ALA PRESIDENT CAROL BREY-CASIANO TO KEYNOTE OPENING SESSION

On October 19 – 21, ILA will hold its 2005 Annual Conference in Dubuque, Iowa, at the Grand River Center. The theme of this year’s conference is Moving Forward Together: Communication, Collaboration, Cohesion. The Conference Planning Committee, working with Association subdivisions and committees, is putting together a series of programs that should offer something for everyone! We’ll also be celebrating ILA’s 115th anniversary with a special birthday party at the Carnegie-Stout Public Library on Thursday evening. Remember to send Jean Gullikson, chair of the Local Arrangements Committee, a bookmark with your library’s name on it, in care of Carnegie-Stout.

The keynote speaker for the opening session on Thursday, October 20th will be Carol A. Brey-Casiano, President of the American Library Association. She will be speaking on the topic Advocates Moving Forward: The Power of Partnerships. Since 2000, Ms. Brey-Casiano has been the Director of the El Paso Public Library, Texas. She also has her own consulting firm, Visions, which serves libraries and non-profit organizations. In 1999, Ms. Brey-Casiano was named to the ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom Honor Roll.

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LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UP

The 2005 legislative session was a busy one, and as usual, a staggering amount of activity took place near the end of the session. The end-of-session update will be posted as soon as it becomes available so be sure to keep checking the website. As of press time, here’s a short review of the major items of interest to librarians.

Budget

The Education Budget passed with no change in funding for the State Library ($1,378,555), the general fund portion of Enrich Iowa ($1,698,432), and Library Service Areas ($1,376,558). The Governor requested an additional $300,000 for Enrich Iowa, and the House Democrats supported it, but it did not pass. Please take the time to thank those who supported this increase.

Property tax reform

Multiple bills addressing property tax reform were introduced this session. We were most concerned with HF847, which mandated that cities and counties fund certain “essential services” before all other priorities (including libraries). Thanks to a strong lobbying effort, the “essential services” part of the language was dropped before the bill left the House. However, the bill was passed retaining the tie-in for commercial/industrial/residential/agricultural property. This coupling of the four classes of property will seriously reduce the funding that will be available to cities and counties and therefore to libraries.

School librarians

The Department of Education’s bill to reinstate the school media specialist requirement did not survive the first legislative funnel. Both the House (HSB 120) and Senate (SSB 1068) bills did spark a lot of conversation with legislators, which is a very good sign! These bills will be alive again next January, so continue to discuss this issue with your legislators every chance you get. If you need material for your argument, The Des Moines Register ran a great story on the importance of school librarians in the March 19th edition of the newspaper. Sen. Mike Connolly (D-Dubuque) offered an amendment to HF 740, the Department of Education Clean-Up Bill,
ILA 2004 FINANCIAL REPORT AND 2005 BUDGET

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*Editor’s Correction to March/April issue: Ken Davenport is a consultant for Northeast IA Library Service Area.*
INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM EMERGENCY KIT AVAILABLE ON THE ILA WEB SITE

The ILA Intellectual Freedom Committee has updated the Association’s Intellectual Freedom Emergency Kit. The Kit is available as a PDF document on the ILA web site at www.iowalibraryassociation.org. Please note that it is not being distributed in print format.

The Intellectual Freedom Committee encourages the reporting of all challenges in order that it might become aware of patterns or of particular titles that have been targeted for removal from local collections.

The Emergency Kit includes guidelines for handling intellectual freedom challenges, as well as a PulseWatch form to be used in reporting local incidents. The Kit also contains information about other organizations that can advise or assist Iowa librarians, an outline to follow in developing a materials selection policy, a guide to intellectual freedom resources on the ALA website, and a select bibliography.

Remember to use the Emergency Kit when local challenges arise. Committee members, identified in the Kit, are available for consultation.

IOWA HIGH SCHOOL BOOK AWARD

The IHSBA is proud to announce the winner of the 2005 Iowa High School Book Award. And the winner is...The Lovely Bones by Alice Sebold. Thanks to all the schools that voted. A big thank you to the schools and public libraries that helped promote the books and got the students reading even if you didn’t get a chance to vote.

