WHAT'S HAPPENING: A PRE-MIDWINTER UPDATE

January 11, 2010

KEY NUMBERS

Registration: 2010 Midwinter Meeting

As of January 8, 2010, advance registration for the 2010 Midwinter Meeting was **6,043**; this compares to 6,903 at the same point for the 2009 Midwinter Meeting in Denver. There are also 4,430 registered exhibitor personnel. Also, as of January 8, **756** individuals had registered for Pre-Midwinter Institutes or other separately ticketed events.

ALA Membership

ALA total membership as of November 2009 was **62,865**, compared to 64,878 in November 2008. The November 2009 total includes 59,423 personal memberships, 3,208 organizational memberships and 234 corporate memberships.

Note on membership statistics:

During recent months, ALA has undertaken a clean-up of its membership database. Errors related to duplicate records or resulting from member-type conversions (e.g., from Student to Regular membership status) that occurred over a number of years were removed from the database. As a result, membership statistics for fiscal 2008 and fiscal 2009 are being restated.

As of August 2009, the close of ALA's last fiscal year, ALA membership stands at 61,739 members, a -4.8% or 3,145 member decrease from 64,884 in August 2008. Of that decrease, 1,781 were non-renewing members and 1,364 records were removed as errors. This means that, when errors are subtracted, the overall membership decline in fiscal 2009 was 2.7%.

Membership for the 1st quarter of fiscal 2010 month-to-month comparison of November 2009 shows a -3.1% drop at 62,856 members compared to 64,878 in November 2008. Again, when errors are subtracted, this reflects an actual year-to-year decline of 1%. Year-to-date membership transactions are ahead of the same quarter last year by +9.1%. This positive trend is largely due to a record-setting AASL National Conference and the opening of both Midwinter 2010 and the 2010 PLA National Conference registration.

New staff training as well as new database procedures are being undertaken to reduce the error rate in the future.

o **Division memberships**	**11/2009**	**11/2008**
AASL	8,818	8,530
ACRL	12,285	12,644
ALCTS	4,215	4,568
ALSC	4,021	4,141
ALTAFF	1,108	1,155
ASCLA	820	880

LITA	3,433	3,763
LLAMA	4,507	4,893
PLA	10,424	11,494
RUSA	4,334	4,774
YALSA	5,414	5,571

- o **Round Table memberships**

	11/2009	11/2008
EMIERT	610	612
ERT	397	437
FAFLRT	622	424
GLBTRT	889	903
GODORT	965	1,001
IFRT	1,530	1,596
IRRT	1,783	1,754
LEARNRT	379	412
LHRT	523	542
LIRT	1,542	1,567
LRRT	1,562	1,462
LSSIRT	617	598
MAGERT	355	360
NMRT	1,943	1,897
SRRT	1,895	2,170
S[T]ORT	177	193
VRT	256	279

Other Numbers

In 2009, the Public Programs Office distributed more than **$150,000** in cash awards and more than **$4.6 million** in collection materials to libraries across the country, bringing audiences together to experience diverse and excellent humanities programming at **more than 24,000 libraries**.

NEW at MW 2010

MW Base Camp – Staff from across ALA are coordinating a near real-time aggregation of video, photo, blog and twitter posts on the ALA homepage from various social media and web 2.0 outreach venues related to the Midwinter Meeting. The scope of activity at Midwinter is so much larger than any one individual can effectively experience. Placing a new, coordinated effort (supported from the Chicago headquarters) to capture and expose both official and attendee-created content will help both attendees and those not attending to find connections during and after the event. Look to the Midwinter 2010 spotlight on www.ala.org as your first point of contact across the social web for Midwinter.

Desiring to create a dynamic home page for the duration of the 2010 Midwinter Meeting, the staff Web Editorial Board (WEB) developed a multi-faceted plan for displaying near real-time content at www.ala.org.

