I DIDN’T LEARN A THING

The 2006 Iowa Library Association Leadership Institute was probably both the shortest and longest week of my professional life. I went into it completely unsure of what we’d be doing, with whom I’d have to share a bathroom, and whether or not it was worth four entire days out of the office, not to mention away from home.

The hardest part wasn’t the workshop material, polite negotiations with my bathroom buddies, or the guilt inducing phone calls from my kids. It was trying to explain, succinctly and with some intelligence, what I learned. I was asked at least four times within 48 hours, from both people in the “business” and my family and friends, “So, what’d you learn?”. And every time, I stood mute and panicked. I couldn’t tell you what I learned. I couldn’t tell my colleagues at the Institute what I learned because I didn’t learn, I became.

I became a better employee, a better supervisor, a better colleague, a better librarian. I became the person I secretly believed I could be. I became more aware of where I am most talented, and where I am less talented. I became better at assessing the talents of other people and then leading them to make my work and theirs better. I became brave.

I became completely committed to dreaming with courage. I became hopeful. We had every type of library represented at the Institute, and when pressed, we all came up with the same general vision of what we believe should be the future of library service in Iowa. I see hope for our future, because there are other librarians out there that believe that we need to focus on what we

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CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday, October 11
3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Grand Opening of Exhibits
Hors d’oeuvres
Iowa Western Community College Jazz Ensemble
ILAF Auction Begins

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Reception at Council Bluffs Public Library
Hors d’ouevres
Storytellers Roundtable Members Perform
Iowa Western Community College Band
Shuttle Buses Provided

8:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Ghosts of Council Bluffs Tour
Tour Departs from Union Pacific Museum

Thursday, October 12
7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Opening General Session with Michael Stephens

6:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.
Social Hour
Final ILAF Auction Bidding

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Banquet with Tom Milligan Performing

9:15 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
President’s Party

Friday, October 13
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
General Session with Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe

12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.
Lunch with Marilynne Robinson

The 2006 Leadership Institute participants.
IOWA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING

AGENDA
Thursday, October 12, 2006
Approximately 1:00 p.m.

Mid-America Center, Council Bluffs

1. Report of the Credentials Committee
2. Adoption of Standing Rules
3. Amendments to and Approval of Agenda
4. Minutes of the 2005 Business Meeting
5. Financial Report
6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
   A. Adoption of Strategic Plan
   B. 2007 Legislative Agenda
   C. Election of ILA Foundation Board Member
   D. Bylaws Changes
8. Open Forum
9. Remarks from President
10. Announcements
11. Resolutions of Courtesy
12. Adjournment

If you wish to add an item to this agenda, you may do so by contacting the ILA President in writing by 5:00 p.m. on October 2, 2006.
BYLAW CHANGES

The following bylaw changes will be voted on by the membership at the ILA Membership Business Meeting, Thursday, October 12, at the Mid-America Center in Council Bluffs.

Italics - new wording
Strikethrough - wording to be removed
Where necessary re-numbering or lettering will automatically be corrected

ARTICLE V - EXECUTIVE BOARD Section 1. Composition and election.

C. ILA/ALA Councilor(s) will be elected at the interval and under the conditions required by the these Bylaws and those of the American Library Association. The person elected will take office following the ALA Annual Conference during the year elected.

ARTICLE VI - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS Section 2. Elected Officers and At-Large Board Members.

B. ALA Councilor Nominations. Nominations Candidates for ALA Councilor will be solicited from the membership according nominated by the ILA Nominating Committee according to these Bylaws, ILA policies and the directives of the American Library Association. Candidates may also be included on the ballot through nomination by petition (Article VI, Section 2D). Nominees All candidates must be current members of both ILA and ALA.

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Have you been a member of ILA for 25 years or more? Are you now retired? If so, you are eligible for lifetime membership. We will honor our new lifetime members at the Annual Conference in Council Bluffs but we need your help in identifying who you are. If you believe you are eligible for lifetime membership, please contact the ILA office: 800-452-5507, 515-273-5322 or lhews@mcleodusa.net by September 22.

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AFTER THE MOVE

The construction is done, you are in your brand new or newly renovated building, all is good. Oops!!! You forgot to get blinds for your windows, the roof leaks during the first rain, and the carpet tile buckles when it is humid. Attend this session on what actually happens after the move and what to do about problems, concerns and everything (good and bad) that may happen when you are in a new space. Dee Crownern, Director, North Liberty Community Library moderates this Thursday morning session sponsored by Support Personnel.

Presenters and their experience with library moves:

Jim Kapoun: I am starting my 3rd year at Waldorf College and we moved into our new library in August of 2005, so one year! From start to finish the entire building project took a little over a year to complete.

