Thanks to all of you, legislative days have been going well. We did get started a week late due to our first ice/snow storm this winter. But, we had a combined statewide and Central Library Service Area legislative day on Tuesday, February 12th. Over 65 librarians and library supporters gathered to talk with our representatives about current library issues.

We began with a briefing from Mary Wegner, State Librarian, followed by our special guest, First Lady Mrs. Christie Vilsack. Mrs. Vilsack always inspires us with her steadfast passion for reading and libraries. She has raised the funds to begin distributing the book *I is for Iowa* to all of Iowa’s kindergartners. Next up we got the “inside scoop” on what was going on at the Capitol from Craig Patterson who is the newest member of our lobbying firm SPPG (State Public Policy Group).

Once again the State Law Library hosted the reception following the briefing. Even though representatives were in “caucus” that afternoon, many snuck away to meet with us.

The library service area days have also gone well with many of you attending and making an impact on our legislators.

The legislative session has been a little different this year. Because the governor wanted to wait for revenue reports, legislators have tackled policy issues first and now at the end of February they are moving on to the budget. As you probably have read in the newspaper, revenue estimates continue to reflect a current year shortfall. Consequently, most state departments including where we are in the Department of Education are anticipating further cuts in the current year. The real issue is whether legislators voting to use some of the state’s emergency fund will lessen these cuts. Also, on the agenda is a possible furlough for state employees for the remainder of the fiscal year. It has been important for us to have a presence at the Capitol during this session. The State Library and the Library Service Areas have already sustained significant cuts and are slated for additional budget reductions. The State Library is unable to fill open positions and the Library Service Areas have reduced their meager staff of 26 to 20 (not counting current open positions). Both of these programs are in dire straits and need all of our support.

The heroes in all this have been Iowa librarians, trustees and friends. You have come to the legislative days, met with legislators at their hometown forums and coffees and, most importantly, at the local grocery store and your library. You speak from the heart when you talk about the importance of libraries to the citizens in your communities. You make a difference in people’s lives everyday and you communicate that to our legislators.

The Governmental Affairs Committee has tried something new this year. We are sending postcards with an Iowa library success story each week of the session. The text of the postcards is available on ILA’s website. Thanks to all of you for sending your stories. Please keep them coming. We may want to continue sending these year-round to our legislators. Just a reminder if you need email addresses or additional information about any of your legislators, you can look them up on the much improved General Assembly website. The address is www.legis.state.ia.us.

Thanks again for all your support.

If you need further information, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

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ILA President, Gina Millsap, Director, Ames Public Library, visits with Christie Vilsack at legislative day.
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You can take an active role in supporting America’s libraries. Your first step is joining the Association for Library Trustees and Advocates. A division of the American Library Association, ALTA is a national network of enthusiastic library supporters who believe in the importance of libraries as the social and intellectual center of communities, and in the library’s role in lifelong learning and equal access for all. ALTA members share information and experience on library advocacy and trusteeship to ensure vital, well-supported libraries that contribute to better communities and a strong better-educated society.

By becoming an ALA/ALTA Library Advocate, you will help libraries and librarians around the country speak with a united voice to increase public awareness of issues critical to the future of libraries. Library Advocates play a vital role in educating legislators, who determine library funding and information policy, to become library champions, ensuring they make the best decisions for the future of America’s libraries. Our legislators need this input, both as a way of gauging community opinion as well as learning about issues with which they may not be familiar.

Libraries are a vital part of our communities. From children listening to a storyteller, to computer users learning to safely navigate the Web, to book discussion groups, to students and researchers, libraries bring the world to their users - in person, in print and online. And in an age where information is power, libraries open the door to knowledge with free access and opportunity for all.

America’s libraries are facing many issues: literacy, public access to information, limited funding, equity of access and tangled information on the Internet. As libraries evolve into dynamic centers of lifelong learning, information and entertainment, they need your help. Please join ALTA in protecting library resources, guiding their continuing growth, and mobilizing support for libraries in your community and across the nation.