First, WEB tweaked the design of the "pods" on the right side of the page so that there are now five such pods, enabling direct links to both the Midwinter Meeting and the upcoming Annual Conference. After the Midwinter Meeting, the additional pod will be used to emphasize a current Association-wide activity, such as National Library Week.

Second, for the period of January 13 to January 19:

The rotating images in the center of the page, or "highlights," will be 'hijacked' to point to Cognotes, the Youth Media Awards, *American Libraries* coverage, Day in the Life @ Midwinter, Exhibits, and the Annual Conference; the regular array of these images will return on January 20.

Two widgets will be installed below the highlights, pulling in content from the Twitter Hash tag and the Flickr tag for Midwinter.

A fourth news tab (MW 2010) will take the default news position on the homepage. It will display the content from an aggregated feed. Content for this tab will be generated and monitored by several Communications Department staff remaining in Chicago, termed "Base Camp."

The Public Information Office was encouraged to post new releases as quickly as possible to keep the ALA News feed fresh, as well.

Networking Uncommons – The Networking Uncommons is an open, collaborative space for attendees to use for extended discussions, spontaneous conversations, ad-hoc peer learning, increased virtual participation, networking with colleagues (both onsite and virtual), and just about anything else you can think of.

In addition to having chairs, tables, power strips, and some gadgets (such as a webcam and Flip camcorder), there will be a projector and screen that attendees can use to host an impromptu session on any topic. The space will be covered by the convention center's free wifi, making it easy for groups to bring in virtual participants and share materials online. Students from various LIS programs are staffing the area.

To track interesting conversations and sessions happening in the Networking Uncommons, watch the hashtag #unalamw10 on Twitter, Flickr, and other social media sites. For further information, or to sign up for a specific time slot, visit **http://www.alamw.ala.org/2010/index.php?title=Networking_Uncommons** .

HOT TOPICS

Surge in Library Use

At every turn news reports and research indicate fairly dramatic changes in US library funding, services and staffing. Most of these changes occurred in the last 18 months. According to a recent report prepared by the American Library Association (ALA) libraries of all types are feeling the pinch of the economic downturn while managing sky-high use.

Compiled from a broad range of available library data, economic trends, and news reports the *Condition of Libraries: 1999-2009* presents US economic trends (2009) and summarizes trends in public, school and academic libraries during the period 1999-2009 for a range of library measures (number of libraries and population served, expenditures, staffing, and services). The report also highlights trends in services provided to libraries by library cooperatives and consortia. The report was prepared to assist libraries as they plan in these very difficult times.

As communities and academic campuses develop future fiscal plans it is clear that public, academic and school libraries are visibly hard hit. In a fall 2009 report prepared by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 34 states had reported cuts to higher education, which will impact academic libraries and 25 states had cut funding to K-12, which will impact school libraries.

While the full impact of the economic downturn that began in 2008 is difficult to articulate and the data challenging to assemble, what is known is that flat funding has been an obstacle – perhaps even a chronic problem – for many libraries this entire decade. Confirming evidence from a 2006 ALA study of public library funding, a 2009 survey, conducted as part of the *Public Library Funding & Technology Access Study,* revealed a worsening of funding – about 20 percent reported flat funding continuing in FY2010 and a majority reported budget reductions, about 20 percent reported 5-to-10 percent reductions in FY2010 from FY2009.

Circulation of children's materials in public libraries has accounted for between 32.9 to 35 percent of total circulation, and total circulation of public library materials also has grown each year with per capita circulation in FY2007 at about 7.4 items (more than 2 billion items).

At a time when school enrollment (K-12) is growing, in 2009 almost all schools reported a decrease in funding for information resources, with a median per-student expenditure of just over $12.

While student enrollment is declining at colleges and universities, library use continues to increase. During a typical week in 2008, academic libraries reported more than 20.3 million visits, answering more than 1.1 million reference questions, and providing more than 498,000 informational services to groups attended by more than 8.9 million students and faculty. In fall 2008, 72 percent of academic libraries reported providing library reference service by e-mail or the Web.