Kim Kietzman: I did a close and expand/remodel at one branch where we boxed and moved the books during the work and a move into and out of a temporary facility during an expand/remodel at another branch in Rock Island. I worked there for a total of 3.5 years, with two of them in the Director of Outreach Services position (in charge of the branches). Then I did a move when we built the LeClaire Community Library, which was started from scratch. I worked there three years.

Denise Rehmke: Today I’m starting my 16th year at West High. We did a major renovation and expansion in 1996 in which we had to pack and move out of the existing library space, set up temporarily in a gymnasium from which we operated for 3 months, then move back into the redesigned and expanded space. That was an adventure! And we did another expansion in 2005. This time, we stayed where we were and lived with/through the construction of the new, adjacent space. At one point, we did have to pack and shift everything to accommodate the new carpeting that was installed in the existing library, but we planned well and had good cooperation from staff and patrons, so the disruption was minimal. Another adventure, but definitely worth it!

THE CHALLENGE OF CHALLENGES: SCHOOL AND PUBLIC LIBRARY EXPERIENCES

It’s easy to handle challenges to materials in the abstract — everything’s rational, cool and calm. Not so in the real world. What’s really important and effective? What isn’t? Get the scoop from survivors of challenges from both public and school library perspectives.

The Intellectual Freedom Committee sponsors this Friday morning session with presenters: Diane Fight, Teacher Librarian at Bridgeview Elementary in LeClaire; and Vicki Myron, Director at Spencer Public Library.

SPECIAL LIBRARIES SPOTLIGHT: GERALD R. FORD CONSERVATION CENTER

The Nebraska Historical Society’s Gerald R. Ford Conservation Center conserves historical, cultural, and educational collections in the state of Nebraska and surrounding areas through conservation, preservation, and restoration activities for paper and object collections and for some painting and textile collections. Conservation services are provided for historical, cultural, educational, private, and corporate clients in the region. These services include consultation, assessment of collection management needs, assessment of conservation treatment needs, education and training, workshops, and conservation treatment of collection materials. Preservation of the physical remnants of collected objects is crucial to the appreciation, study, and understanding of the history and cultures of the peoples who have lived in Nebraska and the surrounding region for more than 10,000 years. The Ford Conservation Center encourages and supports all efforts to safeguard these precious physical resources for future generations.

All conservation practices endorsed by the center meet the highest professional standards, including the Code of Ethics and Guidelines for Practice of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works.

Please join the Center’s Julie Reilly and Dr. Sheila Siegler as they discuss its activities and programs. The Special Libraries Roundtable sponsors this Thursday morning session.

REMEMBER, NO ONE WILL DIE: CATALOGING FOR SMALL LIBRARIES

So much cataloging, so little time … where to start? First, don’t get into a sweat: cataloging mistakes don’t kill. Second, come to this session for ideas on coping with cataloging. There are lots of creative ways to achieve good cataloging. With basic guidelines and a few good shortcuts anybody can produce good quality MARC bibliographic records.

Learn the trade secrets from presenter Michael Wright, who has been a cataloging trainer and consultant for BCR (where he still does guest-training stints) and who spent many years honing cataloging skills at Gettysburg College (Pa.), Drake University, and Simpson College before taking his current position at the University of Iowa as Head of Acquisitions and Rapid Cataloging. He holds an M.A.L.S. from the University of Minnesota.

Resources and Technical Services Forum sponsors this Thursday afternoon session.
FOCUS ON FUNDRAISING: CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS AND BUILDING ENDOWMENTS

So your Library is going to do a capital campaign. In this concurrent session we will cover what this really means in the nonprofit development world. Can you, your staff and board handle this task internally or do you need an outside professional fundraising consultant? Either way we will discuss the main elements of a capital campaign so that you truly know the task ahead of you. You can call this portion of the session “Capital Campaigns 101” with answers to your questions.

How do you conduct a capital campaign and still keep your focus on building your Library Endowment? What? You say you don’t have an endowment? We will discuss why you may want to establish an endowment managed by your local Iowa County Community Foundation and take advantage of the 20% Endow Iowa Tax Credit for your donors. If you have fund development questions this is the concurrent session for you.

Dennis N. Nissen presents this Thursday session sponsored by the Iowa Library Friends Association and Iowa Library Trustees Association. Dennis is the Iowa Program Officer, Endowment Funds of Southwest Iowa and also works for the Omaha Community Foundation.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND DISASTER PLANNING

This session will provide practical and simple ways to improve your library’s emergency preparedness and disaster planning for your staff and library users. Examples of past library emergencies and disasters will be addressed and samples of procedures and policies will be shared.

Kathy A. Parsons has been Head of Stacks and Service Desks at the Iowa State University Library since August 1999. Among her varied job assignments, she is responsible for the safety and security of the library building, its content and its occupants whether they are staff or library users.

Dorothy Kelley is the Assistant Library Director at Des Moines Public Library. She will talk about how the library dealt with the flood of 1993 and the recent child abduction that took place in the library.

