ILA PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! I cannot believe that 2007 is over and we are already into 2008. Where did the year go? Sheryl Bissen and the 2007 ILA Executive Board did a great job last year. We had record attendance at the 2007 Annual Conference in Coralville. The program for the conference was fantastic, something for everyone! The 2007 ILA Annual Planning Retreat was well attended also. At the planning meeting, subdivisions and committees began planning and budgeting for 2008 and the ILA Annual Conference in October. In November Laurie Hews attended an Affiniscape Training Conference. This training will enable Laurie to work on the website with updates to the software. I want to say “thank you” to Sheryl, the Executive Board, and Laurie for a wonderful year last year that we can build on for another great year in 2008!

Renew. You can begin 2008 by renewing your membership in ILA. Yes, it is that time of year already. As a multi-type library association, it takes all librarians working together to make a great Association! We all face challenges, some pertain to a specific type of library while others affect all types of libraries. No matter the type of library there are always challenges. As we work together through the Association we can overcome them and turn challenges into opportunities.

Apply. We are planning the third Iowa Library Association Leadership Institute. It will take place July 22-25, 2008 at St. Ambrose University in Davenport. Those eligible to apply must be “an ILA member (MLS or non-MLS) working in any Iowa library. A total of 25 individuals will be selected to attend the institute.” This is a wonderful time to learn more about your profession, yourself, and your leadership style, and to hone your skills. Maureen Sullivan is this year’s Institute facilitator. You can find the application form and more information on the ILA website at www.iowalibraryassociation.org.

Attend. Our theme for the 2008 Annual Conference is Libraries in Iowa: Anywhere, Any Way, Anytime. Now,
more than ever, we need to take a good look at how we are provide service. Iowa citizens feel that libraries are a valuable asset to society. Does this mean that we continue giving service using traditional methods? Some of our methods are still viable but others are not. We must to continue to change in order to produce next-generation librarians, leaders, and methods. The 2008 Conference Planning Committee has already met to begin planning the 2008 ILA Annual Conference at the Grand River Center in Dubuque. We will keep the future of libraries in mind as we contact pre-conference, keynote, and concurrent session speakers.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me anytime with your concerns, ideas and issues. I look forward to hearing from you!

Barbara Peterson
ILA President

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Iowa Library Association Foundation and the State Library of Iowa. The fee for each participant is $200; participants are expected to cover their own travel costs and miscellaneous expenses. Tuition assistance may be available.

A diverse group of twenty-five Iowa librarians representing all types of library employment will be selected to attend the institute. To be eligible, you must be an ILA member currently employed in an Iowa library with three years of library work experience.

Applications are now being accepted; the application form is available on page 6 in this issue of the Catalyst and it is also available at www.iowalibraryassociation.org. Applications are due March 7, 2008. You will be notified no later than May 12 about whether you have been selected to attend the Institute.

Iowa’s future depends on educated, information-literate citizens. Librarians are leaders who play a role in the creation and maintenance of lifelong learning habits. Strong library leaders are essential to the evolution of great libraries. The ILA Leadership Institute was established to ensure that its members are prepared to actively shape the future of Iowa libraries.

ILA NEEDS YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

Do you have an email address that you have not supplied to the ILA office or has your address changed recently? If you move or change any of your information such as phone, fax or email, please go online and enter those changes. The ILA office and various committees and subdivisions are making increasing use of email to disseminate information in a timely and cost-effective manner. Having your email address included in your ILA member record will make it easier to keep you informed on matters of interest and importance.

Email addresses are automatically added to the ILA email list. If you do not want to be added to this list, please contact the office and your email address will be taken off the list. To send messages via this list send to members@iowalibraryassociation.org. Occasionally ILA will send messages to its members via blast email. This is a different feature from the email list and is done through the online database. You can change your options in regard to blast email by accessing your online membership information.
GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Sheryl Bissen, 2007 ILA President, presented the ILA Ted Anderson Library Advocate of the year award to Senator Frank Wood of Eldridge and Representative Cindy Winkler of Davenport, December 13, at the Scott County Library in Eldridge.

