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Message From The ILA President

Dear ILA Members:

Spring events for ILA have included several subdivision conferences and workshops with more to come throughout the summer. The ILA Leadership Institute will be held in Cedar Rapids in July and participants are announced on page 7. Be sure to check the ILA calendar to keep up on all association related events.

The ILA listserv is an excellent forum for information, announcements and ongoing discussions. Experiences, including my recent trip to the National Library Legislative Day in Washington D.C., have made me realize that one voice can make a difference. One volunteer can strengthen a group. One attendance to a workshop or conference provides a learning experience that is beneficial for the services provided at home. A recent ILA listserv discussion reflects the need for re-evaluating the membership dues structure so that involvement is affordable for all. Communicating ongoing committee, subdivision, roundtable and forum news will help generate involvement in the association.

You’ll be seeing more information pertaining to the fall ILA Conference coming out in Catalyst issues, online and via email. “We’re All In This Together” is the theme, so please join me in Dubuque this October for meeting, greeting and learning. Get involved by registering in August for this great fall “get away”.

Lorraine Borawska
ILA President

October Is Just Around The Corner ...
Do You Need A Room?

If you’re planning to attend the ILA Conference in Dubuque be sure to reserve your hotel room early. Room blocks with special rates for ILA members have been set up at these hotels:

**Grand Harbor Resort and Waterpark**
wwwgrandharborresort.com/
500 Bell Street
Dubuque, IA 52001
Phone: 563-690-3270
Single/Double: $99.00
Triple/Quad: $109.00

**Holiday Inn Dubuque/Galena**
450 Main Street
Dubuque, IA 52001
Phone: 563-556-2000
Single/Double: $89.00

The deadline to receive discounted rates is September 9, 2012. Don’t delay, as rooms will go quickly.
Get To Know ... Or Get Reacquainted With Barbara Peterson

I began March 1, 2004 as the Director of the Council Bluffs Public Library. When I began the job, I never dreamed that I would come to love ILA so much. Iowa is a wonderful state and Iowa librarians are the best. I attended my first ILA Annual Conference in the beautiful city of Dubuque. What a wonderful experience that was. I was able to get acquainted with a lot of you and enjoy the many sessions that I attended. Little did I know then, that I would end up being so involved in the association.

Through being a member of ILA, I have been able to serve as President-Elect, President, Past President, member of the Executive Board, and both a member and Chair of the ILA Conference Planning Committee. These opportunities have helped me to become a better person and a far better librarian. Also, because of all of this involvement in ILA, I have really had the opportunity to become friends with my area state and local legislators. They knew that if there was a library issue on the agenda, they would hear from me. It was great because then I would always hear back from them.

ILA is a great organization and I will really miss it and all of you as I retire on June 30, 2012. My husband and I will be moving to Dallas, TX and the distance will be too great to travel back for conferences. I encourage those of you who are not members to join ILA and those of you who are members and not active, find a place to serve and be active. ILA needs you!!

Barbara Peterson, Director
Council Bluffs Public Library

Spotlight On Iowa Libraries

Name of Library: Atlantic Public Library

Age of Library: Established in 1903, 109 years old. It's a Carnegie Library

Library Director: Carole Stanger

Number on Staff: 2 full-time with 7 part-time staff members

Volunteers: Members of the Cass County Genealogical Society handle the Genealogy/Local History Department

Interesting Story: For the Opening Day of Library Week, I decided to use some of the State money we received this year to rent the Dome Theater for a day! The theater is an inflatable planetarium based out of Michigan. We set up this giant blue igloo in the middle of the main adult reading room and scheduled programs for every half hour from 12 noon to 7 p.m. Julie Tjepkes (our Children’s Coordinator) was instrumental in organizing this effort. We had approximately 300 people take part in this interesting and educational experience! One of the six programs was “The Night of the Titanic.” That very weekend was the 100th anniversary of the sinking. Another program was on dinosaurs. The kids especially liked that one!

Hours Open: 50.5 hours per week. Closed Sundays

Where Located: 507 Poplar Street in Atlantic, Iowa
Conference Logo Unveiled

The theme for the ILA fall conference is “We’re All In This Together.” The conference planning committee called for logo proposals from the ILA membership. The winner of the logo submissions was Lauren Hester, Circulation Desk Supervisor at Grinnell College Library.

Lauren is a native of Montezuma, IA and graduated from Grinnell College. She began working at the Grinnell College Library in the summer of 2010. She has created promotional posters for library events in addition to her duties. In her free time she enjoys reading, exercising and spending time with family friends and her dog Henry.