Who are Library Advocates? Anyone who values libraries in our communities and our society and believes in the freedom of access to information, library vitality, and that excellent library service is the cornerstone of a better-educated, information literate society.

• Library Trustees - public officials, elected or appointed
• Champions of Libraries - library ‘ambassadors’ in the community
• Library Users - students, faculty, parents, teachers, business people and others
• Institutional and Community Leaders - school principals, college presidents, union leaders, CEOs, foundation officials, and others
• Librarians and Library Staff

Dale Ross, Chair, Iowa Commission of Libraries and ILA Member of the Year in 2001, is the President of ALTA. He encourages all ILA members to consider becoming an Advocate Member of ALTA. The membership form is available from Dale or on the Web at ala.org

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United We Succeed: Partnering With Purpose

Where: DMCC in Newton, Iowa
When: April 19, 2002

Mark your calendars and plan on attending the ILA/ACRL Spring Conference.

This year’s theme is United We Succeed: Partnering with Purpose. We are very pleased to announce our keynote speaker: Helen Spalding, Vice President/President Elect of the Association of College and Research Libraries.

Following the conference theme, her presentation will be “New Realities, New Relationships”. Ms. Spalding received her MLS from the University of Iowa, and since 1985 has been Associate Director of Libraries at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. As ACRL President, she plans to bring visibility to the contribution that librarians make in higher education, scholarly communication, and civic development.

Visit the ILA/ACRL web site at www.iren.net/acrl/ for registration information. Interested in presenting a paper? The Call for Papers for this year’s conference is also available at the above web site.

If you have never been to an ILA/ACRL Spring Conference or have been working in Iowa less than 3 years, you can apply for a scholarship and receive up to $100 towards your registration and travel costs! Scholarship application forms are also available at the above web site.

Please plan on joining us for another excellent conference!

Community College Librarians Form Roundtable

Librarians from Iowa’s 15 community colleges have successfully petitioned the ILA Executive Board to approve the formation of the Community College Library Roundtable within ILA. Julie Huiskamp, Coordinator of Learning Resources at Northeast Iowa Community College’s Calmar campus, will serve as chair of the group for 2002.

“Though those who staff community college libraries are active in the Iowa Chapter of ACRL, there are issues that only relate to community college libraries, and we wanted a forum within ILA that will allow us to meet to discuss and act on these issues,” noted Huiskamp.

The roundtable will meet formally for the first time at the 2002 ILA Conference in Des Moines, but those who wish to join are encouraged to choose the new roundtable on their 2002 membership application. There will be no dues charged for membership. “We hope that all who staff community college libraries will join the roundtable and participate,” said Huiskamp. “If anyone has questions, they are welcome to contact me at NICC.” Huiskamp can be reached at 563-562-3263, ext. 257 or e-mail at huiskamj@nicc.cc.ia.us.

Diversity Conference

The Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) and the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) are proud to sponsor Diversity: Building a Strategic Future, a national conference for academic libraries hosted by the University of Iowa Libraries to be held on April 4-6, 2002. www.lib.uiowa.edu/cidiversity.

The $149 registration fee includes: registration; refreshments during the opening reception on Wednesday day; continental breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Thursday; continental break and lunch on Friday; continental breakfast on Saturday; and refreshment breaks throughout the conference.

Featured speakers are Nancy Cantor, Chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Dr. Camila Alire, Dean of Libraries at Colorado State University; Linda Greene, Associate Vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of Wisconsin; Venise Berry, Assoc Professor and Interim chair of the School of Journalism and Mass Communications, University of Iowa; and W. Terrell Jones, Vice Provost for Educational Equity, Penn State University.

Association of Christian Librarians to Meet in Nashville

The 46th Annual Association of Christian Librarians Conference will be held June 10-13, 2002 at Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville, Tennessee.

Keynote speakers Dr. Patricia Breivik, Dean of Libraries at San Jose State University, and Kate Nevins, Executive Director of SOLINET, will address the theme Expanding Our Boundaries.

