On February 16th, the Iowa Library Association conducted its very first Lobby From Home Day with the theme “Libraries Matter.” Librarians, trustees, friends and other library advocates used this day to let their legislators know, through phone calls, emails and notes, why libraries matter. This low-key, friendly form of lobbying allowed everyone to participate, at little or no cost, without leaving home. GAC chair Pat Coffie provided talking points and encouragement; and library advocates took the message to their legislators. Libraries of all types, large and small, and from all corners of the state participated. With points from ILA’s legislative agenda and examples from real libraries, advocates let their legislators know just how much libraries matter. Most participants found Lobby From Home to be an enjoyable and worthwhile experience. “Thanks for inspiring me to be heard,” said Allison Emery, Media Specialist at Storm Lake Middle School. We know legislators heard the message, and some of them sent replies:

“We will continue our efforts to support libraries...”
Senator Bob Brunkhorst

“I agree with you that libraries are very important for the state of Iowa and we must provide adequate funding for them. I will do all I can to keep funding at an adequate level.” Rep. Richard Arnold

“You can rest assured I will support any effort to provide more funding for libraries.” Senator Dennis Black

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the 2005 Lobby From Home day!

We kept talking library at ILA’s annual Legislative Reception on March 2. We had an excellent briefing at the State Library, including a visit from First Lady Christie Vilsack. Lobbyist Amy Campbell summed up our issues very succinctly when she said that this year we’re asking for two things: more funding for libraries, and the reinstatement of the Iowa Code requirement for certified teacher/librarians in our schools. Library advocates then headed over to the State Law Library to meet with their legislators. 95 legislators attended our reception, a great turnout considering there were subcommittee meetings, floor debate, and caucuses going on at the same time.

Southeastern LSA Administrator, Emily Nevarre, Davenport and Representative Steve Olson, Ground Mound,

left to right Chris Henryson, Sioux Center Public Library; Representative Dwayne Alons, Hull; Karen Bjorkman, Sioux Center Public Library Director.

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE LIBRARIANS

The Community College Librarians Roundtable is meeting from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on April 29th at the Urban Campus of the Des Moines Area Community College in Des Moines.

The topic for the day is distance education. For further information, contact Jane Campagna at Scott Community College. Phone: 563-441-4152 and email: jcampagna@eicc.edu.

BOOKMARKS NEEDED

The Conference Planning Committee is hard at work planning the ILA Annual Conference to be held in Dubuque on October 19-21. More information about the conference will be published in future issues of the Catalyst.

A special celebration will be held during the conference to commemorate ILA’s 115 years of wonderful service to our state. To help decorate for this event, please send a bookmark from your library – one that has your library’s name on it (not the prepurchased bookmarks from retail sources, but one that advertises your library’s address, hours, etc.) to Jean Gullikson, Carnegie-Stout Public Library, 360 W. 11th St., Dubuque, IA 52001. If you don’t have one, please consider designing one. The Local Arrangements Committee would like to have them by Sept. 15. We hope to have bookmarks from all types of libraries and we’d love to have one from every community. The more, the merrier!

Jean Gullikson,
Local Arrangements Chair

UPDATED ALA POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

You may wish to make note of recently announced updates to the following ALA policies and guidelines:

Access to Electronic Information, Services, and Networks
www.ala.org/ala/oif/statementspols/statementsif/interpretations/accesselectronic.htm

Labels and Rating Systems (formerly Statement on Labeling)
www.ala.org/ala/oif/statementspols/statementsif/interpretations/statementlabeling.htm

Access to Resources and Services in the School Library Media Program
www.ala.org/ala/oif/statementspols/statementsif/interpretations/accessresources.htm

Guidelines for the Development of Policies and Procedures Regarding User Behavior and Library Usage

ILA benefits when you shop our online Association mall. Check it out via the members only section at www.iowalibraryassociation.org
The officers of ILFA thank Friends groups for responding to the survey mailed last fall. The responses from Rippey, Maquoketa, Burlington, Norway, Royal, Brooklyn, Altoona, Grinnell, Bayard, Perry, Mount Pleasant, Eldridge, Dallas Center, Adel, Bettendorf, Carlisle, Cedar Rapids, Decorah, DeWitt, Fredericksburg, and Waverly will help ILFA plan for the coming year.

