Message From The ILA President

The 2014 Legislative Day on Wednesday, March 5th, was a success, and brought librarians, trustees, and legislators together to enjoy great discussions during the reception in the beautiful Law Library. Many of our state senators and representatives took time out of their busy schedules to come and hear from librarians and library advocates about the important issues facing Iowa libraries. If you were unable to attend, please take a moment to contact your legislators via phone, email, or at a legislative coffee. Thanks to all of the Iowa librarians, trustees, and library advocates who participated in this important event, and to those who have contacted legislators. Please continue to talk to your legislators.

This year’s theme for our 2014 Annual Conference is *Iowa Libraries Make It Happen*. We make it happen in our libraries by collaborating, sharing, discussing, and learning. We offer participatory learning, critical thinking, problem solving, way cool technology, content creation, inventing, and so much more. Most importantly we create and foster community.

The 2014 Annual Conference will be held in Cedar Rapids at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel and Conference Center. Remember the dates of this year’s conference have been changed to October 22-24. The Conference Planning Committee is hard at work to make this a conference you won’t want to miss.

ILAs Leadership Institute will be held August 6-8 at the Hotel Kirkwood Center in Cedar Rapids. The seminar will be presented by Maureen Sullivan, ALA’s 2012-2013 president. I had the opportunity to be a participant in the first Leadership Institute and I continue to use the skills I gained. Thank you to the ILA Leadership Development Committee for its work on bringing this opportunity to Iowa librarians.

Sarah Willeford
ILA President
Get to Know ILA Director Kathy Kaldenberg

I just googled my name and got 119,000 hits. Wow, there is a lot about me that you could figure out just by browsing through the results. For example, I have accounts all around the web, going back to the mid-nineties, so it is pretty obvious that I’m an overjoiner. But I’m also a sharer. I have several blogs, a YouTube channel, web sites, presentations, a few published articles, and an active life on social media. It’s also pretty evident that I like technology, but look into Goodreads or LibraryThing and you’d find that I am a bibliophile as well.

Digging a little deeper, you’ll see that I’ve worked all over the country (New Jersey, California, New Mexico, Illinois, Florida) in many different kinds of libraries (public, municipal, county, community college, distance learning, military, school) and that I’ve been active in all kinds of associations from ALA to NJLA JMRT to the Storytellers of Las Cruces. Not so obvious is that it was the Air Force which took my family and me most of those places, and that one of my coping mechanisms was to find like-minded colleagues in the literary and library world.

Do an image search and you won’t find as much (luckily!), but you’ll see some bad hair days (and a lot of images that are truly baffling in their connection to me). Look for the guy with the red tie. That’s my husband.

But as librarians, we know that Google does not know all, that it searches only a fraction of the world’s knowledge, that it is a cold computer search with no heart, and so it goes with the search engine’s representation of my life.

If Google’s search results illustrated what was important to me, not what was calculated by the algorithm, you’d get a more rounded view. There would be a hit on the first page describing how lucky I am to work each day with dedicated, smart, and fun educators. Another hit would explain what an honor it has been to see a generation of students move through the school system, maturing into admirable young men and women. Somewhere in the list would be a tribute to the importance of family, explaining that after twenty plus years of using vacation time to visit Iowa, we have been “home” for almost eleven years, enjoying being close to siblings, parents, nieces, nephews, and making new friends whom we love dearly.

So, as much as I love tech, the real value is in the ungooglable—the hug, the smile, the kind note—all things I have experienced through my association with ILA. Thank you for the chance to represent you on the ILA Executive Board.

Be sure to keep up with ILA Executive Board actions by reviewing Executive Board Meeting Minutes. They can be found online at:

Change in ILA Conference Dates!
Please Note Change For 2014 ILA Conference In Cedar Rapids
Now: October 22-24, 2014

The ILA Executive Board was asked by the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Cedar Rapids Convention Complex to consider moving the dates of our 2014 annual conference due to a conflicting request for conference space. The ILA Executive Board felt the Association should take advantage of the opportunities the new dates provided:

• less conflict with other mid-western state conferences, allowing for more vendors to participate in our conference
• the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel will:
  ➢ reduce hotel room rates and include parking in the price for our conference attendees
  ➢ sponsor the reception held during the Opening of Exhibits
  ➢ work with ILA to assist in reducing other costs during the conference.

