You are Invited to Coralville!

This issue of the ILA Catalyst could aptly be named the “Candidates’ Issue” or the “Final Issue before the Great 2010 ILA Annual Conference.” As we celebrate our 120th anniversary as Iowa’s professional library association, we have much to be thankful for, even in hard economic times. We have a great Association that supports its members and the subdivisions they choose to join. We provide excellent continuing education for professional growth; we recognize outstanding members; we thank numerous members for their service to the Association, especially those Executive Board members, subdivision leaders, and committee chairs and members.

In this issue you will see expanded biographies and statements by the candidates for the leadership positions that begin next year. It is important to know your candidates and be able to vote for them with confidence. A huge thank you goes out to our Nominating Committee for putting together an excellent slate of candidates, and to the candidates themselves as they vie for VP/President-elect, two Executive Board openings, and the ALA Councilor position.

Our 2010 Conference in Coralville, October 13-15, Hard Times, Hard Decisions; Iowa Libraries in 2010, is one you will want to attend. The Conference Planning Committee and Local Arrangements Committee members have worked especially hard this year. Due to the unusual circumstances regarding the unplanned change in ILA leadership, we owe our Conference Planning Committee Chair, Coralville Public Library Director Alison Ames Galstad, a huge THANK YOU for stepping up and taking the reins of leadership in planning the conference. As Teddy Roosevelt once stated soon after he became U.S. President, “I can either run the country, or I can control Alice; I cannot do both.” I found myself not being able to “do both,” either or function as ILA President and also work to meet the Legislative mandate to have the LSAs and State Library meet and create a new library services design while also being involved greatly with conference planning. I chose to let the Conference Planning Committee continue their excellent work and stay out of their way. Please take time to thank each Conference Planning Committee member, Local Arrangements Committee member and our ILA Executive Director for their hard work.

Be sure to register now for the conference taking place October 13, 14, and 15 in Coralville. You’ll be impressed with the great exhibits; excellent concurrent sessions; big name speakers – Jeannette Woodward, Doug Johnson, Lauren Burnett, Barbara Jones, Mary Lu Gerke, Matt Goldner, Dan Wardell, Anne Hughes, and Fred Gertler; the Author Fair at the beautiful newly-expanded Coralville Public Library; great pre-conference sessions; subdivision business meetings; the announcement of the All Iowa Reads book for 2011; and the best silent auction in the land, the ILAF Auction.

As our Conference Planning Committee Chair, Alison Ames Galstad said in the July/August Catalyst, “The conference schedule is rich with opportunities for expanding your knowledge base and enhancing your professional skills.” Sign up now to attend the 2010 ILA Conference in Coralville. What better way to celebrate our Association’s 120th Birthday!

See you in Coralville,
Dale Vande Haar,
ILA President
CANDIDATE FORUMS

Vice President/President-Elect Candidates
Thursday, October 14, 8:30 a.m.

Executive Board and ALA Councilor Candidates
Thursday, October 14, 12:00 p.m.

IOWA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS MEETING

AGENDA

Thursday, October 14, 2010
Approximately 1:00 p.m.

Coralville Marriott Hotel & Conference Center
Coralville, Iowa

1. Report of the Credentials Committee
2. Adoption of Standing Rules
3. Amendments to and Approval of Agenda
4. Minutes of the 2009 Business Meeting
5. Reports
   A. President
   B. Committees
   C. Treasurer
6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
   A. Strategic Plan
   B. 2100 Legislative Agenda
   C. Election of ILAF Board Member
8. Open Forum
9. Remarks from President
10. Announcements
11. Resolutions of Courtesy
12. Adjournment

If you wish to add an item to this agenda, you may do so by contacting the ILA President in writing by 5:00 p.m. on October 1, 2010.
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...to the following organizations for their continued support of ILA as exhibitors in Coralville. ILA members are encouraged to support these vendors throughout the year.