An online resource that is readily available to Friends groups is the national organization, Friends of Libraries, U.S.A. (FOLUSA) There is a wealth of information available. It is not necessary to join FOLUSA to take advantage of some very good information in the form of Fact Sheets. Check out this site if you are not familiar with it. An overview of FOLUSA and all its services is available at www.folusa.org.

Fact sheets are available at www.folusa.org/html/factsheets.html. Fact sheets provide specific information about all aspects of Friends—from forming a Friends group to grant writing.

There are many wonderful activities happening as a result of Friends groups throughout the state. Some of these activities will be highlighted in future publications. If your group has had a successful project and would be willing to share your information, please send a brief description to Greer Fry (golfer319@aol.com) or 2151 Blake Blvd SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403.

In an effort to inform Iowa families about the Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (hawk-i) program, the Department of Human Services (DHS) will be sending all public libraries hawk-i bookmarks to give to library patrons. It is well known that in many areas of the state, local libraries are the central hub of the community and they play a critical role in the dissemination of information to the families they serve. You can expect the bookmarks to be delivered by mid-March. Please call 1-800-257-8563 or visit the hawk-i website at www.hawk-i.org to request additional supplies. These are provided at no cost.

The hawk-i program provides no-cost health care coverage to uninsured children in families with income too high to qualify for Medicaid, but too low to afford private family coverage.

**WATCH FOR ILA 2005 AWARDS INFORMATION IN THE MAY/JUNE ISSUE.**
CHANGE IN ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES

When you register for the Annual Conference to be held in Dubuque on October 19th – 21st, you may notice that registration fees have been raised. In December 2004, acting on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Executive Board voted to raise these fees. The only group unaffected by the increase is full-time students. The first across-the-board increase since 1999, this increase was necessary because of increasing conference-related costs. Listed below is the new fee structure:

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On-site registrations: add $10 to the “After October 6th” fee.

Kate Martin
ILA President

ILAF  Iowa Library Association Foundation

During my term as ILA President, the Endowed Speakers Fund helped bring in futurist B. Gentry Lee to speak at our conference. I chose to work with the Foundation to help build this endowment fund so that we can continue to provide this valuable assistance at future Annual Conferences. Please consider a gift to the Endowed Speakers Fund.

Your support will keep the Endowed Speakers Fund healthy. Take time today to contribute to the ILAF with a one-time gift or pledge.

Susan Kling, ILAF President

I/we wish to support the ILAF Endowed Speakers Fund with a total gift of $ ________made payable:

☑ in 3 annual gifts of $ ________each,
☑ as a one-time donation, or
☑ other ______________________

Name ____________________________________________
(Please print)
Address __________________________________________

City _______________________ State _____ Zip _______

Telephone ________________________

If you prefer, your contribution may be a designated gift. Please mark your preference:

☑ “in Honor of”    ☑ “in Memory of”

Designee ____________________________________________

Levels of Giving   Total Over 3 Years
Palladium          $1500+
Titanium           $1,500
Diamond            $1,200
Platinum           $  900
Gold               $  600
Silver             $  300
Bronze             $  150
Pewter             One-time donations

Checks should be made payable to:
ILAF Endowed Speakers Fund
3636 Westown Pkwy, Suite 202
West Des Moines, IA 50266

The Iowa Library Association Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization. Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent provided by current law.
CONGRATULATIONS, LAURIE!

Iowa Library Association Executive Director Laurie Hews has passed examinations to become a Certified Association Executive (CAE). This is the professional designation awarded by the American Society of Association Executives (ASAE), the largest organization of association executives and industry suppliers in the world. According to the ASAE Web site, some 3,000 association executives currently hold the CAE designation. ASAE members serve trade associations, membership and philanthropic organizations, and professional societies.

Laurie has made a commendable effort in seeking and attaining this voluntary certification. Please join me in congratulating her on this significant accomplishment.

Kate Martin
ILA President
FIRST LADY, CHRISTIE VILSACK, RECOGNIZES TEACHER-LIBRARIANS IN IOWA

This January and February, Iowa’s First Lady, Christie Vilsack, presented a Glass Apple Award to twelve outstanding Iowa teacher-librarians during visits to their school library media centers.

