ILA PRESIDENT INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE 2006 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The setting for last year’s Annual Conference was a wonderful new convention center in Dubuque. This year we move across the state to another new convention center in Council Bluffs. I hope you can all join us there October 11, 12 and 13. After a day of pre-conferences on Wednesday, official events begin with the Grand Opening of Exhibits followed by a reception at the Council Bluffs Public Library, and an opportunity to take a Ghosts of Council Bluffs Tour. That would be the “ghostly” spirits that are said to inhabit areas of this historic community.

The keynote speaker on Thursday, Michael Stephens, (see May/June Catalyst) will launch a jam-packed conference schedule. He is one of Library Journal’s 2005 Movers and Shakers and leaves Council Bluffs to travel to London where he is speaking at a conference. Friday’s keynote is Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe, Coordinator for Information Services and Instruction at the University of Illinois. She consults on many library topics and is speaking on the topic of information literacy.

Thursday night’s banquet features Tom Milligan performing Forrest Spaulding: The Not-So-Quiet Librarian, a short play written for the opening of the new Des Moines Public Library. Friday we are honored to have Pulitzer Prize winner Marilynne Robinson join us for lunch to discuss the All Iowa Reads book, Gilead.

There are concurrent sessions to appeal to every interest. Please check the preliminary conference program printed in this newsletter. For the first time ever, this year we are offering some “post” conference programming Friday afternoon. This is primarily for teacher librarians and will be offered at the Council Bluffs Public Library due to the expense of changing our contract at the Mid-America Convention Center.

Susan Craig, ILA President

NEW STRATEGIC PLAN

The ILA Leadership, including the Executive Board, the Strategic Planning Committee, and chairs of Subdivisions and Committees met in February to begin the process to update ILA’s strategic plan. The meeting was facilitated by Sandy Dixon from the State Library. Important issues identified at that meeting have been incorporated into a draft plan that is now ready for membership approval.

The new plan is more of an update rather than a wholesale rewriting of the Association’s current plan, adopted in 2000. The proposed mission statement is very similar to the current statement and two of the goal statements will seem familiar as well. A new initiative places an emphasis on membership.

If adopted by the membership at the Annual Membership Business Meeting in October, the plan will take effect beginning in 2007. Please review the draft on page three and if you have questions or comments pass them on to President Susan Craig or Betsy Thompson, Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee.
POST-CONFERENCES
Council Bluffs Public Library
Friday, October 13
2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sponsored by Iowa Association of School Librarians

SCHOOL LIBRARY WEBSITES/ DIGITAL VIDEO RESOURCES

Join us for this exciting two-hour post-conference session. Learn how to create a rich resource that students, teachers and parents will use. **Karla Krueger**, Instructor, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, will discuss the important function of a school library website. She shares many examples of how to create accessible, organized links to electronic databases, journals, newspapers, websites linked to school curriculum, as well as using the page to point to your own print library resources (descriptions of books so that they don’t get ignored!) An introduction to *Iowa Pages*, a template for school library websites, will be available. Discover some quality library websites and start plans for your own.

**Lisa Jacobs**, Technology/Mathematics Consultant, Southern Prairie AEA 15, Ottumwa, will provide participants with the opportunity to download images and video clips for their websites and connect technology resources to classroom applications. Check out the tools of the trade and find new ways to communicate using webcams and Polycoms. Atomic Learning tutorials will be shared. Come with your questions! There will be time for discussion and interaction.

Cost is $10 for ILA members and $20 for non-ILA members.

USING ONLINE DATABASES TO COLLABORATE WITH CLASSROOM TEACHERS

Explore the wealth of information that is available through the IowaAEAOnline databases to expand curricular units in all disciplines. You will be introduced to the newest resource, SIRS Researcher, and share lessons and strategies to use all of the databases (EBSCO, Accu-weather, WorldBook Online, unitedstreaming, schools.clipart.com, and Multimedia Archive) effectively in the classroom. Learn how to use these resources to enhance textbook coverage, plan a differentiated unit with Lexile levels, create a word bank from WorldBook, find primary documents and much more.

Leave this two-hour session with a bibliography of online resources that you can use with the teachers in your building.

Presenters are: **Kristin Steingreaber**, Teacher Librarian, Southern Prairie AEA 15, Ottumwa; **Karen Lampe**, Instructional Print Materials Librarian, Green Valley AEA 14, Creston; and **Cheryl Carruthers**, Media Specialist, AEA 267, Clear Lake.

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Iowa Library Association Strategic Plan

Mission: The Iowa Library Association advocates for quality library services for all Iowans and provides leadership, education and support for members.

Goals/Objectives

1. Advocate for all Iowa libraries and those who staff, support and use them.
   a. Work with state and nationally elected officials and library advocates to improve legislation affecting libraries.
   b. Strengthen public relations efforts, promoting the benefits of libraries.
   c. Support core values of lifelong learning, literacy, equal access and intellectual freedom.
   d. Encourage innovation and partnerships.

2. Build membership and strengthen the Association through recruitment, education and active participation.
   a. Actively recruit new members to ensure all constituent groups and all areas of the state are well represented.
   b. Provide quality professional and educational development.
   c. Create opportunities for participation by all members.

3. Ensure an effective, flexible and efficient organization.
   a. Build a flexible, responsive organization by improving policies, structure, and processes.
   b. Enhance communication among and between members, subdivisions, and the Association.
   c. Use technology effectively to assist in achieving goals.
   d. Provide service-oriented office management.

IOWA LIBRARY FRIENDS ASSOCIATION UPDATE

The day dawned bright and sunny on May 1st as I headed north to the Waverly Public Library to facilitate the first regional ILFA workshop for interested Friends groups.

As I drove from Cedar Rapids, I was hopeful that those who said they would attend would do so and that those who participated would leave with some new ideas or at least some new contacts to energize their Friends group.

I was not disappointed. The Waverly Friends members did an excellent job of welcoming the 30 attendees. Special thanks to Sandy Johnson, Waverly Friend member and ILFA board member, for her onsite organization.

The informal sharing and exchange of ideas gave everyone an opportunity to ask questions ranging from how to attract new members to fundraising ideas.

Additional ILFA regional workshops have been scheduled for September. As the dates draw near, an email will be sent through ILA electronic mail with specific information and registration forms. Library personnel are requested to inform their Friends group about the workshops. The following sessions have been scheduled. Additional workshops may be scheduled in late September or early October as demand dictates.

Wednesday, September 13  North Liberty Community Library
Monday, September 18  Ames Public Library, Ames
Wednesday, September 20  Steamboat Senior Center, Burlington
Wednesday, September 27  LeMars Public Library

As an ILFA member, please review the agenda for the ILA Annual Conference. The business meeting of ILFA will be Thursday, October 12 from 5:15-6:00 p.m. This meeting follows the Friends/Trustees co-sponsored session: Focus on Library Fund Raising and Advocacy: Capital Campaigns and Building Endowments. The speaker is Dennis Nissen, Iowa Program Officer of the Omaha Community Foundation.

It would be great to have Friends representation at this state-wide meeting. It is a wonderful place to exchange information and ideas with library personnel and other Friends. Hope to see you there!

Greer Fry,
ILFA President
PRE-CONFERENCES

WHAT’S THE ISSUE?: BIBLIOTherAPY THAT wOrks

Need a boost for your library program? Ready to get children excited about reading and social/emotional learning, including character? Do you want to involve ALL (bilingual) families in learning? Then this is for you! Find out about a bilingual Book-of-the-Month club called “What’s the Issue?” that helps children personally grow and develop through issues that storybook characters face. Walk a day with Wemberly Worried, find out the importance of giving with the Giving Tree, but be careful not to get caught up with Attila the Angry!

