2004 is nearly over, and that means my year as ILA President is coming to a close. I want to thank each of you for your efforts on behalf of Iowa citizens and the libraries they use. Every library has its own constituency, but we know that library users tend to “overlap” and that providing library services to these folks is the common bond we share.

There have been many opportunities for us to meet and participate within the Iowa Library Community during the past year. Welcoming school librarians into the organization was the first order of business in 2004. I feel certain that being able to speak for all types of libraries will make ILA a more effective voice within the state. Legislative Day in Des Moines gave us the opportunity to network with our elected officials as well as with each other. The Leadership Institute in Pella, sponsored by ILA with the assistance of the State Library, created a synergy that will ripple throughout the organization. Kate Martin and I had the privilege of sharing the stage with the “State Library Players” and meeting many ILA members at seven different town meetings across the state. In September ILA members presented one of the concurrent sessions at the Iowa League of Cities annual meeting. Over 450 folks gathered in Sioux City for the Annual Conference where the theme From River to River: Libraries Build Community was highlighted in both general and concurrent sessions.

And, while all these “official” activities were taking place, you, the Iowa library folks, were making differences in peoples’ lives: telling stories, recommending good books, lobbying your local officials, searching out elusive data and creating finding aids, teaching people how to use information tools, building buildings and web sites, making speeches, and providing listening ears.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to witness the work you do. It has been an honor.

Kay Weiss
ILA President

Susan Craig, Iowa City Public Library Director has been elected Vice President/President-elect. In her Statement of Professional Concern she stated “I believe the role of the Association is to work to strengthen libraries throughout the state, to provide pertinent continuing education opportunities and advocacy for library workers, and to work with the American Library Association on national priorities.”

John Goodin, Technical Services Librarian, Preus Library, Luther College and Mary Jo Langhorne, adjunct faculty member in the School of Library and Information Science at the University of Iowa were elected to the Board of Directors.

Dale H. Ross, Ames Public Library trustee and Chair of Iowa Commission of Libraries was elected to the ALA Councilor position.

Thank you for your three years of service as members of the Executive Board to Dee Crowner, North Liberty Community Library; Nancy Medema, Bettendorf Public Library and; Betty Rogers, Coe College, Cedar Rapids.
Advocacy efforts in the past year were celebrated at the ILA Business Meeting at the Annual Conference in Sioux City on October 14, 2004.

An orange “I” on conference badges meant that person had registered for the drawing meant to reward advocacy efforts in calendar 2004. It meant “I” spoke for Iowans and their libraries by contacting at least one legislator in Calendar 2004. Sue Sissel was present to win the wine and chocolates in the drawing. In addition, a gift was given to Lily Lau for intense lobbying and one to Lorraine Borowski for sustained contact with legislators.

The 2005 Legislative Agenda was approved. It addresses the two sides of advocacy with the General Assembly — funding legislation already in place and working to set appropriate legislation in place. The agenda is on page 3.

Two events, to succeed, will require participation throughout the state and from every library advocate.

The first is a new event. “Libraries Lobby from Home Day” is February 16, 2005. On that day every library advocate is asked to telephone, email, or send a hand-written note to his/her own legislators and to as many others as possible. Library advocates have the opportunity to speak with a strong voice without leaving home.

The Legislative Reception will be March 2, 2005. This is an important personal opportunity to visit in Des Moines with legislators. Plan to attend and speak for Iowans and their libraries.

You are the best one to speak for Iowans and their Libraries.

ILA’s Governmental Affairs Committee
Patricia Coffie, Chair;
Dawn Hayslett; Michele Leininger; Gina Millsap;
Emily Navarre; Wendy Street; Dale Vande Haar;
Carlette Washington-Hoagland; Wendy Ziegler;
Mary Wegner, State Library Liaison.

