### Conference Highlights

The 2014 ILA Conference in Cedar Rapids kicked off with three pre-conferences and the Grand Opening of Exhibits. The Conference Reception was held at the new Cedar Rapids Public Library. Visitors enjoyed tours, musical entertainment, an opportunity to network with colleagues, and more. ILA thanks the Cedar Rapids Public Library for this great event!

Conference concurrent sessions included topics on: mobile technologies, promoting services, the library team, makerspaces, safety, LEGO, and much more. Thursday morning’s keynote, Barbara Jones, from ALA’s Office of Intellectual Freedom, discussed the international influence of Iowa Libraries.

Congratulation to ILA Member of the Year, Linda Adams, who was recognized for her great work for ILAF, ILA, and Iowa Libraries.

At Thursday’s Banquet, author and librarian, Barbara Fister, discussed the popularity of crime fiction, why we enjoy it and how online reading communities illuminate its social nature. Friday morning’s keynote speakers, Laura Damon-Moore and Erin Batykefer, shared their program Libraries and Incubators for the Arts, and how libraries of all types are offering inspiration and opportunities for art-making.

All Iowa Reads author, Thomas Maltman, discussed the lore and legends that inspired his book, Little Wolves, at the Friday lunch. The 2015 All Iowa Reads book was announced, and it is My Name is Mary Sutter by Robin Oliveira. Also at Friday’s lunch, Sarah Willeford passed the gavel to the 2015 ILA President, Duncan Stewart. We know you will be in good hands, and we look forward to exciting things from Duncan!

**A Thank You to ILA’s Exhibitors** who help make our annual conference possible. A listing of exhibitors can be found in the 2014 Conference Program on the ILA website under “Past Conferences.”
Message From The ILA President

It is so hard to believe that a year has passed and I am ending my term as President of the Iowa Library Association. I would like to thank the Executive Board for all their hard work throughout the year. I would also like to thank the members of ILA for their work in making our association a success.

The ILA Conference in Cedar Rapids was a great experience. There were so many wonderful speakers and sessions, and so much valuable information was shared between participants. The Cedar Rapids Public Library deserves a huge thank you for a wonderful reception and for sharing their library with us. The conference would not have been a success without the work of the Conference Planning Committee, Local Arrangements Committee, and the ILA Office – Thank You!

The ILA Annual Planning Day was recently held and there are amazing things being planned for 2015 by our Subdivisions, Roundtables, Forums, and Committees.

And I could not resist leaving you with a final Dr. Who quote. “We are all stories in the end...just make it a good one.” (The 11th Doctor).

Sarah Willeford
ILA President

Message From ILA’s Incoming President

I am honored and a bit awed to be your next president. However, I know that I will have the advice of many former ILA presidents, the assistance of the Executive Board, and the all-important work from you.

2015 is an exciting year to be president because it marks the 125th year of the Iowa Library Association’s founding in 1890. I have already received many great ideas for ways to celebrate our rich heritage and prepare for our next century of work for Iowa libraries. Originally I thought that I would make our 2015 theme something like “You Are ILA!”, but with the help of the Executive Board and my predecessors as ILA president, I decided that our theme should speak both to our longevity as a professional association, and to the future that we will be building for Iowa librarians who come after us. So our 2015 theme will be **ILA: the Next Chapter!**

The Iowa Library Association is adapting to new forms of professional development, library advocacy, and community building that our members need in the 21st century. ILA will explore ways to reach members using social media and virtual conferencing. We will also continue to offer our popular and distinguished Leadership Institute, work harder to make every one of you into a library advocate, and strive to provide professional and personal value to our members. I look forward to working with each and every one of you.

Duncan Stewart
Incoming ILA President
Great Things Are Happening In The
Iowa Association Of School Librarians!

From Kathy Kaldenberg, IASL Professional Development Chair: Preparations are underway for the IASL spring conference. It will be held Sunday April 12th and Monday April 13, 2015, at the Ramada Tropics Resorts in Des Moines. Our keynote speaker will be "Library Girl" Jennifer LaGarde. The call for proposals for concurrent sessions is open – check the IASL blog at www.iasl-ia.org for more information. We would love to have the input of all types of librarians. Mark your calendars and plan on coming!

From Chelsea Sims, IASL Advocacy Chair: In order to better advocate for our students and their school libraries, IASL has been working to collect data on how many school buildings in Iowa have their own Teacher Librarian. We hope to use this data to illustrate the vast disparity in quality of information literacy education students in Iowa are receiving, and impress upon communities and legislators the need to enforce current state program guidelines and get more schools to operate under "best practices." We have collected data from practicing TLs via a Google Map and are currently analyzing data reported to the Department of Education through the BEDS report.