Participants will receive ideas on how to get effective biblioguidance started within their organization while building character, reinforcing No Child Left Behind educational goals, reconnecting families and leaving an imprint on children’s lives. Research and information will be presented on the effectiveness of using biblioguidance to increase social-emotional learning among children. Data will support the use of biblioguidance in enhancing family connectedness and communication. Steps will be presented on how to start a book-of-the-month club that emphasizes social-emotional learning according to the model developed. This session is experiential, engaging the participants in new learning and stimulating creative and critical thinking.

De De (Denise) Coffman is an elementary school counselor at Prosper Elementary in Prosper, Texas. However, all of us are in the business of creating brighter futures. The more of us that work together in the community to achieve that goal, the brighter all of our futures will be! This information is easily adapted for both public and school library purposes. We are all in positions to make a difference with children and families.

Objectives for attendees:
• Acquire a working knowledge of biblioguidance.
• Learn history and research about effectiveness of biblioguidance.
• Role-play a simulated biblioguidance session.
• Take home information needed to create one biblioguidance session on worry.
• Understand the flow and structure of a book-of-the-month club.
• Obtain resources to help in implementing a book-of-the-month club within their organization.
• Interact and brainstorm possible other ways to use biblioguidance.
• Identify links between biblioguidance program and NCLB goals, family connectedness, improving ESL relations, and enhancing community involvement.

Cost is $40 for ILA members and $50 for non-ILA members for this Youth Services Subdivision sponsored pre-conference.

NEW TRENDS IN TECHNOLOGY

What trends should librarians be watching? What’s the next big thing? Join librarian and Tame the Web blogger Michael Stephens for a discussion of ten technologies to be aware of in 2006 and beyond.

We’ll touch on what it takes to be a trendspotter, user-centered planning, changes to integrated library systems, conversations, communities, and the Cluetrain. You’ll get an in-depth look at the Biblioblogosphere, how libraries and librarians are using Instant Messaging, and how we can participate in MySpace and Facebook, as well as tips that help with staff buy-in for new technologies.

This afternoon pre-conference is sponsored by Information Technology Forum. Cost is $20.00 for ILA members and $30.00 for non-ILA members.
THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF PUBLIC SPEAKING:
THE CHALLENGE OF TELLING YOUR STORY

Do you have a presentation to make before a community organization and don’t know where to start? Have you done a lot of public speaking and feel you don’t need this conference? Whether you have spoken all over the state, in your community, or not much, do you get nervous before a speaking engagement?

Called by many names - stage fright, speech anxiety, shyness, performance anxiety, and speech phobia - it can have a negative effect on careers and the ability to get things done. Symptoms may include shortness of breath, the inability to speak, a shaky voice, rapid breathing, rapid heartbeat, sweating, nausea etc. Don’t worry, this is not uncommon. In fact, statistics show that a little fear is good. The answer is to understand public speaking and learn how to control your feelings so as to make a good showing.

Part of what it takes to be a great public speaker is planning, writing, and delivery. Use your knowledge of the occasion, successfully structure your presentation, and know what you should and should not do during the delivery.

Join Dr. Wayne Kobberdahl, retired educator and Humanities Iowa Speakers Bureau Speaker, for an informative and enjoyable session on how to be a good public speaker. The morning session will be spent on how to plan a speech/presentation. The afternoon session will be a real treat while you observe first-hand Wayne’s presentation of Captain William Clark.

Be sure to sign-up for this great pre-conference session sponsored by Storytellers Roundtable. Cost is $25 for ILA members and $35 for non-ILA members.

ILA CANDIDATES

The ILA Nominating Committee has selected Jerri Heid, Youth Services Specialist, Ames Public Library; and Barbara Peterson, Director, Council Bluffs Public Library as candidates for the position of Vice President/President Elect.

Executive Board candidates are Diane Brown, Central Middle School, Muscatine; Rebecca Quinn, Southeast Polk Junior High, Runnells; Sheryl Taylor, Dordt College, Sioux Center; and Michael Wright, University of Iowa Libraries, Iowa City.

Information on each of the candidates will be published in the September Catalyst. Plan to attend the candidate forums on Thursday at the Annual Conference.

Any other nominations signed by not less than thirty members and filed with the Executive Director no later than September 1 will be included on the official ballot sent to all personal members provided the written consent of the nominee has also been received. Write-ins will not be tallied.

SHOW US WHAT YOU’VE GOT:
BEST OF IOWA PUBLIC RELATIONS

You do it all the time: write letters to the editor, design bulletin boards, develop handouts and brochures, design fliers for programs, create annual reports, craft book logs for library reading programs and more. It’s time to show what you do. Big or small we want to see what you’ve been doing. Bring samples for a display throughout the Annual Conference. If you plan to bring samples, please email annette.wetteland@lib.state.ia.us. We need to plan for adequate display space.

Jan Kaiser, Public Relations Coordinator for the Des Moines Public Library, will select a few pieces to be “gently” critiqued at this 2:00 p.m. Thursday session.

In a follow-up session Jan discusses Library Public Relations: What’s it All About? She will share information on good, basic, public relations efforts at these sessions sponsored by the Public Relations Committee.

CANDIDATE FORUMS
Thursday, October 12

Vice President/President Elect • 9:00 a.m.
Executive Board • 12:00 p.m.
LIBRARIES, LITERACY AND LEARNING IN THE 21ST CENTURY

IOWA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 11-13, 2006
Mid-America Center, Council Bluffs Iowa

All events take place in the Mid-America Center unless otherwise specified.
Program Subject to Change • CE Credit expected to be approved for all sessions.
Conference lanyards provided by Thomson-Gale

Registration
Wednesday .................... 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Thursday ....................... 7:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Friday .......................... 7:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Exhibits
Wednesday .................... 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Thursday ....................... 7:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Thursday ........................ 1:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

PRE-CONFERENCES

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
WHAT’S THE ISSUE? BIBLIOTHERAPY FOR CHILDREN THAT WORKS
DeDe Coffman, Folsom Elementary School Counselor, Prospect, Texas
Sponsored by Youth Services Subdivision and Iowa Association of School Librarians

NUTS AND BOLTS OF PUBLIC SPEAKING
Dr. Wayne Kobberdahl, Author, Council Bluffs
Sponsored by Storytellers Roundtable

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
NEW TRENDS IN TECHNOLOGY
Michael Stephens, Instructor, Dominican University, River Forest, Illinois
Sponsored by Information Technology Forum

3:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
GRAND OPENING OF EXHIBITS
Iowa Western Community College Jazz Ensemble
Supported by 3M, Houchen Binderty Ltd., and Jones Library Sales

ILAF Auction
Wednesday .................... 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Thursday ........................ 7:45 a.m. - 6:50 p.m.