Shirley Vonderhaar, Director of James Kennedy Public Library, Dyersville, won the raffle drawing for the Iowa Library Association Foundation Quilt. The quilt was made and donated to ILAF by Karen Burns, 2004 ILA Member of the Year.
**2005 ILA LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

**What do the people of Iowa need from their libraries?**

Effective and equitable access to information, education and ideas
in every part of the state,
with local control,
in a coordinated system.

**How can Legislators address that need in the 2005 Session of the Iowa General Assembly?**

- **Fund the Enrich Iowa programs: Open Access and Access Plus for all libraries and Direct State Aid for public libraries**
  - Open Access is direct walk-in service while Access Plus is library to library service through interlibrary loan. These partial reimbursement programs support a statewide library card and the fulfillment of more than 3.5 million requests each year.
  - Direct state aid to public libraries strengthens the basic educational infrastructure of the state by improving public libraries at the local level.

- **Support the budget for the State Library of Iowa (SLI)**. Statewide leadership through SLI
  - Supplies cost-effective informational databases (EbscoHost and FirstSearch) for Iowans through their public and college libraries, and delivers specialized information services in census and demographics, law, medicine, patents and public policy.
  - Facilitates statewide library resource sharing by coordinating the State of Iowa Libraries Online (SILO) and Enrich Iowa programs.
  - Improves Iowa libraries through its accreditation and certification programs.

- **Support the budget for the Library Service Areas (LSAs)**. Iowans need effective and efficient libraries of all types. At the seven library service areas, LSA staff
  - Trains librarians and trustees on aspects of library management including planning, budgeting, technology, collection development and sharing of resources.
  - Works closely with the SLI on library programs that maintain and upgrade libraries so that they provide quality library service to all Iowans.
  - Advises staff in all types of libraries upon request.

- **Support efforts to strengthen school library programs**. School librarians improve basic student literacy and test scores (as required by No Child Left Behind legislation) by developing and delivering library programs that teach students how to find, evaluate, and use all types of information.

- Oppose any state mandate that disregards local control through local library boards and school boards.
- Oppose any state mandate that interferes with open access to information, education and ideas.

**With legislative support, Iowans and their libraries can continue to contribute to education, economic development, and opportunity in Iowa.**

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The Iowa Library Association monitors all legislative initiatives as they pertain to the needs and interests of Iowans as identified through their libraries. Issues include funding, library governance, intellectual freedom, access to information and confidentiality in the use of library materials and services.
IASL/2003-2004 IOWA TEEN AWARD

The Iowa Association of School Librarians/Iowa Teen Award Committee is pleased to announce that Ann Brashares is the winner of the 2003-2004 Iowa Teen Award for her book, *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*. This is a story that especially seems to resonate for many teen girls as it deals with changing friendships, body image and self-discovery.

We are thrilled to report that the total number of votes cast this year was 6,347, which is ONE vote less than the all-time record which was set back in 1987-88. We hope that by continuing to spread the word, we will set a new record for participation next year.

This year the top six titles each received over 500 votes. In addition to the winner, they were: *Katie.com* by Tarbox, *Soldier X* by Wulffson, *Among the Imposters* by Haddix, *Fever, 1793* by Anderson, and *Touching Spirit Bear* by Mikaelsen. The next three finishers, *You Don’t Know Me* by Klass, *Skeleton Man* by Bruchac, and *Flipped* by Van Draanen, tallied more than 400 first-place votes each. In fact only one title received less than 100 first place votes, which speaks volumes about the quality and appeal of the books on this year’s list.

Suggestions on how to increase the number of students reading and voting next year:

• Public librarians and school librarians can discuss ways to promote the list to more teens
• If you work with students in grades 6-9 and have not participated in the past, please consider participating and giving these students an extra push to read good YA books.
• If you have participated, we hope you will do so again
• Share ideas over various listserves

Please remember that teens are to vote only ONCE for their favorite book. Whether they vote at school or at their public library, it must be the librarian who submits the votes. Thanks to you and your efforts, the all-time record is within reach!