If you need posters, winner seals, spine labels or next year’s reading list please see the website at www.iema-ia.org/ihsbaindex.html.

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Ms. Brey-Casiano has more than twenty years experience as a public librarian. Her previous professional experience includes positions as the Director of the Thomas Branigan Memorial Library system in Los Cruces/Dona Ana County, New Mexico, and the Oak Park Public Library, Illinois. She began her career as the Bookmobile Librarian for the Ozark Regional Library in Ironton, Missouri. Ms. Brey-Casiano holds a Master’s degree in Library Science from the University of Illinois and a B.S. in Music from Illinois State University.

Ms. Brey-Casiano also will be participating in a concurrent session, on a topic yet to be finalized.

Kate Martin
ILA President
EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES Reported by Marilyn Murphy • January 28, 2005

The ILA Executive Board met on January 28, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the ILA office in West Des Moines. Members present were: President Kate Martin; Vice President/President-Elect Susan Craig; Past-President Kay Weiss; Directors John Goodin, Mary Jo Langhorne, Betsy Thompson, and Dale Vande Haar; and ALA Councilor Dale Ross. Also present were Executive Director Laurie Hews, Secretary Marilyn Murphy and State Librarian Mary Wegner. Absent were Jean Donham and John Pollitz.

ROLL CALL
Martin welcomed both new and returning Board members and reminded members to check their e-mail addresses in the membership directory on the website for accuracy. Martin congratulated Susan Craig for being named Iowa City’s Citizen of the Year.

AGENDA
Martin asked that 7.b. Update on Contacting ILAF about a Leadership Account, and 7.c. RFP for Lobbyist be added under Unfinished Business. Martin asked that 8.l. Mail List Guidelines and 8.m. Committee Appointments be added under New Business. Vande Haar moved that the agenda be approved, as amended. Motion carried.

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 2, 2004 BOARD MEETING
Weiss noted that the section labeled ‘2005 Budget’ should be amended to say “presented the president’s proposal for a 2005 budget.” Vande Haar moved that the minutes be approved, as amended. Motion carried.

BOARD ORIENTATION
Weiss presented an orientation for new Board members which included information on ILA’s history, budget, Board composition, and Board responsibilities. Martin noted that she had recently communicated with all committee and subdivision chairpersons. Martin distributed a list of Conference Planning Committee Liaisons. Martin noted that the University of Iowa will be hosting an online ILA membership survey.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR /TREAURER’S REPORT

MEMBERSHIP COUNT — The membership count stands at 333, but membership renewals are still coming in.

ALA REPORT – Hews reported that she attended the Midwinter conference, including the Advocacy Institute and the meeting of the International Council of Library Association Executives. She noted that Mark Levin would speak to ICLAE about membership at the summer conference.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
CORRESPONDENCE – Martin reported that correspondence included the following: (1) Hews received a letter from the American Society of Association Executives saying that she had passed the exam to become a certified association executive; Martin congratulated Hews and presented her with a plant; (2) a letter from Susan Craig, resigning her position as ALA Councilor; Martin noted that Dale Ross had agreed to accept an interim appointment to that position; (3) a letter from ALA asking for two submissions to the ’Many Voices, One Nation @ your library’ initiative; Craig will coordinate the selection of an adult book and Martin will ask Lucille Lettow to coordinate the selection of a youth book; (4) an e-mail message from Barb Corson, asking Martin and Hews to meet with two of the librarians from the American Bulgarian Library Exchange who are visiting the state; (5) a letter from Jean Donham, John Pollitz and several other ILA members suggesting that the Board establish a recruitment task force; (6) a thank-you letter from ALA for the Association’s support of ALA’s Washington office; and (7) a letter from the University of South Florida thanking ILA for contributing one of the speaker honorariums to the Henrietta M. Smith Residency program. It was also noted that Weiss had replied to the letter from the ILA member living in Arizona and that Martin planned to write to Judy Frehman of the Department of Education, thanking her for her efforts to restore school librarian positions.

CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE – Martin reported that the committee had met earlier in the week in Dubuque. They toured the conference center and met with the Local Arrangements Committee. Martin is currently working on contacting possible keynote speakers.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
115TH ANNIVERSARY – The Board discussed various ways to use the 115th anniversary slogan, “1890 - 2005: Celebrating 115 Years of Service.” Craig moved that the Association use the 115th anniversary slogan on various publications throughout the year and explore ways to celebrate the anniversary throughout the year. Motion carried.

UPDATE ON CONTACTING ILAF ABOUT A LEADERSHIP ACCOUNT – Martin reported that she had discussed the idea of setting up a tax-deductible leadership account with Susan Kling, ILAF President. Kling replied that the idea would need to be presented to the ILAF Board. The ILA Membership Renewal Form was, therefore, not changed.

RFP FOR LOBBYIST – According to the June minutes, GAC was to report back to the Board by December 2004 with a fair and equitable process to govern the appointment of an ILA lobbyist for 2005. Martin will contact GAC about submitting this report. It was also noted that GAC is to report on the lobbyist at the end of each
ILA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

ILA would love to welcome your friends and colleagues, too. Encourage them to join and together we’ll create a stronger and more effective voice to promote the highest quality library services for all people in Iowa.

Nancy Agnew ....................... Grinnell
Melissa Alexander ............... Marion
Kris Arendt .......................... Altoona
Lori Barkema ...................... Cedar Rapids
Sylvia Bergeson .................... Des Moines
Nancy Bolt .......................... Golden
Margie Boylan .................... Shenandoah
Jan Brink ............................ Hedrick
Diane Burget ....................... Altoona
James Carey ......................... Clinton
Kristin Carlson .................... Williamsburg
Peggy Carroll ..................... Altoona
Michele Clearman ................. Scott
Evelyn Cole ......................... Altoona
Maggie Collogan .................. Eldridge
Andrea L. Dinkelmann .......... Ames
Wayne Drexler ..................... Dyersville
Michael R. Drysdale ............. Winterset
Terry L. Dutcher ................... Denver
Barbara Ehlers ..................... Stanley
Allison Emery ...................... Storm Lake
Ed Epperly ......................... Decorah
Kathe Fichter ...................... Randolph
Rosanne Foster .................... Traer
Jane Frizzell ....................... Ankeny
Judy Garland ...................... Grinnell
Jennifer Gassman ................. Laporte City
Tanya Gertz ......................... Decorah
Ann Graven ........................ Greene
Marissa Gruber .................... Clarinda
Tonnie Haas ......................... Mason City
Michelle Hartman ................. Le Mars
Dan Hofa ........................... Indianola
Karlene Jennings .................. Ames
Sharon Johnson .................... Grinnell
Wendy Keenan ..................... Lehigh
Karen Keller ....................... Urbandale
Roger Kovacic ...................... Ames
Karla Krueger ...................... Denver
Lehigh Public Library .......... Lehigh
Charles LeMaster ................ Sergeant Bluff
Carolyn Longenwalter .......... Indianola
Janelle Mahr ...................... Lime Springs
Daniel Marcou ...................... Decorah
Rita Martens ...................... Des Moines
Dave McBride ...................... Altoona
Cherie McMullen .................. Denison
Marian McQuaid .................. Guthrie Center
Connie McWilliams ............. Mt Pleasant
Kelly Melliere .................... Davenport
Joy Metzger ....................... Whittemore
Peggy L. Miller .................. Sumner
Michelle Morey .................. Iowa City
Janalyn Moss ..................... Iowa City
Polly Mumma ..................... Des Moines
Kristina J. Murphy .............. Chariton
Charlene Nelson .................. Belmond
Karen Nelson ..................... Le Claire
Elaine Pfalzgraf ................... Cedar Falls
Eugenie K. Rebres ............... Pleasant Hill
Mary Jane Rinkleff .......... Fredericksburg
Cheryl Robson .................... Ames
Melissa Russell .................. West Branch
Scott Community College .... Bettendorf
Bob Seymour ...................... Cedar Falls
Michelle Shaffer ................. Grinnell
Lola Shull ......................... Cedar Rapids
Kara Smith ......................... Waterloo
Mary Ann Stanger .............. Bettendorf
Angie Strong ..................... Madrid
Mindy Swieter .................... Rockwell City
Bobbie Tillman ................. Clarion
Diane Truckenmiller ........... Ocheyedan
Cathy Van Brocklin .......... Ames
Claudia Wallick ................. West Branch
Melody Warnick ................ Ames
Dean Weaver ..................... Ogden
Becky Wehrmen .................. Altoona
Clint Wrede ....................... Cedar Falls
Peg Wurth ......................... Le Mars
YOU CAN SAY THANK YOU: ILA’S AWARDS AND HONORS