ILA and Subdivision Booths
During Exhibit Hours

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
RECEPTION AT COUNCIL BLUFFS PUBLIC LIBRARY
Storytellers Roundtable Members Perform
Iowa Western Community College Band
Shuttle Buses Provided
Supported by Leo A. Daly Architects, Council Bluffs Convention and Visitors Bureau, Friends of Council Bluffs Public Library and Union Pacific Museum

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 IN EXHIBIT HALL
Supported by Neumann Monson Architects of Iowa City and Neumann Monson Wictor Architects of Sioux City

7:45 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.
CONFERENCE ORIENTATION/NEW MEMBERS BREAKFAST
Supported by George Lawson Library Planning
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
OPENING GENERAL SESSION

Welcome by ILA President Susan Craig and Tom Hanafan, Mayor of Council Bluffs

CANDIDATES FORUM
President-Elect Candidates

LIBRARY 2.0
Michael Stephens, Instructor, Dominican University, River Forest, Illinois
Supported by Iowa Library Association Endowed Speakers’ Fund

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
BREAK IN THE EXHIBIT HALL

11:05 a.m. – 11:55 am.
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

SPECIAL LIBRARIES SPOTLIGHT: GERALD R. FORD CONSERVATION CENTER
Julie Reilly, Associate Director & Chief Conservator, Gerald R. Ford Conservation Center of the Nebraska State Historical Society, Omaha, Nebraska
Dr. Sheila Siegler, Paper Conservator, Gerald R. Ford Conservation Center of the Nebraska State Historical Society, Omaha, Nebraska
Sponsored by Special Libraries Roundtable

AFTER THE MOVE
Dee Crowner, Moderator, Director, North Liberty Community Library
Jim Kapoun, Library Director, Waldorf College, Forest City
Kim Kietzman, Administrator, Southeastern Library Services Area, Davenport
Denise Rehmke, Teacher Librarian, West High School, Iowa City
Sponsored by Support Personnel

A QUALITY SCHOOL LIBRARY: WINNING THE AASL PROGRAM OF THE YEAR AWARD
Donna Helvering, Supervisor of Libraries, Millard Public Schools, Nebraska
Sponsored by Iowa Association of School Librarians

IMPLEMENTING WEBLOGS IN THE LIBRARY
Michael Stephens, Instructor, Dominican University, River Forest, Illinois
Sponsored by Information Technology Forum

12:00 p.m.– 1:50 p.m.
LUNCH
Introduction of Exhibitors
Heidi Lauritzen, Exhibit Chair
Jan Peterson, Exhibit Representative
LaWanda Roudebush, Membership Committee Chair
Candidates Forum
Executive Board Candidates
Gubernatorial Candidates - invited
State Library Update
Mary Wegner, State Librarian
ILA Membership Business Meeting
Susan Craig, ILA President, Presiding

12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
EXHIBITOR BUSINESS MEETING

2:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

CREATING THE LIBRARY-FACULTY CONNECTION: CULTIVATING PEDAGOGICAL PARTNERSHIPS
Elizabeth Hutchins, Consultant, Adjunct Professor, Dominican University, St. Paul, Minnesota
Sponsored by ILA/ACRL and Community College Librarians Roundtable

RESPECT THROUGH UNDERSTANDING
Connie Whitaker, Teacher, Mahtomedi, Minnesota
Sponsored by Conference Planning Committee

SHOW US WHAT YOU GOT: BEST OF IOWA LIBRARIES PUBLIC RELATIONS
Jan Kaiser, Marketing Coordinator, Des Moines Public Library
Sponsored by Public Relations Committee

TRANSFORMING RELUCTANT READERS INTO RAVENOUS READERS
Jacquie McTaggart, Board Member, Independence Public Library
Sponsored by Youth Services Subdivision

MANAGING A VOLUNTEER PROGRAM: PEOPLE, POLICY AND LIABILITY
Pam Beall, VIP Program Director, Community Development Coordinator, Iowa Western Community College, Council Bluffs
Sponsored by Library Administration and Management Association
FAMILY HISTORY CENTERS: TAPPING INTO A TREASURE TROVE
Beverly Repouille, Director, Council Bluffs Family History Center
Sponsored by Local History and Genealogy

2:50 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
BREAK IN THE EXHIBIT HALL

3:30 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

CROSSING THE CULTURAL DIVIDE
Rachel Crowley, Director, Briar Cliff University, Sioux City
Elizabeth Hutchins, Consultant, Adjunct Professor, Dominican University, St. Paul, Minnesota
Chris Neuhaus, Outreach Coordinator, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls
Sponsored by ILA/ACRL and Community College Librarians Roundtable

UNDERSTANDING THE WARNING SIGNS FOR MENTAL ILLNESS IN CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS
Connie Whitaker, Teacher, Mahtomedi, Minnesota
Sponsored by Conference Planning Committee

LIBRARY PUBLIC RELATIONS: WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT
Jan Kaiser, Marketing Coordinator, Des Moines Public Library
Sponsored by Public Relations Committee

FOCUS ON FUNDRAISING: CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS
Dennis Nissen, Omaha Community Foundation, Omaha, Nebraska
Sponsored by Iowa Library Friends Association and Iowa Library Trustees Association

REMEMBER, NO ONE WILL DIE: CATALOGING FOR SMALL LIBRARIES
Michael Wright, University of Iowa, Iowa City
Sponsored by Resources and Technical Services Forum

YOU'RE NEVER TOO YOUNG: LIBRARY PROGRAMS FOR THE STROLLER SET
Deborah P. Green, Children’s Services Coordinator, Iowa City Public Library
Samantha Wikstrom, Children’s Services Assistant, Iowa City Public Library
Sponsored by Youth Services Subdivision

HOW TO USE THE IOWA CODE AND THE IOWA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE ON THE INTERNET
Mandy Easter, Librarian, State Law Library, Des Moines
Sponsored by Government Documents Roundtable

4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
VISIT THE EXHIBITS

4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.
SUBDIVISION BUSINESS MEETINGS
ACRL
Health Sciences Subdivision
Information Technology Forum
Iowa Library Trustees Association
Public Library Forum
Youth Services Subdivision

5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
SUBDIVISION BUSINESS MEETINGS
Community College Librarians Roundtable
Iowa Library Friends Association
Iowa Small Library Association
Library Administration and Management Association
Local History and Genealogy
Resources and Technical Services Forum
Support Personnel

6:00 p.m. – 6:50 p.m.
SOCIAL HOUR
Final ILAF Auction Bidding

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
BANQUET

FORREST SPAULDING: THE NOT-SO-QUIET LIBRARIAN
Tom Milligan, Actor, Des Moines
Supported by Engberg Anderson Design Partnership, Inc.

9:15 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
PRESIDENT’S PARTY: WHAT HAPPENS IN COUNCIL BLUFFS STAYS IN COUNCIL BLUFFS
Saloon Room, Whiskey Roadhouse, Horseshoe Casino

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

7:30 a.m. – 8:25 a.m.
BREAKFAST AND BUSINESS MEETINGS
Government Documents Roundtable
Iowa Association of School Librarians
Special Libraries Roundtable
Storytellers Roundtable

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
GENERAL SESSION

INFORMATION LITERACY FOR A LIFETIME - ALL LIBRARIES SERVE LEARNERS
Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe, Coordinator for Information Literacy, University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
BEVERAGE BREAK
Supported by Davidson Titles Inc.

