We have had four successful Regional legislative days since February 6. North Central, Central, Southeast and East Central regions have all had excellent turnouts to meet and talk to legislators about library issues. My thanks to all the librarians, trustees, friends and library customers who have contributed a day of their time to advocate for libraries at the State Capitol.

It does have an impact. Having a consistent presence along with a consistent message is an effective way to educate and inform our legislators and they do appreciate our efforts, even if they don’t always agree with us.

There is no question that this is a tough year legislatively – and not just for libraries. State revenues are lower than projected and that means there is less money available for everyone. In addition, there seems to be strong consensus in the legislature and in the governor’s office that teachers’ salaries must be a priority and that means $40 million is “off the table”, as in committed and won’t be allocated for anything else. That money has to come from somewhere.

**THE ISSUES**

1. **LIBRARY FUNDING**

   The current recommendation from the Governor’s office, regarding library funding, is that all library programs (Open Access, Access Plus and Enrich Iowa) may be combined into one program called *Enrich Iowa*. That will work just fine as long as we can maintain the integrity and intent of these individual programs.

   If we cannot do that and all library funding is administered as *Enrich Iowa* funding (which is exclusively for public libraries), then other types of libraries (university, community college, etc.) are excluded from receiving the modest reimbursement funds we all currently receive for sharing our books and other materials with citizens and libraries throughout the state. Worst case scenario in this situation is going back to 15-20 years ago when libraries throughout Iowa charged

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At their February meeting, the ILA Executive Board adopted a resolution supporting the American Library Association’s legal action against the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and the Neighborhood Children’s Internet Protection Act (NCIPA).

This legal action has been taken as a result of Congress passing these initiatives last fall. CIPA and NCIPA mandate that libraries and schools install and use content filtering on public Internet computers as a prerequisite to receiving federal funds for programs.

The Board is also investigating the ramifications of contributing money to help support ALA’s suit. The specific concern is what ILA’s liability would be as a result of the discovery process.

The text of the resolution adopted by the Board is on page 3.
WANTED!

NOMINEES FOR ALA COUNCILOR

Dottie Persson will be closing out her successful career as ILA’s ALA Councilor in 2002. The ILA Nominating Committee encourages all interested members of ILA to put themselves or other worthy members forward as nominees for this important role.

The ILA ALA Councilor serves for three years (2002-2004) and is responsible for:

a. Serving as a member of the ILA Executive Board, attending all meetings and reporting on ALA issues.

b. Representing ILA at all meetings of the ALA Council and voting as instructed by the ILA Executive Board on issues of particular importance to ILA, otherwise voting at own discretion.

c. Reporting on any action that is of significance to the ILA membership in either the Catalyst or the annual report of the ALA Councilor.

d. Monitoring all news releases from the ALA office and forwarding appropriate news items to either the ILA office for publication in the Catalyst or to ILA committee chairs with issues related to their committees.

e. Promoting participation in the American Library Association and serving as liaison to the Association when asked to do so by the ILA membership.

Nominees for this three-year term must be current members of both ILA and ALA. Interested members of ILA should send a biography and a “statement of professional concerns” to Chris Neuhaus, Rod Library, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls IA 50613-3675 or email to Chris.Neuhaus@uni.edu.

LEWIS & CLARK BICENTENNIAL

The Montana Library Association is looking for interested libraries along the Lewis & Clark Trail who would be interested in hosting the Corps of Discovery II project. The basic plan is for the Corps of Discovery II project to follow the trail both physically and chronologically. This project will consist of one or two semi-truck loads of materials for viewing and hands-on projects concerning the Lewis & Clark Expedition. A library would need to provide parking space for the trucks, promote local publicity as needed and also could supplement the event with local history viewing and hands-on opportunities.

If you are interested in pursuing this further, please contact Cheryl J. Heser, Montana Library Association, P O Box 7, Forsyth, MT 59327, 406-356-7561, or rbudcountylib@mcn.net
Resolution Supporting American Library Association Legal Action Against The Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) and the Neighborhood Children’s Internet Protection Act (NCIPA)

WHEREAS, Congress has enacted the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) mandating that libraries and schools install and use content filtering software on public Internet computers as a prerequisite to receiving federal funds for programs including Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and e-rate funds; and

WHEREAS, Congress has also enacted the Neighborhood Children’s Internet Protection Act (NCIPA) mandating that libraries adopt a prescriptive Internet safety policy that undermines local control for recipients of e-rate discounts; and

WHEREAS, No filtering software successfully differentiates constitutionally protected speech from illegal speech on the Internet; and

WHEREAS, The federal Commission on Online Child Protection (COPA) which was appointed to study child safety on the Internet concluded that filters are not effective in blocking all content that some may find objectionable, but do block much useful and constitutionally protected information; and

WHEREAS, Public and school libraries are a crucial source of Internet-accessible information for all users, but especially and critically for the thousands of Iowans who do not have access to the Internet from a home or office computer; and

WHEREAS, Iowa libraries and librarians are partners with parents and work to help their communities become information literate by teaching them to access, evaluate and use information; and

WHEREAS, The Iowa library community strongly believes that educating parents and children to use the Internet wisely provides children their best protection, now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, Iowa libraries have already adopted and implemented Internet use policies in the same way that they develop other policies, based on the needs of their communities; and

WHEREAS, The Iowa Library Association does not recommend the use of Internet filters in libraries, and emphatically opposes attempts by federal and state governments to set local policy; and

WHEREAS, The American Library Association has resolved to challenge the constitutionally of CIPA and NCIPA in federal courts; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Iowa Library Association endorses and supports this legal action by the American Library Association.