Thanks to Lauren for the great conference logo.

Get Ready For Dubuque!

Four years after ILA last conferenced in Dubuque, we’re coming back to the “Masterpiece on the Mississippi.” The 2012 Conference should be special in both programming and setting.

Following some amazing pre-conferences, the Wednesday evening reception will showcase the newly refurbished Carnegie-Stout Public Library. Enjoy refreshments and mingle with friends old and new. Concurrent sessions on Thursday and Friday will cover topics ranging from youth programming to Skype in the library. Thursday evening’s banquet speaker will be Bob Anderson from Decorah’s beloved Eagle Cam. (Yes, we’re all watching.) Friday’s luncheon speaker will be Dan Buettner, internationally recognized for his study of human longevity, and we know that librarians are about lifelong learning!

The conference center neighborhood continues to expand. The casino is bigger and better than ever, and McGraw-Hill’s new office building is just across the street. At what other conference could librarians visit either books or blackjack on the same block?

Next door to the conference center, the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium continues to garner national plaudits. You’ll also be near the world’s shortest and steepest railroad, the Fenelon Place Elevator, as well as Cathedral Square’s array of charming boutiques, all close to historic St. Raphael’s Cathedral. A bit farther away is Eagle Point Park with its overlook of the Mississippi, or the Julien Dubuque Monument south of the city. And what visit to Dubuque County is complete without a pilgrimage to the Field of Dreams, twenty-five miles west in Dyersville?

Make plans to join your colleagues when “We’re all in Dubuque TOGETHER!”

LaRue Confirmed To Speak At ILA Conference

Jamie LaRue has been the director of the Douglas County Libraries, headquartered in Castle Rock, CO, since 1990. He is the author of The New Inquisition: Understanding and Managing Intellectual Freedom Challenges, and wrote a weekly newspaper column for over 25 years. He was the Colorado Librarian of the Year in 1998, the Castle Rock Chamber of Commerce’s 2003 Business Person of the Year, and in 2007 won the Julie J. Boucher Award for Intellectual Freedom. LaRue is a frequent keynote speaker for library associations. He has been a featured presenter for regional workshops, a facilitator and presenter for staff days, a last-minute panelist, and a moderator and master of ceremonies for everything from debates to awards dinners. Lately, he has also been running hiring processes for non-profit and municipal CEOs. He particularly enjoys facilitating highly focused planning sessions for organizations that want to know what they do right, and what they need to do next.

He maintains the website “LaRue’s Views” http://jlarue.com/ and a library blog at http://jlaslarue.blogspot.com/.

LaRue’s presentation at Friday morning’s general session is titled “Hangin’ (together or separately)” He selected this title from the Ben Franklin quote, “We must, indeed, all hang together, or most assuredly we shall all hang separately.” LaRue says that this is “good advice for any revolutionary time.”
ILA Welcomes Christopher Harris
To Speak At The Annual Conference

The Iowa Association of School Librarians is proud to announce that national digital content expert and author, Christopher Harris, will be a presenter and keynote speaker at this year’s Iowa Library Association Conference in Dubuque this October.

Harris, a participant in the first American Library Association Emerging Leaders program in 2007, will present a half-day preconference on Wednesday, Oct. 10. The topic will be “Dealing with Digital” and will provide a practical guide for participants who are seeking answers to what it means for schools and libraries that information is going digital.

The director of an educational services agency that supports libraries in 22 small rural districts in western New York, Harris blogs about “E-Content” for American Libraries Magazine and is a regular technology columnist for School Library Journal.

On Thursday, Oct. 11, Harris, a Library Journal Mover and Shaker in 2008, will present the opening keynote, challenging us to work together to meet the needs of our communities.

Harris is involved with the ALA Office of Information Technology Policy Committee and a number of ALA eBook and Digital Content task forces and working groups. He will discuss eBooks in one of his concurrent sessions.

Many of you will, no doubt, be interested in attending his concurrent session on gaming in the library based on research for his book, Libraries Got Game: Aligned Learning Through Modern Board Games. He’ll discuss the value of games and will recommend the best games for various age levels.

Look Who’s Running!

The Nominating Committee of ILA is proud to present to the membership this year’s slate of candidates for Vice President/President-Elect and the Executive Board. Each of these candidates has shown great leadership, a commitment to the association, and would be energetic and determined representatives. This fall you will get a chance to learn more about the candidates in the Catalyst and when they deliver their speeches at the fall conference.