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Innovative Interfaces ............................. Diane Lewin
ILA/ACRL ............................................ Kathy Magarrell
Iowa Educators Consortium .................... Jerry Cochrane
Iowa Library for the Blind and Physically
Handicapped – IA Dept for the Blind ....Karen Eis
Iowa Library Trustees Association ........Ann Coulter
Iowa Prison Industries .......................... Michael O’Brien
Iowa’s Library Service Areas .................. Administrators
Iowa Small Library Association ............. CJ Thompson
Jones Library Sales Inc. ......................... Ken Jones
Koch Brothers ...................................... Don Ruby
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Lyrasis ............................................... Jay Ford
Marshall Cavendish .............................. Scott Abrahamson
Midwest Computer Products, Inc. .......... Sean Bolton
National Network of Libraries of Medicine
Greater Midwest Region .................. Jacqueline Leskovec
Neumann Monson Architects ................. Dave Zahradnik
OCLC Online Computer
Library Center, Inc. .............................. Mike Morey
Open Technologies .............................. Todd Schwartz
OPN Architects Inc. .............................. Bruce Hamous, AIA
PALS – A Program of the Minnesota
State Colleges & Universities ........ Jennifer Turner
Playaway .......................................... Mark Cicero
Pockets Full of Fun .............................. Lisa Laird
Quality Books Inc. .............................. Don Stout
Rainbow Book Company ....................... Monte Kuehl
Reach Out and Read Iowa ............... Molly Olinger Topf
Recorded Books ................................. Paul Gillespie
Rosen Publishing ................................. Scott Abrahamson
RTI-DVD Repair ................................. Michael Rozner
Show Me Books ................................. Ryan Eddis
SirsDynix ............................................. Jim Schwieters
State Library of Iowa .......................... Annette Wetteland
Struxture Architects ............................. Tim Jones
Tech Logic Corporation ....................... Dave Janzen
The Book Farm ................................. Rick Eugene Brammer
TLC - The Library Corporation ............ Gerry Davies
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University of Iowa Press ...................... James McCoy
World Book Inc. ................................. Dale Weber
Youth Services Subdivision ................. Audrey Jones
CANDIDATES FOR VICE PRESIDENT

**Lorraine Borowski** has served as the Director of Decorah Public Library for the past nine years. She had been an employee there for over 20 years. Her job titles have included Library Aid, Circulation/Technology Coordinator, Assistant Director and Director. As an ILA member, she is a member of the Information Technology Subdivision, Iowa Small Library Association and served on the ILA Executive Board from 2005-2008. She has been active in GAC, heralding the library causes to local and state legislative bodies. Her broad base of public library experience, administrative capabilities, continued quest to think outside the box and her ability to capitalize on resources are evident in the Decorah Public Library’s success.

**Statement of Professional Concern:**

The economic crisis is having an impact on all libraries. Budget concerns, constant technology requirements and the documented increase in use of library services require creative partnerships. ILA membership including academic, public, school and special libraries is a vehicle for assisting with navigating through the turbulent times. The Iowa library community is most certainly on the doorstep of change; a change that will require active participation by all the experienced and talented library community players. If chosen, I will look forward to representing Iowa libraries and to serving as Vice President of ILA.

**Nancy Medema** started her library career in 1979 as a fluke, thinking she’d work at the Davenport Public Library for a couple of years, then move on to another job. Little did she know that 31 years later she’d still be working in libraries and loving (almost) every minute! Nancy was at Davenport Public Library for 6 years and at Southeastern Library Services for 6 years. In 1991 she took a job at the Bettendorf Public Library where she is now the Manager of Circulation Services. She received her MLIS from University of Iowa in 2004 and a Masters in Organizational Leadership from St. Ambrose University in 2009.

Activities in her 19 years of ILA membership include: 1996 Support Personnel Forum Chair; Public Library Forum member; ILA Executive Board 2002 – 2004; and current Chair of the Leadership Development Committee. She is a member of ALA, PLA, and was a delegate from Iowa to the COPE III Congress on Professional Education in 2003.