The full report is available at http://www.ala.org/ala/research/initiatives/plftas/index.cfm. Individual reports by type of library are available at http://www.ala.org/ala/research/index.cfm. For more information contact Denise M. Davis, Office for Research & Statistics, dmdavis@ala.org.

Jobs on Main Street Bill

ALA is lobbying the Administration and Congress to include libraries in the Jobs on Main Street bill. We are asking for a specific recommendation that $650 million be made available to hire 13,000 people to work in public libraries to assist the public in looking for work.

The Washington Office has shared this proposal with the Obama Administration, the leadership of the House of Representatives and many Senate offices. We have also called upon our grassroots advocates to contact their legislators in support of this effort.

The proposal can be viewed on the ALA Washington Office's Midwinter page.

Economy and Stimulus

In February 2009, Congress passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), which released an unprecedented level of federal spending – $787 billion – into the U.S. economy in an effort to put our nation back on track.

Since that time, the ALA Washington Office has dedicated much of its work to educating the library community about this bill and to influencing the decision-makers tasked with implementing this very complex legislation.

The ALA Washington Office began its mission to inform membership with centralizing information on how libraries could benefit from the bill by establishing www.ala.org/knowyourstimulus which continues to make available the latest news and information on stimulus funding.

Libraries could benefit from specific provisions in the stimulus, including $13 billion for Title I, $650 million for Enhancing Education Through Technology, $7.2 billion for Broadband, $53.6 billion for the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, an additional $120 million for the Senior Community Service Employment Program, an additional $130 million for the Rural Community Facilities Program, and $4.24 billion and $1.33 billion for the Military, which libraries could try to access.

We now know that some libraries received part of the funding slotted for the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund and Title I as well as rural community development and education funding—all of which went towards employment, construction, equipment, and technologies. Many libraries were also able to hire seniors through the Senior Community Service Employment Program.

Funding for broadband proved to be the biggest opportunity for America's libraries, and the extent of how this opportunity will impact our nation's libraries is yet to be determined as the process is still ongoing. Early last year, the ALA Washington Office launched an intensive campaign to guide membership through the application process

through initiatives such as webinars, conference calls, and instructional documents. Meanwhile, the office regularly filed formal comments to the administering agencies and seized other opportunities to represent the needs of America's libraries and to influence the unprecedented process such as participating in coalitions and attending meetings with members of Congress and the Federal Communications Commission.

In 2010, the ALA Washington Office will continue to focus on the broadband funding programs included in the stimulus.

USA PATRIOT Act and Reauthorization of Section 215

In late December, Congress authorized a two-month extension to the three provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act—Section 215 and the other two expiring provisions, the roving wiretaps and lone wolf sections, originally scheduled to sunset on December 31, 2009. Throughout Fall 2009, ALA, working with both the Surveillance Coalition and the Campaign for Reader Privacy coalition, continued extensive lobbying and grassroots work to reform Section 215 as well as national security letters and other troubling provisions.

ALA's focus continues to be on reforming Section 215, the business records section, often called the "library provision." In conjunction with the coalitions, ALA has been pushing to raise the appropriate legal standards for law enforcement to obtain, and for recipients to challenge, orders for library records, attached gag orders and other information. Although this fall's debate could have targeted only the three sunsetting-provisions, the coalitions and ALA also emphasized the need to reform legal standards covering national security letters (NSLs).

As ALA members prepare for Midwinter 2010, there are bills pending in both the House, H.R. 3845, and Senate, S. 1692 – each ready to go for floor votes, presumably once the health care legislation is resolved.

A side-by-side chart by the Center for Democracy and Technology (CDT) comparing the two bills is available here.

