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Message From The ILA President

ILA's fall conference is showcased in this Catalyst, which includes informative news about conference events, important reminders, and interesting invitations. Please consider taking advantage of all the opportunities at the Fall Conference. Also included are bio statements and photos of the candidates for Vice President/President Elect and the Executive Board. The candidates for Vice President/President Elect are Nancy Medema and Sarah Willeford; for the Executive Board, Cheryl Carruthers, Kathy Kaldenberg, Sue Kroesche, and Jill Sanders.

The Annual Business meeting will be held on Thursday, October 11th, after the luncheon. ILA members will be asked to vote on the following: Bylaws Changes, the Strategic Plan for 2012-2015, the 2013 Legislative Agenda, and the Election of an ILAF Board member. The Annual Business Meeting Agenda, and information pertaining to each item, has been distributed via the membership list serve and is posted on the ILA web site. Thanks to the Bylaws Committee, the Strategic Planning Committee, GAC, and ILAF for their hard work.

A word of thanks also goes to the Conference Planning Committee for doing a great job. It has been a pleasure being a co-chair with Mary McInroy. Committee members include: Linda Adams, Denise Ballesteros, Beth Burrow, Barb Corson, Danielle Day, Jennie Garner, Jerri Heid, Mary Heinzman, Susan Henricks, Becky Johnson, Carol Kirsch, Amy McGraw, Pat Means, Sarah Meyer-Reyerson, Barb Peterson, Jill Sanders, Denny Sharp, Kris Stacey-Bates, and Ellen Van Waart. Many hands made for a lightened work load and for a lot of fun.

The Annual Fall Planning Meeting will be held Friday, November 2nd at the Johnston Public Library. This gathering of committees and subdivisions is an important planning session for the upcoming 2013 ILA year. If you are interested in participating in a committee, subdivision, or roundtable, stop at the ILA booth in the exhibit hall for more information.

Thank you to everyone for your membership and service to ILA.

Lorraine Borowski
ILA President
**Spotlight On Iowa Libraries**

**Name of Library:** Carroll Public Library

**Age of Library:** A petition for a free library was successful in establishing the Carroll Public Library in 1894. A Carnegie Library Building was built in 1906. In 1975 the library was allotted 10,000 sq. ft in a Community Complex also housing the fire, police and City Hall. The board of trustees conducted a space needs study in 2003, which recommended a 32,000 sq. ft. building for library activities. Trustees and Foundation members raised $1.2 million in just three months in 2011, but a bond issue failed miserably that August, so the trustees are back to square one to begin a building project.

**Library Director:** Kelly Fischbach

**Number on Staff:** 6 adults and 4 pages

**Volunteers:** 3 Foster Grandparents who help with our summer reading sticker program

**Website:** www.carroll-library.org

**Programs:** We believe our summer program is second to none. Our summer 2012 program had 1045 children sign up to participate. We run one program for “Readers” (K-8) which challenges kids to read 25 books during the summer. We give out stickers for every book they read and special prizes at the 10, 15 and 25 book levels. Children who reach the 25 Book Club receive a sign to place in their yards. Our second program is for “Rookie Readers”, and is based on visits over the summer. When parents bring children into the library who have “read” 5 books, they get a sticker, and if they “read” 10 they get another sticker. Ten visits over the summer results in a yard sign. This year we offered 5 special events on Tuesday mornings with attendance ranging from 453-592. We jammed them all into the main area of our library and had two programs to accommodate the crowds.

Our Crafty Library Ladies meet on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings, creating items for charities. While they make a lot of noise in the library, they have helped us transform into a community gathering place. We have story times on Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings. Free Friday movie nights are held twice a month with popcorn from the local theater. We have the opportunity to provide a library newsletter in the city water bill six times a year. The city pays the postage, so our only cost is printing the newsletters. It has been a cost effective way to get programming information out to our city residents.

**Interesting Story:** The Carroll Public Library has only had four directors since it was established. Sara Stevens served from 1919-1963, Gordon Wade from 1963-2001, Linda Reida from 2001-2008, and Kelly Fischbach from 2008-present.

**Hours Open:** Monday-Thursday, 9-8; Friday, 9-6; and Saturday, 9-5; Summers we close at 7, and at 2 on Saturday.

**Where Located:** Carroll is located one hour straight west of Ames. It is the county seat of Carroll County, with a population of 10,103. (Size F)

**Special Collections/Features:** We have a large Large Print Collection that we are willing to contract out to other libraries. We still have the original 1975 orange carpet that we are hoping to replace in October!
Are You Ready For Dubuque?

Your colleagues in the Dubuque area are rolling out the red carpet for this year’s ILA conference. Be prepared to learn, network, and have fun in the Key City.

This year’s speakers will address a variety of topics from intellectual freedom and collaboration to the quality of life for bald eagles and humans! Check out the descriptions on the Conference page of the ILA website. The Exhibit Hall will have a great variety of vendors and products to study and compare. Pre-conferences and concurrent sessions, business meetings, and break times will keep everyone happily busy. And there is the world beyond the professional activities, too!