10:20 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

THE CHALLENGE OF CHALLENGES: SCHOOL AND PUBLIC LIBRARY EXPERIENCES
Diane Fight, Teacher Librarian, Bridgeview Elementary School, LeClaire
Vicki Myron, Director, Spencer Public Library
Sponsored by Intellectual Freedom Committee

‘THE LONG TAIL’ AND THE GROWING SOCIAL NATURE OF INFORMATION: WHERE ARE LIBRARIES IN THE MIX?
Heather Clark, Member Services Librarian, Bibliographical Center for Research, Aurora, Colorado

EVERYBODY HAS A STORY: FROM MISSISSIPPI TO IOWA
M. L. Hopson, The Pinder Poet, Clive
Sponsored by Storytellers Roundtable

INFORMATION LITERACY: HOW CAN LIBRARIANS WORK TOGETHER TO ASSURE STUDENT SUCCESS?
Mary Jo Langhorne, Moderator, Adjunct Instructor, School of Library and Information Science, University of Iowa, Iowa City
Susan Vega Garcia, Instruction Coordinator, Iowa State University
Rebecca Funke, Librarian, Des Moines Area Community College, Boone
Carol Van Hook, Teacher Librarian, Southeast Polk High School, Runnells
Sponsored by ILA/ACRL, Community College Librarians Roundtable, and Youth Services Subdivision

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND DISASTER PLANNING
Kathy A. Parsons, Head, Stacks and Service Desks, Iowa State University, Ames
Dorothy Kelley, Assistant Director, Des Moines Public Library
Sponsored by Conference Planning Committee

BALANCING SECURITY WITH HUMAN RIGHTS
Rivkah Sass, Executive Director, Omaha Public Library, Omaha, Nebraska
R. Ben Stone, Director, Civil Liberties Union of Iowa, Des Moines
Richard Wade, City Attorney, Council Bluffs
Sponsored by Library Administration and Management Association

IOWA CHILDREN’S CHOICE AWARD
Mia Beesley, Library Media Specialist, Edward White Elementary, LeClaire
Sponsored by Iowa Association of School Librarians

11:20 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

INFORMATION LITERACY: A CONVERSATION
Lisa Janicke Hinchliffe, Coordinator for Information Literacy University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois
Sponsored by ILA/ACRL and Community College Librarians Roundtable

A GREAT CITY DESERVES A GREAT LIBRARY
Rivkah Sass, Library Journal Librarian of the Year, Executive Director, Omaha Public Library, Omaha, Nebraska
Sponsored by Conference Planning Committee

MEDICINE OF LEWIS & CLARK
Dr. Monica Mayer, “Good Medicine”, New Town, North Dakota
Sponsored by Health Sciences Subdivision

EXPLORING DIVERSITY THROUGH LITERATURE
Julie Larson, Library Coordinator, Iowa City Community School District
Sara Latcham, Teacher Librarian, Hills Elementary School, Hills
Sponsored by Iowa Association of School Librarians

GETTING YOUR STORY PUBLISHED
Duffy De France, Moderator, Storyteller, Poet, Muscatine
M. L. Hopson, The Pinder Poet, Clive
Rodger Gerberding, Author, Council Bluffs
Lawrence J. Schulenberg, Author, Council Bluffs
Sponsored by Storytellers Roundtable

BCR UPDATE
Heather Clark, Member Services Librarian, Bibliographical Center for Research, Aurora, Colorado

IOWA TEEN AWARD AND IOWA HIGH SCHOOL BOOK AWARD: BOOKTALKS AND MORE FOR 2006 AND BEYOND
Jennifer Gassman, Teacher Librarian, Union High School, Laporte City
Nancy Geiken, Teacher Librarian, Vinton-Shellsburg Community School District, Vinton
Bonnie Raasch, Teacher Librarian, Vernon Middle School, Marion
Joel Shoemaker, Teacher Librarian, Southeast Junior High, Iowa City
Sponsored by Iowa Association of School Librarians
12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

LUNCH

Marilynne Robinson, Author

Reconvene ILA Business Meeting if necessary

2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

POST-CONFERENCES
Council Bluffs Public Library

SCHOOL LIBRARY WEBSITES/DIGITAL VIDEO RESOURCES
Lisa Jacobs, Technology/Mathematics Consultant, Southern Prairie AEA, Ottumwa
Karla Krueger, Instructor, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls

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USING ONLINE DATABASES TO COLLABORATE WITH CLASSROOM TEACHERS
Cheryl Carruthers, Teacher Librarian/Consultant, AEA 267, Clear Lake
Karen Lampe, Instructional Print Materials Librarian, Green Valley AEA, Creston
Kristin Steingreaber, Media Specialist, Southern Prairie AEA, Ottumwa

Sponsored by Iowa Association of School Librarians

PRESIDENT’S PARTY: WHAT HAPPENS IN COUNCIL BLUFFS STAYS IN COUNCIL BLUFFS

Everyone attending the conference is invited to the President’s Party after the banquet on Thursday night. Join us between 9:15 and 11:00 p.m. at the Saloon Room inside the Whiskey Roadhouse in the Horseshoe Casino. The casino is located across the drive behind the Mid-America Center.

A seating area is provided for socializing. Snacks, and beverages are provided as well as a cash bar. Casino employees will be on hand to provide tips on playing various casino games such as craps, roulette and blackjack. Plan to attend and enjoy this time with other conference attendees.

CONFERENCE MENU
Vegetarian options listed in italics.

Wednesday Lunch
Assorted Deli Sandwiches
Homemade Chips
Chocolate Chip Cookie
Soda
Roasted Vegetable Wrap

Thursday Lunch
Honey Mustard Chicken Breast
Rice Pilaf
Seasonal Mixed Vegetables
Homemade Rolls
House Salad
Double Chocolate Layer Cake or Carrot Cake
Angel Hair with Garlic and Herb Infused Olive Oil

Thursday Banquet
Sliced Sirloin with Mushroom Demi-Glaze
Roasted Baby Red Potatoes
Broccoli Spears with Baby Carrot Garnish
Julienne Vegetable Salad
Homemade Rolls
Raspberry Cheese Cake
Portabella Mushroom

Friday Breakfast
Assorted Juices
Seasonal Fresh Fruit Platter
Old-Fashioned Biscuits with Preserves
Fluffy Scrambled Eggs
Hash Browns
Bacon or Sausage

Friday Lunch
Slow Roasted Iowa Pork Loin
with Peppercorn Sauce
Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Caesar Salad
Homemade Rolls
Homemade Cherry Crisp
Stuffed Bell Peppers

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RAFFLE AND AUCTION AT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Do you want to have fun, purchase something unique or useful and help the Iowa Library Association Foundation? We have just the events for you. Join your fellow 2006 conference attendees and bid on items at the auction and buy a raffle ticket or two or ten. Last year’s auction of 250 items raised over $8500 and the raffle brought in $1500. Let’s see if we can surpass those figures this year.

The raffle this year will have two fantastic items - another handcrafted quilt from Karen Burns, quilter extraordinaire and Southwest Iowa Library Service Area administrator; and a Dell Axim™ PDA with MP3 capabilities and more.

If you have not donated an item yet, there is plenty of time. Handcrafted items are very popular as are theme baskets. Last year there were gardening baskets, chocolate baskets, Halloween baskets and baskets of biscotti. Donated items have included jewelry, hand-knit scarves, bird houses, books, DVDs, book trucks and a television.

If you are still looking for ideas, bring something you’ve always wanted and see what others will bid.

All the proceeds from the ILA Foundation auction and raffle go toward the work of the Foundation. What does the foundation do with the money it raises? In 2006, the Iowa Library Association Foundation will contribute $9300 to ILA. $4500 will go to support the Endowed Speaker at the Annual Conference. This is an increase of $1000 over previous years. $1000 will go to the Leadership Institute in August. The ILA office received a new computer and software thanks to $2300 donated by ILAF. We will also distribute $1000 for the Tillson Scholarship and $500 for the ILAF Scholarship.