GETTING YOUR STORY PUBLISHED

If you would like to learn about the process for getting a story published, you’ll want to attend this Friday morning session sponsored by the Storytellers Roundtable.

M. L. Hopson, author from Clive, Iowa, and affectionately known as the Pinder Poet, is a retired African American woman living in the Des Moines area whose grandparents were born American slaves, and who knew the hardships of racism and segregation growing up in the south but who also found love, friendship and a career as an account executive here in Iowa. Her poem, “A Black Child’s Walk to See the Freedom Train” is featured in her book: The Pinder Poet: Cherishing This Heritage, published by Center Press Books, and also featured in Voices From The Prairie from Humanities Iowa.

Larry Schulenberg and Rodger Gerberding are local authors from the Omaha/Council Bluffs area. Larry, an author of three books, traces his personal journey in To Catch The Snowflakes. It is a memoir of a polio survivor, a teacher, an adoptive parent, a principal, and the father of an addict. Rodger is an art editor and has been involved in publishing numerous works.

Moderator is Duffy De France, chair of the Storytellers Roundtable, retired children's librarian, published poet and storyteller. She is one of the founding mothers of Muscatine’s Writers On The Avenue, and has been poetry editor for their five published anthologies.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM CHANGES

A Great City Deserves a Great Library has moved from Friday to Thursday.

Stacey Aldrich, Assistant Director, Omaha Public library has replaced Rivkah Sass on the panel for Balancing Security with Human Rights on Friday.

Sarah Latcham is the presenter for Iowa Children’s Choice Award on Friday.

BANNED BOOKS WEEK MARKS 25TH ANNIVERSARY SEPTEMBER 23-30

There were 405 known attempts to remove books in 2005. Challenges are defined as formal, written complaints filed with a library or school requesting that materials be removed because of content or appropriateness. About 70 percent of challenges take place in schools and school libraries. According to Judith F. Krug, director of the Office for Intellectual Freedom, the number of challenges reflects only incidents reported, and for each reported, four or five remain unreported.

For more information on Banned Books Week, please visit www.ala.org/bbooks.
Meet the Four Candidates for Executive Board

Diane Brown earned her A.A. at the local community college in St. Petersburg, Florida. She moved to Iowa City to complete her B.A. degree in English. While doing so, Diane held a work-study position at the University libraries. She stayed at Iowa to complete a teaching degree and her M.L.S.

Diane worked as children’s director at West Liberty Public Library before moving over to the school realm. For the past five years, she has been a teacher librarian at Central Middle School in Muscatine.

Diane participated in this summer’s ILA Leadership Institute where she learned new leadership skills and met a diverse group of library professionals from around the state.

**Statement of professional concern:**

I was a member of IEMA and was happy to continue my membership with ILA after IEMA was dissolved and the Iowa Association of School Librarians was established as a subdivision of ILA.

I think this is a great organization that is surely strengthened by our numbers. I would like to help Iowa libraries in continuing to build partnerships with each other and the communities we serve. I would like to help shape the continuing growth of ILA by being an active part in the organization.

Becky Quinn is entering her eighth school year as a teacher librarian at Southeast Polk Junior high. As she followed a former business career her fascination with libraries never wavered. She served as a trustee of the Newton Public Library. Since taking a midlife career change, she has immersed herself deeply in school librarianship. She finished her BA and went directly to the University of Iowa School of Library and Information Science where she was a graduate assistant to her mentor, Jean donham. Since graduation she has worked as a middle school librarian, served on the board of IASL and the Iowa Library Association Foundation. She also had the opportunity to receive certification from the National Board of Profession Teaching Standards. This summer she participated in the Iowa Library Association Leadership Institute where she was excited to meet many dynamic Iowa librarians.

**Statement of professional concern:**

I have met so many caring people who are committed to preserving and sharing the accumulated knowledge of the world with Iowa citizens. I would appreciate your trust representing your values, leading, and teaching the life long learners of Iowa. the notion of serving on the Iowa Library Association Executive Board is an exciting and humbling thought.

Sheryl Sheeres Taylor is the Director of Library Services at Dordt College in Sioux Center, where she has worked since receiving her M.L.S. from the University of Washington in 1992. Sheryl has been a member of ILA since moving to Iowa in 1992 and is currently serving on the ILA/ACRL Ad hoc Education Committee. She is on the Awards Committee of ILA/ACRL and is also a mentor for the ACRL College Library Director’s Mentor Program. Sheryl has chaired the Iowa Private Academic Libraries consortium and is currently the chair of the Sirsi Midwest Users Group.

**Statement of professional concern:**

I am pleased to see that two of the Executive Board’s action steps for 2006 are strengthening public relations efforts and developing leaders. Tighter budgets continue to be an issue for all types of libraries in Iowa. Librarians increasingly have to persuade their respective city councils, boards, or administrators that their libraries are valuable community assets. Improved marketing strategies and public relations efforts are important tools for us to utilize to convince others of our value.