Teacher-librarians honored included: Tiffany Miller, Wilkins Elementary School, Marion; Carol Van Hook, Southeast Polk High School, Runnells; Jan Chambers, Clarke High School, Osceola; Nancy Touil, East Middle School, Sioux City; Rick Valley, Decorah High School, Decorah; Tom Youngblut, Osage High School, Osage; Bev Schumann, Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn-HMS-Elementary School, Hartley; Sue Ferrell, Truman Elementary School, Davenport; Ann Dea, Woodrow Wilson Jr. High School, Council Bluffs; Sue Kientz, Fairfield High School, Fairfield; Judy Havlik, Algona High School, Algona and Erica MacBeth, Corse Elementary School, Burlington.

The Glass Apple Award, an initiative of Mrs. Vilsack’s Iowa Stories 2000 Foundation, was created to recognize the commitment and quality these library professionals demonstrate and call attention to the importance of teacher-librarians in our schools.

“As Iowa strives to maintain and improve its high national standing in quality public education, now is no time to be cutting teacher-librarians,” Vilsack said. “Now is the time to rally in their support.

“Teacher-librarians are the keystone of every school’s curriculum because they help students and teachers learn how to use books and technology in an effective way. These remarkable people devote their energy, time and talents to helping students find, evaluate and use the information they gather from the many resources offered in a school library media center. Teacher-librarians can also help reduce the learning gap between students at urban and rural schools as well as the achievement gap among immigrants and minorities.”

The recognition of these individuals and their programs provides an opportunity for school communities to celebrate. Jill Hofmockel, Iowa Association of School Librarians (IASL) President and Prairie High School Media Specialist in Cedar Rapids, states that studies in several states, including Iowa, show that students have higher academic achievement when there is a certified teacher-librarian and sufficient support for libraries. “This is wonderful - to recognize the contributions of these educators in student achievement.” Hofmockel said

The Glass Apple Award also recognizes the important role that educators from the Area Education Agencies (AEAs) play in providing ongoing professional training for teacher-librarians and updating resources and information available to students, faculty and parents at school library resource centers. “AEA libraries offer schools a wide variety of resources including books, VHS and digital video, and other materials that schools cannot afford to buy on their own,” Mrs. Vilsack said. “Support from AEAs often enables collaboration between school and community libraries.”

ILACR SPRING CONFERENCE

The annual ILA/ACRL Spring Conference will be held May 20, 2005 at the Hotel at Gateway Center in Ames. The theme for this conference is Academic Libraries: Cornerstones for Communities. The keynote speaker, David Carr from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, School of Information and Library Science, will talk on An Academic Library Beyond An Academic Community.

The traditional Thursday dinner with your colleagues will be a catered affair at Hunkizer House in the Reiman Gardens (www.reimangardens.iastate.edu/index.cfm). A block of hotel rooms has been reserved at the Hotel at Gateway Center. When making a reservation, please let them know that you are attending the ILA/ACRL conference.

All persons interested in libraries are invited to attend and/or to submit a conference paper proposal. For more information see the conference webpage at www.iren.net/acrl/conference/2005/index.html or contact Ed Goedeken, Chair of the Spring Conference at goedeken@iastate.edu.

Christie Vilsack and Sue Kientz, Fairfield High School Library Media Specialist.

CONGRATULATIONS, SUSAN!

ILA Vice President Susan Craig, Director of the Iowa City Public Library, was named the Iowa City Press-Citizen’s Person of the Year in December 2004. Join us in congratulating Susan on this well-deserved honor.

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The Support Personnel Subdivision of ILA is sponsoring a spring conference designed for support personnel from Iowa’s public, academic, and school libraries on April 13, 2005 at the Waterloo Public Library.

Dr. Frank Barrios, Professor and Head, Department of Psychology, University of Northern Iowa, will present a workshop titled *Managing Difficult People at Work*. Dr. Barrios will speak, then divide the audience into small groups for discussion and facilitation. Difficult people appear in our lives almost daily as coworkers and patrons, so we are constantly honing our skills in responding to these individuals.