**Statement of Professional Concern:**

Today’s libraries are challenged by shrinking resources and growing needs of our patrons. We struggle with how to provide better service with less staff, how to incorporate technology to the benefit of staff and patrons, and how to stay informed on current issues and new ideas. Through meetings, lobbying efforts, newsletters and conferences, ILA empowers Iowa’s library community to do its very best in serving their libraries and communities. ILA fosters a dedication toward excellence in libraries and librarianship among Iowa’s diverse library population. I believe that we all need to embrace our challenges in order to provide exceptional library service to all Iowans. I would like the opportunity to help keep Iowa’s libraries in the forefront of today’s society and in the minds and hearts of the citizens of Iowa.

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MEET THE FOUR CANDIDATES FOR EXECUTIVE BOARD

Kathy Bottaro is the library/media head teacher for the Sioux City Community School District. She received her B.A. in history from Briar Cliff University, and in 2010 will receive her M.A. in School Library Studies from the University of Northern Iowa. Upon graduation from college, Kathy taught at the elementary level for a number of years. In 1998, she joined the staff of the Sioux City Public Library where she worked in the youth services department for eight years. In 2006, Kathy accepted a position as a teacher librarian with the Sioux City Community School District. Kathy is a member of ILA, ALA, IASL as well as numerous education organizations and associations. She currently serves on the ILA Intellectual Freedom Committee.

Statement of Professional Concern:

I believe that these are exciting and challenging times for Iowa libraries. New technologies are rapidly emerging that alter and improve the delivery of services to our patrons. Professional development is essential to remaining current with new technologies and their applications within our libraries. Meanwhile the difficult economic climate is a challenge and demands that we advocate tirelessly for our libraries. Relationship-building within our specific communities is a cornerstone of effective advocacy. The libraries represented within ILA are diverse but our goals are the same. We work to identify the needs of our patrons, research the most effective means of meeting those needs, and then provide the service in the most patron friendly manner possible. Our efforts are strengthened by ILA’s resolve to keep us relevant, connected, educated, and moving in a common direction. I am honored to be nominated for the ILA Executive Board.

Maeve Clark is Information Services Coordinator at the Iowa City Public Library, where she has worked in this position since 1992. Maeve was Assistant Director and Head of Adult Services at the Carnegie Stout Public Library in Dubuque from 1986 to 1992 and she began her professional career at the Ames Public Library as a Reference Librarian in 1984. She received an undergraduate degree in Anthropology and a MLS from the University of Iowa. Maeve also served in the Peace Corps in Zaire from 1979 to 1981. While an undergraduate she worked at the University of Iowa Library and at the Iowa City Public Library was in graduate school. As a member of ILA she helped found the Public Library Forum, has served on the Conference Planning Committee and was a member of the ILA Foundation Board for eight years, four of them as secretary. Maeve has been a member of both ILA and ALA since 1982.

Statement of Professional Concern:

The Iowa Library Association advocates for quality library services for all Iowans and provides leadership, education and support for members. As a member of the ILA Executive Board I will help further the mission of ILA. I have seen tremendous change in the library world since beginning my professional career. Advocacy for libraries is essential, from the smallest public library to our largest academic institutions. Advocacy cannot be done without a strong and growing membership and as a 28-year member I understand the importance of joining at the beginning of one’s career and staying involved. In today’s digital age we have unparalleled opportunities to share information and provide professional and educational development. We are in a transformative period where the potential to serve in almost unlimited. We need to be creative in our leadership and strive to collaborate whenever possible. I am honored to be nominated to the ILA Executive Board. If elected I will enthusiastically represent all members of the Association and I also promise we will have fun.
Duncan Stewart worked in acquisitions and cataloging at Indiana University while earning his MLS. He cataloged at the State Historical Society Library in Iowa City, and moved to the University of Iowa in 2002. Duncan has been as a member and chair of the Iowa Library Association Governmental Affairs Committee, served on the ILA-ACRL executive board, and is now on ILA’s Leadership Development Committee. He attended the ILA Leadership Institute in 2006 and has helped represent Iowa at Library Advocacy Day in Washington, D.C. He is also on the ALA Committee on Legislation.

Statement of Professional Concern:

The Iowa Library Association unites Iowa librarians to improve library service for all. I know first-hand how effective we are when we work together: Unified by ILA, we won Enrich Iowa state aid, and restored the teacher librarian requirement to the Iowa Code.