The ongoing saga about the various bills and proposals and the debates in the in the House and Senate Judiciary Committees was chronicled in ALA's District Dispatch in recent months. Both bills make very modest changes to the PATRIOT Act. There are some changes improving Section 215 orders in both bills related to judicial authorization. At this time, the House bill, H.R. 3845, is preferred over the Senate version, in part because H.R. 3845 also includes some improvement to the NSL standards.

It is unclear when either side of Congress will move their respective bills toward a final vote. Disappointingly, the White House and the Department of Justice, especially the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), support the "weaker" versions of these bills. If they had their way, they would merely reauthorize the three sections "as is." Further, with the attempted Christmas Day airplane bombing attempt over Detroit, the public debate about surveillance weaknesses and mistakes has peaked again and will likely impact the nature of the Congressional deliberations or even additional amendments as these bills move toward floor votes.

At this writing, it is unclear whether the House or the Senate will go first, although no significant bills or issues are expected to move forward until healthcare is completed. Grassroots advocacy will be critical in our mission to protect the civil liberties of innocent Americans and ensure the reauthorization of the PATRIOT Act includes real reform. Keep an eye on the ALA Washington Office blog, the District Dispatch, http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/, and the ALA Legislative Action Center, http://capwiz.com/ala/home/. See also the ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom web pages for additional information about the USA PATRIOT Act.

Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act

As the ALA has emphasized since the enactment of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA), concern for children's safety is our first priority in providing materials to young patrons. On August 26, 2009, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) issued its final rule on children's products containing lead. In the rule, the CPSC confirmed that libraries have no independent obligation to test library books for lead under the law. Meanwhile, the CPSC has announced a second one-year stay of implementation, postponing the date to February 2011.

The CPSC also announced its intention to release a Statement of Policy specifically providing guidance for libraries with regard to the treatment of children's books already on the shelf. Congress asked the CPSC for a report by January 15 on how they intend to implement the bill, and there may be guidance for libraries in that report.

While we await the Statement of Policy, the ALA recommends that if a library is aware of any children's book that does contain lead above the legal limits or otherwise presents a danger to children, the library should remove it from public access. For instance, the library should move it to the non-circulating collection. We also ask that if libraries do learn of any books containing lead they let the ALA Washington Office know so that the office can share that information with other libraries. When the Statement of Policy is released, the Washington Office will promptly notify our members via the District Dispatch, http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/.

Reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act

With the much-anticipated reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) – currently referred to as the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) – coming up in the second session of the 111th Congress, the ALA Office of Government Relations is aggressively lobbying the Administration and Congress for the new legislation to put an explicit emphasis on the role of 21st century school libraries and the need for every school library to employ a state-certified school librarian.

The over 62,000 state-certified school librarians in public schools and 3,909 state-certified school librarians in private schools in the United States fill multiple roles – teacher, instructional partner, information specialist, and program administrator – ensuring that students and staff are effective users of information and ideas.

Unfortunately, school libraries are some of the most underfunded classrooms in America today. With limited funding and an increased focus on school performance, administrators are trying to stretch dollars and cut funds across various programs to

ensure that maximum resources are dedicated to improving student academic achievement. Because NCLB does not highlight the direct correlation between school librarians and increased student academic achievement, library resource budgets are increasingly being used to mitigate the effects of budgetary constraints.

Grassroots advocacy is a vital part of getting the message to members of Congress that school libraries must be specifically included in the reauthorization of ESEA. Stay tuned to the ALA Washington Office blog, the District Dispatch, http://www.wo.ala.org/districtdispatch/ , and the ALA Legislative Action Center, http://capwiz.com/ala/home/ , for updates and action alerts on this important legislation.

Google Book Search Settlement

The ALA Office of Government Relations, along with colleagues in OITP, continues to closely monitor developments and keep membership informed of ALA activities in response to the proposed Google Book Search settlement. On November 13, 2009, Google, the Authors Guild and the Association of American Publishers submitted an amended settlement agreement (ASA) to the Court. This is the latest activity by the parties in an attempt to resolve the class-action lawsuit brought by book authors and publishers in response to Google's Book Search digitization project.