Make sure you change the conference dates on your calendar and join us for a great Annual Conference in Cedar Rapids!

Sarah Willeford, ILA President
Mary Heinzman, ILA Past President

It’s Not Too Late To Register For
The Iowa Association of School Librarians Spring Conference

Anyone interested in being energized by the challenges and changes facing school libraries is invited to join us at the Iowa Association of School Librarians (IASL) annual Spring Conference, LEADING, CONNECTING, AND LEARNING, to be held on Sunday evening, April 13, and Monday, April 14, at the Hotel at Kirkwood Center in Cedar Rapids.

Internationally recognized educational technology leader Alan November will keynote the event, joined by Iowa superstar teacher librarian Shannon McClintock Miller. American Association of School Librarians President Gail Dickinson will present at the luncheon, and an amazing selection of relevant and inspirational concurrent sessions will be offered by IASL members.

Sunday - Membership meeting, keynote speakers Michelle Hosp and Kris Donnelly present Partners in Literacy: The Work of Iowa Reading Research Center and Summer Reading Loss, and a lineup of dynamic lightning talks.
Monday - Alan November’s keynote address, concurrent sessions, lunch, and exhibits.

Visit the IASL web site for complete agenda, registration information, and more!

Kathy Kaldenberg
IASL Conference Chair
Greetings to all Iowa library staff! It is time to renew our knowledge and rejuvenate ourselves for the coming year. The IHSLA Spring Meeting is always an exciting time. We hope that many people will branch out and attend our spring meeting in Iowa City this year, to be held on April 25th at the Hardin Health Sciences Library in Iowa City.

We are excited to provide a class on PubMed searching. So much has changed over the last few years with PubMed and searching in general. This course should be interesting to anyone who has tried using PubMed, and wants to learn about how it has changed and the best ways to search. Librarians from public libraries, consumer health libraries, hospitals, and academic libraries are sure to appreciate this class.

The class is called “PubMed for Experts”, taught by Holly Ann Burt from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, Greater Midwest Region. For more information click here. It will be worth 3CE credit hours from the Medical Library Association.

The day will also include a tour of the Disability Resource Library (DRL) at the Center for Disabilities and Development. The DRL is a resource for people of all ages with disabilities of all kinds, for their families, and for the service providers with whom they work.

For the complete agenda and registration details visit the IHSLA website.

Mindy Egeland
IHSLA Chair

Mary Hubbard
IHSLA Secretary/Treasurer

The ISLA's Spring Meeting & Program is scheduled for Friday, April 4th from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Our topic is Meeting in the Middle: Building a Better Relationship With Your City.

This program will be held via ICN rooms around the state. Please contact me for more information if you are interested in attending.

Note: due to maintenance issues, Dennison was removed and replaced with Carroll as an ICN location. If you were signed up for Dennison and cannot attend in Carroll, please contact me by phone at 712-336-2667 or by email at admin@spiritlake.lib.ia.us.

Hope to see you there!

Cindy Davis
ISLA Vice-Chair
IL/A/ACRL Spring Conference

Breaking Down Our Silos: Redefining Academic Libraries in the 21st Century
Friday, May 2, 2014
FFA Enrichment Center, DMACC, Ankeny

Registration for the Spring 2014 conference is now open! Featuring Bobbi Newman as our keynote speaker and concurrent sessions from our member presenters, this conference will be valuable for everyone. It is being held in conjunction with the annual IPAL conference on Thursday, May 1st at Grand View University in Des Moines.

More information will soon be posted on the ILA/ACRL conference page, including the annual Dine-Around opportunities, and other logistics of the conference.

To register for the conference and find out more information visit our website.