Each year during the Annual Conference the Iowa Library Association recognizes individuals who have contributed outstanding service to the Iowa library community. Recipients are nominated by people like you. Please take the opportunity to recommend someone you admire—a friend or a colleague—whose dedication to Iowa libraries is distinguished.

The nomination is easy and it’s an important contribution you can make to the Iowa library community. **We are counting on you to advise us about whom you want to recognize for excellence in service.** Fill out the form on the next page, solicit letters of recommendation and support for your nomination, and send all the information to the ILA office at 3636 Westown Pkwy, Suite 202, West Des Moines, IA 50266-6713 before July 1, 2005.

Nominations will be accepted for the following awards:

**Member of the Year**
This award is conferred upon a librarian, trustee, friend or institutional member of the Iowa Library Association. The award shall be based upon such activities or accomplishments as the following:

- Community library betterment through broadened scope and quality of service.
- Contribution to any area of service benefiting library users.
- Distinguished service to libraries: outstanding participation in activities of a professional library association; outstanding service to the Iowa Library Association; notable publications and productions; creative work in interpreting the library to the community.
- Leadership in education and in-service training for librarians or trustees.
- Extension of library services through cooperation.
- Improvement in library techniques or management.
- Development of library facilities.

**Citation of Merit**
This award is conferred upon individuals who are not members of ILA who have made outstanding contributions to quality library services or who have advanced the principles of quality library service to the community. This award may be given to a group of people or an individual. The recipient(s) shall have influence and reputation beyond the local community.

**Outstanding Trustee Award**
This award is given by the Iowa Library Trustee Association in recognition of outstanding service or long-standing involvement as a trustee.

**Lifetime Membership Award**
This award is given to ILA members of twenty-five years or more upon their retirement. Please notify the ILA office if you qualify for this award.

**Honorary Member Award**
This lifetime award is given by the Association to a non-ILA member to recognize meritorious achievement. This award will not be presented annually but when merited and at such times as designated by the Awards Committee.

**Ted Anderson Library Advocacy Award**
This award is given to an individual in recognition of outstanding leadership in the Iowa legislature.

**Ernest Hertzberg Award**
This award shall be limited to an individual associated with a firm, or to a firm which has supported the Iowa Library Association through sustained and extraordinary effort. This award will not be presented annually but when merited and at such times as designated by the Awards Committee.

Member of the Year Recipients
(10 Years)
1995 Beverly Lind
1996 Sharmar Smith
1997 Dawn Work
1998 Julie Huiskamp
1999 Emily Navarre
2000 Kay K. Runge
2001 Dale H. Ross
2002 Mary McInroy
2003 Katherine Von Wald
2004 Karen Burns

Citation of Merit Recipients
1989 Richard Varn
1998 Dreama Deskins
1999 Naomi Stovall
2000 Christie Vilsack
2004 Hills Bank and Trust

Outstanding Trustee (Last 5 Years)
2000 Dale H. Ross, Ames
2001 Thomas P. Gardner, Keokuk
2002 C. Richard Harrison, Bettendorf
2003 Cindy Wells, Waterloo
2004 Voanne Hansen, Marion

Ted Anderson Library Advocacy Award
Recipient
2001 Senator Kitty Rehberg

Ernest Hertzberg Award Recipients
1993 Ken Jones
1998 Charles Anderson
1998 Paul Rye
1999 Steven J. Roy

The ILA Awards and Honors Nomination Form is on the next page.
2005 ILA AWARDS AND HONORS
NOMINATION FORM

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Nominator

Current position

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legislative session, but it is the Board’s responsibility to negotiate a contract with the lobbyist.