ACRL SPRING CONFERENCE

2001 A Library Odyssey: the Future is Now! is the theme this year for the ILA/ACRL Spring Conference. Keynote speaker is Dr. Richard Varn, Chief Information Officer for the State of Iowa.

Please join us May 18 on the campus of St. Ambrose University in Davenport.

The conference registration form and the call for papers is available at: http://www.iren.net/acrl/conference/2001/index.html.

Internet Dilemma: Filtered or Non-filtered

The State Library will sponsor the downlink Internet Dilemma: Filtered or Non-filtered sponsored by Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library, Indiana Library Federation, and INCOLSA. Date of telecast is April 11, 2001. Sites will be limited and announced at a later date. The cost per site (ICN or downlink) will be $150.
user fees for interlibrary loan and for using a library other than the one where they lived.

What we'd like to do is preserve our unique and cost-effective statewide system of sharing our books and materials. Open Access and Access Plus have allowed us to place a cap on the cost of interlibrary loan to citizens and to maximize the distribution and use of library materials throughout Iowa.

Here are the actual figures: currently, we have $2.35M, funded out of the general fund, for all three programs. The budget recommendation proposes $2.5M but $.5 million of that would come from the infrastructure fund. This fund is comprised primarily of gambling revenues and in the past has been used for bricks and mortar projects and other one time capital expenses.

We are hearing that the legislature is unlikely to approve funding of an ongoing program out of this infrastructure fund. This raises the possibility that we could actually lose our current funding level and get only $2M for all three programs. With state revenues being much lower than projected, it is possible that there will be some cuts to library programs no matter from which fund money is appropriated.

What we'd like our legislators to do is preserve the integrity of our library programs by allowing the State Commission of Libraries (the governing board for the State Library of Iowa) to administer these programs to best serve Iowans. Secondly, while we recognize that this year is a tight one financially, we would like at least to maintain our current funding levels for library programs. We all currently subsidize this program with local funds and cuts to these programs could effectively gut them the same way that rolling them all into a one-size-fits-all program would do.

What you can do: in this case, it is important to contact your own legislators as well as contacting the members of the Education Appropriations Committees in the House and Senate. You can get those names and contact information at the Iowa General Assembly website (http://www.legis.state.ia.us/).

2. SCHOOL LIBRARIES

The good news is that a bill (House File 201) has been introduced that would require all accredited school districts to have “a media center and a qualified media services specialist who meets the licensing standards prescribed by the board of educational examiners and who is responsible for media center supervision.”

We have been trying to get the language that specifies a certified media specialist back in the Code of Iowa for the past seven years.

The bad news is that it almost certainly will not make it out of committee.

You can find a copy of this bill on the Iowa General Assembly website. The direct link is: http://www.legis.state.ia.us/cgi-bin/Legislation/Fileonly.pl?FILE=/usr/ns-home/docs/GA/79GA/Legislation/HF/00200/HF00201/010206.html

What you can do: It is important to continue talking about this issue and emphasize to legislators that student reading scores are affected positively by the presence of certified school librarians. In a year when education is the priority, this should be on their radar.

Here is some information courtesy of Karen Burns, Southwest Iowa Regional Library, on the impact of quality school library programs.

“Studies are showing that school libraries/media centers also impact students’ reading skills and performance. The most recently completed study is in Massachusetts. (See the report at: http://artemis.simmons.edu/~baughman/mcas-school-libraries. Studies in other states include Colorado, Alaska and Pennsylvania (http://www.lrs.org/html/school_studies.html)

Iowa is currently conducting such a study, due to serious concerns over the impact of removing the requirement for certified media specialists on the reading skills and performance of Iowa youth.”

3. PROPERTY TAX LIMITATION BILLS

There are currently two bills on a fast track through the House and Senate that could have a disastrous effect on all city and county services that rely on property tax revenue for their funding, including public libraries. They are House File 4 and Senate File 226. Take a look at House File 4 (http://www.legis.state.ia.us/cgi-bin/Legislation/File_only.pl?FILE=/usr/ns-home/docs/GA/79GA/Legislation/HF/00000/HF00004/010108.html) if you want to read the text of the bill.

Essentially, these bills restrict or place limits on what city councils and county boards of supervisors can spend out of property tax revenue. What does this mean for libraries? Since libraries in Iowa are funded primarily through local property tax, for many of us this bill could result in significant budget cuts.

This is a complex issue and it is important that we be informed about it. For an excellent overview of this topic and the current legislation, visit the Iowa League of Cities website at http://www.iowaleague.org/whatsot/. The Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) also has a website with good information and frequent updates. Visit that site at http://www.iowacounties.org/NewLegislativeinformation.htm.

What you can do: I encourage you to visit with your city managers, city clerks, council members and county supervisors. Share information with them and let them know that the Iowa Library Association is part of the coalition, along with the Iowa League of Cities and ISAC, as well as a number of other organizations that are actively lobbying against this initiative. It is important that all of us who are communicating with legislators about the impact of this issue on our communities share accurate information and give a consistent message.

