A Word from Our President -- Connie Mataloni

I have had the pleasure of serving as the ISLA President this past year and want to thank all of you who are members of our subdivision and who participated in our Spring Meeting and attended our program: Meeting in the Middle: Building a Better Relationship with your City. Our numbers were down a little bit because we had to reschedule because of a snowstorm in NW Iowa, however, it was a great program by Adam Ledford, City Administrator from Sac City. I am excited to announce that two program attendees have each won a $150 scholarship to attend ILA this year and their names are listed in this newsletter. We also provided a $250 scholarship for an ISLA member to attend the Leadership Institute and you will find that information in this newsletter, as well. At ILA we will be sponsoring a concurrent session on Friday, October 24 from 10:05-10:55AM. This session is called Building Bridges with Small Libraries given by Theresa Shafer of Rochester, Indiana. We hope you can attend this session. Look for more details included in this newsletter.

As always, it has been an exciting year for libraries and librarians. The things all of you do to help the residents of your communities become life-long learners are incredible; the grants that you receive, the programs that you provide, the visits that you make to the home-bound and the day-to-day interaction with people that come into your library and/or visit your web-page and social media sites. With over 34 years as Director of the Sibley Public Library, it never ceases to amaze me how much we can all do with so little money! Let’s continue to support each other always and in all ways! I hope to see all of you at ILA and am looking forward to the networking and sharing of stories! You guys are the best!

Connie Mataloni, ISLA President
Building Bridges with Small Libraries

Presenter Theresa Shafer says, “In my small(ish) town of 10,000 people, one of the very best things New Tech Network did was to partner with our public library as we began to re-imagine education at our high school. We learned from each other, worked together, and forged a great partnership that benefited students and the community alike. Libraries have long been the ‘heart’ of public schools, let’s talk about how to get the message out about their being the ‘heart’ of the community as well.”

Theresa Shafer is Online Community Manager at New Tech Network. New Tech Network works nationwide with schools, districts, and communities to develop innovative public schools. It provides services and support which enable schools to fundamentally rethink teaching and learning. Their goal is to enable students to gain the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in life, college, and the careers of tomorrow.

This session begins at 10:05 a.m. on Friday and is sponsored by the Iowa Small Library Association.
About the Candidates:

**Paula Brown - Spencer Public Library**

I am running for ISLA vice-president because I firmly believe that unless individuals are willing to volunteer for positions such as this, good organizations, such as ISLA, cannot succeed. I have seen what ISLA can accomplish and the good it can do. I also believe that Iowa's smaller libraries are a hidden treasure to this state. They deserve, and need, a voice. Finally, I think there are some changes on the horizon that may reshape the Iowa library landscape. We need to begin a dialogue amongst ourselves about these things, so that we can be revolutionary, not reactionary.

I have worked at Spencer Public Library for fourteen years. I began as a part-time Young Adult Librarian, then migrated to full-time cataloger, and am now the Assistant Director, a position I have held for the last seven years. I am a graduate of the Leadership Institute course offered through the State Library and am currently a member of the ILA Finance Committee and the Intellectual Freedom Committee. I was a member of the team that brought ARSL to Omaha and have been a member of several committee’s under the ISLA umbrella. When I am not at work, I enjoy many things, including flower and vegetable gardening, my chickens, good stories, and spending time with my last "baby" before he leaves me with an empty nest.

**Cathy Shaw - Edgewood Public Library**

Hi from beautiful northeast Iowa! My name is Cathy Shaw and I have been the director of the Edgewood Public Library for twenty years. I have seen many changes during this time. When I started my career the fax machine was a BIG deal. For my final project in Library Management I wrote a long range plan for getting computers and the internet into our library in ten years’ time. Well, things progressed much quicker than that and we now have all kinds of new technology and services to offer our patrons. These changes are often challenging, but they also allow us to "grow" in our profession. I have also been lucky enough to be a summer reading workshop presenter twice through the years and have done some program presentations for our Northeast District.

There are many small libraries in our area and I constantly see the importance of their roles in their communities. Small libraries are near and dear to me and I would be excited to help lead ISLA in meeting the challenges and triumphs we all face each day. I am enthusiastic about library services and love to meet and mentor others.

I live in Edgewood with my husband, and we have three married daughters who have blessed us with seven grandchildren. In our "spare" time we also crop farm and raise beef cows. I am active in my local church and other community organizations and love to spend time with family and friends, play the piano, read and crochet. Thank you for your consideration of me for this position.
About the Offices:

**Vice-President/President Elect**
The Vice-President/President Elect serves one year each as Vice-President and President, in succession. The Vice-President presides at meetings in absence of the President and chairs the Nominating Committee, which prepares a slate of officers for each election. The President presides over all meetings, acts as contact person for the Iowa Small Library Association and acts as an ex-officio non-voting member of all ISLA committees.