In response, the ALA, along with ACRL and ARL, released "A Guide for the Perplexed Part III: The Amended Settlement Agreement," which highlights those changes relevant to libraries. (This document and other resources on this issue are available on http://wo.ala.org/gbs/.) While many of the amendments will have little direct impact on libraries, the amended settlement significantly reduces the scope of the settlement because it excludes most books published outside of the United States, among other things. In addition, on December 14, 2009, the library associations sent a letter to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) asking for ongoing judicial oversight of the Google Book Search settlement, if approved.

Looking ahead, the Court has accepted the parties' recommended schedule and set January 28, 2010, as the deadline for class members to opt out of the amended settlement agreement or to file objections, and February 4, 2010, as the deadline for the Department of Justice to file its comments. The Court will hold a fairness hearing on February 18, 2010.

Also, during the 2009 ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, the ALA Council approved a resolution that requested the ALA President, "…to convene an ALA-wide representative group: to continue to assess the proposed Google Book Search Settlement and its ongoing impact on ALA members and members institutions…" ALA President Camila Alire invited a representative group of ALA members to be on a task force to study the agreement and the impact it will have on library services. The Task Force and is holding a meeting at the 2010 ALA Midwinter Conference in Boston.

Traditional Cultural Expressions Council Resolution

Traditional Cultural Expressions (TCEs) are creative works of indigenous and traditional communities – folk tales, symbols, songs, dances, rituals, pottery, sculpture, textiles, architecture, crafts and music. For some indigenous communities, access to these works, especially when the works are sacred in nature, is an affront to their cultures. When

librarians become stewards of TCEs, they often are unaware of the concerns of indigenous communities. Digital technologies exacerbate concerns by globally expanding unauthorized access to traditional cultural expression. Can the interests of indigenous communities whose creative works are central to their cultural identity be understood and met by the library profession when those concerns may be in conflict with the Library Bill of Rights?

To address these concerns, librarians, indigenous people, archivists, folklorists, and academics met at a three-day conference in the Fall of 2008 to explore issues regarding access, preservation, and protection of these creative works, and the rights of indigenous peoples, including the importance of cultural identity, tribal laws, and traditions. Current library and museum programs designed to organize and manage cultural expression were also explored.

Since the conference, a small group of conference attendees have been engaged over the last year in drafting a set of principles on libraries and traditional cultural expression for the consideration and review of ALA members and other stakeholders. In a series of collaborative activities including programs and an open forum at the Annual Conference 2009 in Chicago, the group has worked through a number of revisions, and made numerous efforts to reach ALA membership, facilitate discussion, and gain consensus on this important topic.

This group hopes ALA Council will adopt a resolution to ensure broad access to the principles in the document they created, *Librarianship and Traditional Cultural Expressions: Nurturing Understanding and Respect* and provide a source of guidance to librarians as they confront access and preservation issues regarding TCEs.

Members are urged to learn more about this topic by reviewing the principles at: http://wo.ala.org/tce/ and express their support for this resolution being staffed by OITP.

The conferences, meetings and subsequent activities are funded, in part, by a grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation to promote copyright advocacy and education.

Privacy

The ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom (OIF) will launch a new privacy initiative, Choose Privacy Week, at a special event on Saturday, January 16, BCEC Room 252 A/B. The event will feature social critic Hal Niedzviecki, author of *The Peep Diaries: How We're Learning to Love Watching Ourselves and Our Neighbors*. Mr. Niedzviecki will be welcomed by ALA President Camila Alire. Following his presentation, the author will sign copies of *The Peep Diaries*; copies of the book will be given to the first 100 attendees.