Lunch will be provided in an atmosphere that fosters fun and networking. Kate Martin, ILA president will highlight lunch with a brief presentation.

After lunch, participants will reconvene for another short session by Dr. Barrios, followed by a panel discussion on *Library Trends—Do we need an MLS or don’t we? Just what WILL we need?* Many libraries find their role to be a reflection of their community, and the socio-economic and technological changes that surround us may drastically affect how we prepare our libraries and employees for the future. Library employees who intend to stay in the field need to know what the future holds in order to make themselves valuable to their libraries. Panel members come from a variety of educational backgrounds and will represent public and academic libraries. Audience participants is encouraged.

This conference is providing four Continuing Education credits towards public library recertification. Cost is $25.00 for ILA members or $35.00 for non-members.

*Your attendance will make this conference a success!*

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**Strengthening Libraries Through Support Personnel VIII**  
Spring Conference, April 13, 2005, Waterloo Public Library

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name:____________________________________________________

Institution:______________________________________________

Address: ________________________________________________

Email address: __________________________________________

Cost: $25.00 for ILA members, $35.00 for non-members (make checks payable to Iowa Library Association) Registration deadline is April 4, 2005. **Conference is limited to 75 participants:** please return registrations ASAP. Four Continuing Education credits are approved.

Please complete the form and mail with your remittance to:  
Sheryl Groskurth  
Waterloo Public Library  
415 Commercial St  
Waterloo IA 50701  
319-291-4521  
Email: sheryl@wplwlo.lib.ia.us

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**MEMBERS ONLY**

To access this area of the ILA website: user name is your first and last name with no space and initial password is ILA.
I can’t say that Boston was a great place for a January meeting – it was dark, cold and snowed while I was there but, because of its location in the populous northeast, attendance was considerably higher than the previous year in San Diego (13,322 compared to 10,788 in San Diego).

During midwinter Council elected the following people to the Executive Board: Francis Buckley, Jr, June Pinnell-Stephens, Patricia H. Smith and Terri Kirk (to fill an unexpired term).

The 2005 election will again be offered electronically. The ballot will be compliant with accessibility standards for people with visual impairments. All paid ALA members, as of January 31, 2005 are eligible to vote in the 2005 elections. There is an opportunity to request a paper ballot if you chose. Polls open March 15 and results are announced May 2.

The early news was very sad with the announcement of the unexpected death of Gordon Conable, President of the Freedom to Read Foundation and ALA Council member on January 12. I did not know Gordon well, but was familiar with his work on the Freedom to Read Foundation. The testimonials made me realize what a strong advocate and hard worker we lost at the age of only 58.

**ALA-APA**

The Allied Professional Association is now part of ALA and ALA Council also serves as ALA-APA governing body as well. A measure was passed that directs the ALA-APA to work with the ALA Committee on Pay Equity. Eventually, this committee would cease and the work will be transferred to ALA-APA. The budget news is somewhat improved from last year—they received almost $27,000 in contributions and over $63,000 in subscriptions. However there is much less income than originally projected and concerns continue about the financial viability of the organization. They are planning programs for the Annual Conference where new products will also be unveiled and will also launch a public relations effort to educate ALA members about work of ALA/APA. There is a major project to begin training for library support staff which will generate income. My sense is that many councilors have serious concerns about this organization, but a “happy face” is maintained by the staff and talk of a “turnaround” are heard. I hope it happens, but I think it will be a miracle if it does.

**COUNCIL I**

Prior to Midwinter there was some discussion on the ALA Council electronic list about the continued need for a midwinter conference. Questions focused on the expense that members incur, particularly in light of recent library budget cuts. ALA does realize a significant amount of profit on Midwinter. And, in fact, registration at this conference was up considerably from last year’s Midwinter.

A report was received regarding the ALA Investment Fund that increased 21.5% in the twelve months ending 12-31-04 to $23.1 million. At the request of Council, the Fund, invested a modest amount of money in socially responsible investment funds for the first time. This investment will be monitored and increased if appropriate.