Every ILA meeting and workshop reminds me how our organization fuses librarians with diverse backgrounds, interests, and needs into one community dedicated to serving Iowans and our profession.

Through ILA I have made friends with Iowans I might never have known—directors of small public libraries, trustees, LSA staff, teacher librarians, state librarians, and many others. All bring passion and expertise to ILA. If I am elected to the ILA Executive Board I will work with friends and colleagues across Iowa to continue ILA’s advocacy for libraries. In particular I will encourage library students and new librarians to become active in ILA.

Dorothy DeGroot grew up on a farm in southwestern Minnesota. She received an undergraduate degree with a double major in elementary education and library science from Morningside College in the early ’70’s. She began her teaching career at Emerson-Hubbard Schools in Nebraska. From there she moved to a position on the reference desk at the Sioux City Public Library. After relocating to Anthon, Iowa, Dorothy was a middle school teacher and the librarian for Woodbury Central Schools and later, Anthon-Oto Schools. In 1991, Dorothy received her MLS from Emporia State University through one of ESU’s first distance programs, hosted on the campus of Morningside College. Dorothy accepted a position as the high school teacher-librarian for Spencer Schools in Spencer, Iowa in 1990; she remained with that district until accepting a position as an Instructional Media & Technology Consultant for Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency in 2005.

She previously served on the board for the Spencer Public Library, and exchanged many greetings with Dewey Readmore Books, Spencer’s famous feline, during board meetings and on trips to the library with her children. Dorothy has also served on the ILA Conference Planning Committee. She is a member of ALA and ISTE (International Society for Technology in Education) - the parent organization for ITEC (Iowa Technology and Education Connection). For the past 3 years, she has played a key role in the planning and presenting for Technology for Instruction and Integration for the 21st Century Learner Conference (TICL) hosted on the campus of Buena Vista University in Storm Lake. In addition to her work with the AEA’s teacher-librarians and teachers, Dorothy also works closely with school district administrators to support them in furthering their district’s efforts to integrate technology for all students. Dorothy also has expertise in Moodle, the online course management system adopted across the state, and she has recently been nationally certified as a Google Educator Applications Trainer.

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Kathy A. Parsons is Head of the Stacks and Media Department at the Iowa State University Library. Since joining the Library as a documents librarian in 1985, she has been a reference librarian, bibliographer, and instructor in information literacy. Active in ILA, she has been involved in the Government Documents Round Table and ILA/ACRL. She has been a director on the ILA Executive Board as well as a member of the ILA Conference Planning, Leadership Development, Membership, and Editorial committees. In recent years she played the role of the ILA paparazzo at the annual conference. She has recently completed the 2010 ILA Leadership Institute. Also active in ALA, she has served as an officer in the ACRL Chapters Council and on committees in ACRL, LLAMA, and RUSA. She was a co-recipient of the 2004 Jesse Shera Award for Distinguished Published Research from the ALA Library Research Round Table.

*Singualar of paparazzi

Statement of concern:

Libraries have been an integral part of my entire life from childhood walking to the public library for children’s programming to college studying and working and now as an adult as librarian and a continual learner. Never before has the library value to society been so questioned. Therefore it is crucial during this period of extreme budget cuts to share how all types of libraries do make a difference in their communities. By serving as your ALA Councilor I would have the opportunity to represent the interests of you, the members of ILA and to tell the stories of the successes of Iowa libraries. Thank you for this honor.

The ILA Nominating Committee is currently seeking a second candidate for ALA Councilor. Information will be posted to the website and included with the ballot that will be mailed in October.
TWO RAFFLE ITEMS:

- Apple iPad and case
- Quilt - 64” x 80” made by ILA Member Karen Burns
- 2 - $100 Gift Certificates to Prairie Lights Bookstore

For a picture of the quilt and more information, please visit www.iowalibraryassociation.org and click on ILAF Raffle Information.

Remember if you are unable to attend conference this year, you could send money with a colleague to purchase raffle tickets for you.

Please bring item(s) with you to the conference.