A special pre-conference will be held June 10 with Dr. Breivik addressing the topic of Information Literacy.

There will be over 30 workshops and several poster sessions available for those attending as well as an opportunity to speak with vendors. For more information, visit the web site at www.acl.org/ or e-mail Ms. Thornton at info@acl.org.

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ILA Annual Conference
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Humanities Iowa Offers $5000 Reading Series Development Grants

Humanities Iowa, the statewide affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, announces the availability of two new grants of $5,000 each specifically reserved for the creation of Library Reading and Discussion Series relating to cultural diversity, local interest topics and the resolution of social conflict in Iowa. Librarians, scholars, nonprofit organizations and other interested parties are encouraged to apply. Proposals with a local focus, or connected to a particular community concern with strong community support are especially welcome.

“Our Board wants to encourage book reading, and has taken a particular interest in how the humanities can open up discussions on topics of real social significance to Iowans,” said Humanities Iowa Director Christopher Rossi. “People have a lot on their minds about the changing face of Iowa, from English-only legislation to immigration to discussions about Iowa’s sense of place and future. Consequently,” said Rossi, “we’ve earmarked funds to spur locally-driven initiatives that can benefit big and small communities and their public institutions that promote reading on issues relating to ethnicity, identity and multiculturalism. We don’t want to tell people what to read, we want them to tell us what they want to read, and we can provide some help.”

The Humanities Iowa Library Reading and Discussion Series brings people of all ages and backgrounds together with a humanities scholar in public libraries across the state to discuss books on topics of their common interest. Currently-available series include: “The Vital Community: Visions Across Time,” “Iowa Time Slices,” “American Voices, World Views,” “Choices for the 21st Century,” “The Spirit of Place: Contemporary Regional Fiction by Women,” “Sacred and Secular: The Human Search for Meaning,” “Trails: Toward a New Western History,” “The Restless Spirit,” “The Search for Identity in Chamber Music and Literature,” and “In the Middle of the Nation: Reading and Discussing Midwestern Literature.”

Grant application materials may be obtained by visiting the Humanities Iowa website at www.humanitiesiowa.org, by calling Humanities Iowa at (319) 335-4153, e-mailing info@humanitiesiowa.org, or writing to 100 Oakdale Campus Northlawn, Iowa City IA 52242-5000. Application deadline is May 1, 2002.

Humanities Iowa is a private, non-profit state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, whose mission is to enhance the civic life, culture, and identity of Iowans. Drawing on history, literature, philosophy, law, and other humanities fields, it fosters life-long learning, critical thinking, and community connections.
Health Information to Better Serve Your Patrons

Public librarians across the country are facing an increasing number of requests for health information from their patrons. Reference librarians are receiving inquiries about alternative medicine, selecting a physician, wellness issues, or particular diseases or conditions. Patrons are also seeking free, quality, electronic health information written in lay terminology.

The National Library of Medicine would like to help you respond to this demand. The National Library of Medicine, a government agency, is the world’s largest medical library located on the campus of the National Institutes of Health.

The National Library of Medicine developed MEDLINEplus, a consumer health resource that is accessible to all. MEDLINEplus offers authoritative, up-to-date, and totally private health information. Health topics, drug information, a medical encyclopedia, MEDLINE searches, clinical trials, and current news are just some of the features included at www.medlineplus.gov/.

The National Library of Medicine encourages public libraries to join the National Network of Libraries of Medicine; membership is free and offers libraries the following advantages:

- Opportunities for continuing professional development by taking training workshops to search the National Library of Medicine’s databases.
- Participate in funding opportunities for your library.
- Participate in interlibrary loan services available to the network.
- Receive special mailings of National Library of Medicine’s posters, brochures, and other informational materials.
- Be considered for service on the Regional Medical Library’s Regional Advisory Committee.
- Receive a certificate, which recognizes the institution as a member of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine.
- Receive an invitation, on a periodic basis, to provide input to the Regional Medical Library on programs and services.
- Enroll on the Greater Midwest Region’s electronic discussion list if requested.