From Amy Power, IASL Publications Chair: As technology pushes us to move faster while engaging with information online, the number of people reading the IASL blog has decreased with few comments about the posts. I think that the frequency and variety of content is adequate but I believe that people yearn for social media with interactive content to express themselves and share their voices. Despite the competition from social media, I am excited to see interest based on the number of blog views on topics related to advocacy, conferences, in-depth series reports, and follow up articles based on previous blog posts. Check us out on Twitter, Facebook, and our blog at www.iasl-ia.org

From Christine Sturgeon, outgoing IASL president and 2015 ILA Government Affairs Chair: Teacher Librarians had some success at the Capitol this year. With the help of ILA lobbyists, Amy Campbell and Craig Patterson, as well as our public and academic librarian friends, Teacher Librarians across the state contacted their legislators and the governor who removed Teacher Librarians from the “operational functions” list for schools, which rewarded school districts when they share TLs across districts. We are educators, not operational functions. We hope to build on that success this year by making sure that we are listed as educators in all Department of Education (DE) documents and correspondence. It saddens me to write that – it seems so paltry of an expectation. IASL wants to quickly see one Teacher Librarian in every school building in the state. But there are steps to getting there, and working with the DE to be certain we are recognized as the teachers and essential educational partners that we are is the first step.

We would like to close by quoting the Vision for Iowa’s School Libraries:

Iowa’s best schools have library programs that engage the entire school community to elevate the learning experience for all. Teacher librarians are uniquely prepared and strategically positioned to:

- teach students to think critically and independently to construct new understandings and insights from varied information sources
- lead and embrace the integration of technology to enhance learning
- connect communities of learners in virtual and physical spaces
- collaborate with the school community to design and enact rigorous learning experiences and participate as positive digital citizens
- maximize access to quality print and digital resources
- champion and support the reading life of students
- nurture curiosity to develop in students a passion for learning for life.

That is what Teacher Librarians do every single day. Could there be a better career? We don't think so!
Duncan Stewart grew up in St. Louis, and then Iowa City. He has a BA in History with a Russian minor from the University of Iowa, an MA in Slavic Linguistics, and an MLS from Indiana University-Bloomington. He worked for several years as a copy cataloger in the Special Languages Unit at Indiana University Libraries, and got his first professional cataloging job at the State Historical Society of Iowa Library in Iowa City. In 2002, Duncan moved to the University of Iowa Libraries Cataloging Department. During his misspent youth, Duncan studied too many languages, but now actually uses them to catalog materials in most European languages and other tongues that nobody else wants to work on. He also enjoys being the primary cataloger for Special Collections and particularly likes cataloging artists’ books.

Duncan joined the Iowa Library Association in the last century (1998) after starting at the State Historical Society. Gina Millsap first put him on the Government Affairs Committee. Then Pat Coffee cajoled Duncan into becoming GAC chair. Duncan served as a member of ILA/ACRL and ILA Executive Boards, and then woke up one day to find that he had been elected vice-president/president-elect of the Iowa Library Association. He feels fortunate to have been involved with ILA for fifteen years. As a member Duncan has met and worked with librarians from all over the state and from all kinds of libraries. In that time he has seen that whatever challenges ILA faces, the members and volunteer leaders working together can overcome them.

As president of the Iowa Library Association’s 125th anniversary year, Duncan wants ILA to continue to be the professional organization, library advocate, and representative of all librarians in Iowa. The Iowa library community faces numerous changes – financial concerns, a new generation of Iowa librarians, advocacy, and constant technological turnover. Duncan will work with the Executive Board, our new State Librarian, Iowa Library Services, and every member of ILA to support the Iowa library community.

Duncan’s wife Rachel is Director of E-Communications for the UI’s Tippie College of Business, his daughter Mara is studying to be an elementary teacher at Truman State University, and his son Andy is a freshman at Iowa City High School and is currently acting in his first film role. Duncan likes to read history books, watch bad science fiction movies, and walk his Basset Hound, Cassie.

Get To Know Duncan Stewart
2015 ILA President

I Can Help

If you’d like to get involved on one of ILA’s Committees or Subdivisions, or know someone else that would be a good fit, please fill out the I Can Help form on the ILA website.

Send it back to the ILA office and our current leadership will contact you!

**Spotlight On Iowa Libraries**
**Arlington Public And Fayette Community Libraries**
**Home Libraries Of ILA’s 2014 Member Of The Year!**

**Libraries:** I started at the Arlington Public Library as Assistant Librarian in April of 1983 and became Director in December of 1987. I’ve been Director of the Fayette Community Library since 1988.