VP/President-Elect
Nancy Medema – Bettendorf Public Library
Sarah Willeford – Ankeny Public Library

Executive Board
Cheryl Carruthers – AEA 267, Marshalltown
Jill Sanders – Elkader Public Library
Kathy Kaldenberg – Solon CSD
Sue Kroesche – Le Mars Public Library

ILA Nominating Committee
Dan Chihball
Heidi Lauritzen
Jean Donham
Susan Macken

Libraries Need Friends

What: Establishing a Friends subdivision of ILA

Why: To promote the formation, growth, and vitality of Friends groups in all types of libraries by:

• Supporting the establishment of new Friends groups
• Supporting the revitalization of existing Friends groups
• Providing a voice on Friends issues within the Iowa Library Association
• Facilitating cooperation and communication between Friends groups and library staff and Boards
• Supporting continuing education for Friends and Iowa Library Association members
• Advocating for library issues with governmental bodies and the public
• Providing a network for sharing ideas and successful projects by Friends groups

Who: Any member of ILA—so far we have 17 signatures to form the group from 6 different libraries. We would like more to show strong support for this new subdivision.

How: Talk with your Friends group, gather some interest, and then contact Dawn Hayslett at dawnh@dubcolib.lib.ia.us or Lorraine Borowski at lborowski@decorah.lib.ia.us to add your name to the list of supporters.

When: Deadline for signatures is August 1, 2012.

What’s Next: Attending the November ILA Planning Meeting to organize the subdivision and plan programs.
Iowa Association Of School Librarians Have An “Amazing” Annual Conference

"Obvious to you, amazing to others" was the theme of the kickoff presentation for the 3rd annual conference of the Iowa Association of School Librarians Sunday, April 15. Solon Community School District Librarian, Kathy Kaldenberg, called for everyone to share their stories with blogs, Twitter and other social media, using the power of networking to build @dvocacy for our programs.

The energy of the evening grew with Van Meter School District's nationally known Teacher Librarian, Shannon McClintock Miller, leading the conference’s first ever "mini EdCamp" where within one hour, groups split into interest areas and held lively discussions on everything from ebooks to how to use Twitter.

And although the hour was late, there was a line of teacher librarians anxious to share their favorite tech tools during another conference first, "Tech Tool Smackdown", led again by Shannon McClintock Miller.

Who could have predicted that Monday’s keynote speaker, Barbara Stripling of Syracuse University, would soon be named the next president of the American Library Association (announced in late April)? It was an honor to have her share her thoughts, ideas and encouragement during her presentation, "Empowering Learners Through Inquiry: Building a Community".

The expertise of Iowa teacher librarians was evident during the many excellent concurrent sessions held throughout the day, including presentations on student produced book trailers, how-to tips on using Follett’s Destiny library management system, books for intermediate readers, lexile, text complexity and personal learning networks.

The lunch hour featured Lori Logsden of the Iowa City Public Library, who shared recent favorite adult titles, and an afternoon break gave attendees a chance to meet vendors face to face.

Handouts and documentation from the conference are available at: http://iasl2012.wikispaces.com/ and those that belong to http://iateacherlibrarians.ning.com/ can view dozens of candid photos and keep the conversation and enthusiasm going.

The Iowa Library Association Foundation (ILAF) Announces the Susan Lerdal Memorial Grant

Need some financial assistance to attend the conference this fall?

ILA members who meet one of these criteria:

• Are attending your first ILA conference
• Have worked in an Iowa library for fewer than three years
• Are a library science student

are eligible to apply for a $250 grant to help with expenses such as registration, travel, lodging and meals.

Sue Lerdal cared passionately about library education. Two $250 grants will be awarded in her memory for the 2012 fall conference. For more information and the application form go to www.iowalibraryassociation.org/index.php/foundation.

ILA Members: Please let your colleagues who are non-ILA members know about this grant opportunity. It may encourage them to join!
**ILAF 2011 Annual Report Available**

The Iowa Library Association Foundation had a successful year fundraising: we raised $9,342 from our raffle and auction and we received $8,438 through donations. We also were pleased to award $8,100 to the Iowa library community in the form of two $1,500 grants to library students and $5,100 to fund speakers at the ILA Conference.

*We want to give many thanks to our wonderful donors, both librarians and friends of libraries; ILAF owes its success to all of you!*

The complete ILAF 2011 Annual Report is available online at: www.iowalibraryassociation.org/images/Foundation/2011_ILAF_Report.pdf where you can read about our newest ventures including the 30x30x3 Campaign and the Susan Lerdal Memorial Grant. You’ll also find a list of our many donors to the annual conference auction. Thanks so much for your continued support!