Please vote for only one candidate per office. Please indicate your vote for a candidate by placing an ‘X’ on the line in front of his or her name. You may reply directly to this email address with your ballot attached: admin@spiritlake.lib.ia.us or, if you prefer to mail your ballot, please send it to:

Cindy Davis – Spirit Lake Public Library
702 16th St.
Spirit Lake, IA 51360

**Vice-President/President Elect**

______ Paula Brown, Spencer Public Library

______ Cathy Shaw, Edgewood Public Library

______ Write In _____________________________________________
This article comes courtesy of Trisha Hicks with North Central District Office - it concerns changes to phone discounts allowed through the E-Rate program. On Wednesday July 30, the FCC released to the public the full text of the E-Rate Modernization Order. The FCC added a summary of the Order to the FCC’s E-Rate Modernization page (http://www.fcc.gov/e-rate-update). In brief, the aspects of coming E-Rate changes of most interest to libraries are summarized below. Note that telephone service ramifications are explained at the end of this article.

Phasing down Support for voice Services (Order 135-143) The Order starts a phase down of support for voice services. Specifically, the discount rate applicants receive for voice services will be reduced by 20 percentage points every funding year beginning in funding year 2015. This phase down will apply to all costs incurred for the provision of telephone services and circuit capacity dedicated to providing voice services, including: local phone service, long distance service, plain old telephone services, radio loop, 800 service, satellite telephone, shared telephone service, Centrex, wireless telephone service such as cellular, and interconnected VoIP...

So, libraries using E-Rate funding for telephone service, after the 2014-15 season our funding will be reduced each year by 20% until it is no longer available. Here is a real time scenario: Burt Public Library qualified for an 80% discount on their phone bill for 2014-15, based on school lunch numbers. For the next E-Rate season (2015-16), if Burt PL qualifies for that 80% rate again, they will actually receive only the 60% funding amount, and the following year it would drop to 40% funding, etc. Having this information in hand will help the director and library board know how to plan for budgetary purposes...

To access this report:

http://www.fcc.gov/e-rate-update
Iowa Small Library Association Spring Meeting  
April 14th, 2014  
Minutes

President Connie Mataloni checked various ICN sites and called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
Motion was made by Linda Adams to approve the presented agenda, seconded by Sandy Long.
Motion was made by Jill Sanders to approve the fall 2013 minutes, seconded by Lezlie Barry.
Budget expense and revenue sheet is attached from Sandy Long, Treasurer. A motion was made by Cindy Davis to approve the budget, seconded by Paula Brown. Approved by everyone.

Committee Reports-
Nominating: Cindy Davis is looking for a Vice President and a President to run. Please let her know if interested.
Program Committee: Brandie Ledford had no reports at this time.
Membership Committee: Leah White was absent. Connie Mataloni mentioned that we should try to each promote one person to join our organization.
Public Relations: Heather Jones was absent. Connie Mataloni mentioned that the next newsletter should come out in September and include the candidate’s biographies, Summer Reading activities, Iowa Library Association information and the program we will be sponsoring at ILA.

Old Business - None

New Business
Connie informed everyone that the By-Laws Committee is behind on insertions on the website and they are trying to revamp the whole organization manual.
Motion to adjourn at 10:07AM was made by Lorraine Borowski seconded by Paula Brown.
The ISLA Program was held at 10:30. Adam Ledford, City Administrator from Sac City presented Meeting in the Middle, Building a Better Relationship with your City.
Adam gave us perspective on a city council and city government and some of the financial challenges that are currently being faced by many cities across Iowa. He spoke on the focus on impacts of governments and how that affects cities and libraries. He also gave us some insight into aging infrastructure, tax rollback and the .27 library levy.
Mr. Ledford gave us several ideas to help build relationships with our city officials. He mentioned the idea of inviting officials, department heads and city administrator/clerk to a tour at the library and give them an orientation; making it an annual event. Attending council meetings, including packets of library information and making our library services invaluable was another way for librarians and library boards to build a better relationship with our cities. Building positive partnerships with officials can be seen as a positive beacon for our cities. Mr. Ledford was very informative on the subject of city government. His time was very much appreciated.

No other business was discussed.
Respectfully submitted,
Jenny Bledsoe, Secretary ISLA Jenny Bledsoe, Secretary
AGENDA
ISLA FALL MEETING
AT IOWA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2014
4:30pm-5:15pm

Welcome
Minutes from Spring, April 2014, meeting
Treasurer's Report
Committee Reports
  Nominating – Cindy Davis (election results)
  Programming – Brandie Ledford (ideas for Spring meeting)
  Membership – Leah White
  Public Relations – Heather Jones
NEW BUSINESS
  Budget Proposal
OLD BUSINESS
OTHER
  Suggestions for the Subdivision
ADJOURN
Next Meeting - ISLA Spring Meeting in April @ ICN sites around the State  date/time TBD

OUR MISSION:
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Congratulations to Stacy Goodhue, Director at the Carlisle Public Library and Monica Walley, Director at Norelius Community Library in Denison who each won a $150 ISLA Scholarship to attend the 2014 ILA Conference in Cedar Rapids. See what they learned in ISLA’s Spring Newsletter.

Thank You, ISLA!

The ILA Leadership Institute was an amazing experience that has given me more confidence in myself and my leadership skills in a professional role. The group dynamic was inspiring and surely produced meaningful relationships in a short amount of time.

Rachel Loutsch
Youth Services Librarian
Sibley Public Library

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