Wood and Winkler, leaders of the Education Budget Committees, came through for libraries by supporting greater funding for Iowa’s libraries and the infrastructure that supports those libraries. Thanks to their advocacy, the 2007 legislative session saw Iowa’s libraries regain funding lost due to state government budget woes earlier in the decade. Because of Wood’s and Winkler’s support, libraries have added hours, enhanced acquisitions, and are better able to share resources.

Both Wood and Winkler were instrumental in restoring the state law ensuring every school district in the state employs at least one school librarian!

Lobbyist Amy Campbell arranged the event which was attended by many local librarians.

The Governmental Affairs Committee held a committee meeting via conference call in January where we discussed implementation of our 2008 Legislative Agenda: providing statewide access to high demand databases, increasing funding for Enrich Iowa and the LSAs, full implementation of the teacher librarian requirement and preservation of local library governance.

Other GAC activities include Lobby from Home Day February 27 and the Legislative Reception on March 11. Updates on these and other activities will be available on the Iowa Library Association website and are transmitted to members via the electronic mail list.

As winter turns to spring, ILA members may receive GAC communications asking for help with legislative issues. Whether we’re pursuing budget increases or fending off budget cuts, please be sure to share your views with your local state senators and representatives. The Government Affairs Committee is only as effective as the rank and file it represents.

Mike Dargan, Chair
Governmental Affairs Committee
2008 ILA COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

AWARDS
Sheryl Bissen, Grinnell College Libraries, ‘10; Chair ‘08
Susan Craig, Iowa City Public Library ‘09
Kate Martin, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls ‘08

JOHNSON BRIGHAM PLAQUE:
Nancy Medema, Bettendorf Public Library ‘10; Chair ‘08
Ed Goedeken, Iowa State University, Ames ’10
Roy Kenagy, Central IA Library Service Area, Ankeny ’08

CONFERENCE PLANNING
Barbara Peterson, Council Bluffs Public Library, Chair ‘08
Laurie Hews, ILA Office – Conference Coordinator
Jan Behrens, Knoxville Public Library ‘10
Lois Blythe, Burlington Public Library ‘08
Dorothy DeGroot, Prairie Lakes AEA 8, Ft. Dodge ‘10
Jerri Heid, Ames Public Library ‘10
Susan Henricks, Carnegie-Stout Public Library, Dubuque ‘08
Heidi Lauritzen, Iowa City Public Library ‘08
Michele Leininger, State Library, Des Moines ’08
Tina Mabuce, Des Moines Public Library ‘09
Jodie Morin, Buena Vista University, Storm Lake ‘10
Kathy Parsons, Iowa State University, Ames ’08
Jason Shirley, Ingram, La Vergne, TN (exhibitor rep) ’08
Wendy Street, Pella Public Library ‘10
Sarah Willeford, Central IA Library Service Area, Ankeny ’10

BYLAWS AND ORGANIZATION MANUAL
Susan Kling, Marion Public Library ‘08; Chair ‘08
Susan Craig, Iowa City Public Library ‘10
Jeffrey Pilz, North Central Library Service Area, Mason City ‘08
Randy Roeder, University of Iowa, Iowa City ‘10
Kay Elliott, Retired (advisor)

EDITORIAL
Susan Knippel, Iowa State University, Ames ’09; Chair ‘08
Barbara Corson, State Library, Des Moines ’09
Cynthia Dyer, Simpson College Library, Indianola ’09
Lynn Friesner, Council Bluffs Public Library ‘10
Willona Graham Goers, Johnston Public Library ‘09
Karen Burns, Southwest Iowa Library Services (advisor)

FINANCE
John Lerdal, Pleasant Hill Public Library ‘09; Chair ‘08
Sheryl Bissen, Grinnell College Libraries ‘08
Marilyn Kennett, Stewart Public Library, Grinnell ‘09
Kate Martin, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls ‘08
Ellen Neuhaus, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls ‘08
Lorna Truck, Des Moines Public Library ‘08
Laurie Hews, ILA Office