NEW BUSINESS

ALA MEMBERSHIP PRE-CONFERENCE (JUNE 2005) – Langhorne moved that ILA pay the $70 registration fee for someone from the Membership Committee to attend this pre-conference. Motion carried. Thompson will ask LaWanda Roudebush to either attend the pre-conference or appoint a representative to attend.

MANUAL PAGE CHANGE (STRATEGIC PLANNING PAGE) – Weiss moved to accept the proposed change to item #2 which substitutes the word “Strategic” for “Mission and Operational.” Motion carried.

STRATEGIC PLAN – 2005 ACTION PLAN – The Strategic Planning Committee submitted the 2005 Action Plan. Board members suggested the following amendments: (1) add “Promote 115th Anniversary” under section A.4. as a Board/Conference Planning Committee responsibility; (2) add “Encourage efforts to recruit to the profession in Iowa” under section B.2. as a Board responsibility; (3) add “Lobby for legislation related to school library media specialists” under section A.2. as a GAC responsibility; (4) add “Take steps to assure the integration of ILFA, ISLA, and IASL” under section C.1. as a Board/subdivisions responsibility; and (5) add “Update job description of the Executive Director” under section C.3. as a Board/ad hoc Committee responsibility. Weiss moved adoption of the 2005 Action Plan, as amended. Motion carried. The Strategic Planning Committee liaison will ask the committee to look at section B.4. “Encourage innovation” to identify appropriate initiatives. Martin will pursue a membership appeal to the staff of the AEAs.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOB DESCRIPTION – Craig, on behalf of the ad hoc committee, presented a revised job description. The Board suggested the following amendments: (1) change C.2. to read “With the President and Finance Committee, recommend annual budget” and renumber this item as C.3; (2) change C.1. to read “Administer the ILA budget, as outlined in the ILA Organization Manual, including such duties as, but not limited to, the following”; (3) change C.2. to read “Pay Association bills as authorized”; and (4) renumber the remaining items in section C. Weiss moved acceptance of the job description, as amended. Motion carried.

JEAN DONHAM – ALA RECRUITMENT FORUM REPORT – The Board considered the letter from Jean Donham and others recommending the establishment of an ad hoc library recruitment task force. Martin will write to the group asking for a response regarding (1) establishment of a task force and a possible charge; (2) whether they need to broaden their membership; (3) budget; (4) a needs assessment; (5) the diversity issue; and (6) their focus (individuals with a graduate degree such as the MLS or more inclusive).

KATE MARTIN – ALA ADVOCACY INSTITUTE – Martin and Hews attended the institute at Midwinter. It was agreed that advocacy is an area for cooperation between ILA and the State Library and both need to think of new ways to approach it.

FOI COUNCIL – IOWA OPEN MEETINGS, OPEN RECORDS HANDBOOK – The handbook is revised every two years. The Board considered whether to mail the revised edition to ILA members. Hews will find out if it is available on the Web, and, if so, link it to the ILA website.

PRE-CONFERENCE SPEAKERS AND REIMBURSEMENT – Hews distributed the present “ILA Speaker Expense Guidelines.” Thompson moved that the Conference Planning Committee be asked to review the guidelines, consult with other state organizations and ALA, and then make a recommendation to the Finance Committee and the Board. Motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – 2004 FUNDS TO TIAA-CREF & SHAW COMMUN BONDS CALLED EFFECTIVE 2/1/05 – FUNDS TO TIAA-CREF – Craig moved that the entire amount of money left over from 2004 be moved into TIAA-CREF. Motion carried. Craig moved that money from the Shaw Communications bonds be moved to TIAA-CREF. Motion carried. ILAF CONTRACT – A copy of the contract for office services between ILA and ILAF was distributed. Craig moved approval of the contract. Motion carried.

