivia Madison, Marianne Malinowski, Mary McNroy, Gina Millsap, Laurie Hews, Carol Kayser, Jane Martin, and Ray Vignovich. Very special thanks go to Gina Millsap and Olivia Madison who chaired the Local Arrangements Committee.

Cynthia Dyer, Simpson College, offered the following motion: Be it resolved that the membership of the Iowa Library Association expresses its appreciation to Marilyn Murphy for ably fulfilling the duties of secretary to the Executive Board during this past year.

Vicki Myron, Spencer, offered the following motion: Be it resolved that the membership of the Iowa Library Association expresses its appreciation to Michael Farrell, ILA intern, for his able assistance with conference planning, the Catalyst, and the ILA website.

Wanda Gardner, Decorah, offered the following motion: Be it resolved that the membership of the Iowa Library Association expresses its appreciation to Susan Knippel for her hard work and many contributions as Webmaster for the Association.

Tom Moran, Dubuque, offered the following motion: Be it resolved that the membership of the Iowa Library Association expresses its appreciation to Executive Board member John Lerdal for his assistance in monitoring the financial records of the association. Robin Martin, Central College, offered the following motion: Be it resolved that the membership of the Iowa Library Association expresses its appreciation and thanks to Nancy Kraft for her extraordinary contributions to the financial stability and future of the Association as Chair of the Finance Committee.

Karen Burns, Southeast Regional Library, offered the following motion: Be it resolved that the membership of the Iowa Library Association expresses its appreciation and thanks to Carol French Johnson for serving as President of our Association during 2000 and for her hard work in planning this excellent conference.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.
The ILA Executive Board met on October 17, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Gateway Center, Ames. Members present were: President Carol French Johnson, Past President Mary Wegner, Vice-President/President-Elect Robin Martin, Administrative Coordinator Laurie Hews, ALA Councilor Dottie Persson, Directors Sheryl Bissen, John Lerdal, Emily Navarre, Kathy Parsons, Barb Rardin, and State Librarian Sharman Smith.

AGENDA AND MINUTES
The agenda was approved. The minutes of August 25, 2000 were approved as previously distributed.

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR’S REPORT
Hews presented the current financial information and distributed the membership count.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you notes were received from Cynthia Cummings Watson family and the American Cancer Society for a donation in Cynthia’s memory from ILA. French Johnson read a copy of the letter she had sent to Jon Wibbels, AEA, supporting their research on reading achievement in Iowa. The OCLC User’s Group sent a letter in regards to the possibility of their group becoming a subdivision of ILA. The Board will discuss this further at the December meeting.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: Ken Davenport will chair this committee.

EXHIBITOR FEE: Martin made a motion to raise the exhibit fee to $300. Wegner seconded. Motion passed.

CONFERENCE STATISTICS: 625 attendees are pre-registered. 70 exhibit booths have been reserved.

TASK FORCE: French Johnson will yield to Smith including “buddy buttons”.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE - Press releases were sent to the Iowa Library Services Task Force 2000 consisting of 54 members who will be developing recommendations in November and December, and will forward their recommendations to the Iowa Commission of Libraries. The Commission will determine which recommendations will be brought to the Legislature in January. Smith made a motion to approve. Motion passed. The benefits for them to join ILA as a forum and what concerns toTask Force, or its work, by suggesting they take those concerns to Task Force members. Task Force work offers an opportunity to make a long-term difference in the state. Smith stated that the State Library move starts the next Monday. They will move one floor at a time and services will be curtailed during the move. ILA’s Legislative Day Update will be at the State Library on January 24. The 2001 Town Meeting dates are September 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, and 20. State Library has three booths at the annual conference. Advocacy training for trustees is scheduled for the week of May 7th.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS
GAC - Navarre presented the lobbyist contract. Wegner made a motion to approve. Motion passed. Legislative agenda was presented. Persson made a motion to approve. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP - Gold stars will be placed in the booths of corporate members. They are sponsoring an orientation breakfast for first-timers. Board members are asked to wear “buddy buttons”.

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE - Dale Ross is pleased with the labor appropriations bill.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - Replacement manual page was passed. Procedures page was passed.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE - Press releases were sent for the Iowans Read poster unveiling on Thursday. Smith, French Johnson and Christie Vilsack will speak at this event. Board members are invited to attend.

ILAF - Minutes of 9-15-00 were distributed. Auction items are being received. The goal for ESF II is to have $50,000.00 by the end of 2000.

PUBLIC LIBRARY FORUM AND CYP - Rardin reported that both are ready for conference.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Board needs to appoint someone to the ILAF Board. We will do this via e-mail by Dec. 1st.

ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.
Iowans Read Poster

The Iowa Library Association and the Iowa Educational Media Association are proud to present the first “Iowans Read” poster featuring Governor and Mrs. Vilsack. Show your support for reading in Iowa when you order and display this poster. Simply fill out this form and mail it, along with payment, to the Iowa Library Association.

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Amount per Poster: @ $6.00 each  
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