NOMINATING
Jean Donham, Cornell College, Mt. Vernon ‘10; Chair ‘08
Sheryl Groskurth, Waterloo Public Library ‘10
Robin Martin, Retired ’08
Kay Runge, Retired ‘08

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
Mike Dargan, Cedar Falls & Waterloo Public Libraries ‘08; Chair ‘08
Sheryl Bissen, Grinnell College Libraries, ’08
Linda Fox, Oskaloosa Public Library ‘08
Dawn Hayslett, Burlington Public Library ‘09
Amy Paulus, University of Iowa, Iowa City ‘10
Darlene Richardson, Leon Public Library ‘08
Duncan Stewart, University of Iowa, Iowa City ‘08
Carlette Washington-Heagland, University of Iowa, Iowa City ‘08
Mary Wegner, State Library (liaison)

INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM
Mike Wright, University of Iowa, Iowa City ‘08; Chair ‘08
Paula Brandt, University of Iowa, Iowa City ‘08
Eileen Chang-Matus, Cornell College, Mt. Vernon ‘08
Kelly Fischbach, Carroll High School, Carroll ‘10
Monica Gehlinghorst, Council Bluffs Public Library ‘10
Tena Hanson, Milford Public Library ‘10
Mary Heinzman, St. Ambrose University, Davenport ‘09
Art Weeks, Ames Public Library ‘10

MEMBERSHIP
Tina Mabuce, Des Moines Public Library ‘09; Chair ‘08
Leo Clougherty, University of Iowa, Iowa City ‘10
Rachel Crowley, Briar Cliff University, Sioux City ‘08
Rhonda Frevert, Burlington Public Library ‘09
Suzann Holland, Oskaloosa Public Library ‘09
Sheryl Rose, Ruthven Ayeshire CSD, ‘10
Dale Ross, Ames Public Library ‘08
LaWanda Roudebush, Davenport Public Library ‘08
Sarah Slack, University of Iowa, Iowa City ‘10

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
Carlette Washington-Heagland, University of Iowa, Iowa City ‘10; Chair ‘08
Lynee Carey, Ames Public Library ‘10
Susan Craig, Iowa City Public Library ‘08
Jennie Garner, North Liberty Public Library ‘09
Mary Jo Langhorne, University of Iowa, Iowa City ‘09
Nancy Medema, Bettendorf Public Library ‘10
Dottie Persson, University of Iowa, Iowa City ‘09
Anne Skaden, Kalona Public Library ‘08
Sandy Dixon, State Library, Des Moines
Laurie Hews, ILA Office

PUBLIC RELATIONS
Louise Alcorn, West Des Moines Public Library ‘09; Chair ‘08
Jean Gullikson, Dubuque ’09
Kim Kietzman, Southeastern Library Services, Bettendorf ’09
Jet Kofoot, Algona Public Library ‘09
Mary McInroy, University of Iowa, Iowa City ‘09
Holly Youngquist, Newton Public Library ‘09
Annette Wetteland, State Library (advisor)

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you haven’t paid your 2008 dues, it’s time for you to renew your membership. Memberships are based upon calendar year.

Please visit www.iowalibraryassociation.org and click “Join ILA”. You may either complete the online form or use the pdf version.

Committee members are required to renew by March 15th.

WEBSITE UPDATE

As a result of the work done by the ad hoc website review committee during 2007, a redesign of the ILA website will be completed in 2008. One of the new features will include photos of Iowa libraries.

ACRL SPRING CONFERENCE

Activating Advocacy: The Many Roles of Academic Libraries

Monday, March 3, St. Ambrose University, Davenport

Dr. Roberto Ibarra is the Keynote Speaker for this year’s conference. He is Associate Professor of Sociology and Associate Director of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation UNM Center for Health Policy at the University of New Mexico.