I am a product of the first ILA Leadershship Institute and I am glad to see that another institute was offered this summer. Growing servant-leaders within the state is extremely important to the continued excellence of ILA and I would work to ensure that leadership opportunities like this continue.

I am honored to be nominated and look forward to continuing to give back to the Iowa library community.
Michael Wright holds an M.A.L.S. from the University of Minnesota and has worked in libraries in Minnesota, Pennsylvania and Iowa. Before the University of Iowa, where he is Head of Acquisitions and Rapid Cataloging, he was a trainer/consultant for the Bibliographical Center for Research (BCR). He chairs ILA’s Intellectual Freedom Committee, and serves on ALA’s Intellectual Freedom Committee.

Statement of Professional Concern:
Good library service is often all about change. While librarians are often leaders in initiating change, we frequently find ourselves reacting to it as well. But change isn’t always good: witness the increased numbers of challenges to library materials and the continuing attempts to impose Internet filtering. Such infringements on freedom of inquiry can’t help but have negative effects on quality library service.

Issues related to intellectual freedom are of special importance to me. Libraries everywhere, but especially in Iowa, have historically been key ramparts against challenges to First Amendment rights. To a single library, weathering these storms can be frustrating, confusing, and even scary. Collectively, through ILA, we can work to not only support freedom of inquiry, but also to expand services to our communities.

Through action and advocacy, the Iowa Library Association has been a leader in promoting high-quality services and preserving First Amendment freedoms. It’s a tradition I would be honored to uphold and continue by employing my skills and experience as a member of the ILA Executive Board.

Jerri Heid began her career as a Library Assistant, then Children’s Librarian at the Cherokee Public Library in the early 1990’s. Certified through the state’s Library management classes she played an integral part in working with the Board, city and county, budgets, programming, reference, ILL, collection development and circulation. In 2000 she left to assist in the opening of a new library for the Clive community focusing on developing a patron base for programming and collections in the Youth Department. As Youth Service Specialist at the Ames PL, she works with youth collections and programming.

Jerri has served on the ILA Executive Board, Intellectual Freedom Committee, President of Youth Services Subdivision, Youth Services Advisory Board, presenter at Kids First and ILA conferences; and is a member of YALSA, ALSC, PLA and ALA.

Statement of Professional Concern:
ILA needs to advocate for continual positive outcomes of the Intellectual Freedom challenges from the legislature. Legislation should not be tied to properly funding libraries where the equalizing of our basic rights and freedoms exist in its purest form.

Cuts in funding create cuts in positions and collections. ILA’s continual and united voice reminding legislators of the funding needed to keep our libraries — academic, private, school and public — operating will create a better citizenry.

For either of the previous issues to continue without weakening the system, we need members who are willing to play a strong mentoring role for those entering the field.

Barbara Peterson’s first part-time job in high school was working at the local college library. She spent 3 years working in a seminary library, 8 years in a Music Library in South Korea and 13 years with the Centralia Regional Library District in Illinois. She has been the director of the Council Bluffs Public Library since 2004. Her M.L.S. is from the University of Missouri. She co-chaired the Illinois Public Library Association, served on the Illinois State Library’s Small Public Library Management Institute Planning Committee, chaired the DYNIX Users’ Group, Membership Criteria Committee, and served on the Director Search Committee for the Shawnee Library System. She is currently serving on the ILA Conference Planning Committee and is a member of ALA/PLA Marketing Public Libraries Committee.

Statement of Professional Concern:
I love being a librarian. Libraries, whether they be public, school, college/university, or special libraries, are more important to American communities that any other institution. When asked if I think libraries are going to be replaced by Internet, my reply is, “No. We will still be the information professionals.” Libraries are definitely changing with technology. Our customers still need help to refine their Internet searches, know whether a site is reliable, use web-based databases, do research, find those CDs and DVDs, use library web pages, and yes, even find a book! I believe that the role of ILA is to help strengthen the library role in our communities and state. We do that by our connection with the American Library Association, continuing education opportunities, and providing ILA Lobbyists to advocate for us and our needs. I will do my best to represent all library workers in the State of Iowa.
The ILA Executive Board met on June 9, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the ILA office in West Des Moines. Members present were: President Susan Craig; Vice President/President-Elect Sheryl Bissen; Directors Lorraine Borowski, John Goodin, Mary Jo Langhorne, Betsy Thompson, and Dale Vande Haar; and ALA Councilor Dale Ross; Also present were State Librarian Mary Wegner and Executive Director Laurie Hews. Absent: Past President Katherine Martin and Director Jennie Garner.

CALL TO ORDER
Craig welcomed everyone.