It is also critical that you contact your legislators to let them know how harmful this bill could be to our ability to deliver quality library services to Iowa citizens. In fact, it could be a huge step backward for
many of us at a time when we should be evolving into libraries for the 21st century.

**What we'd like our legislators to do**: Vote “no” on this bill. *Note that the Senate version of this bill has already passed out of the Local Government Committee and the House version is likely to do so before you receive this newsletter. The House and Senate Ways and Means Committees are the next legislative group that will deal with this issue and you may also contact members of those committees. Again, you can find a listing of members at the Iowa General Assembly website.*

4. **STATE LIBRARY “OLA BABCOCK MILLER” BUILDING STATUS**

In December we learned that the Legislative Council of the Iowa General Assembly wanted to appropriate the newly restored State Library building for office space for legislative staff currently housed in the State Capitol building. As far as we know, that initiative is still being pursued and led by facilities subcommittee chair Chuck Gipp (R, District 31), but there is no new information to share at this time.

First Lady Christie Vilsack and the Governor’s office have been vocal in their support of the State Library remaining the State Library (http://www.dmregister.com/news/stories/c4780934/13616231.html) and the Des Moines Register has published a supportive editorial as well.

**What you can do**: If you have not yet done so, contact the members of the Legislative Council asking that they:

- Recognize that years of planning and millions of tax dollars have gone into the customized restoration of the Ola Babcock Miller building as the State Library of Iowa.
- Acknowledge that it is important that buildings of this beauty and with this historical significance be retained for use by the public and that this building has historical significance as a library for the people of Iowa.
- Understand that the State Library of Iowa provides essential information services to state government and should be located close to the State Capitol.

It is also important to acknowledge that the library community recognizes that a number of legislative staff members are working under less than ideal conditions in the Capitol building. We in no way minimize the importance of their need to have a safe and comfortable working environment. We respectfully ask that the Legislative Council do the same type of judicious problem solving and planning to accommodate their space needs that was done in conjunction with the State Library building project, rather than simply appropriating this space because it is the expedient thing to do.

Both House and Senate members of the Legislative Council are listed on the Iowa General Assembly website at http://www.legis.state.ia.us/GA/78GA/Interim/2000/comminfo/legcoun.htm.

- Bookmark and keep checking the new and improved Iowa Library Association website at http://www.iren.net/ila/web/ for legislative information.
- Please keep me informed of your contacts with legislators and the responses you receive. This information is very helpful to our State Public Policy Group lobbyists, Amy Campbell and Josh Bronsink, as they tell the library story to the legislature.

Thanks for all your hard work. We are making a difference!

Gina Millsap
ILA Vice-President
Chair, Governmental Affairs Committee
Ames Public Library

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**Josh Bronsink and Amy Campbell, ILA lobbyists from the firm of State Public Policy Group.**

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**Susan Craig, Director, Iowa City Public Library and Lily Lau, East Central Region Administrator with Senator Joe Bolkum.**
ILA MEMBER OF THE YEAR
KAY K. RUNGE

ILA Member of the Year, Kay Kretschmar Runge, a native of Davenport and the Director of Davenport Public Library since October, 1985, is well known throughout the community for her enthusiasm, energy, and love of libraries. Kay is deeply appreciative of the ILA Member of the Year honor because it “comes from my peers. But you know, it’s really all of us together that make the difference for Iowa’s libraries.”

According to Kay, “The public library, as we know it, is a very American institution. It rose from the same premise as prevails in the American Dream — through self-education and hard work, a person can succeed. With access to information on both sides of the issues, citizens can make the decisions needed to govern in this republic.
And, with fair and equal access to information, people can learn and put this learning into action to improve their lives. This lifelong learning is crucial in order to cope with the breakneck speed at which today’s society is moving. To provide the answers that the public needs is to provide . . . a public good for a public trust.”

As a result of her strong support in this area, Kay was elected to the American Library Association’s Freedom to Read Foundation Board of Directors and was the recipient of the Iowa Educational Media Association Intellectual Freedom Award in 1984. In 2000, she was named to the National Advocacy Honor Roll by the Association for Library Trustees & Advocates of the American Library Association.

She is President of the national, 9,000 member, Public Library Association and a past president of the Iowa Library Association as well as the ILA Foundation.

Kay’s educational background includes a B.S. in History Education from Iowa State University and a Master’s Degree in Library Science Degree from the University of Iowa. She has been a guest lecturer at the University of Iowa School of Library Science. More recently, Kay serves as an advisor to the School of Library Science and is an Adjunct Professor of the University of Iowa School of Library Science, teaching Strategic Management. She also writes a regular feature in the Davenport Public Library’s newsletter, Main Entries, called “From the Director.”

Kay served on the Library Services Task Force which delivered its report to the Governor and State Legislature on January 25. She describes the report as an “excellent collaborative plan” and looks forward to its implementation.

Kay will be leaving Davenport soon as she takes on the exciting challenge of Director of the Public Library of Des Moines beginning April 2. She will find herself in the midst of a $40M dollar building project that includes a new central library, a southeast regional branch, along with additions and renovations for each of the 5 PLDM branch sites. Despite having a very full plate, all of us in the ILA hope that she will still find time to lend her experience, skill, and enthusiasm to promoting library services in Iowa. We also wish her good luck in her new library and new home.