Mary Peterson
ILA/ACRL Spring Conference Program Committee Chair

ILA/ACRL Spring Conference Scholarship

The Awards Committee of ILA/ACRL announces the availability of a scholarship to attend the ILA/ACRL Spring Conference, May 2, 2014, at the FFA Enrichment Center, DMACC campus in Ankeny. The scholarship will cover the registration fee and up to $100 in travel, hotel, and meal expenses.

The ILA/ACRL Spring Conference Scholarship is available to:
- Paid members of ILA/ACRL, working full-time in an Iowa academic or research library, who are attending their first ILA/ACRL Conference, or have worked in an Iowa academic or research library for fewer than three years.
- Library science students and/or support staff working in an Iowa academic or research library. Student and support staff applicants do not have to be paid members of ILA/ACRL.

Previous Iowa ACRL Spring Conference scholarship recipients are not eligible.

The deadline for applications is April 2, 2014. For more information, and to apply, click here. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Amy Paulus
ILA/ACRL Awards Committee Chair
Iowa Private Academic Libraries Consortium
Annual Conference

Over the past four years, the Iowa Private Academic Libraries (IPAL) consortium has been actively seeking new ways of responding to the needs of its 32 member institutions in the ever changing landscape of higher education. To that end, the group’s directors have met biannually to share developments among themselves, to dialogue about the different ways that the consortium can address its constituents’ concerns, and to sustain IPAL’s momentum as an organization committed to promoting its members’ shared interests.

In the summer of 2013, the IPAL Steering Committee recommended the formation of task forces to address potential areas for collaboration, including coordinated print retention and institutional repositories. These task forces are in addition to two existing interest groups that unite librarians and archivists statewide over their respective areas of interest: Information Literacy and Archives and Special Collections.

The annual conference has featured internal participation as a way of engaging peers in the important and relevant work that is being done at member institutions. This spring’s conference will be held on Thursday, May 1 at Grand View University in conjunction with the ILA/ACRL Spring Conference on May 2 at DMACC in Ankeny. The IPAL Conference will give participants an “unconference” experience, a theme which relies on collaboration and conversation to be a success—two factors that are slowly but surely emerging as hallmarks of IPAL.

Watch the IPAL website for registration details.

Tim Schlak
IPAL Chair

Librarians, Legislators Enjoy Snacks And Discussion At ILA Legislative Day

Librarians, trustees, and legislators enjoyed great discussions in the Law Library at the annual ILA Legislative Reception, held on March 5th. Twenty-one senators and 62 representatives took time out of their busy schedules to come to the Law Library to hear from librarians and library advocates about important issues facing Iowa libraries.

Our primary talking points were:
• **Vote yes on HF2271/SF2269**
  Iowa Librarians support House File 2271/Senate File 2269, bills that recognize teacher librarians as vital members of school teaching staff, not “operational functions” that districts can share as an administrative efficiency.

• **Give students a full-time teacher librarian in each district**
  Ensure that teacher librarians continue to fulfill their unique role within the educational team by enforcing provisions of the Iowa Code calling for a teacher librarian in each school district and providing state financial support to school districts meeting library guidelines in the code.

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• **Continue strong investment in the State Library and Enrich Iowa**
  Support an Education Appropriations Bill that provides stable funding for the State Library and Enrich Iowa (statewide assistance to public libraries).

• **Guarantee your constituents’ access to Learning Express**
  Support an Economic Development Budget bill that guarantees funding for the Learning Express Career Database which has become an essential online tool for Iowa jobseekers and students.

• **Reaffirm local control of public library policies**
  Preserve hometown governance in Iowa’s public libraries by maintaining support for the policy-making autonomy of public library boards of trustees.

Thanks to the librarians, library advocates, and trustees who participated in this important event, and to those who have contacted their legislators on issues facing Iowa libraries.

Please continue to share your library’s story with your legislator.