Find more information at www.nlm.gov/ or contact your Regional Medical Library at 1-800-338-7657.

www.healthinfoiowa.org

This site provides consumers with a single, Iowa-focused web site, with authoritative content that ranges from national databases to regional and local links. This will serve as a simple and trustworthy first stop for Iowans, to which both information consumers and providers can turn for dependable support. Links include the MEDLINEplus site.

Office Assistant

Linda Burchfield, ILA’s new office assistant, brings with her years of office experience. Processing memberships has been her main focus. She will be involved in helping with conference details.

An Ohio native, she spent 20 years living overseas in such places as Africa, New Zealand, and Spain; learning two new languages in the process.

Linda has lived in Clive for eight years with her husband and three teenagers. She is involved with numerous clubs and activities in the Des Moines area and has served on numerous association boards.

NASA Winter Activity

The following information is provided for those libraries participating in the ILA/NASA partnership. NASA’s Deep Space 1 spacecraft recently completed its highly successful mission. All the engineers, scientists, managers, software developers, mission commanders, project administrators, secretaries, and others who worked on the mission were sad to say goodbye to this amazing little spacecraft. First conceived in 1994, the mission lasted a good part of a decade. During this time, the people on the Deep Space 1 team experienced birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, graduations, births, deaths, and even retirements themselves.

In this winter activity, meant to put a human face on space exploration, participants are invited to think back on their own lives and what milestones they may have experienced during the several years that Deep Space 1 was in progress. For each of the years 1994-2001, Deep Space 1’s milestones are described and illustrated. Beside each Deep Space 1 milestone, there is space for the participant to draw a picture or paste a photo from their own life during that year and write a short caption underneath.

You may wish to post some of the finished “milestone journals” on your Space Place display or bulletin board. Also, a few selected journals may be posted on The Space Place website. Please include the first name and age (if a child) on each journal. Photocopies are fine. Send them to: New Millennium Program Outreach Coordinator, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, 4800 Oak Grove Dr., M/S 301-235, Pasadena, CA 91109. Please be sure to notify the ILA office if a journal from your library is posted to the website.

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ILA Membership Renewal

Don’t forget to send in your ILA membership renewal for 2002! This will be the last Catalyst members who have not renewed will receive.

First-time ILA members will again receive a coupon allowing a $20 discount for ILA’s fall conference registration during the first 2 years of their membership. Take a look—at the names of new members who will be enjoying their discount during the next two years. Remember, this coupon is for new ILA members only and will be sent to them in the mail along with other membership materials.

The membership form is on the ILA web site at www.iowalibraryassociation.org/ (click “Join ILA.”) Take a good look at ILA’s redesigned web site and check out the options, including the “Time and Talent Sheet” link below the membership form. Our organization is as strong as we make it. Please consider what you can do to make ILA a more effective group, one that works for all of us—then print, fill out and send in your “Time and Talent Sheet.” You may also contact the ILA office at 1-800-452-5507 for a membership form.

Again, don’t forget to renew your membership and please pass along this information to any co-workers or interested library supporters who are not yet members.

Thank you from the Membership Committee.

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ALA COUNCILOR REPORT

MIDWINTER MEETING • NEW ORLEANS

ALA Council/Executive Board/Membership Information Session

The Campaign for America’s Libraries is moving forward with a new video, Rediscover America@your library. This first video was designed for the library community. The price is to be determined. Libraries may order a copy by contacting the ALA Public Information Office. Another video for use with the public is being planned. This video will be available in English and Spanish and may be used for public service announcements.

Patricia H. Smith reported that the Budget Analysis and Review Committee was concerned about the recession. Based on recommendations to help ALA emerge in a strong position, the Executive Board reduced the FY2002 budget by $1.3 million (a 5% reduction). Caution will be necessary for FY2003, and three budget scenarios will be considered—a flat budget, a growth budget (10% increase), and a reduced budget (20% decrease). The FY 2001 budget will be the benchmark for the development of the FY2003 budget. Council and the membership will be kept informed.