The event will also highlight key resources to aid libraries participating in the first-ever Choose Privacy Week, May 2-8, 2010. This civic engagement campaign invites library users into a national conversation about privacy rights in a digital age. Those attending the Saturday event will learn about new tools for libraries that will help to educate and engage their users, and encourage citizens to think critically about privacy choices.

Unable to attend the event? You can follow the event at http://twitter.com/privacyala
For more information on this event and on ALA's privacy initiative, visit
http://www.privacyrevolution.org .

Open Access and Scholarly Communication

The 20th biennial SPARC-ACRL forum, "The ebook transition: Collaborations and
innovations behind open-access monographs," co-sponsored by SPARC (the Scholarly
Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition) and ACRL, will be held Saturday,
January 16, 4:00-5:30pm, Sheraton Boston, Back Bay BR A/B. The forum will feature
three pioneering initiatives to deliver free online access to scholarly monographs and will
highlight opportunities for libraries to support innovations in this important area.
Following the presentations, participants will be invited to connect in smaller groups and
consider specific questions on how open-access monographs figure in their local campus
collections and scholarly communication programs.

Advocacy on the Front Lines

Join ALA President Camila Alire for "Advocacy on the Front Lines: How to Make a
Difference from Where You Sit," Saturday, January 16, 1:30-3:30pm, BCEC 260. The
initiative will encourage and train librarians and library staff to seize opportunities to
promote the diverse professionals, resources and services of public, school, academic and
special libraries. Panelists include: Hampton "Skip" Auld (Director, Durham County
Library); Rochelle Logan (Associate Director for Support Services, Douglas County
Libraries); Anita Peterson (Senior Librarian, Richard Donovan Correctional Facility, San
Diego); Connie Williams (Past President of the California School Library Association);
and, Jean Zanoni (Associate Dean of Libraries, Marquette University). Patricia Wong,
County Librarian/Archivist, Yolo County Library, will moderate.

Spectrum Presidential Initiative

At the 2009 ALA Annual Conference, ALA President Camila Alire, Immediate Past
President Jim Rettig, President-Elect Roberta Stevens, and Past President Betty Turock,
chair of the initiative, announced the Spectrum Presidential Initiative, a special one year
campaign to raise $1 million for the Spectrum Scholarship Program. Through this
initiative, ALA aims to meet critical needs by doubling the number of Spectrum
Scholarships over the next two years, providing two $25,000 doctoral scholarships, as
well as building the Spectrum Endowment to ensure this valuable program's future.

To raise $1 million, ALA is working with several external funding sources who are
interested in education, libraries, and diversity. As part of the case to external partners
ALA must demonstrate that members support Spectrum and so ALA is seeking members'
help and donations to the Spectrum Scholarship Program. At the Midwinter Meeting,
members of the Spectrum Presidential Initiative Taskforce will meet with leaders of ALA
Divisions and Affiliates. Over the next several months, ALA will roll out several
programs to get individuals involved in this special fundraising initiative.

To learn more, get involved, or donate, contact Miguel A. Figueroa, Director, Office for
Diversity at mfigueroa@ala.org, or Kim Olsen-Clark, Director , Development Office at
kolsen-clark@ala.org.

Economic Value of Libraries

The current economic climate and the increased emphasis on assessment and outcomes have compelled academic departments' higher education administrators to make tough decisions regarding the funding of programs and units at their institutions. The Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) has undertaken a comprehensive review in which the primary objective is to provide academic librarians with a clearer understanding of what research about the performance of academic libraries already exists, where gaps in this research occur, and to identify the most promising best practices and measures correlated to performance. Additionally, this review will provide ACRL members with tools and strategies to demonstrate the value of academic libraries to their institutional leadership.

ACRL is pleased to announce the selection of Megan Oakleaf, assistant professor in the iSchool at Syracuse University, as lead researcher for its value of academic libraries project. A recognized expert in outcomes-based assessment and decision making, Oakleaf will develop and deliver a comprehensive review of the quantitative and qualitative literature, methodologies and best practices currently in place for demonstrating the value of academic libraries.