The Grand River Conference Center, with its spectacular arcade, looks out over the Mississippi River. Pelicans, herons, and gulls glide past, with the wooded bluffs of Wisconsin and Illinois across the river. The River Walk behind the Conference Center is a showcase for sculptures. The nearby National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium, with its changing exhibits, is ranked among America’s top ten aquariums.

A few blocks to the west, within easy walking distance of the Conference Center, a variety of new restaurants continue to enhance Dubuque’s charming downtown district. And the recently renovated Carnegie-Stout Public Library will host a reception on Wednesday evening where attendees will be serenaded by a local jazz band. Be sure to have your picture taken in front of the oversized American Gothic figures just outside the Art Museum, too.

Many wonderful features of Dubuque remain: The Fenelon Place Elevator, the world’s shortest and steepest railroad, provides a panoramic view of Dubuque and the Mississippi. Near the base of the railroad are some charming shops and the historic Cathedral of Saint Raphael. Conference goers interested in getting beyond the downtown can visit Loras College, the University of Dubuque, and Clarke University. And Galena, ten miles away, is second only to Chicago as Illinois’ most popular tourist destination.

So come prepared to learn from the new and enjoy the old, to meet up with friends at a great conference, and to visit this Masterpiece on the Mississippi. We’ll all be in Dubuque TOGETHER!

Come On Down! ILA New Members Breakfast

New to ILA? Please join the ILA Membership Committee at the ILA New Members Breakfast on Thursday, October 11th at 7:45 am. Come with questions and concerns, and come to find out what is going on in ILA! Come with ideas. Come for the great food and door prizes. Come to get to know your fellow librarians. See you all at the Conference! For more information contact Dee Crowner, Chair, Membership Committee, at librdy@north-liberty.lib.ia.us or 319-626-5701.
Financial Statements, Executive Board Minutes, and More Are Available On The ILA Website

To see the Executive Board’s meeting minutes go to: http://tinyurl.com/bpu7dw3
To see ILA’s current and past financial documents go to: http://tinyurl.com/dxvmoal
Or you can go to the ILA website at www.iowalibraryassociation.org and click on the Membership tab. There you will see Member Central – which contains the above information and much more! You’ll also find a link to past issues of the Catalyst.
To access these resources, you will be asked to log-in. If you have any problem logging-in, call the ILA office at 515-273-5322 or 800-452-5507, or email ILA@iowalibraryassociation.org.

Please Note These Conference Updates

• The Libraries, Lobbying, & Legislators session on Friday at 11:20, sponsored by ILA’s Governmental Affairs Committee, will be led by ILA lobbyist Craig Patterson. Craig’s lobbyist colleague, Amy Campbell, was originally scheduled to co-present, but is unable to attend the conference this year.

• Conference presenters, and Moline-based documentary filmmakers, Kelly and Tammy Rundle, have received a regional Emmy nomination for their documentary film, “Country School: One Room-One Nation”. The Rundles will lead the conference session Libraries and Documentary Filmmakers on Thursday afternoon at 2:00, sponsored by the Video Roundtable. Regional Emmy winners will be announced on September 22, 2012 in Kansas City, Missouri.

• Panelists for the Graphic Novels for Youth and Teens, scheduled for Thursday at 3:30, will be: Andrew Frisbie, Youth and Teen Services Librarian, North Liberty Community Library; Ann Hartmann, Council Bluffs Public Library; and Becky Johnson, teacher librarian, Jefferson High School, Cedar Rapids. Becky will also serve as moderator for this session sponsored by the Iowa Association of School Librarians.

• The Conference Reception at the Dubuque Carnegie Stout Public Library (360 West 11th Street) will run from 6-9 pm on Wednesday, with continual trolley service shuttling between the Grand River Center and the Library during that time. The first trolley will leave the Grand River Center beginning at 5:45 pm and the last trolley will leave the library at 9:15 pm.

IASL Representatives Promote Teacher Librarians
At School Administrator Conference

Over 1,500 principals, superintendents, curriculum directors, and other officials attended the School Administrators of Iowa Annual Conference, August 7-9, in Des Moines. A few of them stopped by to talk to Iowa Association of School Librarians (IASL) board members Shannon Miller, Van Meter Community School District; and Kathy Kaldenberg, Solon Community Schools. What IASL’s booth lacked in glitz and giveaways was made up for by the passion and enthusiasm of the association’s representatives.

Many conversations were supportive, with administrators acknowledging and praising the work done by their teacher librarians. Other administrators were unclear about the role of teacher librarians during this time of educational change. It was a great opportunity to highlight some of the positive and innovative initiatives taking place in their own state.

The #sai12 Twitter hashtag was a great way to share a collection of administrator quotes, gathered via the school librarians’ mail list. To see a slideshow with the quotes and photos go to www.tinyurl.com/iaslsai12.

Kathy Kaldenberg
IASL Professional Development/Conference Chair
The ILA Foundation wants you to get ready to

**Donate in Dubuque!**

Enter the 2012 raffle to win one of four great prizes.

Purchase a ticket and you might win:
- A handmade quilt by ILAF member Sarah Clendineng
- An iPad2
- One of TWO Kindle Fires!