For more information about contributing, please contact Maeve Clark at the Iowa City Public Library 319-887-6004 or mavclark@icpl.org.

GHOSTS OF COUNCIL BLUFFS TOUR

On Wednesday night at 8:00 p.m., hop on Ollie The Trolley and have ghostly fun! Join Rodger Gerberding, as he introduces you to historic and ghostly places in Council Bluffs. This hour-long tour will begin at the old Carnegie Building, now the Union Pacific Museum and home to a ghostly presence that has made itself known to staff through the years and also seems to visit the current library building.

You will proceed next door to the home of many “ghosts” of the past, the Squirrel Cage Jail. This jail, between the Court House in and the Union Pacific Museum, is one of only three remaining rotary cell type jails left standing in the United States. It was built in 1885. The building has three floors of revolving pie shaped cells inside a cage. The front part of the building has offices for the jailer, kitchen, trustee cells, and quarters for women.

The tour will continue past the Dodge House, the most famous historic home in Council Bluffs. This was the home of Grenville M. Dodge, Civil War General and chief construction engineer of the Union Pacific Railroad. It is fully furnished and contains many original Dodge artifacts. This home is a superlative example of Victorian architecture and is a Registered National Historic Landmark.

The August Beresheim House is next door to the Dodge House. It is also on the National Register of Historic Places and was built in 1899 for banker and state legislator, August Beresheim. The land was given to him by General Dodge.

Fairview Cemetery is the city’s oldest cemetery; the high east end of the grounds holds Mormon pioneer graves. Also at this location are the Kinsman Civil War Memorial and the gravesite of Amelia Bloomer, famed suffragette credited for popularizing Turkish-style pantaloons or “bloomers” for women.

The Ruth Anne Dodge Memorial, locally known as “The Black Angel,” honors Ruth Anne Dodge, the wife of General Dodge. Sculpted by Daniel Chester French, creator of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., the Black Angel commemorates Ruth Anne Dodge’s 1916 death. The Memorial is located at the edge of Fairview Cemetery. It is of heroic size, representing a winged angel standing in the prow of a boat, one arm outstretched and the other holding a vessel from which flows a stream of water. Mr. Gerberding will tell you “the rest of the story” on the tour.

The tour will include these historic Council Bluffs sites and more. Be sure to register and join Rodger for this exciting event. The cost of the tour is $10 per person. Pre-registration is required.

ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING
November 3
Grinnell College, Grinnell

ILA Vice President/President Elect Sheryl Bissen invites all current and incoming committee chairs, committee members, subdivision officers and Executive Board members to block this date on your calendar. Packets will be mailed in late September.

More conference descriptions in the September/October Catalyst and at www.iowalibraryassociation.org
BRINGING IT ALL BACK HOME

ILA lobbyists Amy Campbell and Craig Patterson present a program designed to make every ILA member a part of our lobbying team. They will discuss how to contact local legislators and get them to come to libraries to see how their votes in the legislature on such issues as Internet filtering, property taxes, and library funding impact library service in every Iowa town.

Effective lobbying means linking state programs to local service with concrete examples of how the State Library of Iowa, Enrich Iowa, and the Library Service Areas provide key services to all Iowans. Campbell and Patterson will touch on effective in-person and long-distance lobbying techniques and talk about how to coordinate local lobbying efforts with ILA’s Governmental Affairs Committee work at the state level.

Attendees will be asked to talk about their own lobbying successes and failures at this Thursday session sponsored by ILA’s Governmental Affairs Committee.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE ONLINE AT WWW.IOWALIBRARYASSOCIATION.ORG

HOTEL REGISTRATION  2006 ILA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Reservations must be made by September 10 to obtain the group rate. After that date, room rate will be the hotel’s rack rate on a space-available basis only.

All room reservations must be on a guaranteed basis by an advance deposit or credit card. All room reservations must be made directly with the hotel. When making the reservation, please identify yourself as a reservation for the Iowa Library Association Annual Conference using the codes noted below.

The Country Inn and Suites has a covered walkway from the hotel to the Center. A standard room is $74.99 and a one-bedroom suite is $84.99. A continental breakfast, pool, exercise room and spa are available. 866-322-8282 is the number to call for reservations and the group code is 101006IL.

Harrahs Council Bluffs Casino Hotel is offering a deluxe guestroom rate of $85.00 with a $10 charge per additional occupant. A health club is onsite and the hotel is a short drive from the Center. The group code is S10IALA and the reservation number is 1-800-harrahs.

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MEDICAL ASPECTS OF LEWIS AND CLARK

Monica Mayer, MD, presents this Friday morning session sponsored by the Health Sciences Subdivision.

When this session is completed attendees will:
• Be familiar with the Lewis and Clark Corp of Discovery and the Mandan’s, Hidatsa’s and Arikara’s way of practicing medicine during 1804-1806.
• Understand the Native American medical contributions and the use of plants and herbs for healing such as Echinacea.
• Recognize the collaboration between two cultures and how medicine influenced, united and assured the success of both cultures.

Dr. Mayer’s Indian name is “Good Medicine”. She was born and raised on the Fort Berthold Indian Reservation in New Town, North Dakota where she is an enrolled member of the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Tribes.

She graduated in 1982 with Bachelor of Science in Education from Northern Arizona University. Dr. Mayer attended the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks to complete pre-medicine studies and graduated from the University of North Dakota School of Medicine in 1995. While at UND, she served in the United States Army Reserves from 1984-1990 as an army medic and medical supply specialist.

Her residency training for Family Medicine was completed on August 9, 1999 from UND Family Practice Center in Minot, North Dakota. “I returned to my hometown on August 12, 1999, to start my practice at the Trinity Community Clinic-New Town where I am employed by Trinity Medical Center in Minot, North Dakota. I have been home for seven years caring for my family, friends, relatives and neighbors I grew up with.”

HOW TO USE THE IOWA CODE AND THE IOWA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE ON THE INTERNET

Can’t afford to buy the eight-volume set of the Iowa Code every year? What about the annual Iowa Acts or the 30-volume set of state regulations known as the Iowa Administrative Code? How do you tell which state laws have been changed at the end of an Iowa legislative session? Do you have to subscribe to the List of Code Sections Affected?

All of these expensive documents are available absolutely free on the Internet! Learn how to navigate and manipulate the online versions of these valuable reference tools that your customers want and need.

Don’t panic the next time you’re asked a question about the law—find out where our laws come from, how to locate them in various stages of the process, how to help your customers find them and how to retrieve them from this handy Web site!

Mandy Easter, Librarian, State Law Library is the presenter at this Thursday afternoon session sponsored by Government Documents Roundtable.

‘THE LONG TAIL’ AND THE GROWING SOCIAL NATURE OF INFORMATION: WHERE ARE LIBRARIES IN THE MIX?

The web services such as blogs and wikis as well as recommender services on retail sites like Amazon and Netflix are making it easier to share information about books, music and movies that might be out of print or out of demand. These services mine the depths of the bibliographic world without the use of library catalogs.

As users discover more rare gems in the virtual space, what will the impact be on the library environment? This Friday program examines this trend and discusses probable impact on the library environment and how the library world can benefit from this phenomenon.

Heather Clark, Member Services Librarian, Bibliographical Center for Research, Aurora, Colorado presents this program.