AGENDA
Craig asked that “Lee National Denim Day” be added as item 6(d); Bissen asked that “Annual Planning Meeting” be added as item 8(c); and that “2007 Conference Theme” be added as item 8(d). Vande Haar moved that the agenda be approved, as amended. Motion carried.

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 31, 2006 BOARD MEETING
Ross moved that the minutes be approved, as distributed. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR /TREASURER’S REPORT
MEMBERSHIP COUNT – The membership count was distributed in the Board packets. The membership count is holding steady with last year’s numbers at this time.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
CORRESPONDENCE – Craig presented a letter of resignation from Jennie Garner as the chair of the Editorial Committee.
CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE – Craig reported that the committee meets monthly and the conference program is coming together nicely. Not all of the pre-conference speakers are firm at this time.Craig stated she is pleased that the keynote speakers have come together nicely. A draft copy of the conference program was distributed.
AD HOC LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Craig reported that the class for the 2007 Leadership Institute is full with 25 attendees. Mentors for the Institute are Mary Jo Langhorne, Susan Craig, and Sandy Dixon, of the State Library. Materials will be sent out to participants soon.
ALL-IOWA READS – Marilynne Robinson will be speaking in Iowa City on June 20, 2006. Ross reported that Gilead seems to have been well received. The selection process for the 2007 title has started and they have narrowed the selection down to the final five titles.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
STRATEGIC PLAN – DRAFT – The first deadline has passed for comments on the new strategic plan from the Committee and Subdivision chairs. Only one comment was received. The Draft of the new strategic plan will be published in the Catalyst and comments will be received. The new strategic plan should be available for a vote of the membership at the annual business meeting at Conference.

POLICY ON ENDORSING ISSUES – Ross and Vande Haar presented a draft of a policy on endorsements. Discussion was held and slight revisions were made to the policy. Policy was approved with Thompson voting in opposition.

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LEE NATIONAL DENIM DAY – The Komen Breast Cancer Foundation sent information that they are no longer associated with Lee Denim Day and they were launching a different initiative. In keeping with the endorsement policy just discussed the Board agreed that we would not participate in this program.

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – LOBBYIST REVIEW – The Board received several documents from GAC including a client list for Campbell/Patterson, Comments and Highlights of the Session by Campbell/Patterson, Annual Lobbyist Review and comments, and a copy of our agreement with Campbell/Patterson. The Board would like to thank all involved for the great work which was done this year; ILA membership, Governmental Affairs Committee, ILA leadership, Lobbyists Craig Patterson and Amy Campbell, and State Librarian Mary Wegner. Craig will be writing several letters of thanks to legislators. We have a 3-year contract with Campbell/Patterson. The Board expressed thanks to Duncan Stewart for the excellent report. A July meeting is being planned to draft the Legislative Agenda for 2007.

ILA PHOTO ARCHIVES - Hews reported that costs have gone up at University of Iowa Library to maintain the ILA photo archives at the same level they have in the
past. She reviewed the process and costs. Some Board members questioned whether digital records could just be kept or if the number of photos could be cut. Hews was directed to proceed this year since money was in the budget, but further review would be needed.

WEBSITE POLICY REVIEW -- Craig presented a draft of changes to the website policy to update language related to the webmaster (Executive Director is the ILA webmaster) and clarify issues with subdivision sites. More extensive review is needed in the coming year, but these changes would reflect current practice. Motion made by Vande Haar. Motion carried. The language will be forwarded to the BOMC for their review.

ANNUAL DUES REVIEW – No changes were recommended for the coming year.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

IOWA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION – The Foundation wants to remind everyone to be thinking of an item to donate for the Silent Auction at the Annual Conference. They are also discussing possibilities for raffle items. Susan Knippel will be contacting Dell. ILAF is looking into having a canvas banner made to use each year at their table. Bissen also reported that the Foundation is in the process of having an audit done and that $275 has been contributed to the Foundation designated for the 2006 Leadership Institute.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Slate for Executive Board and Vice President/President-Elect are now full. They are still seeking a candidate to represent the membership on the Foundation Board.

ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING – The Annual Planning Meeting will be held on Friday, November 3, 2006 in Grinnell. Hews and Bissen are looking into a possible speaker from the American Society of Association Executives to provide a brief orientation. Registration cost will remain at $15 this year.

2007 CONFERENCE THEME – Bissen reported that the theme for the 2007 ILA Conference will be “Iowa Libraries: Cultivating the Future.”

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

AWARDS COMMITTEE – Martin sent a report that the Awards Committee is reviewing the awards submitted by subdivisions and committees. They suggest putting the forms in the Organizational Manual rather than creating another document to describe the award. A message will be sent soon to the ILA electronic list to encourage members to solicit nominations for the “ILA Member of the Year” and “Trustee of the Year” awards.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Minutes from the May 30 Finance Committee meeting were distributed in the Board packets.