Mike Dargan
Editorial Committee Chair
Waterloo & Cedar Falls
Public Libraries
Nancy Kraft is the Iowa Library Association Foundation President for 2001. As a past ILA President, Kraft fully appreciates the value of the ILAF Endowed Speaker at the Annual ILA Conference. She has been spearheading the current fundraising effort to increase the ESF fund by $100,000. Kraft is currently the Preservation Librarian at the State Historical Society of Iowa. In April, she will be assuming her new role as the Head of the Preservation and Conservation Department at the University of Iowa Libraries. Other 2001 ILAF officers for ILAF are: Bill Sayre as Vice President, Julie Huiskamp as Secretary, and Naomi Stovall as Treasurer.

A special thanks to Ken Jones as outgoing ILAF president, Heidi Lauritzen who served as secretary and Naomi Stovall as treasurer. A big thank you to outgoing board members Heidi Lauritzen, Barb Rardin, Leone Deskin, and Robin Martin for serving on the ILAF.

The following letter was received in the office in January.

Members of the Iowa Library Association Foundation,

I would like to thank you for honoring me with the Iowa Library Association Foundation Scholarship for the year 2000. Your generous gift has enabled me to finish my Master’s Degree in School Library Media Studies at the University of Northern Iowa. With your scholarship, I was able to buy books and other necessities that assisted my learning. I now plan to take a job in a school library media center overseas. Thank you again for providing this opportunity for graduate students like myself.

Sincerely,
Robin Moeller
SERVING THE YA IN IA

Staff, board and community are involved in creating a long range plan designed to realize the opportunities made possible by the new Waverly Public Library. Waverly PL already offers Books for Babies, Toddler Time, Preschool Storytime, school class visits, and a summer library program—no short list of programming and service accomplishments. Teenagers, though, have not received specific attention.

Staff members have attended some planning sessions on service to the junior-high/high school youth. These students are welcome and do use the computers, books, videos and DVD’s ... but not to the extent they might as a result of focused programming and opportunities.

“Young Adult Services in the Future” from Ohio Libraries in the Jan-Feb 2001 Catalyst plus the Iowa Libraries listServ made exploration of a focus on young adults easy. In response to the article several of Iowa’s youth specialists were identified along with some provocative and timely workshops.

Libraries with a focus on youth services exist in large and small communities. Expertise is available from those for whom teen services are one of many tasks and from those for whom teen services are the main task. Excitement, opportunity, encouragement, and knowledge seem to be the keys.

Here are some of the Youth Specialists in Iowa libraries:

- C. J. Thompson, Kling Memorial Library, Grundy Center, grundylib@gcmuni.net
- Jennie Garner, North Liberty Community Library, jgarner@southslope.net
- Jerri Heid, Clive Public Library, jheid@ciclive.ia.us
- Linda Fox, Oskaloosa Public Library, OPL-foxl@wmpenn.edu
- Barb Rardin, Ericson Public Library, Boone, brardin@boone.lib.ia.us
- Karen Burkett-Sandoval, Kirkendall Public Library, Ankeny, children@ankeny.k12.ia.us
- Karen Estep, Kirkendall Public Library, Ankeny, children@ankeny.k12.ia.us
- Joa LaVille, Marshalltown Public Library, jlaville@yahoo.com
- Marie Levetzow, Bettendorf Public Library, mlevetzo@libby.rbks.lib.il.us
- Susan Klein, Cedar Falls Public Library, sk11401@cedarnet.org
- Joel Shoemaker, Media Specialist, Iowa City Schools, shoemaker@iowa-city.k12.ia.us
- Mary Cameron, Youth Services Consultant, State Library of Iowa, mcamero@mail.lib.state.ia.us

Some of the workshops coming soon:

- “Young Adults: Reaching And Serving The Teens In Your Community”
  April 5, 2001 at the Washington Free Public Library.
- “Delivering Quality Customer Service to Young Adults”
  April 17 or April 18 in Sioux City.
- “Kids First: Partnering”
  April 19 and 20 in Johnston
- “Stories 2000: Programming for Children; Teens and Adults”
  September 18, 2001 in Waverly. Breakouts will include service to children, teens and adults.

Check out the details in the State Library Online CE Catalog, www.silo.lib.ia.us.

Patricia Coffie
Director
Waverly Public Library

ILA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Don’t forget to send in your ILA membership renewal for 2001! This will be the last Catalyst un-renewed members will receive. This year we’re offering first-time ILA members a $20 discount coupon to clip and save when they send in their 2001 membership application. The coupon allows new members a $20 discount off any ILA-sponsored event or conference registration during the first 2 years of their membership. Take a look—at facing page—at the names of new members who will be enjoying their discount during the next two years. Remember, this coupon is for new 2001 ILA members only. The membership form is on the ILA web site at http://www.iren.net/~ila or contact the ILA office for a form at 1-800-452-5507. Please don't forget to renew your own membership and to pass along this information to your co-workers who are not yet members.