EXPLORING DIVERSITY THROUGH LITERATURE

Need to beef up your collection of multicultural gender-fair (MCGF) titles? Come and see the best that 2005 had to offer for K-6 students. Live booktalks and a bibliography of information will be provided at this Friday session.

Julie Larson, Library Coordinator, Iowa City Community School District; and Sarah Latcham, Teacher Librarian, Hills Elementary School, Hills present this Friday session sponsored by Iowa Association of School Librarians.
A QUALITY SCHOOL LIBRARY PROGRAM: WINNING THE AASL PROGRAM OF THE YEAR AWARD

Have you ever wondered what it would take to become tops in your field...the best of the best...a world class school library?

The answer is easy! Look at the AASL National School Library Program of the Year (NSLMPY) application and ask yourself, “What am I doing as a school library media specialist that meets the expectations of a model program?”

Donna Helvering will be sharing the road she and the librarians in her district followed to become the winners of the 2003 AASL National School Library Program of the Year Award. Ms. Helvering is the Director of the Information/Technology Department for the Millard Public Schools in Omaha, Nebraska.

The Iowa Association of School Librarians sponsors this Thursday morning program.
EVERYBODY HAS A STORY: FROM MISSISSIPPI TO IOWA

M. L. Hopson of Clive, Iowa, wears many hats: poet, writer, speaker, volunteer, storyteller, workshop leader, mentor and webpage contributor. And she collects many hats; her favorite is her father’s red plaid hat that reminds her of his story of overcoming the challenges of the Deep South in the early 1900’s. M. L. will wear her storytelling hat for the 2006 Annual Conference, as she shares her poetry and personal experiences of growing up in Gowdy, Mississippi (now a part of the City of Jackson) and moving to Iowa in the mid 1950’s.

She is the author of The Pinder Poet: Cherishing This Heritage and of a collection of poetry and essays titled Come Taste The Sugar Cane– A View From The Staircase With Dialog. Her poetry/stories reflect her Iowa heritage as well as her Mississippi Heritage.

She is the 2000 recipient of the Iowa Legend Poetry Prize, awarded for her outstanding contribution in promoting Iowa Poetry. She is a Court Appointed Special Advocate Volunteer (CASA) “Voice of The Child In Court”, and one of the Iowa Poets reading in Iowa Schools for the Des Moines National Poetry Festival. Mary Louise Vaughn Hopson has conducted Salon Poetry Workshops for national and regional poets and writers and poetry sermons in Iowa, Mississippi, and Maryland. A featured storyteller for the 2005 Iowa Association of the National League of American Pen Women, she has also performed readings and story programs for Iowa colleges, universities, government agencies, and poetry festivals.

Storytellers Roundtable sponsors this Friday morning session.

YOU’RE NEVER TOO YOUNG: LIBRARY PROGRAMS FOR THE STROLLER SET

Your public library is one of the first and most important resources that parents of babies and toddlers will discover in the community. Come learn ways to reach out to these families through special programming and services of interest to the “stroller set” (you know, the ones with sippee cups, diapers, and a 30 second attention span!)

This Thursday presentation will include practical advice, audience participation, and best of all, useful plans and resources to help you expand your library’s impact on the youngest members of our society.

Sponsored by the Youth Services Subdivision, the presenters are Debb P. Green, Children’s Services Coordinator, Iowa City Public Library; and Samantha Wikstrom, Children’s Services Assistant, Iowa City Public Library.

IT’S TIME FOR YOU TO JOIN YOUR COLLEAGUES IN COUNCIL BLUFFS!

Take advantage of your ILA membership and join us for a time of renewal and networking at the ILA Conference. If you are a new member, be sure to use your $20 discount when registering for the conference.

For those going to conference for the first time, remember to join us for the “New Member Orientation Breakfast” Thursday morning sponsored by George Lawson Library Consulting. This is a fun time to get acquainted, discover “Conference Buddies”, and learn what to anticipate at the conference.

The programs look terrific and it will be fun to see what’s new in Council Bluffs. There is a variety of programs for everyone, whether you are a public, academic, special or teacher librarian, support staff, friend or trustee. The latest in technology and materials are available at the exhibits.

Conference time is a time to see friends from all over the state and exchange ideas in many areas, including programming, marketing, and managing. It’s a time to build relationships with library leaders, support staff, friends, trustees, exhibitors, State Library staff and LSA staff. It’s a time to celebrate accomplishments. Whether you are fundraising or telling stories for toddlers, there will be something available at this year’s conference to pique your interest.

Remember to stop by the ILA Membership Booth and greet the candidates running for Executive Board and President.

Join your colleagues as we explore the theme of Libraries, Literacy, and Learning in the 21st Century.

ILA Membership Committee

BRING YOUR SHOPPING LIST TO ILA!

If you are thinking of buying library equipment, furniture, supplies or materials for your collections in the next few months, please consider doing it at the Annual Conference in Council Bluffs. Our vendors support the conference in many ways, so please show your thanks by spending a bit of your time and purchasing power in the exhibit hall.

The conference is a great time to see new products, talk to knowledgeable company representatives and make appointments for visits to your own library. Exhibits open at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, and close at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday.
It’s time to wrap up the 2005-2006 Iowa Teen Award and start gearing up to encourage young teens (grades 6-9) to read the nominees for 2006-2007. In case you missed earlier announcements, the winner of the 2005-2006 Iowa Teen Award was Sonya Sones for her insightful book *What My Mother Doesn’t Know*. If you haven’t already read her delightful acceptance letter, you will find it on our web site: www.iasl-ia.org/teen.php.

The titles on the list for 2006-2007 are:

- Choldenko, Gennifer *Al Capone Does My Shirts*  
- Chotjewitz, David *Daniel Half Human and the Good Nazi*  
- D’Adamo, Francesco *Iqbal*  
- Farmer, Nancy *The Sea of Trolls*  
- Feinstein, John *Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery*  
- Ferris, Jean *Once Upon a Marigold*  
- Funke, Cornelia *Inkheart*  
- Haddix, Margaret Peterson *Escape from Memory*  
- Hartinger, Brent *The Last Chance Texaco*  
- Johnson, Angela *The First Part Last*  
- Konigsburg, E. L. *The Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place*  
- Korman, Gordon *Son of the Mob*  
- Martin, Ann M. *Corner of the Universe*  
- Oates, Joyce Carol *Freaky Green Eyes*  
- Sones, Sonya *One of Those Hideous Books Where the Mother Dies*  

Please remember that there is also information located on the ITA website about how to order promotional items including posters, spine labels, and medallions for winning books. Click on the “Supplies” link to find information on how to place your order. You will also find a downloadable bookmark listing the ITA titles above with short annotations. Feel free to print and reproduce this bookmark on paper or card stock of your choice to distribute to readers.

Volunteer librarians are already busy this summer helping to select the Iowa Teen Award list from hundreds of books nominated by teens for the 2007-2008 list. If you are interested in reading and contributing your opinions about the books but have not previously been contacted, please e-mail Bonnie Raasch for details.

If you have any questions or need more information about the Iowa Teen Award, please contact either Joel Shoemaker (shoemaker.joel@iccsd.k12.ia.us) or Bonnie Raasch (braasch@marion.k12.ia.us). Thanks for your interest in and promotion of the Iowa Teen Award program.
TO BULGARIA WITH LOVE

I was privileged to travel to Bulgaria in May as part of the American Bulgarian Library Exchange. Other Iowa participants were Susan Kling of Marion and Susan Henricks of Dubuque.