AUCTION ITEMS:

A few of the items being donated for this year’s auction are listed below. Many ILA members are donating themed baskets. You are invited to browse the exhibits, visit your favorite exhibitors, bid on items, and help support your Iowa Library Association Foundation at the same time. Please consider donating an item to the auction to help ILAF support libraries and librarians. Fill out the donation form on the ILA website at www.iowalibraryassociation.org or contact auction chair, Barb Corson, at barb.corson@lib.state.ia.us Thank you for your support!

Audio books
Donor: Blackstone Audio

Small desk lamp
Donor: Clear Image Solutions-RMC Imaging

Falling In signed by author
Donor: Baker & Taylor

Framed print of the State Capitol Building
Donor: Jones Library Sales

Books, puppets and puppet making kit
Donor: Pockets Full of Fun

8 Magazine subscriptions
Donor: EBSCO

Return to Sullivans Island signed by author
Donor: Baker & Taylor

2 Bouquets of flowers delivered to your library
Donor: Biblionix

Undone signed by author
Donor: Baker & Taylor

Framed numbered print of the Simon Estes Amphitheater in downtown Des Moines
Donor: Jones Library Sales

$50 HyVee gift card
Donor: Leo A. Daly

Black Magic Sanction signed by author
Donor: Baker & Taylor

6-month subscription to cataloging service
Donor: TLC

Necklace and earring set
Donor: Nancy Bolt

Wine basket
Donor: StruXture Architects

Sony reader with a/c adaptor
Donor: Julie Pulkrabek

$100 Gift Certificate
Donor: Brodart Company

2 $50 Kum & Go gift Certificates
Donor: Kum & Go

Fry Fest high porch picnic
Donor: Coralville Public Library

Cat-themed handbag
Donor: Sarah Clendineng

Dinner for 4; includes appetizers, wine and dessert
Donor: Mike Wright

Aveda pampering basket
Donor: Susan Moore

Apples to Apples Junior
Donor: Kara Logsdon

This Book is Overdue! How Librarians and Cybrarians Can Save Us All, by Marilyn Johnson
Donor: Katherine Manion

Pasta/olive oil gift basket
Donor: Marianne Malinowski

Candi Couture Doll
Donor: Kathy Mitchell
Attendance at ALA was 25,754 (of which 6,558 were exhibitors) to the delight of the Association. There were concerns that conference attendance would be down due a negative impact from the economy, but this year was close to two other record-breaking years (28,941 for Chicago last year was a record breaker for attendance).

Council I

- The Council approved the Goals and Objectives of the Strategic Plan for 2011-2015 by a near unanimous vote after months of input from across the Association. The 2015 Strategic Plan covers the following main points:
  - Advocacy, Funding, Public Policy
  - Build the Profession; Transforming Libraries
  - Member Engagement
  - Organizational Excellence

- A “Resolution Reaffirming Equal Employment Opportunity for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Librarians and Library Workers” was passed after some discussion on a unanimous vote. Harassment of some transgender members at the ALA Annual in Chicago had inspired this Resolution.

- A “Resolution on Non-Discrimination in Conference Contracts” offering a restriction on entering into contracts with organizations and legal bodies in cities, counties and states that by law discriminate against Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender people was referred to the budget committee for assessment of fiscal implications.

Council II

- Michael Stephens, Chair of the Website Advisory Committee (WAC), reported how his committee has been proceeding to improve the current ALA Website.

- “Resolution Concerning the Proposed Closing of the School of Library and Information Science at Louisiana State University” was passed unanimously. The resolution opposes the closing of the LSU SLIS. The resolution will be communicated to LSU Board of Supervisors and Board of Regents, but may also be relayed to key officials in the Louisiana State Legislature and Governor’s office.

- A “Resolution on Ensuring Summer Reading Programs for all Children and Teens” was passed. The resolution outlines the importance of ensuring that libraries are adequately funded to support summer reading programs for all children and teens.

Council III

- “Prisoners’ Right to Read: An interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights” was passed unanimously by Council.

