Welcome to the August Catalyst

In this issue you’ll find all the details you need about the upcoming ILA Fall Conference. If you have a story, idea, picture, or any other library-related news you would like to share with the membership, feel free to send it to us. We have a handy Share ILA News (http://bit.ly/ShareILANews) form for just this purpose. We look forward to hearing from you!
President’s Message
I hope you all are enjoying the warm summer we are having and have found time for fun and rejuvenation! Just a couple of short updates for you.

Conference
The ILA Conference Planning Committee has been working hard on the 2017 conference and we are thrilled to offer, what we hope will be some very positive changes, to the schedule. In particular, I’d like to mention the Friday morning Breakfast with the Board. This is your opportunity to visit with Board members, ask questions, and offer comments/suggestions. We are excited about this opportunity and looking forward to it!

Federal Funding
“Good morning. I’m pleased to confirm that, after a marathon “markup” session lasting well into yesterday evening, the House Appropriations Committee has approved direct library funding language in the Labor-HHS spending bill identical to that included in last week’s Subcommittee bill which makes no cuts in IMLS, LSTA or IAL funding relative to last year’s levels. While errors in the details of the official Committee Report will need to be corrected (see excerpt in Word doc attached), we have been assured that the Subcommittee and Committee both voted to provide IMLS with $231 million, LSTA with $183.6 million and IAL with $27 million in FY 2018….Once the bill adopted last night reaches the House floor this fall, amendments to the bill related to library funding are extremely unlikely. We will push hard in the Senate, however, for the full $186.6 million requested for LSTA in this year’s House and Senate Dear Appropriator letters and we will continue to work closely with the
House and Senate Dear Appropriator letters. We also will work closely in coalition with the many groups attempting to restore cuts made in programs in which libraries are among many other eligible recipients, such as the Department of Education’s Striving Readers to assist children from birth through Grade 12.

Given the procedural status and timing described above, the blog [District Dispatch] also underscores the importance of ongoing library funding advocacy over the summer while members of Congress are back in their home states and Districts.” (Kevin Maher, ALA Office of Government Relations 7/20/2017)

ILA Website Survey
In May the ILA Executive Board asked for your thoughts on the current ILA website. Survey results are here. The Board will continue moving forward on a revamp of the ILA site. We’ll keep you posted when we have more to share.

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2017 Conference Schedule Updates

The 2017 conference planning committee has updated the conference schedule. Three events have moved to new times and a new event has been added to the schedule.

The Leadership Institute Reunion Breakfast will now be held on Thursday morning from 7:45 – 8:25 a.m. The New Members Breakfast will continue to take place on Thursday morning from 7:45 – 8:25 a.m.

Lunch on Thursday is now the Awards Luncheon. All awards will be presented during lunch, making it a great opportunity for recipients to invite colleagues, family, or friends to join them. Exhibitors, sponsors, and corporate members will also be recognized during this lunch.

New this year is Breakfast with the Board on Friday morning from 7:30 – 8:20 a.m. The ILA board will provide updates and be available for discussion. State Librarian Michael Scott will also provide the library services update at this breakfast.

The ILA business meeting will take place during the Friday General Session, which begins at 8:30 a.m. and includes Jody Gray’s keynote.
Important Links for the Fall Conference

ILA Fall Conference - Main Page

Conference Registration - Online

Conference Registration - Downloadable Form

Detailed Conference Schedule

Detailed Conference Sessions & Agenda: Sched

ILA Foundation Scholarships

The Iowa Library Association Foundation will again be offering $250.00 scholarships to attend the ILA Fall Conference thanks to the Susan Lerdal Fund and Biblionix.

Applicants for both of these scholarships must be paid members of the Iowa Library Association and meet one of the following:

1. Be attending their first ILA Fall Conference
2. Have worked in an Iowa library for fewer than three years
3. Be a library science student

Additionally, Biblionix Scholarship applicants must work at a small public library. Previous scholarship recipients are not eligible. Please turn in applications by September 1. Scholarship application forms and instructions for applying are available at https://www.iowalibraryassociation.org/index.php/foundation

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The ILA Conference will hold four pre-conference sessions on Wednesday, Oct. 18. Below is information about the sessions and speakers. We hope you can plan on joining us for one of these sessions on Wednesday. Each session will be held from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. and includes lunch.