ABLE is funded by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State. Its major goal is to promote and apply American library practices and, based on the Bulgarian library traditions, to help Bulgarian public libraries in their transformation into modern community information centers to meet the needs and demands of citizens for information.

The Bettendorf Public Library Information Center is the partner of the Geo Milev Library in Montana, Bulgaria. We have hosted the Director, Dimitrina Borisova, and the Head of Public Services, Anelia Ivanova. Anelia spent five weeks in Bettendorf in March and April of 2006. In May, Borisova hosted me and Anelia served as my translator.

I discovered that public libraries in Bulgaria are underfunded and struggling to modernize. The Geo Milev Library serves a community of 50,000 yet has only one computer with access to the Internet. Students in Montana are required to read English literature but the library does not have enough English language books. CDs and records must be listened to in the library. Only 2500 people have library cards. But there are strong connections between the library and the schools. I witnessed many classes of children visiting the library and participating in programs.

In short, there is a lot that we can do to help our partner library become an up-to-date community information center and a lot that we can learn from them.

I also discovered what a wonderful country Bulgaria is and what wonderful people Bulgarians are. In case you are not sure, Bulgaria, about the size of Tennessee, is located on the Black Sea between Romania and Turkey just north of Greece. It was overrun by the Ottomans in the 14th century and remained under their domination until 1908. It was on the losing side of both World Wars and came under Soviet domination in 1946 and remained that way until 1990. So it is a relatively new democracy and is now on course to become part of the European Union.

The population of 7,385,367 is 84% Bulgarian with the remaining 16% made up to Turks, Roma, Macedonian, Armenian, Tatar and Circassian. About 83% are Bulgarian Orthodox with 12% Muslim.

My visit was a colorful and fast-paced introduction to the Geo Milev Library and to the culture of Bulgaria. I visited monasteries; celebrated May 24th, the national holiday honoring the Bulgarian alphabet; saw the village of Chiprovstsi where kilim carpets are woven; met the Mayor; spent an afternoon with three wonderful teen volunteers; climbed an Ottoman fortress in Belogradchik near the Serbian border; danced a circle dance, ate fabulous food (my favorite was Buffalo Sheep yogurt with home grown honey); was interviewed on television and by the print media; attended a Rotary meeting and spent time in my host's home. All I can say is there are no warmer more generous people than the Bulgarians. I was overwhelmed by their hospitality.

Nancy Bolt, former State Librarian of Colorado and one of the founders of the ABLE Project, will be at the October Iowa Library Association Conference. She will be featuring wonderful jewelry from Bulgaria.

Hopefully, more Iowa libraries can become involved in the rewarding work of helping Bulgarian libraries.

Faye Clow
Bettendorf Public Library Information Center

AUTHOR VISITS LIBRARY

The Lehigh Public Library had the pleasure of having an author who grew up in the area come to our library. Her name is Beverly Veenbaas Royster. She came on Saturday, June 17, 2006 during our annual River Days celebration. She had the new edition of her book *The Brushy Crick Kids* available for purchase and signing. We really appreciated her coming to our library. There was a lot of interest in her arrival. What a great way to get people to the library so we can show them what we offer.

Wendy Keenan
Lehigh Public Library
The ILA Executive Board met on March 31, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the ILA office in West Des Moines. Members present were: President Susan Craig; Past-President Kate Martin; Vice President/President-Elect Sheryl Bis- sen; Directors Lorraine Boworski, Jennie Garner, John Goodin, Mary Jo Langhorne, Betsy Thompson, and Dale Vande Haar; and ALA Councilor Dale Ross; also present were State Librarian Mary Wegner, Executive Director Laurie Hews, and Secretary Marilyn Murphy.

CALL TO ORDER
Craig welcomed everyone.

AGENDA
Craig asked that “Appointments to Ad Hoc Leadership Development Committee” be added to item 7(a); that “GODORT” be added as item 7(b)(iii); and that “Site Selection Committee” be added as item 6(g). Martin moved that the agenda be approved, as amended. Motion carried.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 27, 2006 BOARD MEETING
Vande Haar moved that the minutes be approved, as distributed. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR /TREASURER’S REPORT

AUDIT REPORT – The audit report and two letters from the auditor were distributed in the Board packets. Hews noted that the auditor had suggested setting up a liability account for ILAF credit card charges and special donations.

OFFICE COMPUTER – Hews noted that the new computer is on order and that ILAF had contributed up to $2300 for this purchase.

MEMBERSHIP COUNT – The membership count was distributed in the Board packets. It was noted that the membership count is 41 higher than last year at this time. Hews stated that there was an increase in the dues revenue and that the membership brochure had been mailed to everyone who had been a member during the last five years. Thompson will ask the Membership Committee to consider whether subdivisions should be added to the membership receipt and whether it would be advisable to generate a renewal form that shows the previous year’s subdivision memberships. Vande Haar will ask the LSA administrators to consider making their trustees members of ILTA.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT
CORRESPONDENCE – Craig noted that she had written a letter to Simpson College asking that Cynthia Dyer represent ILA at the installation of their new president. Craig reported that correspondence included the following: (1) a thank-you letter from Mary Wegner for the flowers; (2) materials from ALA/APA about National Library Workers Day; (3) an issue of The Freedom to Read Foundation News; and (4) a communication from Heritage Preservation about Heritage Health Index.

CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE – Craig reported that the committee would be meeting again soon and that most of the conference slots have been filled. Wegner mentioned that Mike Wright will need to present a program as a result of his Law for Librarians training. Craig noted that the Association was unable to offer a program on the Friday afternoon of conference at the conference site, but post-conference programming would be offered at the Council Bluffs Public Library. Attendees will be charged for the post-conference.

AD HOC LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Craig reported that the meeting to select the class of 2006 would be held soon.

ALL IOWA READS – Craig reported that the ICN session was very successful.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
STRATEGIC PLAN – DRAFT – After the Strategic Planning Retreat, Thompson, Craig, and Cynthia Dyer created a draft of a strategic plan which was distributed. The Board expressed their appreciation for this work. Martin moved approval of the draft for distribution. Motion carried. Craig will send the draft as an e-mail message to committee and subdivision chairs. It will also be included in the May issue of Catalyst. Craig thanked everyone for a great planning session.

2007 CONFERENCE SITE CONTRACT – Craig stated that the contract with the Coralville conference site was signed after some negotiation.

OFFICE CLERICAL ASSISTANCE – Hews noted that she had been using staff from a temp agency. Staff will not be needed again until August.

POLICY ON ENDORSING ISSUES – Martin stated that they are gathering information about the policies of other organizations. They hope to have a recommendation by the June Board meeting.

WEBSITE REDESIGN – Craig and Hews will discuss this topic with the Editorial Committee and let the committee set priorities.

ACRL BUDGET – SPRING MEETING – The proposed budget for the Spring Meeting was distributed via e-mail. Ross moved approval of the budget. Motion carried.

SITE SELECTION COMMITTEE – Hews stated that the committee will be meeting the first week in April to consider conference sites for 2008, 2009, and 2010.

NEW BUSINESS
APPOINTMENT TO INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE AND APPOINTMENTS TO AD HOC LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Langhorne moved approval of Paula Brandt’s appointment to the Intellectual Freedom Committee. Motion carried. Vande Haar moved approval of the appointments of Ann Coulter, Robin Martin and Dottie Persson to the Ad Hoc Leadership Development Committee. Motion carried.