The promotional poster for the 2004-2005 ITA list was produced courtesy of Perfection Learning Corporation. Thanks to Dave Welborn and the folks at Perfection Press who donated these great color posters as part of their successful Iowa Educational Consortium bid (www.iec-ia.org/MediaTech/IEMA.html). Thanks to Perfection and the work of Jerry Cochrane at Grant Wood AEA for their efforts on our behalf. Please support our professional organization, ILA/IASL, and promote the Iowa Teen Award books to your students by purchasing ITA supplies. The small profit we make on each item ordered goes to the organization to help offset the costs of producing the ITA award.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie Raasch and Joel Shoemaker
Co-Chairs, Iowa Teen Award

Dear Iowa Teen Readers,

I was so happy and honored to learn that you had chosen my book, *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*, to receive your state award this year. I felt even more gratified when I opened your gift of a large golden apple in the mail this morning. Thank you!

The apple is now sitting proudly on my desk. When my nine-year-old son saw it, he was impressed. While he has many trophies in his room, I had none. Until now, that is, thanks to you.

I hope that you will all continue to be ardent readers. And I hope that I will continue to write books you’ll enjoy.

My very best,

Ann Brashares
Another school year has started, so it’s time to promote the Iowa Teen Award titles for 2004-05 (listed below). Anyone wishing to collect more information about the award (informational brochure, bookmark master, ballot/tally sheets, order forms for labels and posters, previous nominations lists and winners), may visit the web site (www.iema-ia.org/itaindex.html).

**IOWA TEEN AWARD 2004-2005**

Funke, Cornelia. *The Thief Lord*. Scholastic, 2002. (Scholastic PB)

We are hoping that school librarians and library media specialists will join with their public librarians in encouraging the reading of these books. Voting will take place at the schools at the end of February. More information on that will be published in future *Catalyst* editions.

If you still need to buy sets of the Iowa Teen Award books, contact Perfection Learning Corp. to check on availability.

If you have questions/comments concerning the Iowa Teen Award Committee, please contact co-chairs Bonnie Raasch (braasch@marion.k12.ia.us) or Joel Shoemaker (shoemaker.joel@iccsd.k12.ia.us).

**Harriett Waugh and Helen Sellers received Lifetime Membership Awards at the banquet. Others receiving this recognition but unable to be present were Thomas Armitage, Elizabeth Kaschins and Carolyn Kohler.**

**Twenty-year Member Awards were presented to Susan Blythe, Conrad; Marietta Sargeant, Waverly; Karen Burns, Council Bluffs; and Linda Fox, Oskaloosa.**
left to right: Nancy Simpson, Southeastern Library Services Trustee from Oskaloosa; Banquet Speaker Donald Harstad and; ILA President Kay Weiss, Burlington Public Library, pose after the banquet.


left to right: CYP Chair Jerri Heid, Clive Public Library with author and speaker, Jim Trelease.

left to right: Janie Beaulie, Northwest IA Library Services; Mary Siegner, Norelius Community Library, Denison and; Bonnie McKewon, Northwest IA Library Services join in a song with The Embers at the Wednesday evening Dance and Dessert.

ILA President Kay Weiss and representatives of the Sioux City Chamber of Commerce cut the ribbon at the Grand Opening of Exhibits.
Ken Jones of Jones Library Sales was recognized for his twenty-five continuous years of exhibiting at ILA Annual Conference.

left to right: ILA President Kay Weiss, 2004 All Iowa Reads author Elizabeth McCracken, Iowa City and Susan Craig, Co-Chair, All Iowa Reads at the Friday luncheon.

left to right: Pay Equity Pre-conference Speaker Paula Singer with Dee Crowner, North Liberty Community Library and Marilyn Kennett, Stewart Public Library, Grinnell.

left to right: Mary McInroy, University of Iowa with PR Boot Camp Speaker, Ben Hildebrandt.
ILAF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

This year we had two excellent students receive scholarships from the Iowa Library Association Foundation at the Thursday evening banquet at the Annual Conference. Scholarships were awarded for the student’s combination of academic achievement, leadership and commitment.