USE OF DISTRIBUTION LISTS AND EMAIL – Hews will continue to look for an easier way to create email distribution lists. Email addresses are presently being solicited through Catalyst. The Board will continue to consider the issue of members who have not provided an email address.

MAILING LIST GUIDELINES — Email mailing list guidelines, which were developed by the Editorial Committee at the request of the Board, were considered. Board members were asked to submit questions and comments to Thompson by Feb. 11. Thompson will refer them to the Editorial Committee. The Board will consider this document when it comes back from the committee.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS — Martin proposed that Karen Lampe (Green Valley AEA) and Paul Seelau (Council Bluffs) be added to the Conference Planning Committee. Vande Haar moved approval of these appointments. Motion carried.

VICE-PRESIDENT’S REPORT

IOWA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION – Minutes of the November ILAF meeting were distributed.

AD HOC LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Craig reported that they have not yet met.

BYLAWS AND ORGANIZATION MANUAL COMMITTEE — Craig reported that they have not met.

SPECIAL LIBRARIES ROUNDTABLE – Craig reported on an email update from Jim Lander. A membership survey showed interest in digital imaging. They are working on a pre-conference.

ALL-IOWA READS – Craig reported that the ICN session on Jan. 27 went very well. The Center for the Book website is very complete. Craig reported that 117 programs were reported for the 2004 title.
ALA REPORT – Craig distributed her report. Two items of note included a resolution on school libraries and consideration of an office for funding crises.

GROUP ATTENDANCE AT CUBS GAME AT ALA CONFERENCE - The Board unanimously decided to suspend the rules to take up the topic of attending a Cubs game while at the summer ALA conference. Craig reported that the games were all in the afternoon when meetings were in session, and that she would, therefore, not recommend pursuing the idea. The Board also decided not to pursue a group rate for an Iowa Cubs game.

STATE LIBRARY REPORT – Wegner reiterated how glad she is that ILA and the State Library can work together for Iowa’s libraries. She also stated that we are fortunate to have several people with knowledge of libraries working in the Department of Education. Wegner distributed three handouts pertaining to school libraries and information literacy. Wegner also discussed the budget, the OCLC statewide bid, the Gates Grant, and the Summer Reading Program.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS
NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Martin reported for Donham. She stated that a call for nominations for 2006 has been published in Catalyst. The committee is meeting in February.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE – Martin reported for Donham, stating that the Action Plan has been compiled.

IOWA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS – On behalf of IASL, Langhorne thanked Wegner for her work with the Department of Education. It was noted that IASL still needs to turn in the planning documents from the November planning meeting. Langhorne stated that they hope to have a workshop for school media specialists on April 21; they will need to submit a budget for the workshop.

SUPPORT PERSONNEL – Langhorne reported that they are planning a conference for April 11; they will need to submit a budget for the conference.

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS ROUNDTABLE – Thompson reported that they have submitted their annual report.

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE – Thompson reported that they had written the mailing list guidelines.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE – Thompson reported that they are working on a renewal reminder; Hews suggested they send it to her and she will send it via email.

IOWA LIBRARY FRIENDS ASSOCIATION – Vande Haar reported that they are working on a membership drive and establishing communication.

STORYTELLERS ROUNDTABLE – Vande Haar stated that they have distributed an issue of their newsletter.

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – Vande Haar reported that Senate Study Bill 1068 has been introduced. Lobby From Home Day has been set for Feb. 16. March 2 is Legislative Day. Feb. 9 is the second annual Action Day. Vande Haar stated that the latest legislative update is available on the website.

ADJOURNMENT – Vande Haar moved adjournment at 2:45.

REVITALIZE YOUR FRIENDS GROUP

With summer approaching, some Friends groups slow the pace of activity until fall. However, this is a good time for officers to review the Friends “health.” Sometimes a group starts to become stagnant with only a handful of people doing the work. Officers and board tend to remain the same, membership might be declining, or it is difficult to recruit new members.