The title of Dr. Ibarra’s presentation is Context Diversity and the Role of Academic Libraries. His presentation will expand upon and update the invited paper, A Place to Belong: The Library as Prototype for Context Diversity, that he presented at the 2005 national ACRL Conference. Dr. Ibarra is well known as a provocative speaker and leading researcher on diversity initiatives in higher education. He has established a new and fascinating vision for academic libraries as prototypes of context diversity. The conference planning committee is pleased that Dr. Ibarra’s keynote presentation will begin a day-long discussion of the multifaceted aspects of outreach and advocacy for academic libraries.

For more information visit www.iowaacrl.org/.
Iowa Library Association Leadership Institute
July 22-25, 2008
Application Form

I. Contact Information

Name of Applicant: ____________________________________________

Job title: ____________________________________________________

Library: _____________________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________

Telephone: __________________________ FAX: ______________________

Email: ______________________________________________________________________

Name of Reference: ___________________________________________

Job title: ____________________________________________________

Organization: ________________________________________________

Address: _____________________________________________________

Telephone: __________________________ FAX: ______________________

Email: ______________________________________________________________________

Relationship to Applicant: ________________________________________

Successful applicants must meet the following criteria. Please check all that apply:

____ 1. At least 3 years experience working in libraries
____ 2. Currently employed in an Iowa library (public, academic, school, or special)
____ 3. Iowa Library Association member
____ 4. Application essay included (see page 2 of this form)
____ 5. One letter of reference included (please do not include more than one reference)

Please complete both pages of the application form.
II. Demographic Information (Demographic information will be used to ensure that we have diversity among Institute participants.)

Your Gender:  
- Female
- Male

Your Age:  
- 18-25
- 26-35
- 36-45
- 46-55
- 56-65
- 65+

Your Library:  
- Academic
- Public
- School
- Special

Your ethnicity (optional):  

Your experience working in libraries:  

Your educational background (MLS and/or other degrees):  

Your involvement in Iowa Library Association activities:  

III. Applicant Essay
Write a brief (1-2 page) essay that describes your leadership experience and explains your motivation for applying to the Institute. Potential essay topics include: a defining moment related to your understanding of leadership; where you see yourself professionally 5 years from now; any personal story or reflection that lets us know how this Institute can help you become the leader you want to be.

IV. Return this form with accompanying materials by Friday, March 7, 2008 to:
Iowa Library Association  
3636 Westown Pkwy, Suite 202  
West Des Moines, IA 50266

You will be notified by Monday, May 12, 2008 about whether you have been selected to attend the Institute. Contact the ILA office via telephone (515-273-5322 or 800-452-5507) or FAX (515-309-4576).
The ILA Executive Board met on October 9, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. at the Coralville Marriott Hotel and Conference Center. Members present were: President Sheryl Bissen; Past-President Susan Craig; Vice President/President-Elect Barbara Peterson; Directors Lorraine Borowski, Jennie Garner, Mary Jo Langhorne, and Michael Wright. Also present were State Librarian Mary Wegner, Executive Director Laurie Hews, and Secretary Marilyn Murphy. Absent were John Goodin, Dale Ross, and Rebecca Quinn.

**CALL TO ORDER**
Bissen welcomed everyone.

**AGENDA**
Hearing no amendments, the agenda was approved, as distributed.

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2007 AND OCTOBER 1, 2007 BOARD MEETINGS**
Borowski moved that the minutes of September 14, 2007 be accepted, as distributed. Motion carried.
Craig moved that the minutes of October 1, 2007 be accepted, as amended to correct the misspelling of the word “stated” under Other Business. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR /TREASURER’S REPORT**

**FINANCIAL REPORT - The Balance Sheet for August 31, 2007, the Budget vs. Actual sheet for January through August 2007, and the Profit & Loss sheet for August 2007 were distributed in the packets. A draft of the Balance Sheet for September 30, 2007, a draft of the Budget vs. Actual sheet for January through September 2007, and the Subdivision Fund Accounts as of September 30, 2007 were distributed at the meeting. Hews stated that the real estate agent will be discussing the renewal of the office lease with the owner of the office building.**

**MEMBERSHIP COUNT** – The membership count was distributed in the conference packet. Hews reported that it is higher than it has been for several years.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Bissen noted that the correspondence included a letter from Marketing General, a note from Affiniscape about spam slowing down their websites, a newsletter from the Freedom to Read Foundation, and a letter from the Governor declining to attend the conference. Bissen also stated that she had participated in an interview for Farm Bureau’s *Family Living* magazine and planned to do an interview with Dottie Ray on radio station KXIC. She also noted that Mike Wright did an interview on Iowa Public Radio’s *Exchange* program.

**CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE** – Bissen reported that conference attendance numbers look very good.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**


**NEW BUSINESS**

**STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW** – Bissen asked liaisons to check with their subdivisions and committees and let Betsy Thompson know what changes need to be made to the 2007 Action Plan before the November Planning Meeting.

**PRE-REGISTRATION FIGURES** – Pre-registration figures for the 2007 conference were distributed. Conference registrations, thus far, total 920.

**2008 EXHIBIT BOOTH FEES** – Craig moved that exhibit booth fees for 2008 be set at $475, but that exhibitors who register while at this year’s conference be given this year’s rate. Motion carried. Borowski moved that the 2008 exhibit booth rate for non-profit and government agencies be set at $150 and that the Association research what other associations are charging these agencies. Motion carried.

**VICE-PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

**IOWA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION** – Peterson reported that ILAF has approximately 170 items for the silent auction and that the online registration of auction items worked well. Pledges to the Naomi Stovall Leadership Fund now total $14,700. The scholarship winners for 2007 are Shannon Miller (ILAF Scholarship) and Noelle Sinclair (Jack Tillson Scholarship).

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** – Hews stated that the ballots had been mailed that day.

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS** – Peterson distributed a list of recommended committee appointments. New appointments include Nancy Medema (Bettendorf PL) and Ed Goedeken (Iowa State Univ.) for the Johnson Brigham Plaque; Susan Craig (Iowa City PL) and Randy Roeder (Univ. of Iowa) for the Bylaws and Organization Manual Committee; Jerri Heid (Ames PL), Sarah Willeford (CILSA), Dorothy DeGroot (Prairie Lakes AEA 8), Wendy Street (Pella PL), and Jan Behrens (Knoxville PL) for the Conference Planning Committee; Lynn Friesner (Council Bluffs PL) for the Editorial Committee; Sheryl Bissen (Grinnell College) for the Finance Committee; Sheryl Bissen (Grinnell College) and Amy Paulus (Univ. of Iowa) for the Governmental Affairs Committee; Tena Hanson (Milford Memorial Library), Art Weeks (Ames PL), Monica Gohlinghorst (Council Bluffs PL Trustee), and Kelly Fischbach (Carroll HS) for the Intellectual Freedom Committee; Sarah Slack (Hardin Library), Sheryl Rose (Ruthven Ayershire CSD), Dale Ross (Ames PL Trustee), and Leo Clougherty (Univ. of Iowa) for the Membership Committee; Sheryl Groskurth (Waterloo/Cedar Falls PL) for the Nominating Committee; and Dianne Herzog (Council Bluffs PL) and Rob Van Rennes (Univ. of Iowa) for the Strategic Planning Committee.

Wright moved approval of the new committee members. Motion carried. Peterson noted that she is still seeking a chair for GAC and a person from an academic library for Conference Planning.
ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING – The Annual Planning Meeting will be held on November 9, 2007 at the Stoney Creek Inn in Johnston.

PAST PRESIDENT’S REPORT
AWARDS COMMITTEE – Craig reported that Cindy Winkler and Frank Wood would be receiving the Ted Anderson Award.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Craig noted that an orientation session for new subdivision chairs will be offered during the conference.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – Craig reported that they had met earlier in the day.

ALL-IOWA READS – Craig reported that the announcement of next year’s book will occur during the luncheon on Friday. They will be releasing a list of recommended reading with a Midwestern theme in March.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS
IOWA SMALL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION – Garner reported that they are selling t-shirts and are discussing their bylaws.

IOWA LIBRARY FRIENDS ASSOCIATION – Wright reported that Sally Reed, Friends of Libraries USA (FOLUSA) president, will speak at a pre-conference.