Visit the Exhibit Hall to browse numerous Silent Auction items, donated courtesy of your 2012 Exhibitors and fellow ILA members.

**Auction items are still needed!**

Complete the online donation form at:

ILA Foundation: Celebrating 30 years of Fundraising for Iowa Libraries
Proposed Bylaw Changes Streamline, Update ILA Bylaws

The Bylaws and Organization Manual Committee has recommended changes to the Bylaws and the ILA Board has approved the changes. They must now be approved at the annual membership meeting. The rationale for the changes is:

1. ILA’s Strategic Plan calls for the organization to “review and revise as needed the Bylaws and the Organizational Manual to ensure a flexible and efficient organization.”
2. The Bylaws are in need of general review to remove redundancies and unnecessary language and references, as well as to make language consistent throughout. Old language (e.g., mail ballot, magazine) need to be replaced and made more generic to provide flexibility for future developments.
3. The Bylaws need to be prepared for more effective digital access.
4. The Bylaws present basic operating principles; policy, procedures and rules should be detailed in the Organization Manual. Policies and procedures outside of the Bylaws may be amended by a vote of our elected Executive Board; changes to the Bylaws require a vote of the membership, which normally can happen only once per year at the annual conference.

In preparing revisions, the Bylaws and Organizational Handbooks of other states’ library associations were consulted, with special attention to those of Wisconsin and Illinois, which have engaged in similar efforts to streamline Bylaws.

Two versions of the Bylaws are posted on the ILA website at www.iowalibraryassociation.org. One is the Bylaws as they currently exist, with old language indicated by strike through and new language in red. The second is the Bylaws as they would appear when the changes, also indicated in red, are approved.

One major change moves the duties (Articles IV and V) of the officers and the Executive Board from the Bylaws to the Organization Manual (OM). This provides the Executive Board with greater flexibility in assigning responsibilities to association officers. These duties are already listed in the General Policies section of the Organization Manual, so this change also removes the redundancy between the two documents. A sample of what the revised “duties” section of the OM might look like is included on the website. This is a draft only, as these revisions cannot be done until the membership approves the changes.

Changes were made to clarify types of membership. These are summarized in the Dues Schedule, which is part of the Bylaws, and in a new Glossary (under development), which will accompany the Bylaws but be considered a part of the Organization Manual. Draft versions of these documents also available on the ILA website.

The membership will vote on these changes to the Bylaws during the annual meeting in Dubuque on October 11. Please contact a member of the Executive Board or the Bylaws Committee, as listed below, if you have questions about the Bylaws changes.

Lorraine Borowski
ILA President

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Un-Conference In Dubuque!

While at the Conference this year, if you need a place to dialog with colleagues, carry on a discussion from a session, continue a planning session, or network with conference attendees…no worries!

We have the place for you.

The River Room in the conference center will be set up with Wi-Fi, three separate tables and chairs, some easels, paper and markers to facilitate an Un-Conference, a place to do any or all of the above.

Use the Twitter hashtag #ialib12un to share Un-Conference comments.

The Un-Conference will be available during most of the Conference, with the exception of Thursday after 4:30 pm and Friday after 11:00 pm.

Take advantage of this opportunity to get the most from your conference experience!

ILA Library Association
Annual Membership Meeting Agenda
Thursday October 11, 2012
Approximately 1:00 pm
Grand River Center
Dubuque, IA

1. Report of the Credentials Committee
2. Adoption of Standing Rules
3. Amendments to and Approval of Agenda
4. Minutes of the 2011 Business Meeting
5. Reports: all committee and subdivision reports will be included in your conference packets.
6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
   A. Bylaws Changes
   B. Strategic Plan
   C. 2013 Legislative Agenda
   D. Election of ILAF Board Member
8. Open Forum
9. Remarks from President
10. Acknowledgement of Resolutions of Courtesy
11. Announcements
12. Miscellaneous
13. Adjournment

If you wish to add an item to the agenda, you may do so by contacting the ILA President in writing by 5:00 pm on October 1, 2012.

Well Wishes To Denise Ballesteros

The ILA Executive Board meeting of June 8th included extensive discussion pertaining to the future of the ILA office and the ILA Office Manager, Denise Ballesteros’, contract. The ILA Board voted to transfer full management to Diversified Management Services, Inc. This transition comes with much consideration, and difficult decisions.

Denise’s contract ended August 31, 2012, and her last day at the ILA office was Wednesday, August 29. Denise has taken a position with Fair Acres Stock Farms as an assistant to the CEO.

It has been a pleasure working with Denise. On behalf of the ILA Executive Board and the ILA membership, I’d like to thank her for her contribution and hard work for ILA. As a part time contract staff member, her dedication and hard work were instrumental during the ILA Office transition.

Good luck, Denise, as you begin your new position. Thank you for all that you have done for ILA.

Lorraine Borowski
ILA President

Calling Committee Members And Subdivision Officers:
Put ILA Annual Planning Meeting On Your Calendar!