**Age of the Libraries:** The current Arlington Public Library was built in 1981; it started around 1874. The Fayette Community Library was established in 1934, and the present building opened in 1952. It has had two additions: one in 1961 and one in 1999, which houses the IGN classroom/meeting room. It is one of the largest IGN classrooms in the state and is used for librarian continuing educational classes and library programming. Arlington is a size A library and Fayette is a size C library.

**Hours and Staffing:** The Arlington Public library is open 21 hours a week and has four part-time staff, including me. The Fayette Community Library is open 36 hours. There I work full-time and have three part-time staff, plus two work study students from Upper Iowa University. The Fayette Community Library also has an Experienced Worker who has been at the library for the past six months.

**Volunteers:** I couldn’t do all the things that need to be done without great volunteers. The Fayette Community Library also has a Friends of the Library group, with about 45 members who work very hard to provide extra funding and support for the library.

**Programming:** The Arlington Public Library has a story hour program each Wednesday morning during the school year and the Fayette Community Library has two preschool classes who visit every other week at the Library. I’m known to the children of both communities as Library Linda, and I do all of the children’s programming at both libraries. At Fayette we do an early out school program of crafts one Wednesday a month and a movie on another Wednesday each month.

**Interesting Story:** The best thing about receiving the “ILA Member of the Year” was all the wonderful comments from all my fellow librarians and people I have worked with throughout my career. I have received some wonderful emails and cards. They have meant so much to me. I have had a wonderful career as a librarian in Iowa.

Both of the libraries have been accredited for several years and have worked very hard to achieve this. I’m truly blessed to have two great boards and knowledgeable staff at each library. I also get to listen to books on the drive between the libraries each day!

_Linda Adams_
*Arlington Public and Fayette Community Libraries Director*
ILA Leadership Transitions

Incoming
Congratulations to Coralville Public Library Director, Alison Ames Galstad, who was elected to the position of Vice President/President Elect of ILA. Alison has held many positions in ILA. She currently serves on the Governmental Affairs Committee, and has advocated on behalf of Iowa Libraries at the National Library Legislative Day in Washington, D.C. for the past several years. She is also an active member of ALA and LLAMA. In her Statement of Professional Concern Alison stated: I value ILA as a clearinghouse for Iowa's library members, and as a resource for library support and advocacy. ILA has been around for almost 125 years, providing an influential structure for library advocacy – articulate in voice and strong in numbers. I welcome the opportunity to work with, and for, the members of ILA.

Outgoing
ILA thanks outgoing Executive Board members Katherine Howsare, Urbandale High School, Mary Cameron, Retired, and outgoing Past President, Mary Heinzman, Saint Ambrose University, for their service.

Congratulations to Dan Chibnall, User Services and Instructional Design Librarian at Grand View University, and Chelsea Sims, Teacher Librarian at South East Junior High and Hills Elementary in Iowa City. Each were elected to three year terms on the ILA Executive Board.

Iowa Library Association
Finance Committee
2014 Annual Report

The Finance Committee has focused this year on corporate memberships. An ad hoc committee consisting of Jeff Kushkowski, Nancy Trask, Mary Heinzman, Sarah Willeford, and Melissa Primus met twice (July and August) to plan a corporate member campaign. Jeff Kushkowski and Nancy Trask met with vendors during the vendor meeting at the annual conference to discuss the benefits of corporate membership.

The full committee will meet in November to develop a budget proposal for 2015 for the Executive Board's consideration.

You may view ILA's financial documents on the ILA website. Go to the Membership tab and click on “Member Central”. If you have any trouble logging in, contact the ILA office at 515-273-5322 or 800-452-5507, or fill in the email form at www.iowalibraryassociation.org/index.php/about-ila/contact-ila.

Jeffrey Kushkowski, Chair
Paula Brown
Ryan Gjerde
Frankie Hannan
Mary Heinzman
Tom Kessler
Nancy Trask
Sarah Willeford

2015 Lobbying Days
Lobby From Home Day – February 24, 2015
ILA Legislative Day – March 18, 2015

ILCatalyst - 6 - November/December 2014
As the outgoing chair of the Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC), I would like to introduce Christine Sturgeon, teacher librarian at Manson Northwest Webster School, as the 2015 GAC Chair.

Christine is Past President of ILA's Iowa Association of School Librarians subdivision, former GAC Vice-Chair and a veteran of many trips to the capitol building in Des Moines. Christine has enough energy for two people and acute political antennae. She will need your help during the 2015 legislative session as ILA works to increase Iowa Library Service’s budget, improve state assistance to libraries across Iowa, and to ensure that our governor, agency heads, and every legislator understand the vital role that all librarians serve.

Through GAC and our very effective lobbying team of Amy Campbell and Craig Patterson, and in partnership with Iowa Library Services, ILA will be representing you at the capitol. No doubt we will deal with challenges to local control of libraries and to getting teacher librarians included in Department of Education programs, and we will face the traditional competition for funding.