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – Wright reported that the legislative agenda and the lobbyist review have been completed.

STATE LIBRARY REPORT – Wegner reported that the town meetings had record attendance. She also noted that 176 people are registered for the Libraries on the Prairie Reunion and that 29 of these people will be first-time conference attendees. The Youth Services Consultant position has been advertised.

ADJOURNMENT – Borowski moved adjournment at 6:45.

CONNECTING TO COLLECTIONS BOOKSHELF

The IMLS Connecting to Collections Bookshelf is part of a multi-year, multi-faceted IMLS national initiative to raise public awareness and inspire action to care for the collections held in public trust by libraries and museums throughout the United States. This initiative is intended to provide small and medium-sized libraries and museums with essential resources needed to improve the condition of their collections.

The second application for the IMLS Bookshelf will open March 1 and run through April 30. If you are unfamiliar with the Bookshelf opportunity, please visit the website at www.aaslh.org/Bookshelf and the Institute for Museum and Library Service’s website www.imls.gov. This is a resource that everyone who is responsible for caring for a collection should have and best of all, it is free.

FIRST CANDIDATE COMPLETES CERTIFIED PUBLIC LIBRARY ADMINISTRATOR PROGRAM

Lois Blythe, Head of Adult Services at the Burlington (IA) Public Library, is the first candidate to complete the Certified Public Library Administrator Program. Blythe completed the requisite seven courses in record time, becoming the first public librarian to earn the designation of CPLA. The CPLA program, administered by the American Library Association-Allied Professional Association, is a voluntary credential for public librarians who want to learn managerial competencies in areas like personnel, facilities, marketing and technology.

Blythe was admitted to the CPLA program when it began in the spring of 2006. There are now 87 additional candidates. Blythe has been practicing in the field and learning to be an administrator on-the-job, but felt that CPLA would “afford me the opportunity to develop the business management skills I need to perform confidently and competently in a director’s position.”

Blythe was able to finish the program in 18 months, in the midst of her library moving to another building. It was a struggle, but with the support of her supervisor, Blythe continued to stretch [herself] by “learning new techniques, strategies, and technologies that can assist us in our workplaces and in our personal lives.”

Blythe feels that one of the most valuable aspects of the program is that the assignments were organized so that they could be used at work. Members of the CPLA Certification Review Committee were impressed by her technology and marketing plans. They said, “Wow! Her final projects were both informative and entertaining, but most importantly, her use of background statistics showed that she was basing her project on genuine demonstrated needs. Her analyses were realistic and comprehensive...proposed changes were creative and yet feasible.”

Completing the CPLA program gave Blythe confidence, strengthened her writing and presentation skills, and expanded her understanding of library policies and procedures. Blythe also found herself becoming more active in her state association as a result of the Politics and Networking course. She said, “I am thrilled and surprised to be the first candidate to complete the CPLA program. It was a worthwhile endeavor and I would recommend the program to other librarians looking to hone, revitalize, and broaden their skills.”

ALA-APA invites public librarians to apply. Candidates must have an ALA-accredited MLS (or equivalent) and at least three years of supervisory experience in a public library. To apply, visit the CPLA website at www.ala-apa.org/certification/cpla.html. Contact the ALA-APA office if you have questions at 800-545-2433, x2424 or cpla@ala.org. The next deadline is March 8, 2008.
COMMUNITY COLLEGE LIBRARIANS
Chair ............... Karen Davidson, Northeast IA Comm College, Calmar
Vice Chair........... Rhonda Huisman, Northwest IA Comm College, Sheldon
Scty/Treas........... Linda Nelson, Scott Community College, Bettendorf

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS ROUNDTABLE
Chair .................... Tom Keyser, State Library, Des Moines
Vice Chair .............. Marianne Mason, University of Iowa, Iowa City
Secretary ............... Gregory Wool, Iowa State University, Ames

HEALTH SCIENCES SUBDIVISION
Chair ........................... Larry Marquardt, Des Moines University
Vice Chair .................. Paula Whannell, Iowa Methodist, Des Moines
Secretary ................... Jason Young, Genesis Medical Center, Davenport