A few suggestions from FOLUSA (Friends of Libraries: U.S.A.) include:
1. Identify problems area.
2. Give a party. Make it fun with food and music. Celebrate a library activity. Use the local newspaper to promote the idea you are a fun and meaningful group.
3. Include individuals whose memberships have lapsed. Ask many people to assist in small ways.
4. Recheck your goals and objectives. Develop a plan.
5. Review board positions, membership materials and communication lines.
6. Appreciate and publicly recognize efforts of volunteers on a regular basis.
7. Relax and enjoy the remainder of the summer!

For other ideas on revitalizing your friends organization check out www.folusa.org/html/fact07.html.
I CAN HELP ILA

In recognition of the fact that an Association is only as productive as its members and of the fact that it takes committed people to make an Association work, I am willing to take my turn and do my part. I realize that I may be asked to help in 2006 or a later year.

I can best help the Association by accepting a 2006 nomination to:

___ The ILA Executive Board  ___ The position of Vice President/President-Elect

My interests lie in serving on the following committee(s):

___ Bylaws & Organization Manual  ___ Editorial  ___ Finance  ___ Governmental Affairs  ___ Intellectual Freedom
___ Conference Planning  ___ Public Relations  ___ Strategic Planning  ___ Johnson Brigham Plaque  ___ Membership
___ Nominating

ILA Representative to:

ILA Liaison to:

___ Iowa Library Association Foundation Board
___ Iowa Freedom of Information Council

I can lend assistance by participating in the following Subdivisions:

___ Children and Young People’s Forum  ___ Iowa Small Library Association (ISLA)
___ Community College Librarians Roundtable  ___ Library Administration & Management (LAMA)
___ Government Documents Roundtable  ___ Local History & Genealogy
___ Health Sciences Subdivision  ___ Public Library Forum
___ Information Technology Forum  ___ Resources & Technical Services Forum
___ Iowa Association of School Librarians  ___ Special Libraries Roundtable
___ Iowa Chapter ACRL (ILA/ACRL)  ___ Storytellers Roundtable
___ Iowa Library Friends Association  ___ Support Personnel Forum
___ Iowa Library Trustee Association

I would like to nominate ____________________________________________

(name)

from ___________________________ for ________________________________

(library) (position, committee, etc.)

I can’t serve right now but I have the following suggestions concerning the Association, its program, services and/or policies.

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You may reach me at:

Name: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________
Library: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________
Address: ___________________________

Please return by July 1, 2005 to:
Iowa Library Association, 3636 Westown Pkwy. #202, West Des Moines, IA 50266
Phone 515-273-5322 or 1-800-452-5507, FAX 515-309-4576.

-Thank you.
ILA COMMITTEES

Bylaws and Organization Manual Committee suggests or reviews changes in Association or subdivision bylaws for approval by Executive Board. Revises/updates the ILA Organizational Manual per decisions made by the membership, Executive Board or other units of the Association.

Conference Planning Committee works with other committees and subdivisions for program content and speaker arrangements. Organizes details of the annual conference.

Editorial Committee assists in developing editorial policies and procedures for Association’s official publications. Provides or solicits coverage of significant library-related activities throughout the state for inclusion in the Catalyst.

Finance Committee assists with budget preparation and serves as financial advisor to the Executive Board. Monitors ILA financial transactions. Reviews/recommends ILA financial policies.

Governmental Affairs Committee recommends a plan of legislative action to the ILA membership, implements the plan and evaluates legislative issues affecting libraries.

Intellectual Freedom Committee monitors developments at state and national levels affecting intellectual freedom, the freedom to read, and the right to privacy. Receives information from libraries involved in challenges not readily resolved at the local level and provides information and support whenever help is requested.

Johnson Brigham Plaque Committee seeks out and evaluates works by Iowa authors, published in the last two years, for possible recognition by the Association.

Membership Committee develops, implements, and promotes a statewide campaign to recruit and retain membership in ILA. Reviews and recommends membership benefits and fosters mentoring and active participation by all new members.

Nominating Committee identifies candidates willing to stand for election to Executive Board and the position of Vice President/President-Elect. Assists the Vice President/President-Elect in selecting candidates for ILA committee appointments.