The faltering economy was not good for the ALA endowment. From January 1 through December 31, 2001, the endowment declined by $1.4 million to $12.5 million. Half of the drop in the endowment fund was attributed to withdrawals to support the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA), the Campaign for America’s Libraries, and Spectrum. The endowment trustees are optimistic about the future. Since most recessions last no longer than eleven months and assuming that there are no unforeseen negative events to postpone economic recovery, the endowment will recover well.

Barbara J. Ford, chair of the 2001-2002 Nominating Committee, presented the committee’s report. There are numerous individuals running for Councilors-at-Large. Carla D. Hayden, Director of the Enoch Pratt Free Library and Katrina Strauch, Head of Collection Development, College of Charleston, Robert Scott Small Library are the ALA presidential candidates.

The American Library Association is registered as a tax-exempt educational/charitable organization under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. This type of exemption allows ALA to focus on libraries and the publics they serve. To focus on the profession and library employees and to keep its tax exemption, it is necessary for ALA to establish an allied 501c6 professional association. Council and the membership were provided with information at this meeting, and it was announced that Council would be asked to approve the establishment of a broadly defined 501c6 allied professional association at this midwinter conference. The new entity would be linked to ALA through interlocking boards. If approved, the membership will hear more about it and will benefit from its activities.

Council I

Council spent this meeting receiving reports. President John Berry is working with the International Relations Committee, ALA staff, and IFLA on a “Campaign for the World’s Libraries.” The task forces appointed by Berry—Task Force on Equity of Access, Toward Full Digital Inclusion, Task Force on Recruitment and Diversity and Task Force on Electronic Participation—are moving forward. It has been a challenge to define equity of access for nonlibrary constituencies. The Task Force on Recruitment and Diversity will develop an action plan after assessing the current situation. The Task Force on Electronic Participation has the goal of creating a “digital association.” The first step in this direction is the capture of the Midwinter President’s Program for video streaming. An Executive Director Search and Screening Committee has been appointed and is beginning to work. The goal is to introduce the next Executive Director at the annual conference in Atlanta. The terrorist attack increased the workload of the Association concerning information access, confidentiality, user privacy, and interaction with law enforcement agencies.

Mary Ghikas reported for William Gordon. Associations, including ALA, have weathered the economic downturn and the terrorist attack. Membership in the Association is up by 5%. To deal with the USA Patriot Act, ALA is encouraging libraries to develop policies, train staff, and seek legal advice before a law enforcement visit. The ALA Washington Office is developing material to place on its web page. Discovery was completed on January 11, 2002 for the Children’s Internet Protection Act. For information, see www.ala.org/cipa/. The privacy draft of the interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights is available at www.ala.org/alaorg/oif/draftprivacyinterpretation.html.

President-Elect, Maurice Freedman, has focused on the visibility of library workers and the improvement of their salaries. He appointed a Task Force on Better Salaries and Pay Equity. The Library Association of Great Britain and the Australian Library and Information Association have made progress on better salaries and pay equity for their members. These associations are sharing strategies with the American Library Association. Information about the work of the Task Force on Better Salaries and Pay Equity is available at www.mjfreedman.org.

Gordon Conable presented the Freedom to Read Foundation report. The big news is the American Library Association v. United States (CIPA) trial, which will begin in the Third Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia in March, 2002. The three-judge panel has promised to do its best to render a decision before July 1.
Council II

At the 2001 annual conference, Council approved the establishment of the 501c6 allowing ALA to focus on the certification programs and the efforts to increase salaries for library employees. At this midwinter conference, Council voted to broaden the scope of the 501c6 to include professional and membership concerns in its mission.