Askable Adults Matter
At this session, youth-serving professionals will be encouraged to improve upon their communication and referral skills on the topics of sexual health, contraception, safe sex, and other sexuality issues. This training will help you put your own values in check so that you can give the teen seeking assistance accurate information. This session will expand your ability to provide localized reference assistance to teens in need of health information.

Askable Adults is presented by Anna Hartmann, youth services manager at the Council Bluffs Public Library, and Jacob Kahn, a health educator for Planned Parenthood of the Heartland.

Succession Planning And Mentoring For All Libraries
This session will be a review of four different organizational cultures and formal mentoring programs and how these two components interact with generational differences and can be aligned to lead to successful succession planning.

Presenters are Judith Nixon, a professor and the liaison librarian to the College of Education at Purdue University and Erla Heyns, the head of the Humanities, Social Science, Education and Business Division of Purdue University Libraries and associate professor, Libraries.

Seeking Inclusion, Finding Success: A Pre-Conference In Three Parts
This session will explore the conference theme from three different perspectives:

- Part I will discuss inclusion from physical proximity to habitual attitude. Along the way you will learn about ability awareness, the skill of recognizing that what someone can do is much more important than what he/she can’t do. This section is presented by the father-and-son team of Paul and Tyler Greene. Paul is an
inclusion advocate and on the boards of Together We Play and Inclusion Connection. Tyler is the inclusion coordinator for Together We Play.

- During Part II, learn about the Storybook Project, which keeps incarcerated parents and their children connected through reading. Part II will be presented by Tabby Kuehl, the coordinated intake manager at Visiting Nurse Services of Iowa. She had coordinated the Storybook program for 10 years.

- Part III will be presented by LaTasha DeLoach, co-founder of Sankofa Outreach Connection. LaTasha will present on cultivating diversity in the workforce and ways to recruit a diverse staff team.

**Iowa City Libraries & Literature Bus Tour**
This tour will visit two new libraries on the campus of the University of Iowa: the long-term, state-of-the-art storage facility for the University of Iowa libraries and the University of Iowa Rita Benton Music Library in the new Voxman Music Building. Following those visits, Rachael Carlson, director of operations for the Iowa City UNESCO City of Literature, will lead a literary tour of Iowa City.

**Conference Keynote Speakers Will Address Seeking Inclusion, Finding Success**

The theme of the 2017 conference is *Seeking Inclusion, Finding Success* and this year’s keynote speakers will provide a unique and inspiring perspective on the theme.

**Thursday Morning: Kory Stamper**
“Inclusion stretches and challenges us in unexpected ways—and not even the dictionary is exempt,” writes Kory Stamper, the Thursday morning keynote. Kory is a lexicographer at Merriam-Webster and just published her debut, *Word by Word*. She will take you on a wild romp through the ways that the dictionary must follow the language into inclusivity, and how tracking and recording the language puts us face to face with the need to be inclusive and our own assumptions about what inclusivity is.

**Friday Morning: Jody Gray**
Jody Gray is the director of the American Library Association’s Office of Diversity, Literacy, and Outreach Services and will present the Friday morning keynote. Earlier this year,
the American Library Association adopted a new strategic direction for equity, diversity, and inclusion. The first goal is, “commit to ameliorating marginalization and underrepresentation within the Association and the communities served by libraries through increased understanding of the effects of historical exclusion.” Jody will discuss the importance and the complex nature of inclusion in a time where our country is visibly divided.

**Stamper and Gray Concurrent Sessions**

Kory and Jody will present concurrent sessions on the days they present their keynote addresses. Kory’s session will expand on her keynote.

Jody’s session is titled Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: Beginning the Conversation. There are many ways to begin addressing equity, diversity, and inclusion in libraries. Whether you are engaging your community, addressing staffing issues, or a combination of the two, there are many ways to approach these issues. Her session will discuss ways to strategize the best approach for your institution.

**Friday All Iowa Reads Luncheon: Michelle Hoover**

This year’s All Iowa Reads selection is Bottomland, by Iowa native Michelle Hoover. Michelle’s talk is titled The Power of Fiction: Discovering the Universal within the Individual. She will speak about what inspired her to write Bottomland and how she dramatized the life of one small 1920s Iowa farm family to reflect the larger American experience both of the past and today.