While working on her Master’s degree in School Library Media Studies at the University of Northern Iowa, Debby Berthelsen works part-time as a library media specialist in the Sioux City Community School District. In her job, Debby is responsible for all original cataloging. Also, Debby manages the Reading is Fundamental program for the Sioux City School District. One of Debby’s greatest achievements was applying for and receiving the Laura Bush Foundation for America’s Libraries grant. This grant provided $3,500 worth of books for kids who as a general rule do not have much. The ILAF scholarship will help Debby financially as she completes her final year of studies to become a library media specialist.

Eric Jennings received the Jack E. Tillson scholarship from the Iowa Library Association Foundation. Eric worked all of his high school years in the Osage Public Library. After high school, Eric worked in the library at Luther College and also the library at Iowa State University. He received his B.S. degree in history from Iowa State University after just three years. Eric hopes to complete his MLS degree in December 2005 at the University of Iowa. Upon graduation, he wants to work in either a public or academic library.

Susan Knippel, Chair
ILAF Distribution Committee

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The ILA Executive Board met on August 26, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. at the ILA office in West Des Moines. Members present were: President Kay Weiss; Vice President/President-Elect Kate Martin; Past-President Betty Rogers; Executive Director Laurie Hews; Directors Dee Crowner, John Politz, Betsy Thompson, and Dale Vande Haar; ALA Councilor Susan Craig; and Secretary Marilyn Murphy. Absent were Jean Donham and Nancy Medema. Patricia Coffie was also in attendance.

ROLL CALL
Board members shared their experiences with the Myers-Briggs survey.

AGENDA
Hews asked that 18.f. Business Meeting Agenda, 18.g. Friends Flyer and Survey, and 18.h. Membership be added under New Business. Rogers asked to add 17.d. Ad Hoc Leadership Committee under Old Business. The agenda was approved, as amended.

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 17, 2004 BOARD MEETING
Crowner moved that the minutes be approved, as distributed. Motion carried.

GAC REPORT
Patricia Coffie distributed the 2005 Legislative Agenda. The Board suggested the following changes: (1) change the first bullet point under “How can Legislators address that need...” to read: “Fund the Enrich Iowa programs: Open Access and Access Plus for all libraries and Direct State Aid for public libraries” (2) Change the second sentence under that bullet to read: “These partial reimbursement programs support a statewide library card and the filling of more than 3.5 million requests each year.” (3) Add periods after the first two sentences under “Support the budget for the State Library of Iowa (SLI). (4) Spell out what SILO stands for the first time it is used. (5) Use SLI for the State Library of Iowa in the LSA section. (6) Remove the phrase “those related to” in the last sentence. Weiss commented that the committee had done a wonderful job on the agenda. Coffie commented that the Association lobbies for Iowans and their libraries. Craig moved approval of the 2005 Legislative Agenda, as amended. Motion carried. The Consulting Agreement with Amy Campbell and Craig Patterson (and accompanying attachment) was distributed in the Board packets. On behalf of GAC, Coffie recommended that the agreement be accepted. The Board suggested changing the beginning of item 12 on Attachment A to read: “Provide e-mailed updates every two weeks...” Politz moved acceptance of the Consulting Agreement, as amended. Motion carried. Coffie will confer with GAC about whether to invite the lobbyists to the conference. Craig thanked Coffie for her work. Coffie stated that she would be continuing as chair of GAC for one more year, but recommended that the chair for the following year come from within the committee. GAC has purchased voter buttons for distribution at the conference. They will also be encouraging conference attendees who have advocated for libraries to wear a special sticker. Thompson will confer with the lobbyist about whether to invite local legislators to the conference. Weiss asked Coffie to convey the Board’s appreciation to GAC.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR /TREASURER’S REPORT
FINANCIAL REPORT - The Balance Sheet for July 31, 2004, the Budget vs. Actual sheet for January through July 2004, the Profit & Loss sheet for July 2004, the Subdivision Fund Account sheet for July 2004, and the Poster Account sheet for July 2004 were distributed. Hews noted that $10,000 has been moved to TIAA/ CREF and that dues are running above projections.