ALA COUNCILOR'S REPORT

ILTA – The Trustees continue to review ways to increase interest and their membership numbers. Teget is sending a letter to trustees who are ILA members but are not members of ILTA encouraging them to join ILTA.

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE – Mike Wright reports there have been no challenges reported recently. Wright wanted the Board to know he had attended the “Law for Librarians” conference recently and found it to be tremendously valuable. He learned a lot and made many important contacts. Wright plans to offer a couple of workshops to share what he learned with the membership.

ALA – Ross reported ALA will be meeting in New Orleans at the end of the month. Registration figures have not been published and continuation with the New Orleans site is still a controversial item. Transportation to and from the city is still limited and is reported to be more expensive than usual. Ross also stated that the proposed ALA dues increase passed.

STATE LIBRARY REPORT – State Librarian Mary Wegner invited the Board to check the State Library website for pictures of Governor Vilsack at the signing of the Educational Bill. The staff of the State Library is very busy this summer preparing for the implementation of major projects funded by two Gates Foundation grants. The first grant is for a program on “Rural Sustainability” and they are planning two-day workshops in five different locations around the state. The second grant is “Staying Connected” and is being used to set up, train staff, and host library web pages for public libraries. They currently have almost 300 libraries signed up to participate. Beta testers have been selected and will begin testing sometime in September.

EXECUTIVE BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

ACRL – Goodin reported that their joint conference with IASL was a great collaborative effort and was very successful.

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS ROUNDTABLE – Goodin noted that plans for their Summer Workshop are well underway.

BYLAWS AND ORGANIZATIONAL MANUAL – Goodin reports he has not heard from BOMC but expects a summer meeting will be held.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE – Langhorne read from a letter from Mary McInroy stating that funding needs to be considered if there is to be a major public relations or marketing plan for next year as part of the new Strategic Plan.

IOWA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS – ISLA leaders and members are thrilled with the new state requirement regarding Teacher Librarians and are feeling very positive about their move into the Iowa Library Association.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE – No activity to report.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE – Thompson noted the draft of the strategic plan will be published soon in the Catalyst with comments to be received from the general membership.

HEALTH SCIENCES SUBDIVISION – Hews has received minutes of their spring meeting.

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – A meeting will be held soon among GAC and ILA Leadership to draft the 2007 Legislative Agenda to present at Annual Conference in October.

STORYTELLERS ROUNDTABLE – Have questions for the Conference Planning Committee and Craig will be in touch.

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IOWA LIBRARY FRIENDS ASSOCIATION – Planning future workshops to help organize local Friends organizations. ILA membership is also being promoted. They asked if it would be possible to schedule a similar workshop at the Annual Conference this year. Vande Haar will communicate with their chair to discuss workshop dates and explain that the Conference schedule for this year has already been set.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE LIBRARIANS – DMACC is hosting an Information Literacy workshop.

PUBLIC LIBRARY FORUM – Successful conference was shared with ISLA and Support Personnel.

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE – A new committee chair will be sought.

IOWA SMALL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION – Shared a very successful conference with ISLA and Public Library Forum.

SUPPORT PERSONNEL – Successful program with ISLA and Public Library Forum.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 2:10. The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 25, 2006 at 10:00.

have in common and dream big together. Frequently we hear that libraries of all kinds cannot go on with the way things are, but there’s seldom an answer to the way they can go on. The Institute brought a group of committed librarians together and allowed us to form a vision and equipped us with an entire workshop full of tools to make it happen.

I can’t say to you today that I used a particular theory by pulling out my notebook and following the steps in section four. I can say to you that the theory in section four has become part of the way I do business. Or, at least the idea of that theory is now part of the way I do business, and if I don’t follow each arrow in the diagram perfectly every time, I have the means to at least see the arrows and know that next time I can lead more effectively and efficiently.

I can’t speak for the rest of my colleagues from the Institute, but I think they’d be okay with me offering our gratitude and thanks to ILA, the ILA Leadership Committee, our employers for either letting or encouraging us to go, the people that wrote our recommendation letters, Central College, and Maureen Sullivan. You have set in motion something amazing and library changing.

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In Memoriam

Judy Havlik, Teacher Librarian,
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Conference Orientation/New Members Breakfast

If this is your very first ILA Annual Conference, you are cordially invited to attend a Conference Orientation/New Members Breakfast, scheduled for 7:45-8:45 a.m. on Thursday, October 12. Breakfast highlights include a few words from our current President, President-Elect, and members of the ILA Membership Committee. Breakfast attendees will receive a “Conference FAQ” handout filled with helpful hints about how to navigate this conference. This is a great opportunity to meet some fellow “newbies,” as well as rake in an early door prize! Everyone wins!

First-time attendees will receive an additional reminder about the breakfast, but go ahead and pencil us in on your conference agenda right now. That way you won’t forget to join us for food, information, a handy “Conference FAQ”, and door prizes!