*Barbara Carson*
*ILAF President*

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**Register Now For The GODORT Summer Workshop**

Registration is open for the Government Documents Roundtable GODORT Summer Workshop being held July 20th at the Hardin Library for the Health Sciences, University of Iowa in Iowa City. Guest speakers include Liz Cox, Janine Lawrence, Gary Kroh and Chris Childs.

Detailed information about the workshop and how to register can be found in the latest issue of the GODORT newsletter http://www.iowalibraryassociation.org/images/subdivisions/GODORT/8.9_godort_newsletter_03_2012.pdf.

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**ILAF Looking For 100 Pledges Of $30**

By now, all ILA members should have heard about the **30x30x3 Fundraising Campaign** celebrating the Iowa Library Association Foundation’s 30th anniversary. If you need a refresher go to www.iowalibraryassociation.org/images/Foundation/30x30x3updatedpledgeflyer.pdf to find out more.

To date, the 30x30x3 Campaign has done very well. As of late March we have $13,808 in-hand, with $20,448 pledged. To all who have made this possible, our deepest thanks.

And here’s a new opportunity: recognizing that people may want to do something other than pledge to the 30x30x3 Campaign, **we’re looking for 100 ILA members to make a one-time $30 contribution to the campaign.** No pressure, mind you, but this would be a great chance to contribute if you’ve yet to do so.

In return, this lucky group of contributors will feel great for having contributed to a good cause, and will help us celebrate 30 years of supporting Iowa libraries!

To make your donation to the Campaign go to: www.iowalibraryassociation.org/images/Foundation/100x30pledgeform.pdf.

*Mike Wright*
*ILA Fundraising Chair*

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**Iowa Health Sciences Library Association Spring Meeting A Success**

On Friday, April 27, 2012 the Iowa Health Sciences Library Association met for their annual spring meeting at the Hardin Library for the Health Sciences, University of Iowa Libraries, Iowa City. It was an action packed day of education, updates and news, idea sharing, and learning about challenges/accomplishments of medical librarians in Iowa. And we also managed to squeeze in a little time to eat, relax, and walk around the Health Sciences Campus.

We started our day with breakfast and introductions, before diving into the business meeting. During this meeting, the group discussed initiatives to increase membership and improve the value of membership in the group. A task force was formed to investigate options for educational programming during the year. Also, during our business meeting we announced the Citation of Merit Award winner, Ellen Bergerson, who has provided over 16 years of service to Des Moines University. Finally, we shared news about the annual ILA conference and other upcoming educational events, discussed membership/financial status of the group, and reviewed available scholarships and awards.

After our meeting, the group participated in a continuing education session titled “Information Anywhere: Mobile Technologies, Libraries and Health” delivered by Anderson, Technology Coordinator for the National Network/Libraries of Medicine Greater Midwest Region.
Leadership Institute 2012

In August of this year, ILA will have a decade of growing leaders to add to its credit. Every two years ILA holds a Leadership Institute for its members with the help of the Leadership Development Committee and with great contributions from the Iowa Library Association Foundation (ILAF) and Iowa Library Services/State Library of Iowa, several committees and subdivisions of ILA, as well as individual donors. This July will be the 5th one and all have been facilitated by Maureen Sullivan, whose knowledge and practice of leadership are exceptional. The hope is that the individuals who’ve gone through the Institute will become leaders in their libraries and communities and more involved in ILA. In other words, we’re trying to grow our own leaders.

We’ve done a good job so far. Just take a look at what some of the Leadership Institute graduates have been up to in ILA. Pat Means (2004) – Conference Planning Committee, Louise Alcorn (2006) – ILA Executive Board, Tena Hanson (2010) – ILA Executive Board, Kathy Parsons (2010) – ALA Councilor, Duncan Stewart (2006) – Governmental Affairs Committee and Executive Board, Lorraine Borowski (2004) – ILA President, and Sarah Willeford (2004) and Nancy Medema (2006) – current candidates for ILA Vice-President/President-Elect. There are many more graduates who have gotten involved in various committees and subdivisions of ILA and who have become leaders within their communities. This has been a highly successful venture and kudos to the people who had the foresight and dedication to get this up and running.