**COUNCIL II**

Budget information from ALA Treasurer was much better than last year. ALA’s budget for 2004 was over $45 million dollars. The three main areas of income were publishing, meetings and conferences, and memberships and there was a $2,258,000 surplus. Revenues were up 18% while expenses were only up 9%. There were some one-time adjustments that were made that helped to increase income. A resolution on workplace speech was deferred to legal counsel, a resolution directing ALA to join the Universal Health Care Network was passed, and a resolution on banning cell phones at ALA meetings was defeated.

A resolution on school libraries and the No Child Left Behind Act calls for the Washington Office to continue to lobby for inclusion of school library quality and expanded equitable funding in the revised legislation was discussed at length. There were concerns about wording and intent, but many passionate supporters of school libraries and detractors of the original federal legislation spoke in favor of the measure. The resolution passed unanimously.

**COUNCIL III**

Council passed a resolution presented by the Committee on Legislation urging the Chief Privacy Officers of the U.S. Departments of Transportation and Homeland Security to work closely with the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board to ensure a system of checks and balances to ensure respect for privacy and civil liberties and that ALA expresses concern that the standardization of driver’s license information could be used to create a national database which could be used inappropriately.

Other approved resolutions from the Committee on Legislation opposed the GPO’s decision to eliminate print distribution of important government information (although many comments were made regarding the need for continued electronic versions as well), and endorsed the “Stop Before you Click” Campaign and its “12 Principles for Fair Commerce in Software and Digital Products.”

Council approved a resolution submitted by the International Relations Committee in support of libraries in areas affected by the tsunami.

The Intellectual Freedom Committee reported that banned Books Week in 2005 will be Sept 24 –Oct 1 and the theme is It’s Your Freedom We’re Talking About. The Committee submitted a resolution, which was approved,

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The ILA Executive Board met on December 2, 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; Directors Nancy Medema, Betsy Thompson, and Dale Vande Haar; Director-Elect John Goodin; ALA Councilor Susan Craig. Absent were Dee Crowner, John Pollitz, and Jean Donham. Also present were: Executive Director Laurie Hews; Secretary Marilyn Murphy; State Librarian Mary Wegner and Kay Elliott.

**ROLL CALL**

Board members shared their favorite Christmas book.

**AGENDA**

Hews asked that 4.c. Council Bluffs contract, 7.e. Personnel Committee Report, 17.a1. ALA Councilor, and 17.m. GODORT bylaws be added to the agenda. Vande Haar moved that the agenda be approved, as amended. Motion carried.

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 13, 2004 BOARD MEETING AND OCTOBER 14, 2004 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

Vande Haar moved that the minutes of both meetings be approved, as distributed. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR /TREASURER’S REPORT**

FINANCIAL REPORT - The Balance Sheet for October 31, 2004, the Budget vs. Actual sheet for January through October 2004, the Profit & Loss sheet for October 2004, the Subdivision Fund Account sheet for October 2004, and the Poster Account sheet for October 2004 were distributed. Drafts of these documents through November 2004 were also distributed. Hews noted that the State Library has been invoiced for $3793.94 to help cover the costs of the Leadership Institute.

MEMBERSHIP COUNT — The membership count was distributed. It was noted that the membership count is the highest since 1998. It was suggested that the word “librarians” be changed to “library staff” on this report.

COUNCIL BLUFFS CONTRACT – Hews stated that the convention center contract for the Council Bluffs conference has been signed and a $500 deposit paid.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

CORRESPONDENCE – Received were a letter from Mike Madigan regarding a universal living wage, a letter from the Iowa Libraries of Medium Size regarding support for the LSAs, and a letter from a member regarding Catalyst coverage of school libraries. Weiss will respond to these letters. Also received were thank-you letters from the Freedom to Read Foundation, the Sioux City Convention Center, Valerie Woerdehoff, Pat Means, Mary Stabe, Dale Payne, Joanne Schroeder, Mary Stuart Hunter, and Ben Hildebrandt.

CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE – Distributed were final 2004 conference registration statistics, a spreadsheet showing conference income and expenses, and statistics concerning pre-conference finances. The Board noted that subdivisions that lose money on pre-conferences will bear the cost of that loss.