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FORUM
Chair ...................... Louise Alcorn, West Des Moines Public Library
Vice Chair .............. Tina Mabuce, West Des Moines Public Library
Secretary ................... Brian Thompson, University of Iowa, Iowa City

IOWA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL LIBRARIANS
President ................... Julie Larson, Iowa City Community Schools
Vice President ............ Cheryl Carruthers, AEA 267, Clear Lake
Scty/Treas............... Diane Brown, Central Middle School, West Liberty

IOWA CHAPTER ACRL
President ................ Mary Heinzman, St. Ambrose University, Davenport
Vice President ............. Brett Cloyd, University of Iowa, Iowa City
Secretary .................. Anne Marie Gruber, University of Dubuque, Dubuque

IOWA LIBRARY FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
President .............. Greer Fry, Friends of the Cedar Rapids Public Library
Treasurer ... Karen Holmes, Friends of the Council Bluffs Public Library

IOWA LIBRARY TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION
President ................... John Teget, Shenandoah Public Library
Vice President ............ Jeffrey Pilz, North Central LSA, Mason City
Secretary .............. Nancy Miller, Marion Public Library
Treasurer ............ Hank Zaletel, Nevada Public Library

IOWA SMALL LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Chair .................... Sarah Willeford, Central IA Library Service Area, Ankeny
Vice Chair .............. Nathan R. E. Clark, Emmetsburg Public Library
Secretary ............... Toni Johnson, Lake Mills Public Library
Treasurer .............. Wanda Gardner, LeClaire Community Library

LIBRARY ADMINISTRATION & MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (LAMA)
Chair ...................... LaWanda Roudebush, Davenport Public Library
Vice Chair .................... Susan Kling, Marion Public Library
Secretary .................... Nancy Trask, Winterset Public Library

LOCAL HISTORY AND GENEALOGY
Chair ...................... Rhonda Frevert, Burlington Public Library
Vice Chair ............... Hank Zaletel, IA Department of Transportation, Ames
Secretary ................. Holly Youngquist, Newton Public Library

PUBLIC LIBRARY FORUM
Chair ..................... Jet Kofoot, Algona Public Library
Vice Chair ................... Sue Padilla, Newton Public Library
Secretary ................... Jill Sanders, Elkader Public Library

RESOURCES AND TECHNICAL SERVICES FORUM
Chair ..................... Gregory Wool, Iowa State University
Vice Chair .................... Rob Van Rennes, University of Iowa, Iowa City

SPECIAL LIBRARIES ROUNDTABLE
Chair ........................ Sheri Muller, Grandview College, Des Moines
Vice Chair .................. Matthew Pannkuk, Buckle Down Publishing, Iowa City

STORYTELLERS ROUNDTABLE
Chair ........................ Jean Gullikson, Dubuque
Vice Chair ...................... Deb Lowman, West Liberty Public Library
Secretary .................... Cathy Van Brocklin, Ames Public Library

SUPPORT PERSONNEL
Chair ........................ Sarah Andrews, Hardin Library, Iowa City
Vice Chair .................... Debb Green, Iowa City Public Library
Secretary/Treasurer .......... Lori Petersen, Waterloo Public Library

VIDEO ROUNDTABLE
Chair ...................... Michael May, Carnegie-Stout Public Library, Dubuque
Vice Chair .................... Sara Doyle, Sioux City Public Library
Secretary/Treasurer .......... Amy Paulus, University of Iowa, Iowa City

YOUTH SERVICES SUBDIVISION
Chair ...................... Katie Dreyer, Algona Public Library
Vice Chair .................... Debb Green, Iowa City Public Library
Secretary .................... Debbie Stanton, Kalona Public Library

2008 SUBDIVISION OFFICERS
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IOWA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION 2008 CALENDAR

JANUARY
4  Conference Planning Committee  
   Dubuque  
11-17  ALA Midwinter - Philadelphia, PA  
18  Governmental Affairs Committee  
22  Bylaws and Organization Committee  
24  Membership Committee  