Accepted into this year’s ILA Leadership Institute are:
Susan Mannix – LeClaire Community Library
Susan Macken – Oelwein Public Library
Sam Garchik – Regina High School Library
Molly Keating – Hiawatha Public Library
Merri Monks – Iowa Library Services
Merideth Willett – Davenport Public Library
Mary Murphy – Perry Public Library
Karen Burkett-Pederson – Bondurant Community Library
Kara Logsdon – Iowa City Public Library
Julia Dickinson – St Ambrose University Library
Jenny Parker – Dubuque County Library
Jennifer Deberg – Hardin Library for the Health Sciences
Jamie Williams – Ericson Public Library, Boone
Liza Gilbert – Davenport Public Library
Erin Fitzgerald – Marshalltown Community Schools
Endya Johnson – Waterloo Public Library
Brandie Ledford – Sac City Public Library
Beth Reineke – Estherville Public Library
Becky Miller – Waterloo Public Library
Andrew Fuerste-Henry – Carnegie-Stout Public Library, Dubuque
Amy Power – Fort Madison High School
Amy Muchmore – Carnegie-Stout Public Library, Dubuque
Elisa Topper – Bettendorf Public Library

We hope they have a wonderful Institute and are as inspired to take on leadership roles as others have who’ve gone before them.

A review of the session and classroom materials can be found at http://nnlm.gov/training/mobile/. Max, who has provided many other valuable educational sessions to our group, provided a fantastic session on educating patrons about mobile resources, as well as design considerations. He was able to provide a sufficient level of detail, with demonstrations and a hands on component, without overwhelming those in the group with limited experience in this area.

During lunch we had an overview of the Greater Midwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association and news about the upcoming (fall 2012) conference, followed by a tour of the nearby Center for Disabilities and Development’s Disability Resource Library.

After wrapping up the continuing education session, participants were able to visit the John Martin Rare Book Room for an open house: “The Herbals: Sources of Health and Beauty”, featuring 20 herbals from 6th century facsimile manuscripts through the 18th century. The meeting was a success despite unexpected tropical conditions in our classroom (Max was a trooper)! Our attendance was around 25, with greater participation in the business meeting as compared with past years. The current board aims to increase participation of new and long-time members in order to develop programs, awards, and educational opportunities that meet the ever-changing needs of our members.
Iowa Teen Award Winner Announced

The 2012 book award winners were announced at the IASL conference in April. The Iowa Teen Award winner for 2012 is The Last Thing I Remember by Andrew Klavan.

This award has been presented each year since 1984 to an author whose book is voted as the favorite by students in grades 6-9 across the state of Iowa. We pride ourselves in saying that this award is centered around the students – they do the nominating and the voting each year. As is tradition, the winning author is sent a golden apple inscribed with Iowa Teen Award, title of the winning book and date.

Mr. Klavan responded to the announcement with the following:

Dear Sandy,

Thank you for your letter. I’m so delighted to receive this honor. It’s a special pleasure because I know the readers themselves did the choosing. An author is always pleased to receive the praise of critics and flattered to garner awards from committees and colleagues, but in the end, it’s the readers who matter most. I’m very grateful to the students across the state who gave The Last Thing I Remember their votes. I hope you’ll pass on my thanks to them.

All the best,
Andrew Klavan

A photo of the Golden Apple and additional comments from Andrew Klavan on winning the Iowa Teen Award are featured on his website, http://www.andrewklavan.com/.

Other IASL book award winners can be found at: https://sites.google.com/site/iowabookawards/

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ALA National Library Legislative Day

Iowa libraries were well represented at this year’s ALA National Library Legislative Day. Mary Wegner, State Librarian; Lorraine Borowski, Decorah Public Library; Allison Galstad, Coralville Public Library; and Sonja Ferrell, Ottumwa Public Library journeyed to Washington, DC on Monday, April 23. ALA presented necessary information on key issues during a full day of briefings that prepared participants for Congressional visits.

The Iowa contingency successfully visited the offices of the two Senate representatives as well as the five Congressmen who represent Iowa. The message presented to legislators asked for at least level funding for the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA). Emphasis was placed on the decrease of funding over the past years. Each participant told her “story” as to the value of the dollars provided. These values included: E-Library resources such as EbscoHost, E-Rate consulting, Interlibrary Loan through SILO, Summer Library programming resources and training, PLOW program connecting more than 300 Iowa public libraries, Iowa Publications Online, and in general the high quality of library services provided by all Iowa libraries and the value of teacher librarians for all Iowa schools. They passed on statistics that library cardholders have increased by 20%, checkouts have increased by 16% and library visits have increased 42% all since 2001.

The group was well received by the legislators and their staff.