**VICE-PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

IOWA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION – Martin reported that they met in Iowa City on November 19, 2004. They considered their strategic plan for fundraising, looked at their ongoing investments, talked about how to publicize ILAF, and considered moving their archives to the University of Iowa. Susan Kling was re-elected President.

ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING — Martin reported that nearly 90 people attended the meeting. The Strategic Planning Committee, the Leadership Institute, GAC, the Public Relations Committee, and the State Library all presented information. Subdivisions worked on integrating their planning with the Strategic Plan. Cynthia Dyer has since drafted the 2005 Action Plan. Martin will soon be sending out letters to subdivisions regarding conference planning.

**INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE** — Martin reported that she had no report from the Committee. It was noted that the procedure for reporting a challenge is spelled out in the Intellectual Freedom Handbook.

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS** – Martin recommended the following appointments: Bylaws – Susan Craig (liaison) and Kay Elliott (advisor); Personnel – Susan Craig, Dale Vande Haar, and Kay Weiss; Strategic Planning – Kay Elliott (Trustees) and Betsy Thompson (Executive Board); Ad Hoc Leadership Development Committee – Lynne Carey; ILAF – Rebecca Quinn. Martin moved that the Board accept these recommendations for committee appointments for 2005. Motion carried.

**PAST PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT – Rogers thanked the State Library for both their financial support and staff support.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Rogers reported that the Committee had met twice in November. They considered their strategic plan for investments. It was noted that the ILTA chair needs to be informed that an ILA representative should be present at the LSA trustee training sessions.

AWARDS COMMITTEE – Rogers reported that their annual work has been completed. Gathering information from the subdivisions about their awards will be on next year’s agenda.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE** – Rogers reported that they gave a good presentation at the Annual Planning Meeting.

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE** – Rogers reported that the Committee met on November 8, 2004 for the annual performance review. A written report was distributed. Rogers stated that Hews will be taking a test to become a Certified Association Executive and should be

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remunerated when she passes. The Committee made
the following recommendations to the Board: 1. the
Executive Director position should become full-time,
2. Treasurer duties should be added to the Executive
Director job description, 3. Executive Director Laurie
Hews should receive a 5% salary increase. Martin moved
that an ad hoc committee be established to draft a
revision for the Organization Manual that incorporates
these recommendations; the ad hoc committee would
have no budget and its term would expire by the next
Board meeting. Motion carried. Medema volunteered
to chair the committee. Craig volunteered to serve on the
committee and Weiss will ask John Lerdal to serve.

AL A COUNC I O LOR’S R EPORT
SPECIAL LIBRARIES ROUNDTABLE – The subdivision’s
annual report has been received.

B Y LAWS C O MMITTEE – Craig reported that the ISLA
and GODORT bylaws are on the agenda. The Board
expressed its appreciation to Becky Johnson for her
lengthy service as chair of this Committee.

ALL IOWA READS – Craig reported that the 2005 book
is Master Butcher’s Singing Club. It is hoped that the
author will attend the conference in Dubuque. An ICN
session has been scheduled for January 27 to discuss
the book and possible discussion questions. Craig
encouraged everyone to add their public events to the
literary calendar.

AL A REPORT – Craig reported that reports for Midwinter
have started to appear on the electronic list. The ALA Freedom to Read statements have recently been revised.

S TATE LIBRARIES REPORT – Wegner reported that Marie
Harms has been hired for the State Library’s IT position.
The State Library has two new program directors: Sandy Dixon is the Director of Library Development
and Barb Corson is the Director of Library Services.
Wegner reported on the status of the budget and on
the attendance at the town meetings. A large grant has
been received from the Gates Foundation. The State
Library will be informing libraries about the possibility
of including library levies in municipal elections. The
OCLC Task Force is continuing their work.

E X ECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS
NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Robin Martin, on behalf
of the Nominating Committee, has asked the Board for
direction for choosing candidates for the next election.
The Board decided that candidates for Vice President
should be chosen from school, special, and academic
libraries and that director candidates should be chosen
from public libraries. The Board will have ongoing
discussions about how school librarians will be included
in the candidate rotation.

G OVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE — Vande Haar
stated that Mary Cameron is the new chair.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE’S FORUM – Vande
Haar stated that Mary Cameron is the new chair.