However, with your help, Christine, GAC, and our lobbyists will overcome any obstacles and vanquish any challenges. Please mark your calendars for Lobby from Home Day on February 24 and plan to come to Des Moines on March 18 for ILA Legislative Day to speak personally with your legislators in the stunning surroundings of the State Law Library.

Duncan Stewart
2014 GAC Chair
The Foundation Board Thanks Members And Friends For Their Support

The ILA Foundation Board members want to extend a big thanks to all of our supporters this year. Because of your generous donations to the silent auction and your bids for the auction items and purchases of raffle tickets, we were able to raise almost $10,000 to add to our funds.

ILAF funds are used for scholarships, continuing education, the ILA Leadership Institute, excellent speakers at the annual conference, and to support the ILA office and staff. Over the years ILAF has been able to award more than $150,000, thanks to your generous support.

Not only did we have a successful and fun time at the conference, our own ILAF Board Member, Linda Adams, was named the ILA 2014 Member of the Year. Congratulations, Linda, an honor well deserved!

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Foundation members are always ready to sell!

ILAF is very proud of Linda Adams – ILA 2014 Member of the Year!

ILAF Board members sing to a Mexican tune to raise funds!

Foundation members enjoying the conference

Mike Wright presents an iPad to raffle winner Connie Matulonis
Awards, Awards, And More Awards!

This year at the 2014 ILA Annual Conference, several awards were given out to deserving members. Those awards included the following:

**Member of the Year:**
This award recognizes outstanding service to the Iowa library community. The winner this year was Linda Adams, Director of the Fayette Community and Arlington Public Libraries. Linda has served on many subdivisions and committees during the last 26 years, including the Iowa Small Library Association, the Re-organization Committee of Iowa Library Services, the search committee for a new State Librarian, ILA Conference Planning, and as co-chair of the Silent Auction Committee for the ILA Foundation.

**Citation of Merit:**
This award is conferred upon individuals or groups who have made outstanding contributions to quality library services, or who have advanced the principles of quality library service to the community. This year’s winner was the Library Support Network Staff of Iowa Library Services. The Library Support Network staff work diligently to support and train library staff around Iowa for such things as library websites, database training, continuing education, consulting, summer reading program, grant facilitation, early literacy training, accreditation, e-rate reimbursement, and many other things. The individuals that make up the Library Support Network include Toni Blair, Dori Buls, Deb Crane, Scott Dermont, Fran Fessler, Misty Gray, Sue Gruber, Marie Harms, Becky Heil, Trisha Hicks, Jet Kofoot, Robin Martin, Kim Mashek, Bonnie McKewon, Merri Monks, Maryann Mori, Alysia Peich, Jay Peterson, and Eunice Riesberg.

**Quality Time Award:**
This award is presented for outstanding service to the youth of Iowa libraries, and is presented by the Youth Services Subdivision. This year the winner was Samantha Helmick of the Burlington Public Library.

**Power of Story Award:**
This award is given for the body of work related to storytelling and programming by the Storytellers’ Roundtable. The winner this year was Joyce Amdor, retired Children’s Librarian from Denison, Iowa.

**Jack E. Tillson Scholarship:**
This is an education grant of $1,500 given to a University of Iowa library student and is provided by the late Jack E. Tillson, former Executive Assistant of the Iowa Library Association. It is presented by the Iowa Library Association Foundation. The winner this year was Jennifer Bradshaw.

**ILA Foundation Scholarship:**
This is an education grant of $1,500 given to a University of Northern Iowa library student, and is presented by the Iowa Library Association Foundation. The winner this year was Kimberly Peterson.

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**Lifetime Membership Award:**
This award is given to ILA members of twenty-five years or more upon their retirement. This year three retirees were honored:

Jean Donham, retired from University of Northern Iowa  
Lois Krekow, retired Board member of the Marcus Public Library  
Dorothy Persson, retired from University of Iowa Libraries.

Congratulations to our award winners and thank you so much for all that you do for ILA!!

**Renew Your Membership Now!**

Watch your email for the ILA 2015 Dues Renewal Notice in December. You can print and mail or fax your membership form with payment, or you can renew and pay online on ILA’s website. No need to log-in!

If ILA does not have your email address, you will receive your first notice via postal mail. Please add your email address to your form so we can communicate electrically going forward. Memberships are for the calendar year.

*The Iowa Library Association advocates for quality library services for all Iowans and provides leadership, education and support for its members. The benefits of membership in this organization are well worth the costs.*

**Please renew! And recruit a new member to join with you!**

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**Winter 2014-2015 Calendar**

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