The ILA Annual Planning Meeting will be held on Friday, November 2nd, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm, at the Johnston Public Library. Details, including an agenda for the day and registration, will be coming soon. Begin planning TODAY for this meeting! Two online forms will again be used at the Planning Meeting to capture conference program suggestions, list planned activities, and determine committee and subdivision budgets. You will soon be sent a link to worksheets that will help you collect information needed for the Planning Meeting. They should be filled out prior to November 2nd. ILA will provide a limited number of laptops for use during the meeting, however, please bring your own, if possible.

ILA committee and subdivision chairs are encouraged to contact committee/subdivision members for input, and to get started right way. The ILA Annual Conference subdivision meetings will be a great time for securing information in preparation for the Planning Meeting. Please come on November 2nd prepared to discuss and finalize activities, conference proposals, and budgets. It will enable us to develop a phenomenal 2013 plan for ILA. For more information contact Lorraine Borowski, ILA President, at lborowski@decorah.lib.ia.us or (563) 382-3717.

We’re all in this together as we plan for ILA’s future!
**Enhance Your Conference Experience On Twitter!**

Twitter is one of the best ways to keep in touch with colleagues, events, sessions, and general information when you are attending a conference. This fall, when you attend the ILA conference in Dubuque, remember to follow ILA on Twitter. We will be tweeting throughout the conference, keeping members aware of what's happening every day.

Our handle is @IowaLA. The hashtag for the conference is #ialib12. Please share your tweets with us as you move from session to session. Keep other members informed about what you’re learning throughout the conference. Just add that hashtag, #ialib12, and your tweets will mix together with other members’ tweets for one big conversation on Twitter. Enjoy the conference!

*Dan Chihnnall*
*Social Media Coordinator*

**Electronic Guidelines For ILA Membership Vote**

At its January 13, 2012, meeting, the ILA Executive Board approved electronic voting for the 2012 ILA Executive Board election. According to ILA’s Bylaws (Article III-Membership, Section 3), only personal members are eligible to vote.

On Monday, October 15, an e-mail will be sent to ILA personal members with the required link for voting. One vote per personal member will be counted.

If you currently are a personal member, and either do not receive the e-mail or do not use e-mail, please contact the ILA office at 1-800-452-5507. The ILA staff will be happy to e-mail or mail you a ballot. When completing renewals and/or becoming a new ILA member, it is important to have an e-mail contact address for each member. It is acceptable for a library or a director to list ILA members under one e-mail address. (Ex: director@library.ia.us).

An e-mail will also be sent as a reminder to vote. All voting must be completed and submitted by Wednesday, October 30, at 5:00 pm.

**IOWA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**
**ANNUAL CONFERENCE**
**OCTOBER 10-12, 2012**

**Early Bird Registration Rates End October 1st**

Calling All Staff, Trustees, And Friends Of Academic, Public, School, And Special Libraries!!

You won’t want to miss ILA’s Annual Conference in Dubuque this fall. You will have a chance to network with old friends and colleagues, create new connections, check out the latest products from ILA’s vendors, listen to and interact with nationally-known speakers, and choose from over 40 varied program sessions. See you in Dubuque!

**We’re All In This Together**

Grand River Center, 500 Bell Street, Dubuque, Iowa

Take the opportunity to register now at http://www.iowalibraryassociation.org
It’s A Party … And You’re Invited!

Where? Carnegie-Stout Public Library
Corner of Locust and 11th Streets
Downtown Dubuque

When? Wednesday Evening, October 10, 6:00 – 9:00 pm

How do I get there? Trolleys of Dubuque will provide continuous travel between the Grand River Center and the Library starting at 5:45 and concluding at 9:15. This service is funded by the City of Dubuque.

What’s happening? Besides enjoying snacks and networking with friends old and new, you can:

• Enjoy musical entertainment provided by the Upper Main Street Jazz Band.

• Play Dewey Bingo: Just mark off the DDC numbers on your card as the books are called!

• Spin the Library Wheel to win prizes!

• Create a wreath by writing the names of two of your favorite books on scraps of fabric. A drawing for the wreath will be held at the end of the evening.

• Name that book – from its shredded pages – and win a prize!

• Have your picture taken in the Grant Wood painting Appraisal.

• Tour the Library! The 110-year-old library is on the National Register of Historic Places, and underwent a $7 million renovation two years ago. When the Library gets its LEED certification, it will be the first public library building in the nation to be both LEED Certified and on the National Register of Historic Places.

So plan NOW to be at the party then, because … we’ll all be in there together!
Participants Rave About 2012 ILA Leadership Institute!

ILA’s Leadership Institute was held July 17-19 at the Kirkwod Conference Center in Cedar Rapids, with 23 participants from Iowa libraries. Maureen Sullivan was once again the facilitator and once again did a phenomenal job teaching, encouraging, and empowering the participants in all things leadership. The facility was wonderful, the staff was very helpful and friendly, and the hotel accommodations were awesome. The Institute was a bit shorter this year, and participants complained that going back to work on Friday was difficult because the Institute was intense, and they needed some time to decompress. Certainly something to consider for the next one!