FEBRUARY
8  Conference Planning Committee  
15  Catalyst deadline for March issue  
22  Executive Board Meeting  
   ILA Office  
27  Lobby from Home Day  

MARCH
3  ACRL Spring Meeting  
7  Conference Planning Committee  
11  Legislative Day  
21  Iowa Library Association Foundation  
25-29  PLA, Minneapolis, MN  

APRIL
11  Conference Planning Committee  
18  Executive Board Meeting  
   ILA Office  
29  Catalyst deadline for May issue  

MAY
9  Conference Planning Committee  
13-14  National Legislative Day  
   Washington D.C.  

JUNE
12  Executive Board Meeting - ILA Office  
13  Conference Planning Committee  
20  Iowa Library Association Foundation  
   ILA Office  
20  Catalyst deadline for July issue  
26-7/02  ALA Annual Conference - Anaheim, CA  

AUGUST
15  Catalyst deadline for September issue  
8  Executive Board Meeting - ILA Office  

SEPTEMBER
5  Conference Planning Committee  
12  Iowa Library Association Foundation  
   Pleasant Hill Public Library  
19  Executive Board Meeting - ILA Office  
16-18  Town Meetings  
23-26  Town Meetings  
27  Banned Books Week  

OCTOBER
15-17  Annual Conference - Dubuque  
   LIBRARIES: ANYWHERE, ANY WAY,  
   ANYTIME  
29  Catalyst deadline for November issue  

NOVEMBER
7  Annual Planning Meeting  
14  Iowa Library Association Foundation  
   ILA Office  
18  Finance Committee  

DECEMBER
12  Executive Board Meeting - ILA Office  
19  Catalyst deadline for January issue  

LEGISLATIVE DAY MARCH 11
Your online registration allows the Governmental Affairs Committee to plan effectively based upon the number of pre-registrations. Please visit the calendar section of www.iowalibraryassociation.org to pre-register.
Dear ILA Members:

It is time to stand together and let our collective voices be heard. I am sending this out to the membership and others to underscore Michael Dargan’s recent Legislative Action Alerts.

As you probably know by now, the governor’s FY 2009 budget proposal cuts state library funding by 18%! That is $1,119,442! This would cut the following: State Library $135,000; Library Service Areas $259,442; and Enrich Iowa $725,000. The $725,000 cut to Enrich Iowa came from the infrastructure fund known as RIIF. The governor’s proposal removes $1,000,000 from RIIF. $50,000 of that had gone to the LSAs, and the remainder ($950,000) to Enrich Iowa. Then, only $225,000 is put back in the general fund as a replacement for the $950,000 in RIIF funding that had been going to Enrich Iowa. This results in the $725,000 net loss to Enrich Iowa. As you can see this will affect libraries in a big way. The overall budget has a 6% increase in spending and libraries are suffering an 18% cut. The end result would be that services to all of Iowa’s library users would be devastating.

The only way that you as an Iowa Library Advocate can make a difference is to first contact the Governor at www.governor.iowa.gov/administration/contact/ or chet.culver@iowa.gov, letting him know you are opposed to this and what the consequences would be for your library. It is my understanding that if you use the Governor’s website to contact him, you will eventually get an answer. Second, email or talk with your local legislators. Again, you can find that information at www.legis.state.ia.us/findleg/. The more contacts the governor and the legislators receive, the more attention this issue will get. We want them to know that the governor’s budget cuts for libraries needs to be changed.

As Michael stated in his alert, we need to be adamant, yet polite. Thanking the governor and the legislators for past support is always important. Also, please have your Trustees, Friends, and other library advocates contact the governor and local legislators. Michael’s Alert Part II stated, “In the last year, 64% of your representatives’ constituents held library cards and, collectively, made some 16 million visits to public libraries.” This is a fact that needs to be heard by both the governor and local legislators.

Again, it is time to stand together and let our collective voices be heard. If you have not already done so, please get those contacts made today and contact others to do the same.

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P.S. If you didn’t receive these legislative alerts, please contact the ILA office via the website and provide your email address.