*Duncan Stewart*
*Governmental Affairs Committee Chair*

*Commissioner Tom Martin, Mary Heizman, and Senator Joe Seng*

*Kelly Fischbach and Representative Gary Worthan*

*Sue Padilla, Nicole Lindstrom, and Senator Dennis Black*

*Senator Ken Rosenboom and Alison Ames Galstad*
Andrew Fuerste-Henry attended ALA’s 2014 Midwinter Meeting January 24-28 in Philadelphia as the ILA ALA Councilor. Said Fuerste-Henry, “I see two broad themes to the actions taken by the Council at this meeting. First, there were items focusing on the flow of information within ALA – promoting transparency, modernizing information flows, and making sure the Council has the facts it needs in order to make its decisions. The second theme was political. Several resolutions passed urging the United States government toward transparency and intellectual freedom.”

For the complete report click here.

10,000 Large Print Items Available To All Iowa Libraries

The Decorah Public Library Vera Harris Large Print Collection of over 10,000 large print items has circulated to more than 140 libraries in the state of Iowa. Items are loaned for three months, on a rotating basis, to supply visually impaired readers with access to a current collection of large print books.

The collection is open for lending to any library in the state of Iowa. This is an invitation for your library to provide this collection to your patrons. For more information, and to set up a rotating collection to benefit your visually impaired readers, contact Lorraine Borowski, Decorah Public Library Director, via email at lborowsk@decorah.lib.ia.us or phone at 563-382-3717.

The collection is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, and administered by Iowa Library Services. The grant assists the library with funding to purchase additional titles to keep the collection current. Books are sent and returned free of charge by U.S. Mail under the “Materials for the Blind and Handicapped”.

Lorraine Borowski
Decorah Public Library Director
A Year of Reading Sharon

Libraries make a huge difference in people’s lives. So did Sharon Kurns, a much-loved Johnston mother of two who died in December 2012 of kidney cancer. She was diagnosed only two short months before her death. In addition to her husband and children, she is survived by her book club and many friends. These friends knew that Sharon would want to keep making a difference, and they wanted to honor her memory and her love of books.

Sharon’s book club gathered $200 for a gift certificate to a local bookstore, and gave it to Sarah Brown-Wessling, a Johnston High School English teacher and 2010 National Teacher of the Year. The gift certificate came with the requirement that it further Sharon’s love of reading. “It dawned on me,” Brown-Wessling says, “that we could create Sharon’s ‘ideal bookshelf’ and share it with as many people as possible by inviting them to join a virtual book group.” A Year of Reading Sharon was born. It gathers twelve of Sharon’s favorite books into her ideal bookshelf.

Iowa libraries can share in this project by creating part or all of a Year Of Reading Sharon. Local book groups can read the bookshelf books. Bookmarks are available for patrons who may want to check out the titles for their own enjoyment. Brown-Wessling says, “Celebrate what it means to be a reader by spreading a passion for words as far as possible. We hope others will join us, whether they knew Sharon or not.”

Readers can like the Facebook page or join the Twitter hashtag #yearofsharon. There is a GoodReads discussion group to join. Share copies of Sharon’s books with friends and family, encourage readers to donate copies to libraries and schools, and share your passion for reading with someone.

For more information about A Year of Reading Sharon, contact Chris Mudge, Executive Director of the Iowa Newspaper Association, at cmudge@inanews.com.

Sharon's Bookshelf

- January: To Kill a Mockingbird, Harper Lee
- February: Where the Wild Things Are, Maurice Sendak and Goodnight Moon, Margaret Wise Brown
- March: My Sister’s Keeper, Jodi Piccoult
- April: Mindset, Carol Dweck
- May: Ender’s Game, Orson Scott Card
- June: East of Eden, John Steinbeck
- July: Fahrenheit 451, Ray Bradbury
- August: Gone with the Wind, Margaret Mitchell
- September: The Simple Truths of Service, Kenneth Blanchard and Barbara Glanz
- October: The Fault in Our Stars, John Green
- November: Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close, Jonathan Safran Foer
- December: Isaac’s Storm, Erik Larson

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