A huge THANK YOU to ILA, members of the Leadership Development Committee, ILAF, Iowa Library Services, and to the many forums and subdivisions that donated money to make this Institute possible! Without those donations we couldn’t keep the cost to participants down or continue to afford Maureen. As we move forward this fall with ILA planning, please consider that a contribution to the Leadership Institute is a valuable way to strengthen and encourage the leaders within our Association.

Comments from the follow-up survey include:

- “This was an absolutely life changing experience. I want to thank Maureen for taking the time to come teach and to ILA for making this experience possible.”
- “What a great experience!! WOW!!! I was wiped out! Very intense. Well worth the time away from the library. Quality instructor, quality information. The take away information was priceless. The collaboration and discussion among the attendees was phenomenal. Thank you ILA and Iowa Library Services for holding this Leadership Institute. My only criticism would be to have more down time to digest the information; maybe having rooms by ourselves to have alone time.”
- “The Institute was an extremely valuable experience for me. Maureen Sullivan is a superb teacher/facilitator, one of the best I’ve ever had the privilege of working with over the course of my adult life. I also made new friends in the Iowa library community and have already been able to begin to utilize what I learned at the Institute in my workplace.”
- “Thanks so much to ILA and the Foundation and any other organization that made the Leadership Institute possible. It truly was a life altering experience! Thank you!”

This year’s participants included: Amy Muchmone from Carnegie-Stout PL, Amy Power from Ft. Madison High School, Kara Logsdon from Iowa City PL, Julia Dickinson from St. Ambrose University Library, Susan Mannix from LeClaire Community Library, Susan Macken from Oelwein PL, Sam Garchik from Keokuk Schools, Molly Keating from Hiawatha PL, Merri Monks from Iowa Library Services, Meredith Willett from Davenport PL, Mary Murphy from Perry PL, Karen Burkett-Pederson from Bondurant Community Library, Jenny Parker from Dubuque County Library, Jennifer DeBerg from Hardin Library for the Health Sciences, Jamie Williams from Ericson PL, Liza Gilbert from Davenport PL, Erin Feingold from Marshalltown Comm. Schools, Endya Johnson from Waterloo PL, Brandie Ledford from Sac City PL, Becky Miller from Waterloo PL, Andrew Fuerte-Henry from Carnegie Stout PL, Elisa Topper from Bettendorf PL, and Beth Reineke from Estherville PL.

There will be an informal reunion of all Leadership Institute participants from the past decade during the upcoming ILA conference in Dubuque. We’ve received many requests from participants for a reunion, so we can have a chance to mingle and network, see old friends, and make new ones.

Date: Thursday, October 11
Time: 6:00-6:50 pm
Place: Patio of the Grand River Center

Hope to see all of you Leadership Institute grads there!

Nancy Medema
Chair, Leadership Development Committee

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Tell us what you did

The Intellectual Freedom Committee of the Iowa Library Association will have a booth in the hallway at the conference on Thursday with ideas on how to promote Banned Books Week in your library. September 30–October 6, 2012 is this year’s annual observance. So if you tried something at your library, we’d like you to share it with everyone. Show us what you did in 2012 and you might win a prize! If you put together a display, wrote a column or press release, did a program, or held a discussion, we’d like to hear about it.

Attending the conference? Stop by the display and see the video presentation. We’ll also have some interactive items, so you won’t want to miss the fun.

If you’ve never done a display or promotion for Banned Books Week, now is the year to give it a try.

Visit [http://www.ala.org/advocacy/banned](http://www.ala.org/advocacy/banned) for ideas on how to get started. There are many free downloads and pieces of clip art available for your use. (Like the two on this flyer!)

Did you see that thing about a prize drawing? We’ll hold a drawing for a fun prize from all the submissions we receive. We know there will be popcorn, wine, and other yummies involved, so it will be a great prize to take home! Plus you will have bragging rights at the conference.

Send your entry to:

Kelly Fischbach
kfischbach@carroll-library.org
118 East 5th Street
Carroll, IA 51401

Questions?
712-792-3432

Deadline for submissions

October 3, 2012

Don’t be shy!
The best ideas come from our members.
Visit the Display
Thursday 8:30-5:00

Prize Drawing

- Take a picture OR
- Send a copy of your column OR
- Send your newsletter OR
- Whatever you have to show us your awesome idea!

We’d prefer electronic submissions because we have a short turn around until conference, but we’ll take whatever you are willing to share!

All submissions become the property of the ILA.

Sponsored by the Intellectual Freedom Committee of the Iowa Library Association
Iowa Library Association
Executive Board Candidate Statements

Nancy Medema
Candidate for Vice President
Nancy Medema is the Circulation Services Manager at the Bettendorf Public Library. She started her library career in 1979 with 6 years as a circ clerk at the Davenport Public Library, followed by 6 years as an ILL clerk for Southeastern Library Services. In 1991, she moved to the Bettendorf Public Library’s circulation department as a library assistant in charge of stacks maintenance, supervision of the Pages, and Union Steward, and has been Circulation Manager for the past 4 years. She has an MLIS from University of Iowa and a Masters in Organizational Leadership from St. Ambrose University. She is currently working on a Certified Public Management certificate. She has been involved in ILA as a member of the Support Personnel Forum and as Chair in 1996, member of Public Library Forum, Executive Board member from 2002-2004, Chair of Johnson Brigham Plaque Committee in 2009, and current Chair of the Leadership Development Committee. She has been instrumental in the planning of the past three Leadership Institutes, and was a participant of the second Leadership Institute. She is also a member of ALA and PLA.