Other

- $200,000 has been raised for the Spectrum Initiative (recruiting diverse peoples to the profession) toward the goal of $1 million
- A National Legislative Rally was held at the Capitol on Tuesday, June 29. Library advocates Senator Jack Reed (D-RI) and Rep. Vern Ehlers (D-MI) spoke to the 1,600 attendees.
- ALA has received two IMLS grants: one for the Office of Diversity to support the Spectrum Initiative in the amount of $430,000, and the second in the amount of $590,000 to support the Library Staff Certification Program (to date 75 have signed up for this program and there is much excitement about the program).
- 2010 marks the 29th annual celebration of Banned Books Week which will be held September 25 – October 2.
- Membership to ALA is stable at 62,251 (a one third of one percent decline from last year).

Susan Henricks,
ALA Councilor
University of Iowa SLIS Launches New Student Journal

The start of the Spring semester brought the launch of the School of Library and Information Science’s new student journal, B Sides. Founded by Angela Murillo and Rachel Hall, now alumni of the program, B Sides is dedicated to promoting scholarship in the field while participating in conversations regarding the future design of publishing standards. The spread of Open Access publishing allows us to fulfill these inseparable goals without the overhead associated with print publications.

In the era of vinyl records, b-side recordings were places for artists to experiment and for unknown artists to make themselves heard. In the same way, B Sides strives to promote the publication of new formats as well as research into a variety of pertinent topics in our field. So far we have published LibGuides, a PowerPoint Presentation, a class website, a poster, and a collection guide. Many journals overlook the fact that librarians and students are doing very rigorous and high-quality work as a part of presentations and projects for work or classes. By opening ourselves up to digitally publishing a variety of content, we can reflect the importance of all the work being done and give current students a better sense of what they will do in the field.

We came on board as Associate Editors, and took over officially in May. We look forward to continuing the journal in the spirit that encouraged its creation, and we have already learned a great deal. The response to B Sides has been overwhelming: after only a semester, we have over a dozen publications, with more being submitted every week. Both students and alumni have expressed an interest in reviewing and publishing, and we are continuously amazed by the quality both of the submissions and the reviewers’ comments that help authors refine their work. While there are other student journals, Iowa SLIS students are very happy to have a publication geared specifically toward them. Students elsewhere are interested in department-specific journals too: after talking with us about B Sides, one PhD student in Alabama is trying to start a similar publication at his school!

Educating our authors and reviewers about the peer review process is the most rewarding part of being an editor. We set up the process so that our decision letters and feedback clearly tell authors where their work shines and what they might want to improve. The goal of this is to provide an inclusive and helpful environment for fostering scholarship and sharing while still maintaining a high standard.

Our goals for the coming year include training our replacements (we’re both graduating in May) and reaching out to students from related departments whose work is relevant to librarianship. We are excited to continue promoting scholarship in SLIS, and we encourage you to see what we’ve done at http://ir.uiowa.edu/bsides. If you have any questions about B Sides, please contact us at bsides@uiowa.edu.

Julia Skinner
Katie Devries Hassman

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Statement of Professional Concern:
I have worked in both large and small libraries in the public, the academic, and the K-12 school arenas. My library experience has spanned the worlds of the specialized cataloger in an academic setting, the meets-all-needs librarian for the public in a city setting and the school librarian who wears many hats for the students of a district. At no time has it been more important for librarians from all types of libraries to unite to work together to preserve intellectual freedom and intellectual opportunity in the 21st century. My recent work to become a Google Educator Applications Trainer has only confirmed the need for information specialists from all library worlds to continue to advocate and teach the information literacy skills to all learners regardless of the content areas in which the learners are involved. We have valuable expertise, needed knowledge, and spectacular skills in working with our public. Google can’t hold a candle to the knowledgeable, experienced flesh-and-blood librarian!

Annual Planning Meeting
November 5
Urbandale Public Library

Information to be distributed soon. This meeting is for all current and incoming committee members and subdivision officers.

Congratulations!

Karen Pederson, Bondurant Community Library won a free conference registration because she encouraged Jennifer Campbell to join ILA and Jennifer wrote Karen’s name on the ‘referred by’ line on the membership form.