FRIENDS SUBDIVISION – Vande Haar stated that they have approved their bylaws.

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE — Vande Haar
reported that Lobby from Home Day has been scheduled
for February 16 and the Legislative Reception has been
scheduled for March 2, 2005. They are trying to build
bridges with the Iowa School Board Association.

SUPPORT PERSONNEL FORUM – Medema reported
that their spring conference will be held at the Waterloo
Public Library in April. They are considering an award.
Their e-mail newsletter is doing well.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FORUM – Medema
reported that they were pleased with attendance at the
conference.

O LD BUSINESS
ISLA BYLAWS – Thompson moved approval of the ISLA
bylaws, as distributed. Motion carried.

N E W BUSINESS
ELECTION RESULTS – Election results were distributed.
For Vice President/President-Elect: Susan Craig 395
– John Lerdal 203; For Executive Board: Rachel Crowley
214 – John Goodin 261 – Mary Jo Langhorne 320
– Sue Lerdal 227; For ALA Councilor: Kathy Parsons
251 – Dale Ross 367. Weiss thanked the Nominating
Committee for putting together an excellent slate of
candidates.

AL A COUNC I O LOR – Since Susan Craig, ALA Councilor,
was elected Vice President, she will be holding two
positions and the terms overlap for six months. Craig
offered her resignation as ALA Councilor, effective
January 20. Rogers moved that the Board accept
Craig’s resignation, effective January 20, and then
appoint Dale Ross to fill Craig’s unexpired term. Motion
carried with one abstention.

BOOKMARKS ON STATE LIBRARY WEBSITE – The
State library has been asked to put the bookmark on
the State Library website. Rogers moved that the State
Library be allowed to place the bookmark on their
website. Motion carried.

SET MILEAGE & HOTEL REIMBURSEMENT FEES
– The current rates and fees were distributed. Rogers
moved acceptance of the current rates and fees for
the coming fiscal year, to be reviewed by the Finance
Committee before the October 2005 Board meeting.
Motion carried.

MOTION TO PAY LINE ITEMS AND VISA CHARGES
– Rogers moved that Hews be authorized to write checks
for routine expenditures as long as the expenditure
do not overspend the budget line. Motion carried.

2005 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES – The
Board approved a recommendation from the Finance
Committee that conference fees be raised for 2005.

2005 BUDGET – John Lerdal, incoming chair of the
Finance Committee, presented the president’s proposal
for a 2005 budget. It was noted that the salary line and
the amount of carryover funds on the printed proposal both needed to be increased by $300. The Board approved the Finance Committee’s recommendation for a 2005 budget totaling $200,525.00.

PLA LABELS REQUEST – Distributed was an e-mail message from PLA asking to purchase the Association’s e-mail address list. The consensus of the Board was to decline this request. Hews will respond to PLA.

MANUAL PAGE CHANGES – A proposed revision of the Executive Director Personnel Policy was distributed, which included striking the phrase “a maximum of” from section #5. The Board suggested changing the first sentence of section #1 to read: “The position is fulltime, averaging forty hours per week.” Medema moved acceptance of the revised policy, as amended. Motion carried. A proposed revision of the Strategic Planning Committee page was distributed. The Board suggested changing the number of the last paragraph to #6. Thompson moved acceptance of the revised page, as amended. Motion carried. A proposed revision of the Personnel Committee’s page was distributed. The Board suggested incorporating the phrase “prior to budget discussions” into the revised sentence in #2. Medema moved acceptance of the revision, as amended. The revised pages will be forwarded to the Bylaws Committee for inclusion in the manual.


SUBDIVISION REPORTS – Hews distributed subdivision reports received, thus far, to their liaisons.

2005 CALENDAR – A proposed 2005 ILA Calendar of Events was distributed. Martin moved acceptance of the calendar. Motion carried.

2005 MEMBERSHIP FORM – A proposed 2005 membership form was distributed. The Board suggested changing D. ILA Leadership Institute to read: “Please consider donating to the ILA Leadership Institute planned for 2006.” The Board suggested asking ILAF to set up a budget line for the Leadership Institute and then relay their response to Hews. Motion carried.