MEMBERSHIP COUNT — The membership count as of August 1, 2004 was distributed. It was noted that the membership count is running about 200 ahead of last year.

ALA REPORT – Included in the packets were notes from the “Hot Topic” discussions that Hews and Martin attended.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE – Weiss reported that about a hundred people have registered, thus far. A question was raised about two people sharing a registration; the response was that each attendee should register individually. The conference brochure was distributed. Also distributed in the packets were materials on conference support. Weiss encouraged Board members to contact Barb Peterson about making follow-up calls for conference support. Exhibitors for the conference now number 74.

VICE-PRESIDENT’S REPORT
IOWA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION – Martin reported that they last met in June. Minutes were distributed in the packets. Craig distributed donation forms for ILAF Auction items.

ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING PLANS — Martin reported that the meeting will be held on November 5, 2004 at AEA267 in Cedar Falls. The Strategic Planning Committee will be facilitating the meeting.

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE — Martin reported that there has been a change in the facilitator for their pre-conference. The committee was called upon to support a book challenge at the Earlham Public Library; the Board rejected the challenge and the book has been moved to the Adult collection until a Young Adult collection can be established.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS — Martin reported that she still has many inquiries in process. Martin recommended the following appointments: Johnson Brigham Plaque – Roy Kenagy (chair) and Ed Goedeken; Conference Planning – Barbara Peterson; Bylaws – Dottie Person; Editorial – Jennie Garner (chair); Finance – John Lerdal (chair) (if he is not elected VP); GAC – Pat Coffie (chair); Intellectual Freedom – Dale Ross; Nominating – Robin Martin (chair). Rogers moved that the Board
accept Martin’s recommendations for committee appointments for 2005. Motion carried.

PAST PRESIDENT’S REPORT
LEADERSHIP TASK FORCE – Rogers distributed a packet of information on the Leadership Institute. Rogers expressed her appreciation for the contributions of Robin Martin, Karen Burns, and the mentors. Rogers circulated a notebook of materials presented to the participants. She stated that the task force is presently compiling a list of modifications to be made for the next institute. Rogers reported that she will write a report and compile cost information for distribution at a future Board meeting. Weiss thanked Rogers for planting the seed for this effort.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Rogers reported that they met in July. The minutes of the meeting were distributed at the meeting. The committee discussed a problem with the way the Executive Director’s benefits are described in the Organization Manual. The Organization Manual’s description of benefits was distributed. The Finance Committee referred the issue to the Personnel Committee. Susan Craig and Sheryl Bissen will aid the Personnel Committee. Rogers stated that the Association might want to consider issuing a contract or letter of appointment to the Executive Director.

AWARDS COMMITTEE – Rogers reported that their planning for the conference is going well.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE – Rogers reported that they are reviewing their committee’s description in the Organization Manual.

ALA COUNCILOR’S REPORT
BYLAWS COMMITTEE – Craig reported that the Bylaws Committee has worked on the Friends, ISLA, and LAMA bylaws and presented their recommendations to the subdivisions. She distributed Senate File 2274, a new Iowa law. This law requires two bylaws changes that will be reconsidered under New Business. This law also makes it clear that, if action is taken outside of a meeting, the vote should not be substantial and everyone has to vote and the vote has to be unanimous. The Association policies also need to make it clear that only the President and Executive Director sign contracts. The Board decided to put a financial report in the conference packets and to add “Financial Report” to the Business Meeting Agenda.

ALL IOWA READS – Craig reported that the 2005 book has been chosen and will be announced during the Annual Conference. She reported that the number of events for 2004 is down from 2003 and encouraged everyone to schedule more events and to register those events.