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ILA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

Chris Adcock ........................................... Belmond
Evan M. Anderson ................................. Urbandale
Jason Armbruster ................................ Des Moines
Conrad Bendixen ................................. Coralville
Jill Besler .................................................. Worthington
Jennifer Bishop .............................................. Solon
Michelle Bjerke ................................. Iowa City
Meg Boulton ........................................... Des Moines
Samantha Bouwers ............................... Coralville
Annette Bramstedt ................................ Cedar Falls
Linda Brown .................................................. Webster City
Jolene Bullis .................................................. Latimer
Stephanie Callan ....................................... Lone Tree
Jennifer Campbell ......................................... Bondurant
Libby Caplan ............................................... Alden
Carla Clarin ........................................ Cedar Rapids
Billie Cotterman ........................................ Iowa City
Cynthia Davis ............................................... Waucoma
Katie Devries Hassman .............................. Iowa City
Lisa Dreesman ........................................... Carroll
Diana Erickson ........................................ Stratford
Sonja Ferrell ............................................. Washington DC
Brad Ferrier .............................................. Iowa City
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Christine Garrow ...................................... Iowa City
Veronica Grim ........................................... Oskaloosa
Xiaomei Gu ........................................... Cedar Rapids
Candace Havely ........................................... Waterloo
Chilly Heinz ........................................... Coralville
Kelly Hildebaugh ...................................... Marion
Ashley Hill ...................................................... Leon
Jamie Hosek ........................................ Marshalltown
Sheila Janssen ........................................... Traer
Linda Johnson ........................................ Cedar Rapids
Molly Keating ................................................... Hiawatha
Sue Kellogg .................................................. Grand Junction
George Kemmerer ...................................... Leon
Miranda Kral ........................................ North Liberty
Casey Lambert ........................................ Iowa City
Mark Linder ................................................... Sioux City
Sarah Luko West ....................................... Des Moines
Mary F. Markham Clarke ............................. Urbandale
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Dana Means ...................................................... Grimes
Missy Molleston ...................................... Iowa City
Merri Monks ........................................... Des Moines
Kolbi Moore ........................................ Cedar Rapids
Melissa Moore ........................................ Iowa City
Lisa Mullen ........................................... Mt. Pleasant
Michelle Murray ......................................... Eldridge
Deborah Olson ............................................. Dows
Leah Oren-Palmer ....................................... Coralville
Jenny Parker ........................................ Dubuque
Jason Paulios ........................................ Iowa City
Kayla Pollock ........................................ Iowa City
Rosemary Riess ........................................ Davenport
Leila Rod-Welch ........................................ Cedar Falls
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Debbie Schmidt ....................................... Glenwood
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Michaela Seeman ....................................... Beaman
Katie Shaffer ........................................ Cedar Rapids
Chelsea Sims ........................................ North Liberty
Sandy Sines ................................................ Sigourney
Kaitlin Stolba ........................................ Cedar Rapids
Sally Stromseth ............................................ Decorah
Kalmia Strong ........................................ Iowa City
Deborah Swigert ....................................... Des Moines
Darlene Syuma ........................................ Cedar Rapids
Sara Thompson ......................................... Sioux City
Jeanne Tollagson ....................................... Woden
Christine Tomlinson .................................. Hinton
Keri Weston ............................................... Carlisle
Kayla Williams ............................................ Spencer
Emily Wilson ........................................ Iowa City
Katherine Wilson ....................................... Iowa City
Julie A. Zimmerman ..................................... Iowa City

Conference Orientation/New Members Breakfast

If this is your very first ILA annual Conference, you are cordially invited to attend a Conference Orientation/New Members Breakfast, scheduled for 7:30 a.m. — 8:25 a.m. on Thursday, October 14. Breakfast highlights include a few words from our current President and members of the ILA Membership Committee. Breakfast attendees will receive a “Conference FAQ” handout filled with helpful hints about how to navigate this conference. This is a great opportunity to meet some fellow ‘newbies’, as well as rake in an early door prize. Everyone wins!