Mary McInroy
Membership Committee Chair
University of Iowa Libraries
IL A WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS  
as of March 10, 2001

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as of March 10, 2001

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Cedar Rapids Public Library | Kendall Young Library  
Des Moines Area Community College | Keokuk Public Library  
Eagle Grove Memorial Library | Menlo Public Library  
Emmetsburg Public Library | Mitchellville Public Library  
Estherville Public Library | Norelius Community Library, Denison  
Grinnell College Library | Rock Valley Public Library  
Iowa City Public Library | Tama Public Library  

The Special Libraries Roundtable (SLRT) will be hosting a spring workshop on Friday, April 20, 2001 in West Des Moines. In the morning, Gail Junion-Metz, owner of Information Age Consultants, Winfield, Pennsylvania, will present a workshop on web agents. After lunch, Marilyn Gahm, a special librarian working outside of a traditional library setting, will describe how she planned and created the Hy-Vee Museum. A tour of the museum will follow. The SLRT is opening the workshop to all ILA members. If you have questions, please contact Kara Pedersen, SLRT chair, at 515-225-5477 or kpedersen@ifbf.org.

**Workshop Details**

**Date:** April 20, 2001

**Location:** Farm Bureau Management Corporation  
5400 University Ave.  
West Des Moines, IA

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Cost:** $40.00 plus lunch

**Registration form for the Special Libraries Roundtable Spring Workshop**

Name______________________________   Organization/Library __________________

Address_________________________________________________________________

Phone number_______________________ E-mail address________________________

Please mail registration with checks payable to the Iowa Library Association by April 2 to:

Kara Pedersen  
Librarian  
Farm Bureau Management Corp.  
5400 University Ave.  
West Des Moines, IA 50266

**Agenda**

8:30-9:00  Registration

9:00 – 12:00  Web Agent Workshop  
Farm Bureau Board Room

Noon  Lunch in the Farm Bureau Cafeteria

1:00-3:00  Hy-Vee Museum Presentation  
Farm Bureau Board Room

*After Marilyn’s presentation, we will travel to Hy-Vee corporate headquarters.*

**Hotels available in the area include:**

Country Inn and Suites — 515-223-9254  
Hampton Inn — 515-223-4700  
Holiday Inn University Park — 515-223-1800  
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STATEWIDE PRESERVATION WORKSHOP

Discover methods for interpreting, preserving, and displaying historic photographs by attending a statewide preservation workshop that will be offered over the fiber optic Iowa Communications Network (ICN). *Historic Photographs: Interpreting, Preserving, Displaying* will take place from 2 to 5 p.m., Wednesday, April 18, at 14 sites across Iowa: Boone, Cedar Rapids, Charles City, Davenport, Denison, Dubuque, Fort Dodge, Iowa City, Laurens, LeMars, Marshalltown, Pella, Red Oak, and Waterloo.

Participants will learn the basics for interpreting a photographic image, determining the most appropriate method for storage and handling of historic photographs, and matting and framing a photograph. The workshop is designed for individuals from libraries, museums, courthouses, local historical and genealogical societies and the general public.

Instructors are historian Loren Horton, State Historical Society of Iowa photo archivist Becki Plunkett, and University of Iowa Conservator Gary Frost.

This workshop is hosted by the Iowa Conservation and Preservation Consortium (ICPC), a membership organization seeking to initiate, encourage, and enhance preservation and conservation activities by providing basic preservation education and training.

*Seating space is limited so register early.* Registration fee is ($20.00/ICPC member; $25.00 nonmember). To register, send your name, address, phone number, the site where you will attend, and a check or money order (payable to Iowa Conservation and Preservation Consortium) to: ICPC/ICN Workshop, State Historical Society of Iowa, 402 Iowa Avenue, Iowa City, IA 52240.

For more information, please call Nancy Kraft at 319/335-3922 or email <nekraft@blue.weeg.uiowa.edu>.

NASA PARTNERSHIP

At their February meeting, the ILA Executive Board adopted a motion to form a partnership with NASA to encourage participation in its education programming.

Over three years ago, NASA developed an education program for children and young adults titled “The Space Place.” The program includes several elements designed to inform and educate participants about space, space sciences and the technologies being pioneered by NASA’s New Millennium Program to further our space exploration efforts. The primary goal is to excite people’s imaginations and share with the the fascination of 21st century space exploration.

Space Place consists of several elements and partnerships that provide the foundation for NASA outreach efforts.

*Space Place Web Site: http://spaceplace.jpl.nasa.gov*  
Club Space Place provides interdisciplinary mission programs and activities 4x’s/year to partners, their members and the surrounding community.

Please check out NASA’s web site for more information.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Do you have basic knowledge of Access, Excel and db4? If so, the Association office could use your help. The archival picture project needs some maintenance to combine various parts of it into an Access file. Please contact Laurie Hews if you would be able to volunteer an hour or two of your time at your convenience. 800-452-5507 or ialib@mcleodusa.net

IEMA CONFERENCE

The IEMA Conference will be March 29 - 30 at the Hotel Savery in Des Moines. ILA members may attend at the IEMA rate. Complete information and a conference registration form are on the Web at http://www.iema-ia.org.

WOMEN’S LITERACY PROJECT

WE LEARN launches Research Study on Women-Centered / Women-Positive Basic Literacy Materials

To obtain more information about this project, to get a copy of the questionnaire, or to be added to the mailing list, please contact Merv Miller at 1483 Laurel Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104-6737, (phone) 651-646-0097, (fax)651-646-1153, (email) merv@litwomen.org. Additional information can be found on the WE LEARN website at www.litwomen.org/WLindex.html.