Public Relations Committee develops public relations activities/materials to assist in marketing the Association, librarians, and libraries in the state.

Strategic Planning Committee works in conjunction with the Executive Board and the subdivisions to develop a strategic plan for the organization and to monitor progress in meeting Association goals.

SUBDIVISIONS

Children and Young People’s Forum members interested in services to young people. This subdivision sponsors the CYP newsletter.

Community College Librarians Roundtable members who share an interest in community college library issues.

Friends Subdivision members interested in facilitating the exchange of information among organizations of Friends.

Government Documents Roundtable members interested in government documents. Membership benefits include a discussion list “ia-medlibs.”

Information Technology Forum members interested in the issues surrounding the use of computer technology in libraries. Promotes and explores new computer technology, and educates librarians and their patrons in new technologies.

Iowa Association of School Librarians members interested in advocacy for school librarians and media centers.

Iowa Chapter/ACRL members interested in service in higher education and independent research libraries. The chapter sponsors a spring conference and an electronic newsletter.

Iowa Library Trustees Association members who are or have been a library trustee or a member of the Board of Directors of an Iowa library or library agency.

Iowa Small Library Association members interested in sharing information about issues affecting small libraries. The subdivision sponsors a spring meeting and a newsletter.

Library Administration and Management Forum members interested in library management issues. The subdivision sponsors an electronic directory and newsletter, accessible on its Web page.

Local History and Genealogy members interested in educating Iowa librarians in methods of collecting, organizing and preserving local history materials.

Public Library Forum members interested in facilitating cooperation and communication within the public library community in Iowa.

Resources and Technical Services Forum members interested in collection management and technical services.

Special Libraries Roundtable members interested in service in a special or corporate library. An educational workshop is offered in the summer.

Storytellers Roundtable members interested in the art of storytelling for the enjoyment and education of people of all ages. The subdivision sponsors a newsletter.

Support Personnel members interested in support personnel issues. The subdivision sponsors a newsletter.
Visiting at ILA’s Legislative Day were left to right Senator Mike Connolly; Martha Connolly; Kate Martin, ILA President; and Christie Vilsack, First Lady of Iowa. Senator Connolly is scheduled to speak at ILA’s Annual Conference.

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE DONATIONS

The Iowa Library Association Foundation (ILAF) has set up an account for donations to the 2006 Leadership Institute. Because ILAF is a 501c3 organization, donations are tax-deductible. Check needs to be made payable to ILAF.

Please send your Leadership Institute donations to the ILA office, 3636 Westown Pkwy, Suite 202, West Des Moines, IA 50266.

IOWA HIGH SCHOOL TEEN AWARD

*Stormbreaker* by Anthony Horowitz is the Iowa Teen Award winner for 2004-05.

Thank you for your participation in the Iowa Teen Award! You will find the nominations list for 2005-2006 at the website www.iema-ia.org/itaindex.html. Volunteer readers who wish to read between now and September 2 to select the 2006-2007 titles should email Bonnie Raasch at braasch@marion.k12.ia.us.

Librarians participating in the American-Bulgarian Library Exchange visited the ILA office on March 10. They were interested in the operations of the Association. left to right Laurie Hews, ILA Executive Director; Vanya Grashkina-Mincheva, President, Union of Library and Information Science Officers in Bulgaria; Kate Martin, ILA President; and Iskra Mihaylova, Executive Director, Association Tolerance.

THE CONFERENCE LOGO:
ABOUT THE DESIGNER

The designer of the logo for this year’s Annual Conference is Celeste Geralds, a junior at The University of Northern Iowa. She is a graphic design major from Marion, Iowa. She currently works as a designer for the Center for Energy and Environmental Education at UNI. She expects to graduate in May 2006, and hopes to obtain a professional position in a design firm.

Kate Martin
ILA President

Join the fun and participate in the 2005 Iowa Library Association Foundation auction by donating an item. Contact the ILA office at 1-800-ILA-5507 or www.iowalibraryassociation.org for details.