The Policy Monitoring Committee recommended two policies based on past Council action. The Preservation Policy, National Information Services and Responsibilities, Permanence and Durability of Information Products (Policy 52.2.1) and the Privatization of Publicly Funded Libraries (Policy 52.7) were submitted for approval. Both were approved by Council.

The Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship recommended that the American Library Association serve as a member of the National Center on Women and Aging’s Council of Cooperating Organizations. Action was deferred until the annual conference in Atlanta.

Ann Symons and Patricia Smith, representing the Conference Committee and Budget Analysis and Review Committee respectively, presented a report on items referred to the Conference Committee at the San Francisco annual conference. The midwinter meetings in Boston in 2005 and 2010 are the only midwinter meetings through 2012 which conflict with the Martin Luther King, Jr. national holiday, and no conferences will be scheduled around that holiday in the future. Since contracts have already been signed, it was recommended that the dates not be rescheduled. A resolution to add the word “boycott” to hotel contracts to allow ALA to void contracts where labor organizations have endorsed a boycott or a strike was presented to Council. All major hotels contacted by the Conference Committee indicated that they would not sign a contract that included a boycott clause. It was recommended that Council reject the resolution. Council defeated the resolution on hotel contracts for ALA meetings. The Conference Committee sought input from membership and ALA staff on a proposal to shorten midwinter meetings by one day. Much to the surprise of the committee, there was no support for such a proposal, and the Conference Committee recommended that Council take no action at this time.

Council III

Council III began with the recognition of leaders in the field. Dr. E. J. Josey and Seymour Lubetzky were elected to honorary membership. Memorial resolutions were accepted by consent to honor Lawrence Clark Powell and Ruth Tarbox. Audrey Gorman was recognized for directing the Roads to Learning: The Public Libraries’ Learning Disabilities Initiative grant project.

By consent, the Council approved the following programmatic priorities for FY2003: diversity, education and continuous learning, equity of access, intellectual freedom, and twenty-first century literacy.

Liz Bishoff, ALA Treasurer, presented the budget results for FY2001. The auditor’s report gave ALA an unqualified opinion—the best possible rating. The recession and September 11, 2001 impacted the Association. Net assets decreased by 22%. Cash decreased by 10%. Long-term investments decreased by 15%. Revenues did not grow, but expenditures increased by 11.2%. Nonetheless, ALA did meet its programmatic goals to support the Second Congress on Professional Education II, Spectrum Year Four, Campaign for America’s Libraries, new Diversity Office, accreditation process revision, information literacy, and CIPA. The financial environment will require ALA to carefully manage its funds in FY2002 and FY2003.


In the second, “ALA urges the Office of Management and Budget and other federal agencies to designate federal libraries and information centers as ‘inherently governmental’ functions.” In the third resolution, “ALA urges Congress to amend the Presidential Records Act as necessary to reaffirm the intent of Congress that Presidential records be made generally available to the public with limited statutory restrictions by the end of twelve years.” In the last resolution, “ALA urges Congress and government agencies to ensure that public access to government information is maintained absent specific compelling and documented national security or public safety concerns regarding the information in question.”

On the recommendation of the Intellectual Freedom Committee, Council passed by consent the Resolution Reaffirming the Principles of Intellectual Freedom (ALA Policies 53.8, 53.3, 53.5, 53.1, 53.1.17, 52.4, 53.1.12, 53.4, and 53.6) in the In the Aftermath of Terrorist Attacks, and the resolution will be forwarded to President Bush, the Attorney General of the United States, and both Houses of Congress.

The International Relations Committee presented two resolutions for Council consideration: Resolution on ALA/AMBAC (Asociacion Mexicana de Bibliotecarios, A.C.) Agreement to Cooperate and Resolution (of welcome and congratulations) of the Occasion of the Grand Opening of the Bibliotheca Alexandrina, Arab Republic of Egypt. Both resolutions passed by consent.

Council approved three action items presented by the Committee on Organization. Council approved the increase in membership of the Office of Information Technology Policy Advisory Committee from seven to eleven members, development of an implementation plan to support electronic meetings, and appointment of “virtual” members to committees.