Clive Public Library held its grand opening January 25. Pictured are Ronnie Begleiter, Board President; Christie Vilsack, First Lady of Iowa; and Vicki Hibbert, Clive Public Library Director.
ALA COUNCILOR REPORT
ALA Mid-winter

ALA Council/Executive Board/Membership Information Session

This meeting provided information from the Budget Analysis and Review Committee, the endowment trustees, the President of ALA, the President-Elect, the Executive Director, the Campaign for America’s Libraries, and the Spectrum Initiative and Scholarship Campaign. The Budget Analysis and Review Committee reported that ALA revenues were greater than budget by $159,564. Given the market volatility, the endowment trustees were relieved to have a return of 7.43% for the year. Lazard Freres and BEA were hired to manage the international portfolio and the fixed income portfolio respectively. A new goal for real net return was set at inflation plus 6%.

The reports from Nancy Kranich and John Berry outlined both officers’ ALA activities since the annual conference. The ALA President outlined her activities around her presidential theme—Libraries: The Cornerstone of Democracy. She encouraged everyone to attend the President’s Program—The Digital Divide and Information Equity: Challenges and Opportunities for Libraries in the 21st Century.” Ms. Kranich has worked with the ALA Executive Board to plan future discussions about our core values. She has appointed a new committee on the status of librarians.

John Berry outlined his approach to address ALA’s key action areas—diversity, education and continuous learning, equity of access, intellectual freedom, and 21st century literacy—during his presidential year. He has created three presidential task forces to address equity of access, recruitment to the profession with an emphasis on diversity, and electronic participation by ALA members who cannot attend ALA conferences. Mr. Berry expects the presidential task forces to sponsor a series of national and international satellite teleconferences to educate and inform and to provide an opportunity for membership participation.

William Gordon reported on personnel changes at ALA; membership renewals; the Children’s Internet Protection Act Frequently Asked Questions document prepared by ALA’s legal counsel, Jenner & Block; mid-winter attendance; and visits and presentations made as ALA Executive Director.

The Campaign for America’s Libraries, a five year public education campaign for all types of libraries, will be launched April 1-7, 2001. Librarians are encouraged to use the campaign brand, display ALA graphics, be advocates, collect and share stories about library best practices with ALA, and participate in advocacy training.

Betty Turock talked about the success of the Spectrum Initiative, thanked all those who contributed, and encouraged everyone to support the program.

ALA Council I

After the quorum was established and rules adopted, President-Elect John Berry reminded Council of the memorial service in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and asked for a moment of silence in his honor. The agenda was reviewed and approved, and Council minutes of the 2000 annual conference were approved. The 2001 nominees for ALA Executive Board (Billy C. Beal, Barbara K. Stripling, Charles E. Kratz, Jr., Kenton L. Oliver, Pamela R. Klipsch, and Patricia Wong) were introduced. The election occurred over the next 24 hours. Kenton L. Oliver, Barbara K. Stripling, and Patricia Wong were elected.

Betty Turock, Chair of ALA’s Nominating Committee, presented the nominees for ALA Vice-President/President Elect: Ken Haycock from the University of British Columbia and William W. Sannwald from the City of San Diego. Maurice J. Freedman of the Westchester Library System in NY was added to the nominees as a petition candidate. Ms. Turock then presented the nominees for the Council-at-Large positions, and the names of those who had petitioned to be added to the list of nominations were read.

Candace Morgan presented the most important report of Council I, the Freedom to Read Foundation Report. Most of her presentation dealt with the CIPA/NCIPA (Children’s Internet Protection Act/Neighborhood Children’s Internet Protection Act) legislation recently passed by Congress, which is scheduled to take effect on April 20, 2001. The Freedom to Read Foundation Board recommended that ALA be the lead plaintiff in a legal challenge of CIPA/NCIPA. Council discussion showed strong support for the recommendation, and later ALA’s Executive Board voted to be lead plaintiff in litigation.

ALA Council II

There was so much consensus during Council II that several action items were accepted by consent with little or no comment—the “Library Services for People with Disability Policy.” ALA FY2002 Programmatic Priorities, Policy Monitoring Committee Report, and the ALA Membership Committee Report.

Council discussed the Committee on Education (COE) report. There was concern that the “Revised Criteria for Programs to Prepare Library Technical Assistants” had outdated language and was too negative. The criteria seemed to define what library technical assistants did not do instead of define what their job tasks were. Council returned the criteria to COE for revision. Not completely satisfied with the recommendation of COE on the certification of postmasters degree librarians, Council passed the following resolution: “Council expresses its strong support for the development of a post MLS certificate program. It asks the Committee on Education to prepare the details of a plan to present to Council 30 days in advance of Annual 2001.”

Council was not completely sat-
isfied with the final report of the Task Force on Electronic Meeting Participation (EMPTF). After considerable discussion and some failed motions, the first recommendation of the task force was accepted: "EMPTF recommends that ALA provide some form of chat-based service to members for committees to work with during 2001."