Statement of Professional Concern
Libraries today are so different from even a decade ago. Technology changes daily (or so it seems) and our patrons require different types of help than before. We, as the staff, trustees, and supporters of Iowa libraries are dedicated to providing the best possible services within our means and truly want to help others within the state also succeed. ILA plays a huge role in fostering the training, lobbying and networking necessary to accomplish much of what we need and desire for our libraries and patrons. And even though the Association itself is undergoing some major changes, its foremost goal is to be relevant and useful to its members. I believe that by working together and embracing our challenges with a positive attitude and sense of humor, we can help each other and the Association be the best we can be. If chosen, I look forward to helping ILA and Iowa libraries move into the future strong and viable by helping the members gain the tools needed to accomplish their goals, and by keeping libraries in the minds and hearts of Iowa’s citizens. After all, “we’re all in this together”.

Sarah Willeford
Candidate for Vice President
Sarah Willeford is currently the director of the Kirkendall Public Library in Ankeny. Prior to her time at Ankeny, she was the Assistant Administrator of the Central Iowa Library Service Area for two years and the director of the Clarinda Public Library for seven years. She graduated from Coe College and received her MLS from Emporia State University. Sarah is an instructor for the Public Library Management courses for Iowa Library Services. She is a member of ALA and PLA. As an ILA member, her activities include: member of the Public Library Forum, member of the Library Leadership and Management Sub Division, member of the Iowa Small Library Association and past president, served on the Conference Planning Committee and is a graduate of the first ILA Leadership Institute. Sarah has also served as ILAs Governmental Affairs Committee Chair for the last two years.

Statement of Professional Concern
I have had the opportunity to work in and with libraries of all types and sizes throughout my career. I have a great appreciation for the knowledge, passion and commitment found in the Iowa library community. ILA - through its advocacy role, sub-divisions and support of its members - has been a constant throughout my experiences. I have witnessed countless times the power of ILAs members and their ability to speak as one voice and to assist librarians as they become leaders within their communities, statewide and nationally. The library community continues to see challenges, opportunities and changes. ILA must continue to strengthen its role as an advocate for all libraries and in the development of its members. By utilizing the vast experience of the membership, by developing opportunities for collaboration, by allowing all libraries to have a voice and by providing guidance and leadership, ILA will continue to assist libraries in their changing roles within their communities. I am honored to have been nominated for the position of ILA Vice President and look forward to representing Iowa’s libraries.

Cheryl Carruthers
Candidate for the Executive Board
Cheryl Carruthers is in her 13th year at the Information & Technology service area of AEA 267. She currently works from the Marshalltown office where her duties include supporting local school library programs and providing professional development, especially providing assistance with the integration of the online resources available through the AEAs. Prior to working at the AEA, Cheryl served as a K-12 teacher librarian and as a member of the board of trustees for the public library in Elgin, Iowa. She has been president of the Iowa Association of School Librarians subdivision and currently serves on the ILA Editorial Committee. She is also very excited about representing Iowa libraries on the North Central Regional Governor’s STEM Advisory Council with several other Iowa librarians.

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Cheryl Carruthers  
**Statement of Professional Concern**  
How do we continue to make libraries relevant at this time when Google reigns supreme and access to the Internet is literally at the fingertips of a large percentage of our population? I believe the answer to this question lies in the services that libraries and librarians provide—services that guarantee equitable and open access to information and patron support to meet their information needs with quality resources and assistance.

As financial resources continue to diminish, libraries of all types need to work together to provide these services in the most efficient ways possible. I believe libraries can be “The Tie that Binds” a local or educational community together. I also believe the ILA Executive Board needs to provide the support necessary for all types libraries to be successful in their mission. I am honored to put my name on the ballot for the ILA Executive Board position and would strive to advocate for libraries of all types and sizes and actively promote the relevance of libraries today and into the future.

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**Kathy Kaldenberg**  
**Candidate for the Executive Board**  
I sometimes call myself a “Peripatetic Librarian”. Although this title is especially relevant in my current position as the only librarian in the Solon Community School District where I serve almost 1,500 students and 150 staff members in three buildings, the appellation has been relevant for my entire career. After earning my MLIS from the University of Iowa in 1978, I followed my spouse around the United States (and the Azores), changing jobs every three to five years and working as a public library reference and special needs librarian, distance learning librarian, outreach librarian, community college library director, Air Force base librarian, and adjunct university instructor, just to name a few of the positions listed on my complicated resume. I have recently held offices and served on committees with the Iowa Association of School Librarians, but I’ve been active in professional associations since joining the student chapter of ALA the year GREASE was playing in movie theaters. Recently, I’ve written articles for Teacher Librarian and Knowledge Quest, but my blog posts, tweets as @scsdmedia, and other social media tools have most dynamically connected me with librarians, educators and interesting people from around the world.