LaWanda Roudebush, Chair
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RESPECT THROUGH UNDERSTANDING AND UNDERSTANDING KEY WARNING SIGNS FOR MENTAL ILLNESS IN CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

Join teacher Connie Whitaker as she shares her personal story about the challenges she faces as a parent of a daughter who struggles to survive with mental illness. Her message is to erase the stigma about mental illness and to develop Respect Through Understanding.

In the second session Connie will define the concepts of mental health and mental illness, identify key warning signs of mental health problems, and understand the impact that a mental health problem has on a child’s ability to learn and function in daily life.

The Conference Planning Committee sponsors these two Thursday afternoon sessions featuring Connie Whitaker from Mahtomedi, Minnesota.

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SHOP ILA Hours:
Wednesday, October 11
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Thursday, October 12
8 a.m. – Noon and 2 – 4 p.m.

Friday, October 13
8 – 10:30 a.m.

INFORMATION LITERACY: HOW CAN LIBRARIANS WORK TOGETHER TO ASSURE STUDENT SUCCESS?

The transition from public school to higher education can be a difficult one for students as they grapple with the kinds of research college instructors require. Data from several Iowa post-secondary institutions shows that students are not prepared for college research work. Panel members will describe efforts at their sites to assist students as they move from high school to higher education. Public librarians, who often assist both public school and college students with research, are also invited to share in this conversation.

ILA/ACRL, Community College Librarians Roundtable and Youth Services Subdivision sponsor this Friday morning session.

THE IOWA TEEN AWARD AND IOWA HIGH SCHOOL BOOK AWARD: BOOKTALKS AND MORE FOR 2006 AND BEYOND

Representatives of the Iowa Teen Award and the Iowa High School Book Award committees will booktalk the titles on the current list, preview the titles selected for the 2007-08 list, and describe the processes and procedures you need to know to participate. A question and answer session conclude the session.

Presenters for this Friday session sponsored by Iowa Association of School Librarians are: Jennifer Gassman, Teacher Librarian, Union High School, Laporte City; Nancy Geiken, Teacher Librarian, Vinton-Shellsburg Community School District; Bonnie Raasch, Teacher Librarian, Vernon Middle School, Marion; and Joel Shoemaker, Teacher Librarian, Southeast Junior High, Iowa City.

IOWA CHILDREN'S CHOICE AWARD

The Iowa Children’s Choice Award promotes reading to children in grades 3-6. Students nominate the books and students vote for the winner! We get the promotion part of the job. Come and share ways to promote the award, look at the titles for 06-07 and see the video created by students of Sandy Clark from Table Mound Elementary in Dubuque which is available through each AEA.

Sarah Latcham, Teacher-Librarian, Hills Elementary School in Hills, leads the discussion in this Friday session sponsored by Iowa Association of School Librarians.
GLOBAL GATHERING: INDIA

The Bettendorf Public Library used the New Planning for Results process for its new Plan of Service. The community committee, which is part of that process, was very concerned that our homogenous population was not exposed to different cultures. As a result, one of the objectives in the plan states: *Annually offer a series of coordinated activities to promote awareness and understanding of the heritage, arts, and/or literature of another society, civilization or country.*

For the library’s first annual celebration of another culture, we have partnered with Friends of India. Our shared goal is to make the Quad City community more aware of Indian culture. Through the generosity of Friends of India, additional library materials on India and Southeast Asia have been purchased and a series of activities, programs and displays highlighting India and its culture are planned for September and October 2006. Programs for all ages are scheduled and include literature, music, history, food, religion, business, film, medicine, customs and dance.

September 15: Brown Bag Lunch features music of India (Noon)
September 20: Contemporary Book Discussion of Bhagavad-Gita (1 p.m.)
Dances of India (6:30 p.m.) Repeated October 18 (7 p.m.)
September 21: Senior Day Program: A Mosaic of India (1:30 p.m.)
Author Kashmira Sheth visits the library. (4:15 p.m.)
Culture and Customs of India (7 p.m.) Includes sari wrapping demo from Kashmira Sheth
September 23: Teen Global Gathering (10 a.m.)
Poetry Discussion of Leaving Yuba City by Chitra Divakaruni (2 p.m.)
September 27: Perspective on Outsourcing (7 p.m.)
October 4: Vedic Sciences and Medicine (7 p.m.)
October 14: Cooking Class: Taste of India (11 a.m.)
October 19: Senior Day: Images of Sacred India (1:30 p.m.)
October 25: Religion and the Sacred Texts of India (7 p.m.)
Students in grades 4-12 who write letters to their favorite authors may win an all expense-paid trip to Washington, DC for themselves and their parents. This is the fourth year the Iowa Center for the Book has participated in this contest which is sponsored by the Library of Congress in partnership with Target Stores.