ALA REPORT – Craig’s report was distributed in the packets. She reported that attendance was down at ALA Membership meetings and that the Library Bill of Rights is being revised.

STATE LIBRARY REPORT – Weiss reported that Mary Wegner stated that she is looking forward to Kay Weiss and Kate Martin participating in the Town Meetings.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS
NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Carlette Washington-Hoagland has withdrawn from the Executive Board election. Pollitz moved that the Board accept the Nominating Committee’s recommendation to amend the slate of candidates to include Rachel Crowley of Briar Cliff College, instead of Washington-Hoagland. Motion carried.

ILA/IASL – In a written report Vande Haar stated that they are planning for the Annual Conference.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE’S FORUM – In a written report Vande Haar stated that they are planning for the Annual Conference.

LOCAL HISTORY AND GENEALOGY – Pollitz encouraged everyone to participate in their tour of Sioux City.

STORYTELLERS ROUNDTABLE – In a written report Vande Haar stated that they are planning for the Annual Conference.

NEW BUSINESS
LEAGUE OF CITIES BOOTH – BOOKMARK – ILTA may pay most of the cost of the bookmark. The remaining cost will be covered by another budget line.

PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP SURVEY – Martin reported that Conference Planning Committee has agreed to sponsor the survey. They would like to ask the entire membership to complete it. It will be announced at the Annual Conference and an e-mail message will be distributed later.

FRIENDS BYLAWS – Craig will talk to the Bylaws Committee about getting the latest revision of the Friends bylaws back to the subdivision as soon as possible.

AD HOC LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE – Rogers moved that the present Leadership Task Force be dismissed with thanks from the Board. Motion carried. Rogers moved that the Board establish an ad hoc “Leadership Development Committee” to have as its function to promote leadership activities for the association and develop and manage a Leadership Institute in the year 2006 for the Executive Board. Motion carried. Rogers distributed a draft of a committee description, for the Board’s consideration. The Board suggested changing the term of membership to two years and asking the chairperson to also serve for two years.

NEW BUSINESS
STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN – The 2004 Action Plan was distributed, with accomplishments noted. The Board
noted the following other accomplishments: Notepads for legislators; Send representative to ALA Legislative Day; Coalition building with schools, AEs and League of Cities; Bus tour of Sioux City; Censorship and access to information focused on children/young adult literature and services; Public relations; Support Personnel/PLF/ISLA: Pay Equity; Pat Wagner; How to get what we’re worth; Lobbying your supervisors; Functional requirements for bibliographic records; Award Annual Conference scholarships; ‘Newbie’ breakfast for Annual Conference; PLA scholarship; Contribute to Leadership Institute; Promote Leadership Institute; Continue to recognize individuals; Recognize 20 year members at Annual Conference; Summer reading program grant; Provide annual slate of candidates; Send out renewal forms, acknowledgements and reminders; Staff ACRL booth; Email IASL members about joining; Spotlight vendors who are ILA members; Continue Newsletters; Continue websites; Publish print directory; Continue listserv; Respond to inquiries and revise the ILA manual as needed; update membership files; Work with VP/PE on Annual Planning Meeting.

2004 REVISED NON-PROFIT CORPORATION ACT – Discussed previously.

BYLAWS – Pollitz moved that the following Bylaws change be sent to the membership for a vote: Article VII – Meetings, Section 2. Annual Business Meeting – Add the sentence “No proxy votes allowed.” Motion carried. Pollitz moved that the following Bylaws change be sent to the membership for a vote: Article VII—Meetings, Section 6 – Votes by Mail D. Add the sentence “This information will be included with the ballot.” Motion carried.

BUDGET REVIEW – It was noted that the budget looks good at this time.

ALA RECRUITMENT – The Association has received an invitation to send a representative to the ALA Career Recruitment Forum. Weiss will appoint either Kate Martin or Jean Donham. Hews will respond to ALA.

BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA – A draft of the agenda was distributed. It was noted that we need to give the membership notice that they can add an item to the Business Meeting agenda, up until ten days before the meeting. They can contact the President up until 5:00 p.m. on October 4, 2004. The Board suggested adding “Financial Report” as item #5 on the agenda, moving all subsequent items down one number, and adding the word “Changes” to make item 7.C. read “Bylaws Changes.” Crowner moved that the Business Meeting Agenda be accepted, as amended. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP – No action needed at this time.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 2:30. The next Board meeting will be held on October 13, 2004 at 1:00 in Sioux City.

IOWA LIBRARY FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

ILA welcomed this subdivision into the organization with an ILA Executive Board vote on December 6, 2002. At the 2004 Annual Conference their bylaws were approved, officers and at-large board members were elected. Members present agreed that ILFA would request from Conference Planning Committee the opportunity to conduct a pre-conference workshop during the ILA Annual Conference in 2005.

In September ILFA sent surveys to friends organizations across the state and they continue to arrive. Every effort will be made to incorporate suggestions and ideas into the pre-conference workshop for 2005. In the coming months, the ILFA board looks forward to learning of the many Friends activities occurring across the state.

Officers and board members elected for 2005 include: President: Dena Chambliss, Decorah; President-elect: Greer Fry, Cedar Rapids; Secretary/Treasurer: Karen Holmes, Council Bluffs and; Immediate Past President: Marlene Reynolds, Clive. At-large members elected were: Ann Hass, Burlington; Sandy Johnson, Waverly; Mary Murphy, Perry and; Jean Rowe, LeMars. At-large members continuing are Ron Palumbo, Ames and Nancy Miller, Marion.

For more information about this subdivision, please contact Dena Chambliss at chambliss@oneota.net.
ILA 2005 CALENDAR
FIRST QUARTER

(Subject to the approval of the ILA Executive Board at its December 2004 meeting)

JANUARY
7   Conference Planning Committee
    Dubuque
14-19  ALA Midwinter – Boston, MA
28   Executive Board Meeting – ILA Office

FEBRUARY
4   Conference Planning Committee
    ILA Office
16   Lobby from Home Day
18   Catalyst deadline for March issue
25   Iowa Library Association Foundation

MARCH
2   Legislative Day – Des Moines
4   Conference Planning Committee
    ILA Office

In giving the award, ILA Past President Betty Rogers, shared the following excerpts from letters of support received for this year’s deserving awardee.

“It’s time. In fact, it’s past time. Iowa Libraries have a special treasure.... I write to add my voice to what must be a chorus of supporters speaking on behalf of this candidate as ILA Member of the Year. ...and for me she is the epitome of a library advocate and a library professional.”

“...and most of all for her unwavering respect and support for the librarians she works with. She models the way. She challenges each of us to challenge ourselves and constantly encourages the hearts of each of us.”

“She is in the forefront of telling the library story. She refuses to believe that the people of Iowa will abandon their libraries. She soldiers on and, by so doing, brings light and hope to all of us who work with her.”

“She encourages librarians to grow and to be the best they can be, and at the same time is responsive to their questions and learning needs. The work she has done with libraries and library boards has unquestionably resulted in significant improvements in library services for Iowans. She is committed to serving Iowans; confident in her knowledge and abilities; passionate about her job and a leader in the library community; she is a creative thinker and innovator; a change agent and an active participant in positive movement toward the future.”

“She has supported the Iowa Library Association through hours and hours of “behind the scenes” work. Given her twenty years of professional service to the cause of libraries everywhere and to ILA in particular, it seems highly fitting and appropriate to extend this award to her... I know of no other colleague, among the many wonderful and committed ILA members, who is more deserving of the recognition embodied in the Member of the Year Award.”

left to right: ILA Member of the Year Karen Burns and ILA Awards Chair and Past President Betty Rogers.