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The report of the tellers was given. Council elected Barbara K. Stripling, Kathleen E. Bethel, and Nancy Davenport to serve on the 2002-2003 ALA Executive Board.

Julie Huiskamp, Chair of the Library Career Pathways Task Force, presented the task force’s report. By consent, Council accepted “the report of Task Force #4 from the First Congress on Professional Education, the Library Career Pathways Task Force, and adopts the revision of Council Policy 54.1 retitled Library and Information Studies and Human Resource Utilization: A Statement of Policy.”

Mark Rosenzweig and Al Kagan brought the Health Coverage Resolution to Council. There is growing concern that many librarians and other library workers do not have health insurance coverage through their employers or spouses’/partners’ employers. The resolve clause states “that the American Library Association should provide an affordable group health insurance plan for members of the Association who lack health insurance coverage in their current settings.” This resolution was referred to the Budget Analysis and Review Committee and Membership Committee for consideration. Since many state associations are concerned about health insurance for their members, it is expected that a report and recommendation will be brought back to Council quickly.

Four other resolutions were defeated, and one was withdrawn. The defeated resolutions are Resolution on Requiring Professional Librarian Credentials for the Position of the American Library Association’s Office for Intellectual Freedom (defeated by one vote), Resolution on Collection Development and Library Programming in Times of Conflict, Resolution Against Secret Tribunals, and Resolution Against the War in Afghanistan. The Resolution on the Protection of Privacy Rights was withdrawn.

**Action Requests Received**

The ALA Chapter Relations Committee will be reviewing and revising the ALA Chapter Relations Committee Strategic Plan. Chapters are requested to send comments and ideas to Gerald Hodges by February 15, 2002. A draft of the document “Privacy: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights” was distributed. Chapters were asked to have the appropriate groups within their organizations review the document and submit comment to Judith Krug, ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom, by April 15, 2002.

The American Library Association has done joint membership recruiting with some chapters. If other chapters are interested in this type of effort, contact Gerald Hodges.

There is a preconference before the ALA Legislative Day 2002. The Chapter Relations Committee encourages attendees to participate.

Submitted by Dottie Persson, Iowa Chapter Councilor

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### ILA 2002 Annual Conference Exhibitors

The following companies have already contracted to exhibit this fall in Des Moines. If a vendor you need to see isn’t listed, please contact them and let them know that you’d like to see them in Des Moines October 9-11.

Please remember that during the year it helps ILA if you support those vendors who exhibit at ILA. Let them know that you appreciate their being at ILA and that you hope to see them there this fall.

- 3M Library Systems
- Baker & Taylor
- Bibliographical Center for Research (BCR)
- Book Wholesalers, Inc.
- Computer Pros Inc.
- Decorah Public Library
- Emery-Pratt Co.
- FEH Associates
- Gale Group
- Gaylord Info Systems
- Houchen Bindery LTD
- H. W. Wilson
- Ingram Library Services
- Jones Library Sales, Inc.
- Leo A. Daly
- OPN Architects, Inc.
- PBS Video
- ProQuest
- Quality Books Inc.
- Sagebrush
- State Library of Iowa
- Steamatic & BMS Catastrophe
- Summer Library Program
- The Library Corporation
- VisionLibrary.com/Computer Services, Inc.
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2002 Legislative Activities

Pat Coffie, Director, Waverly Public Library, studies the ILA Legislative Agenda with Representative Steve Dix.

Representative Steven Warnstadt speaks with Bonnie McKewon, Administrator, Northwest Iowa Library Services and Darrell DeBoom, Trustee, Northwest Iowa Library Services.

Tom Shepley, Interim Administrator, North Central Library Service Area meets with Representative Steve Sukup.

LaWanda Roudebush, Director, Ft. Dodge Public Library, meets with Representative Michael Cormack at the North Central Library Service Area Legislative Day.