**Statement of Professional Concern**  
I am grateful for my unique, circuitous career path. It has provided me with a wide variety of learning experiences in many types of libraries and the opportunity to work with an exceptional series of intelligent, dedicated, empathetic, and forward thinking professionals in libraries from coast to coast. After more than two decades of frequent relocations, I am thrilled to be back in the state where I registered for my first library card and made the life-changing choice to pursue my MLIS. For the last nine years, I have found myself surrounded again by colleagues I respect and learn from every day.

At Solon Community School District, our media services program is branded “Making Connections”. This would be my personal Iowa Library Association theme as well, as I work with librarians of every type to help make connections between subdivisions, other professional associations, different types of libraries and individuals, using our traditional tried and true methods of communication in combination with the expanded use of social media. I look forward to your support and the chance to make a connection with you.

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**Jill Sanders**  
**Candidate for the Executive Board**  
Jill Sanders has been involved in libraries in Iowa since 1998 when she became Director of the Colesburg Public Library, where she attained accreditation through Iowa Library Services in 1999. In 2002, she took the position of Director at the Elkader Public Library. In Elkader, Jill facilitated, through the Library Board of Trustees, the establishment of two critical groups—The Friends of the Elkader Public Library and The Elkader Public Library Foundation. She has served as secretary of the Public Library Forum subdivision of ILA and is presently serving as secretary of the Iowa Small Library Association subdivision. In 2011, she began serving on ILA’s Conference Planning Committee as Exhibitor’s Co-Chair. Throughout her library career she has been a member of ILA.

**Statement of Professional Concern**  
Libraries across the state of Iowa continue to face extraordinary challenges in providing services to communities. These challenges can seem insurmountable if not for organizations such as ILA which provides opportunities to collaborate, network and gain the knowledge we all need to succeed. It matters not if your library is in a town of 200, in an academic community or a large metro area, communication and working together will only enhance library services across the state. Libraries across the state must strive to find new avenues of funding, collaboration and communication to maintain present services and achieve new goals in Iowa libraries. ILA can and should be one venue for helping libraries across the state serve communities as best they can. We truly are all in this together. If elected, I will enthusiastically represent all members of the Association and strive to encourage professional development and collaboration among its membership.
I currently serve as the director of the Le Mars Public Library, but for nearly 20 years I have worked in libraries across the state serving in many different roles. I started my library career in the wonderful library friendly community of McGregor where I learned of the immense importance of the library within a small community. I was the director, children’s librarian, cataloger, computer tech, genealogist, and janitor at large in McGregor. It was there that I discovered a lifelong passion. Libraries! What other work could I do that would encompass so much learning, would get me involved in community, and let me give back! I also recognized that there were fellow librarians who would collaborate with me to make what we did even better, not to mention a whole lot more fun!

Next I was the Children’s librarian at the Emmetsburg Public Library, which is a shared facility with ILCC. More collaboration! I moved into the director’s position there a year before moving to Orange City where I worked as support staff for three years before accepting my current job in Le Mars.

I graduated from Buena Vista College with a BA in Elementary Education in 1979 and earned an MAE from UNI in 1992. I have been an ILA and ISLA member since 1994, and am currently President of ISLA, have been a member of ALA and ARSL. Besides loving my job, I enjoy camping with my husband, sharing time with my family which includes 4 grandsons and 1 granddaughter, traveling, and believe it or not, reading!

Statement of Professional Concern

- The overwhelming need for libraries to remain current and relevant in a digital world.
- The importance of collaboration among librarians from communities of all sizes to strengthen library influence in a world that seems to think every piece of information is dispensed by Google.
- The necessity for libraries to continue to provide free and open access to information including digital content.
- The absolute importance that libraries/librarians play an active role in shaping legislation at both the state and local levels that affect the free access to information.
- The need to increase our effort to show our communities that the root of democracy, the value of libraries in local community development, and life-long learning are supported and preserved at the library.

If elected I will be an advocate, promoting collaboration, life-long learning, and the best ways to navigate this digital world in which we find ourselves.

Thank You From ILAF Scholarship Winners

Dear Iowa Library Association Foundation,

It is with a grateful heart that I write this letter to thank you for the scholarship I received this past year from the Iowa Library Association Foundation (ILAF). When I first considered taking graduate classes in School Library Studies, I was a full-time elementary librarian in Ogden, the mother of a sophomore in high school and a junior in college, and the “mother” of 43 other students who attend the church youth group where my husband is a youth pastor. Life was busy, our house was full of teenagers (both biological and “adopted”), and I was fully aware that both free time and money were precious commodities that I did not have in abundance. In fact, it took me some time to convince myself that, at 42 years old, I should even attempt going back to college. Adding to the complexity of the decision was the fact that my husband was also taking college classes online, our income had been cut in half due to my husband choosing to follow the call into ministry, and our oldest son was attending a private Bible college in Minnesota. How could I find the time needed and the financial resources necessary to make this educational dream a reality?