GODORT BYLAWS – A revision of the GODORT bylaws was distributed. The revision added section 2 under Article VII. It was noted that the “T” is missing in the first word of Article I. Craig moved approval of the revised bylaws. Motion carried. The Board noted that subdivisions need to be reminded that even amendments to their existing bylaws need to be submitted to the Bylaws Committee.

Craig asked about possible interest in pursuing an ILA group discount for a Cubs game during the ALA conference. By consensus, the Board agreed to have Craig investigate this idea.

Weiss thanked everyone for a wonderful year and thanked Medema for her service on the Board. Rogers thanked Weiss for her leadership during the past year.

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Council Report continued from page 8 to ensure that RFID technology be implemented in ways that protect the privacy of library users. Council also approved revisions to three Interpretations to the Library Bill of Rights: Access to Electronic Information, Services and Networks; Access to Resources and Services in the School Library Media Program; and Labels and Rating Systems.

In other business Council referred the establishment of a new committee to deal with scholarships back to the Committee on Committees for further explanation and clarification. Action was taken to set the charge and composition on the new Committee on Rural Libraries, including Tribal and Native libraries.

CONCLUSION

Council actually managed to conclude its business an hour early (a first in my experience) and I got an earlier flight back to Iowa, which was very nice. This is my last report as Iowa ALA Councilor. I will be resigning my position which would have run until just after annual conference this summer as I assume the duties of vice president of ILA. With my resignation an appointment to the vacancy can be made and the Executive Board will have a full complement of members. It has been an honor to represent you at ALA. I have learned a lot.

Susan Craig
Iowa Chapter Councilor
January 26, 2005

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Elinor Hild, Davenport Public Library Trustee

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IASL LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

Are you looking for a program that will increase your professional leadership skills? On Saturday, April 30, the Iowa Association of School Librarians is sponsoring *Leading through Collaboration*, a daylong seminar designed to help teacher-librarians increase their leadership skills. The institute, offered in conjunction with the American Association of School Librarians, ties into two of the ideas – collaboration and leadership – that underlie the vision of library media programs presented in *Information Power: Building Partnerships for Learning*. Each is integral to every aspect of the library media program and every component of the teacher-librarian’s role.

Participants in the institute have the opportunity to increase their understanding of the components of leadership, identify their own leadership skills and professional priorities, and apply leadership strategies to the challenges faced in schools and in the profession. It will also be a time to connect with other professionals and establish networks to work together to effect change.

The institute is being held at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel on Merle Hay Road in Des Moines. The timing and location of the institute were specifically chosen to compliment the Kids First conference sponsored by the Children’s and Young People forum held at the Sheraton Four Points on April 28 and 29.

Registration in the *Leading through Collaboration* regional institute is $35 for ILA members and $45 for non-members. Participants are strongly encouraged to eat lunch at the workshop site for an additional fee of $15. Registration materials and hotel information are available on the IASL web site at www.iema-ia.org.

While this institute is being offered through IASL, librarians from all types of libraries are welcome to attend. For further information, contact IASL President Jill Hofmockel at jhofmockel@ccs.k12.ia.us or (319) 848-5388.

Over delicious hors d’oeuvres, we communicated our legislative agenda and talked about the issues in the 2005 General Assembly. If you visited with legislators at the reception, be sure to send them a follow-up thank you note or email, and let them know how to contact you should they have a question about Iowa libraries.

The legislative session is not over! If you participated in *Lobby From Home Day* or the *Legislative Reception*, follow up with your legislators is very important! All it takes is a quick email to remind them of your stand on issues that are still pending, or to thank them for their support. If you haven’t contacted your legislators this year, now is a great time to do it. If you are uncomfortable making that initial contact, or you don’t know what to say, check out the ILA website (www.iowalibraryassociation.org) for suggested talking points as well as the 2005 Legislative Agenda. Our legislators do appreciate constituent contact, and we as librarians are uniquely qualified to tell them the story of how libraries matter to Iowans.

*Wendy Street*
Governmental Affairs Committee

left to right Northeast LSA Administrator, Ken Davenport, Waterloo; GAC Chair Patricia Coffie, Waverly Public Library Director; and Senator Bob Brunkhorst, Waverly