Letters About Literature is an opportunity for students to write about how a book of their choosing has had an impact on their lives. Students write to an author describing how the author’s book changed their view of the world or themselves. Students can pick a fiction or nonfiction book, short story, poem or speech by an author from the past or present.

The Iowa Center for the Book will select the top essayists in Iowa on each of the three competition levels: Level I for children in grades 4 through 6; Level II for grades 7 and 8, and Level III for grades 9-12. The winner at each level will receive a cash prize of $100 plus a $50 Target gift card. Students who place second at each level will receive a $50 cash prize and the student who places third will receive $25.

The winners in each level will advance to the national competition. Six national winners will each receive an all expense-paid trip to the nation’s capital to read their letters during the National Book Festival in the fall of 2007. In addition, they will receive a $500 Target gift card.

Deadline for entries is December 8, 2006. To obtain the entry coupon, call the State Library, 1-800-248-4483; (515) 281-4105, or visit the Iowa Center for the Book Web site at www.iowacenterforthebook.org.

Librarians, teachers or parents interested in obtaining copies of the contest guidelines and teaching supplement to guide students through the reading-writing process should visit the website above. Winners’ and semifinalists’ letters for 2006 are also available on the website.

President-Elect Candidates Forum
Thursday, October 12, 9:00 a.m.

Executive Board Candidates Forum
Thursday, October 12, 12:00 p.m.

Please visit the ILA booth for another opportunity to meet the candidates

The Youth Services and PR Departments at the Davenport Public Library decided to think outside the box this year and create their own Summer Reading Program. “Reading Rocks,” a comprehensive eight-week program focusing on music and literacy, immediately became a smash hit with community!

The creativity began with the reading logs. The PR Department created liner notes and stuffed the logs into CD jewel cases, also holding blank CDs. The CDs were the children’s nametags, and were hung in windows and under lights throughout the library, giving it a kaleidoscopic effect for all visitors to see. Stickering with the theme, teens were given logs resembling backstage passes, and the adult logs were printed on tie-dyed paper.

Children were asked to color the music-themed symbols in their logs for each half hour they read. After 10 hours of reading they received a halfway prize consisting of a “Reading Rocks” temporary tattoo, a blow-up microphone, their participation certificate (in the shape of a VIP backstage pass) with lanyard, and a free cruise on the “Celebration Belle” riverboat. After reading 20 hours, they received the finishing prize, a black “Reading Rocks” t-shirt, resembling a concert shirt.

Teens were encouraged to read eight books, and received the t-shirt as their finishing prize. They also had the opportunity to win extra prizes by attending the special teen programs. Adults also earned a t-shirt after reading eight books.

Everyone who finished the program was entered into the Grand Prize drawing. The Children’s Grand Prize was a LeapFrog Leap Pad Learning System for two lucky winners. The teens and adults had a chance to win one of two Apple iPod Nanos.

More than 60 programs were offered between June 3 and July 27, attracting over 6200 patrons. Registration for the reading program was 2,699 – up 23% from previous years. Some of the more successful events included the “Teen Battle of the Bands,” and the “Reading Rocks! Karaoke Contest.” The program concluded on Thursday, June 27, at the 19th Annual Bix Porch Party, attracting over 400 people.

It was a terrific program, orchestrated by a highly creative and energetic staff. It helped raise public awareness of the Library, and emphasized to the community that the Davenport Public Library is not the library of the past, but a progressive library/community center of the future.
ILAF AUCTION AND RAFFLE

Come join the fun and support the Iowa Library Association Foundation!

Many of the exhibitors at this year’s conference in Council Bluffs are already on board with an item or two or three for the auction. Baker and Taylor, BCR, Colorado Association of Libraries, DEMCO, Iowa Prison Industries, Recorded Books, Sagebrush Corporation, 3M Library Systems and Thomson Gale are providing books or other products, training vouchers or jewelry for the auction and there are sure to be more.

Libraries, from Alden to Vinton and ILA members from all corners of the state are also on board with great items like hand-knit afghans and scarves, wine, beer, popcorn, puzzle, shortbread and chocolate baskets, books – first editions and signed, framed prints, book-themed items like bookends and clothing, a day of consulting and more. Come join the fun with an item or two for the auction.

The raffle this year will be two fantastic items - another beautifully handcrafted quilt, (http://www.cabinstarndesigns.com/ilaraaffle.htm), from Karen Burns, quilter extraordinaire and Southwest Iowa Library Service Area administrator and a Dell Axim TM PDA with MP3 capabilities and more.

All the proceeds from the ILA Foundation auction and raffle go toward the work of the Foundation. The Foundation supports speakers at the ILA Annual Conference, scholarships and continuing education for librarians and librarians-to-be. For more information about contributing, please contact Maeve Clark at the Iowa City Public Library: 319-887-6004 or mavclark@icpl.org.

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