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

PR Extravaganza

Gaylord Brothers is generously donating a $125 gift certificate which will be awarded (drawn from a hat) to a library that contributes public relations materials to the P.R. Extravaganza at this year’s Iowa Library Association Conference. To submit electronic materials contact Kim Kietzman via e-mail: kkietzman@altoona.lib.ia.us.
First, a little history on why and how this group was convened:

• The Iowa Legislature originally asked all state agencies for ideas on how to save money, streamline services, and incorporate new guidelines for span of control, or a larger ratio of employees to supervisors, and create a transparent accounting of state funds.
• Legislation introduced to merge the two existing service delivery models (LSAs and State Library) did not pass, and it became evident to the legislators that the Iowa Library Community was not in agreement on how to reorganize library services.
• After a special meeting with legislative leaders in March, a mandate was passed in the Legislature to require the two groups (LSAs and State Library) to sit down and come up with a new service delivery model. The Iowa Library Association took on the responsibility of brokering this new plan of service delivery.
• The Legislature also called for elimination of perceived duplication of library services and perceived inconsistency of these services across the state to libraries of all sizes.
• To meet the legislative mandate, the ILA Executive Board authorized ILA President Dale Vande Haar to form a committee of 11 individuals to create a new library services delivery model.
• Information on the Reorganization meetings has been posted to the ILA website here: www.iowalibraryassociation.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=100

This committee of 11 was formed and met three (3) times over the summer. Each meeting was open to the larger library community, many of whom attended one or more meetings. These other participants were known as the “Studio Audience” and were asked for their input on several occasions. They created one of the four (4) models that were presented to the larger group for consideration at the second meeting.

During the early stages of this process, a small group was convened to create and send out surveys of the library community, to get feedback on “essential services” and other reorganization matters. That feedback was remarkably consistent, often agreeing on the most essential services provided by the LSAs, the State Library, etc. In addition, a number of respondents expressed a desire to move forward from the bitter division that was experienced early in 2010 over the original reorganization plans.

The second meeting, on July 7, 2010, had the main Committee of 11 reviewing the survey results and their implications and then breaking into three groups, with the Studio Audience as a 4th group, to produce possible service models, along with visuals.

Ideas from the first two meetings as well as the visuals/models created in the 2nd meeting were given to a subcommittee of five (5) from the larger committee.

This subcommittee met twice in July/August to create a visual model showing the new delivery design, complete with these items requested by legislators and/or suggested by our ILA lobbyists:
• projections of cost savings,
• clear oversight of state funds,
• one governor-appointed governing board,
• a plan for offering statewide consistent and high quality library services to all libraries,
• Staff: District consultant positions will be filled with LSA librarians, if they want the job. The library resource technician positions will be filled with as many LSA office staff as possible.
• meeting the span of control (supervisor to employee ratios) requirements.

The third meeting of the Committee of 11 met on August 18th to revise the model, creating Design 1, and voted unanimously to support it. This has been placed on the ILA website (Model, FAQ, Talking Points, Financials) and also on this blog—waiting on address to insert here—for additional comments by the Iowa Library Community. Small changes based on blog comments may be made by the Committee of 11. This completed design will become Design 2, which we in the Iowa Library Community will need to rally behind and support.

As can be seen by viewing the design model, there is a new state agency, Iowa Library Services, that blends the former State Library of Iowa and the Library Service Areas.

It is anticipated that the ILA Executive Board will adopt the passage of Design 2 as its 2011 Legislative Agenda, which will then be voted on by the ILA membership at the October 2010 Annual Conference in Coralville. The plan is to send the proposal to legislators just after the ILA Annual Conference in mid-October.

Please visit the ILA website to view the posted documents and then visit the blog to post your comments.

A room at the Coralville Marriott will be reserved for conference attendees to meet with members of the Committee of 11. This is another opportunity to ask questions.
I am writing to thank the committee for selecting me to receive the 2009 ILAF scholarship. As a graduate student at the University of Northern Iowa and a working K-12 teacher librarian in the East Marshall Community School District, the scholarship enabled me to continue my pursuit of a Master’s degree in School Library Studies, to join the Iowa Association of School Librarians, and to join ASCD.

I appreciate the support of the ILA Foundation for students in Library Studies. Your decision to select me inspires me to work harder and better and smarter as a teacher librarian for my students and myself. The confidence implicit in your scholarship selection definitely serves as a reminder that I am worthy of this profession.

Thank you for bestowing this honor.

Sincerely,
Dixie Forcht
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