"ACRL is very pleased to work with Megan Oakleaf on this project," said ACRL President Lori A. Goetsch of Kansas State University. "Her experience and expertise in assessment make her the ideal person to review and document existing research and practices to assist the academic library community in articulating our value to the campus community."

Send questions about the ACRL value of academic libraries project to Mary Ellen K. Davis, ACRL executive director, at mdavis@ala.org or (312) 280-3248, or to Kara Malenfant, ACRL scholarly communications/government relations specialist, at kmalenfant@ala.org or (312) 280-2510.

ALSO ON THE ALA BOARD OR COUNCIL DOCKET

ALA Executive Board
All meetings of the ALA Executive Board are in WEST Commonwealth.
- Board I: Friday, January 15, 8:30am-noon
  o Executive Committee Report
  o Development Office Report/Spectrum Initiative
  o E-Participation Update
  o Washington Office Report
  o Chapter Relations Overview – Susan DiMattia, Chair, Chapter Relations Committee
  o Strategic Discussion
- Board II: Monday, January 18, 2:00-4:00pm
  o Auditor's Report – Frank Jakosz, Grant Thornton
  o Endowment Trustees' Report – Daniel J. Bradbury, Chair, ALA Endowment Trustees
  o Emerging Leaders Discussion
  o Legal Update (closed session)
- Board III: Tuesday, January 19, TBD, Close of Council III
  Conference Services Report

Budget Analysis & Review Committee Report – James Neal, Chair, BARC
Finance & Audit Committee Report – Rod Hersberger, ALA Treasurer
Young Professionals Task Force – Camila Alire, ALA President
Executive Board Liaison Reports

ALA Council

All Council sessions will be in the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (BCEC), Grand Ballroom. <u>New Council watchers</u>: Council's agenda builds during the course of the Midwinter Meeting, as resolutions are submitted.

- **ALA Council/Executive Board/Membership Information Session**: Sunday, January 17, 9:00-10:20am
  Budget Analysis and Review Committee Report – James Neal, Chair, BARC
  ALA Endowment Trustees Report – Daniel J. Bradbury, chair, Endowment Trustees
  2015 – ALA Strategic Plan – Paul Meyer, Tecker Consultants, discussion facilitator
- **ALA Council I**: Sunday, January 17, 10:30am-12:15pm
  2010 ALA Nominating Committee Report
  Nominations for the Council Executive Board Election
  Appointment of Tellers Committee for the ALA Executive Board Election
  Reports of Officers: Camila Alire (ALA President), Roberta A. Stevens (ALA President-Elect), Keith Michael Fiels (ALA Executive Director)
  Spectrum Presidential Initiative Report – Betty J. Turock, Chair
  New Business
- **ALA Council II:** Monday, January 18, 10:00am-12:15pm
  ALA Treasurer's Report – Rodney M. Hersberger, ALA Treasurer
  FY2011 Programmatic Priorities – Rodney M. Hersberger, ALA Treasurer
  Freedom to Read Foundation Report – Kenton L. Oliver, FTRF President
  ALA Policy Monitoring Committee Report – Janet Swan Hill, Chair
  New Business
- **ALA Council III:** Tuesday, January 19, 8:00am-12:30pm
  Memorials, Tributes and Testimonials
  ALA Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report – Thomas L. Wilding, Chair
  ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee Report – Martin L. Garnar, Chair
  ALA Committee on Legislation Report – Councilor Mario A. Ascencio, Chair
  ALA International Relations Committee Report – Beverly P. Lynch, Chair
  ALA Committee on Organization Report – Jan W. Sanders, Chair
  New Business

DIVISION BOARDS OF DIRECTORS

AASL Board of Directors
- Friday, January 15, 8:00am - 12:30pm, BCEC Room 155
  AASL Mega Issue: *What name should we use to help us achieve universal recognition and be considered indispensable?* At a time when AASL's members carry job titles including School Library Media Specialists, Library Media Specialist, School Librarian, Teacher Librarian, Media Coordinator or Librarian (just to name a few), it is difficult to ensure a title accurately reflects the 21st Century role our members play in the school library field. To complicate matters even more, the job title is different from state to state, graduate programs vary, and among the membership there are strong feelings on both sides.