After much prayer and an ever-increasing desire to be the best school librarian I could, I enrolled in the School Library Studies program at UNI. My amazing family gave me much grace that first year of graduate school. However, there was still one obstacle that loomed over me like a dark cloud: the cost of furthering my education. After just one semester, I was blessed to hear of the scholarships that the ILAF offers library school students. I had nothing to lose and everything to gain, so I applied.

This award has given me so much more than just the money needed to continue my education. It has given me confirmation that this career path is one that is God’s will in my life. It has given me the ability to bless my family by reducing the amount of school loans. It has given me timely financial stewardship “conversation starters” with my own children and my “adopted” youth group teens as they begin preparing for the big step of funding their own college educations. And, it has given me the desire to be a part of an association that is strong and seeking to find those people willing to pour into others for the good of the profession. I would say that with all the lives your scholarship has touched, your money was well spent, indeed!

Thanking you with a grateful heart,

Jannette Thrane

Dear Iowa Library Association Foundation,

I have just begun my first job as a teacher-librarian at Northwest Junior High in Coralville, Iowa, a school in the Iowa City Community School District. Working with kids, talking about books, and helping students navigate the internet and resources available to them, is a passion of mine. Although we have only been in school for a few short weeks, the time I have spent here has been extremely gratifying, and a perfect reminder of why I wanted to become a school librarian.

I would like to thank the Foundation for awarding me the Jack Tillson scholarship, which helped me in the pursuit of my teaching certificate and Master’s degree in Library and Information Science. By easing some of the financial burden, I was able to focus on my studies and prepare myself for the extremely rewarding job, and environment, I am now part of.

Sincerely,

Jenna Spiering

Thanking you with a grateful heart,

Janette Thrane

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ILA CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
OCTOBER 10-12, 2012 • GRAND RIVER CENTER, DUBUQUE

Conference registration and request for meals must be received with payment by October 1st. Payment is by check or credit card. Online registration and payment are available at www.iowalibraryassociation.org.

Name __________________________________________
(use one form per person - please print as you wish your name to appear on badge)
Library or Institution ______________________________
Academic □ Public □ School □ Special □ Other □
Street Address __________________________________
City/State/Zip ____________________________________
Email Address ____________________________________

Member ILA □ Member other library association □
Trustee □ First time attendee □

Out-of-state library association members may register at ILA member rates.

If you have a disability that may limit your participation, or a special dietary need, please let us know.

REGISTRATION

MEMBERS

after Oct. 1

Member Full Conference .............. $90 □ .............. $120 □
Member Thursday Only .............. $75 □ .............. $105 □
Member Friday Only ................ $50 □ .............. $80 □
Nonmember Full Conference ...... $120 □ .............. $150 □
Nonmember Thursday Only ...... $110 □ .............. $140 □
Nonmember Friday Only ........... $80 □ .............. $110 □
FullTime Student .................. $25 □ .............. $35 □
Exhibits Only ...................... $25 □ .............. $35 □

On-site registration: add $20 to the after Oct. 1 registration fee

WEDNESDAY PRE-CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Includes lunch. You must register by Oct. 1.

Lunch Choice:
Cobb Salad □ Club Croissant □ Vegetarian Wrap □

Sessions:
Dealing With Digital - Christopher Harris
   Member $30 □ Nonmember $40 □
Opening Doors To Early Literacy - Dr. James L. Thomas
   Member $30 □ Nonmember $40 □
Running Into The Roar - Doing What It Takes To Work As A Team - Heather Woody
   Member $30 □ Nonmember $40 □
Mining History For Storytelling Magic: Using Storytelling To Promote Your Library - Pippa White
   Member $30 □ Nonmember $40 □

☐ I plan to attend the free Conference Opening Reception on Wednesday at the Dubuque Public Library

MEALS

May not be ordered after Oct. 1

Two Day Meal Package* .............. $76 □
Thursday Lunch ...................... $23 □ .......... Vegetarian □
Thursday Banquet ................... $37 □
   Garlic-Herb Crusted Prime Rib
   Smothered Pork Chop
   Grilled Eggplant Parmesan

Friday Lunch ......................... $23 □ .......... Vegetarian □

Two day meal package includes Thursday lunch and banquet and Friday lunch.

PLEASE NOTE:

• Meal tickets will NOT be sold at the conference and no changes can be made in selections.

• Guests of registered conference attendees may attend only the meal functions without paying registration fees. Please use a separate form to order their meals. All others must register for the conference to purchase meals.

   Total for Meals $__________
   Registration $__________
   Pre/Conference $__________
   Total Enclosed $__________

MAIL FORM AND PAYMENT TO:
Iowa Library Association
525 SW 5th Street, Suite A
Des Moines, IA 50309-4501
Fax: 515-309-4576

Check #__________ Amount $__________

When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us either to use the information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account or to process the payment as a check transaction.

Visa □ Mastercard □ AmEx □ Discover □
Cardholder Name ______________________________
Card No ______________________________________
Expiration Date ______________________________
Signature ____________________________________

☐ Prepaid tickets, badges, and conference packets may be picked up at the registration desk.
☐ No refunds will be made until after the Conference, and only then if you notify us by noon on Oct. 1.
☐ Membership forms will be available at the registration desk.

Please retain a copy of this form for your records.