APPROVE SUBDIVISION MEETINGS – ISLA, PLF & SUPPORT Personnel – A proposal for a joint Spring Meeting was distributed. Vande Haar moved approval. Motion carried.
ILFA – A proposal for a regional workshop was distributed. It was noted that the fee structure needs revision. The Board suggested free admission to ILA/ILFA members and $5.00 admission to ILA members, with a note that a $20.00 admission fee would include ILA and ILFA memberships. Bissen moved approval of the event, with the noted changes to the fee structure. Motion carried.

GODORT – A proposal for their Summer Workshop was distributed via e-mail. It was noted that they needed to have a fee structure for individuals who are not ILA members; the Board suggested $30.00. Goodin moved approval of the proposal, with the noted change to the fee structure. Motion carried. It was suggested that the Finance Committee be asked to offer a recommendation regarding nonmember charges for the next Board meeting.

VICE-PRESIDENT’S REPORT
IOWA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION – The minutes of their March meeting were distributed via e-mail. They are considering whether to base their distributions on income or on a percentage. Bissen noted that they voted to pay ILA $2000 for the office contract, to give $4500 for the endowed speaker, and to give ILA up to $2300 for a computer and software. She also noted that they are interested in helping ILA with a possible membership campaign.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Bissen reported that they have a slate for Executive Board, but that they are still lacking a Vice-President/President-Elect candidate. The committee presented the following slate of director candidates: Michael Wright, Univ. of Iowa; Sheryl Taylor, Dordt College; Rebecca Quinn, Southeast Polk Junior High; Diane Brown, Muscatine Public Schools. Ross motioned approval of the slate of four director candidates and moved to extend the deadline for the Vice-President candidates until the June Board meeting. Motion carried.

PAST PRESIDENT’S REPORT
AWARDS COMMITTEE – Martin reported that they have been reviewing the awards forms and plan to have some new awards on the Board’s June agenda. Martin pointed out an inconsistency between page 56 of the Organization Manual and the subdivision pages in the manual. The Awards Committee will discuss a means of resolving this problem.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – The minutes of their March 21, 2006 meeting were distributed. It was noted that there is money in the budget if additional temp staff are needed for the office.

ALA COUNCILOR’S REPORT
ALA – A written report of the Midwinter meeting was distributed in the Board packets. Ross noted that the proposed dues increase will be an issue. Getting an instructional classification for teacher librarians and the Academic Bill of Rights are other issues being discussed by the ALA Council.

STATE LIBRARY REPORT
Wegner reported that the legislature is still trying to work out a budget. She noted that the “teacher librarian” language discussed at previous meetings should soon become a reality. Wegner stated that the use of public libraries in Iowa is up, according to all reporting measures. As part of the Gates Grant, the State Library is working on The PLOW Project (Putting Libraries on the Web). At least 170 public libraries have signed letters of intent. Also as part of the Gates grant, the State Library will be offering educational sessions at five sites in July on the topics of advocacy and information literacy. Wegner noted that the State Library’s web site would be upgraded on April 1. Factoids about Iowa’s public libraries and a publication titled “Libraries are an essential service, too” were distributed. Wegner noted that an Iowa child placed among the top six national winners for the third year in a row in the Center for the Book’s “Letters about Literature” program.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS
ACRL – Goodin noted that the Board had just approved the budget for their Spring Meeting. The scholarships for that meeting have been awarded. They will be submitting some new awards to the Awards Committee. A possible bylaws change was distributed.

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS ROUNDTABLE – Goodin noted that the Board had previously discussed their Summer Workshop.

IOWA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS – Langhorn reported that they are working on membership and will be taking a look at their electronic newsletter. While it is difficult to get data on teacher librarians, it appears that Iowa has 120 fewer teacher librarians than five years ago.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE – Thompson noted that the Board had previously discussed the draft of the strategic plan.

HEALTH SCIENCES SUBDIVISION – Thompson reported that they hope to do a member survey to encourage membership.

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – Vande Haar praised the GAC chair. He mentioned that he New York Library Association had produced a poster for their Lobby Day. Vande Haar distributed an article discussing the new “Information and Communication Technology Literacy Assessment” from ETS.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE LIBRARIANS – Borowski reported that they had a meeting scheduled for March 31.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FORUM – Craig mentioned that their subdivision has a significant amount of money in their budget.

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE – Garner reported that they have been talking about calling for submissions for Catalyst. They will be looking at publications and at the design of the website.

IOWA SMALL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION – Garner noted that the Board had previously discussed their Spring Meeting.

SUPPORT PERSONNEL – Garner noted that the Board had previously discussed their Spring Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 1:45. The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2006.
WEDNESDAY EVENING RECEPTION

On Wednesday, October 11, at 7:00 P.M. there will be a fun reception for all conference attendees at the Council Bluffs Public Library. The theme for the evening is The Spirits of Council Bluffs. Come eat (hors d’oeuvres), drink (cash bar), and be merry (costumed “ghosts” from Council Bluffs’ past, and storytellers.)

- Spirits of the Past include:
  - General Grenville M. Dodge and his daughter, Lettie, will be glad to chat with you during the reception. General Dodge moved to Council Bluffs in 1854. He surveyed the Union Pacific Railroad and opened a bank 1854-1860, becoming a very prosperous citizen. He played a major role in the Union Army during the Civil War.
  - Other prominent Council Bluffs “ghosts” at the reception will be Amelia Bloomer and her husband, Dexter. In January, 1849, encouraged by women’s rights leaders such as Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony, Amelia Bloomer published the first edition of her own newspaper, The Lily, devoted entirely to women’s issues (and what she thought to be women’s issues), including suffrage, temperance, education, and fashion. She became noted during her travels for giving lectures while wearing billowy, full-length pants, gathered at the ankles, with a short skirt over it. She was famous for the “bloomers” fashion statement. Be sure to visit with this intriguing “ghostly” couple as you learn about Council Bluffs history.
  - Another famous guest will be William Clark. He and his partner, Meriwether Lewis, forged the first known passageway to the Pacific. They first pitched camp in Council Bluffs in July, 1804, hoping to meet with Native American tribes. That encounter took place a short time later as they traveled up river to Fort Atkinson, Nebraska, and it is for this summit that Council Bluffs is named. Captain Clark will be a wealth of information and a joy to talk with.

- The Storytellers Roundtable will regale you with ghost stories during the reception at the Library.
- Music for this event is provided by Iowa Western Community College Music Department.

The National Union Pacific Railroad Museum, the old Council Bluffs Public Library Carnegie building, will also be open that evening for you to visit. It is located across the street from the current library.

Also on Wednesday night, at 8:15 p.m. there will be an hour long Ghosts of Council Bluffs tour on Ollie The Trolley. Please see related article on page 11.

There is no cost for the library reception. The Council Bluffs Public Library reception is being funded by Leo A. Daly Company, architects that designed the Council Bluffs Public Library, and the CBPL Friends of the Library. Busses, compliments of the Council Bluffs Convention and Visitors Bureau, will shuttle from the Mid-America Center to the Library and back for this event.

We hope you will come and have a fun-packed evening networking with friends, making new friends, eating, and touring.

Don’t miss this exciting Iowa Library Association Annual Conference at the Mid-America Center in Council Bluffs. The pre-conferences, concurrent sessions, post-conferences, food, and fun are planned and I feel that all will be informative and interesting for all types of libraries.

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