You won’t want to miss these speakers, along with the learning sessions and exhibitors. **Registration for the ILA Conference is now open!**

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**ILA Trivia Night Thursday October 19th**

Trivia Night will once again be the entertainment for Thursday evening during the ILA Annual Conference. Dan Wardell return as the emcee and this year’s questions are shaping up to be challenging yet fun. The Local Arrangements Committee is working to add an element of surprise to the evening, so you don’t want to miss out!
Teams of eight will compete for prizes and bragging rights in this friendly competition. To participate, be sure to sign up for Thursday night’s dinner on the ILA Conference Registration Form. To reserve a table for your team, send an email to Nancy Medema (Nancy.Medema@iowa.gov) with a list of team players, you will be the contact for any further information. If you don’t have a team, don’t worry! Like last year, we can group you with others looking for a team so you can participate and enjoy the fun.

Mulligans (free answers) will again be available for purchase at $10 for 10 Mulligans (limit 10 per team). Double Downs, which double your score for that round, will also be available for purchase at $5 for one (limit one per team). So, bring some spending cash. These are both great ways to increase your score! Proceeds will go to the ILA Foundation.

We hope you’ll join us for an evening of fun on October 19!

ILA Conference Meals

Thursday Awards Luncheon
Thursday’s Awards Luncheon will feature roasted turkey deli sandwich on wheat berry bread, served with pasta salad, fresh fruit cup and house-made potato chips. (Vegetarian option of roasted vegetable sandwich with spiced hummus available at preregistration.) Dessert options include Lemon Velvet Cake & Triple Chocolate Torte. Iced Tea & Coffee.

Thursday Dinner
Thursday’s Trivia Dinner event will feature an Iowa Slider Bar, with beef burger and pulled pork sliders (vegetarian option available at preregistration); mashed potato martinis ~ your choice of garlic mashed potatoes or sweet mashed potatoes; your choice of fresh salads ~ traditional caesar or pear with fresh field greens; and a variety of specialty desserts to choose from. Iced Tea & Coffee.

Friday Lunch
Friday’s All Iowa Reads luncheon starts off with the Edgewater Garden Salad and assorted breads & butter, the entrée features Lemon Chicken Bowtie Pasta – grilled chicken with lemon and olive oil over bowtie pasta, with tomato, spinach and parmesan cheese. (Vegetarian selection of Roasted Vegetable Cappelloni with Marinara Sauce available at
(Vegetarian selection of Roasted Vegetable Cannelloni with Marinara Sauce available at preregistration.) Assorted deluxe cookies finish off the meal. Iced Tea & Coffee.

Individuals having dietary restrictions should note those restrictions on the registration form when purchasing meals. ILA will work with the Marriott to accommodate these needs.
ILA Committee for Diversity & Inclusion - Resource Round-Up

Click here to read another installment of the ILA Committee for Diversity & Inclusion Resource Round-up. We’re working on promoting awareness of issues relating to diversity and inclusion to the greater ILA membership. If you have resources that fall under the diversity and inclusion umbrella you feel might be helpful or interesting for the ILA membership, please feel free to send them my way and I will work with the committee to share them out as appropriate.

Cara Stone
Are you interested in learning more about how LSTA funds impact Iowa's libraries? Read more about it with this helpful PDF from the State Library of Iowa.
Spirit Lake Public Library Renovations

The Spirit Lake Public Library Community remodeled our facility to create an updated space to better suit the needs of our patrons. We were blessed with bequests in the estates of former librarian Fran Egan, and local teacher Jo Williams. With these funds and Friends money, we were able to create a new youth area and update other sections of the library. We removed walls and combined our board room and a storage room into a bright new children’s area. Local artist Crystal Cross painted a beautiful Seuss-themed mural to set the theme for this space. Moving the children’s area led to moving everything else! We doubled the size of our circulation desk and moved it into the center of the library to create better access for staff and patrons. We were then able to create a new reading nook, a teen space, and a mobile device and computer area with charging capabilities. Library staff and city crews moved or reconfigured every item and shelving unit in the library. The library staff and board, Friends group, city council and other city departments, local contractors and community members, even the local football team, worked together beautifully to build a better library!

Cindy Davis
Spirit Lake Public Library