Council III

In Council III there was general agreement on several issues. The recommendations of the ALA Awards Committee to approve the Betty J. Turock Scholarship and to make changes in the Whitney-Carnegie Awards passed by consent. The resolution to develop materials in Spanish for the Campaign for America's Libraries, to target the Spanish-speaking community, passed by consent. The Committee on Organization's recommendations to create a Standing Committee on Literacy with a specific charge and membership composition and to change the name of the Committee on Standards to the Standards Review Committee and revise its charge passed by consent. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee report was passed by consent. Council voted to schedule ALA Council I meetings to eliminate the conflict with the Newberry/Caldecott press conference at midwinter. The resolution to give ALA Honorary Membership to Dr. Arnulfo Trejo, founder of Reforma, passed by consent.

Another ALA Treasurer's report, once again, indicated the financial well-being of the organization. Revenues exceeded expenses for the fifth year in a row. ALA's assets are up 23% over 1999. Membership reached an all-time high of 61,103. The ALA divisions are strong due to national conferences, publishing, membership growth, and endowment growth. To keep ALA strong, it was recommended that certain factors be monitored: economic climate, technological change, aging of librarians, attraction of nontraditional positions to librarians, changing membership expectations, and development of smaller associations.

Liz Bishoff and Sally Reed gave a report to Council on privatization. The report offered a definition of privatization as "the shifting of policy making and the management of library services from the public to the private sector." Council debated aspects of the report but took no action. Further association-wide discussion is being planned.

Council passed several resolutions offered by the ALA Committee on Legislation. A resolution to oppose federally mandated Internet filtering was revised and then passed. The Committee's proposed resolutions on the Superintendent of Documents FY 2002 salaries and expenses appropriations, public access to government information, fair use in the digital age, and LSTA reauthorization passed by consent.

The Intellectual Freedom Committee's report contained two recommendations. Violence in the Media: A Joint Statement was passed by consent. The Intellectual Freedom Committee collaborated with the Committee on Legislation, Office for Information Technology Policy Advisory Committee, and the E-Rate Task Force to develop a resolution to oppose federally mandated Internet filtering which was revised and then passed during the Committee on Legislation's report.

Action Requests Received

The Freedom to Read Foundation representative to Chapter Relations, Kathy Balcom, and Judith Krug of the ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom called for chapters to support litigation in opposition to the CIPA/NCIPA. It was suggested that chapters contribute $2,000, but any amount would be appreciated. If a chapter contributes money, both the chapter and members' libraries become exposed to the legal discovery process. The Office of Intellectual Freedom and the Freedom to Read Foundation believe that chapters and libraries can only benefit by this legal challenge and should not fear the discovery process. Libraries should apply for the e-rate and watch for legislative and legal updates and any new instructions from the ALA Washington Office.

Chapter Relations booth organizers are seeking items to display and distribute at the annual conference. The theme of the booth is "2001: A Chapter's Odyssey." One hundred copies of each contributed item should be sent to the Chapter Relations Office in Chicago.

The Chapter Relations Committee is applying for an Institute for Museum and Library Services grant to assist chapters with leadership development. If funded, a curriculum would be designed and training offered within eight regions. The grant proposal is due February 1, 2001. Chapters should send letters of support to Gerald Hodges.

UCITA is a legislative problem for a number of states. The ALA Washington Office is monitoring the situation. Chapters are encouraged to use the online help and tutorial on the ALA website and contact the ALA Washington Office for assistance.

Dottie Persson
ALA Councilor
University of Iowa Libraries

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The ILA Executive Board met on February 23, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. at the Urbandale Public Library. Members present were: President Robin Martin, Vice-President/President-Elect Gina Millsap, Administrative Coordinator Laurie Hews, Directors Jim Godsey, Jerri Heid, John Lerdal, Emily Navarre, Kathy Parsons, and Barb Rardin, ALA Councilor Dottie Persson, and Secretary Marilyn Murphy. Absent was Carol French Johnson. Dale Vandehaar (representing the IEMA), Barbara Corson (from the State Library), Julie Huiskamp, and Susan Kling were also present.

**AGENDA**
The agenda was amended to include Users Groups under Conference Planning. The agenda was approved as amended.

**BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION PROGRAM**

Susan Kling and Julie Huiskamp facilitated an orientation for Board members. They encouraged Board members to share their ideas about the organization, ground rules for meetings, and goals for the coming year. They also presented information about the history of the Association and its relationships to other organizations.

**STATE LIBRARY REPORT**

Barbara Corson reported for the State Library. She stated that the State Library currently expects to be in their present building for two years. The State Library is working on an NLM grant to develop a website of medical information. Millsap added that the Library is also trying to focus attention on the Task Force recommendations.

**MINUTES**
The minutes of the December 15, 2000 meeting were amended to correct a misspelling of Susan Henricks' name. They were approved as amended.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR / TREASURER'S REPORT**
The budget vs. actual reports for Jan.-Dec. 2000 and Jan. 2001 were reviewed. Hews reported that she has hired an assistant to work one day a week processing memberships. The membership count will be e-mailed to Board members soon. The Board needs to review the by-laws for corporate membership dues at a future meeting. The auditor has found no problems and the auditor's report should soon be complete. Hews reported that she has sent Sioux City’s proposal to be the 2004 conference site to a committee of past-presidents which has recommended that the proposal be accepted. Godsey moved that the Sioux City conference proposal be accepted for 2004. Motion carried. Hews reported that the Association missed the filing deadline for filing the Iowa Ethics and Campaign Board Report. She has asked for a waiver. The Board agreed to pay the fine, if necessary.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

**CORRESPONDENCE** - Martin reported that she had received thank-you letters from the Executive Director of the ALA Washington Office thanking the Association for their donation and from Positively Iowa thanking the Association for their verbal support. Martin has written a letter in support of ALA’s grant application for a leadership institute. She also wrote a letter to the editor of the Des Moines Register in regard to the State Library move. That letter has not been published.

**CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE** - Martin reported that speakers have been secured for the Thursday general session and for the banquet. Borders will be sponsoring a book fair and emphasis will be placed on Iowa authors during the conference. Hews distributed a list of companies and asked Board members to volunteer to contact these companies, asking for money for conference breaks, speakers, and other activities. Hews will e-mail guidelines for these calls to Board members.

**ILAF** - ILAF representatives Barb Rardin and Wendy Street have resigned. Navarre moved that the Nominations Committee be asked to recommend two people to fill out the remainders of their terms. Motion carried.

**NASA-ILA PARTNERSHIP PROPOSAL** — Heid moved that ILA formalize its relationship with NASA’s education program. Motion carried.

**CIPA RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ALA SUIT AND PROPOSAL TO ASSIST IN FUNDING CIPA SUIT** — The Board amended the longer resolution distributed by Martin to change the phrasing to “educating parents and children” and to change the phrasing to “Whereas Iowa libraries.” Millsap moved that the longer resolution be adopted, as amended by the Board. Motion was approved unanimously. The Board suggested that the resolution be widely publicized through e-mail, the website, and the Catalyst. The Board indicated their interest in assisting in the funding of the CIPA suit. Martin and Persson will investigate the ramifications of this.

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION COUNCIL** — Rardin moved that the Association pay postage to send the “Iowa Open Meetings, Open Records Handbook” to all Iowa libraries. Motion carried.

**VICE-PRESIDENTS REPORT**

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING)** — Millsap reported that the Annual Planning Meeting was held in November in Pella.

**PAST-PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** - Martin reported for French Johnson. The Nominations Committee is seeking guidance on nominations for Vice-President/President-Elect. Persson moved that the Nominating Committee be directed to seek candidates from the pool of academic and special librarians. Motion carried. The Nominating Committee is also beginning the process of electing a new ALA Councilor.

**ALA COUNCILOR’S REPORT**

Persson previously distributed her report via e-mail.
SPECIAL LIBRARIES ROUNDTABLE - Persson reported that the roundtable will be sponsoring a spring workshop on web agents on April 20 in West Des Moines.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE — The Committee’s recommendation for changing the section on subdivisions was distributed by e-mail. The Board amended the second paragraph under “Requirements” to end with “by December 31 and the money will revert to ILA.” Godsey moved that the recommendation be accepted, as amended. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE - Millsap reported that the decrease in available money in the state is making this year’s legislative session very interesting. The arrangement with SPPG seems to be working out well. The Board will need to start developing a request for proposal for a lobbyist for 2002 in early summer. GAC is also concerned about the proposed property tax limit legislation.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE - Martin reported that the committee is looking into the possibility of insurance for members. This issue will probably be on the April Board agenda.

IOWA LIBRARY TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION - Navarre reported that the State Library will be offering advocacy programs for trustees in May. The Membership Committee will try to recruit new members there. Navarre also recommended taking time at a future Board meeting to discuss the Task Force report.

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE - Lerdal reported that there are no current bills in the Legislature regarding filtering, but that those bills could still surface.

FINANCE COMMITTEE - The minutes of the February committee meeting were distributed. They will discuss the idea of a task force on ILA/ILAF fund raising in May.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE - Lerdal distributed two press releases, one pertaining to the 2000 ILA elections and one pertaining to the “Iowans Read” posters. Parsons moved that the Public Relations Committee be directed to go forward with both press releases. Motion carried.

STRATEGIC PLANNING - Godsey raised the question of what should be done with the strategic plans compiled by the subdivisions. It was resolved that Godsey and the Strategic Planning Committee will compile the plans into an operational plan for the year. Martin suggested that the committee might also want to make a recommendation regarding their future role. ILAF needs to inform the Board who will be representing them on Strategic Planning.

CYP - Rardin reported that CYP is working on the Conference.

COMPUTER FORUM - Parsons reported that the forum will probably change to a roundtable. Parsons also reported that the ILA/ACRL conference will be held May 18 at St. Ambrose.

STORYTELLERS FORUM - Heid reported that they are trying to recruit new members with their newsletters. The Forum is also sponsoring a workshop at conference.

SUPPORT PERSONNEL FORUM - The forum will be offering a pre-conference on Training the Internet Trainer this year. Heid also reported that they will be changing from two vice-chairs to just one vice-chairperson, in order to be in compliance with the by-laws.

NEW BUSINESS

Godsey asked about the possibility of other organizations (such as users’ groups) having meetings at Conference. Martin and Hews will talk to Conference Planning Committee and to ALA about this possibility.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

French Johnson is working with Mrs. Anderson on the memorial contributions for Ted Anderson.

REMARKS BY VISITORS

Vandehaar reported that he was pleased to be able to attend the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Navarre moved adjournment at 2:30. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held April 20 at Urbandale.
The Iowa Library Association and the Iowa Educational Media Association are proud to present the first “Ioawans 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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