ACRL Board of Directors
- Board I: Saturday, January 16, 1:30-5:30pm, MAR Provincetown

- Board II: Monday, January 18, 1:30-4:30pm, MAR Provincetown

ACLTS Board of Directors

- Board I, Saturday, January 16, 1:30-5:30pm, BCEC-154.
  At Board I, the ALCTS Board will continue its discussion on "Creating Our Future" initiative, begun at Midwinter 2009 and continued with a forum at the Annual Conference 2009. This discussion is the next step in re-structuring ALCTS to better meet the needs of its members.
- Board II: Monday, January 18, 1:30-5:30pm, BCEC-154.

ALSC Board of Directors

- Board of Directors I, Saturday, January 16, 1:30 - 5:30pm, BCEC-Room 211
- Board of Directors II, Monday, January 18, 1:30 - 5:30pm, BCEC-Room 211

ALTAFF Board of Directors

- Board I: Saturday, January 16, 8:30-10:00am, BCEC-102.
- Board II: Monday, January 18, 8:00-9:30am, BCEC-154.

ASCLA Board of Directors

- Board I: Saturday, January 16, 8:00-10:00am, BCEC-Rm 158.
- Board II: Monday, January 18, 10:30am-12:30pm, BCEC-Rm 158.

LITA Board of Directors

- Session I: Saturday, January 16, 9:30-12:30, BCEC-157B.
- Session II: Monday, January 18, 1:30-2:00, Networking Uncommons; 2:00-5:00, BCEC-157B.

LLAMA Board of Directors

- Saturday, January 16, 8:00-10:00am, BCEC-102B.
- Monday, January 18, 8:00-10:00am, BCEC-102B.

PLA Board of Directors

- Saturday, January 16, 1:30-5:30pm, Boston Convention Center, Room 102B.

RUSA Board of Directors

- Board I – **Town Hall and RUSA Big Think,** Saturday, January 16, 1:30-3:30pm, BCEC-Rm 102A.
  Help plan RUSA strategic directions. All RUSA members are invited to come and share constructive insights, perceptions, comments and thoughts about RUSA. The RUSA Board devotes time at Midwinter for a RUSA Big Think – a time for the Board to brainstorm a critical question facing the association. For related information, see
  http://connect.ala.org/files/73498/beck_we_must_think_strategically_doc_19914.doc
  and http://www.rusq.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/49n1/pdf/49n1_pres.pdf
- Board II: Monday, January 18, 1:30-3:30pm, BCEC 102B.

YALSA Board of Directors

- Board I: Saturday, January 16, 1:30-5:30pm, BCEC-Rm 161.
- Board II: Sunday, January 17, 4:00-5:30pm, BCEC-Rm 160B
- Board III: Monday, January 18, 1:30-3:30pm, BCEC-Room 160B

ELSEWHERE AT THE MIDWINTER MEETING

This is the "cheat sheet." For more complete information see the official *Meeting Guide* or go to the 2010 Midwinter Wiki:
http://alamw.ala.org/2010 .

Turn to the last page of this document (easy to tear off!) for a list of phone numbers you may want to have at hand.

- **Midwinter Meeting Registration – OR, Checking in and Picking Up Materials -- Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, Registration Center, Level 0**

    Please Note: A photo ID is required to pick up your materials onsite.

Registration Counter Hours:	Friday, January15 – 8:00am - 7:30pm
	Saturday, January 16 – 7:30am - 5:00pm
	Sunday, January 17 – 7:30am - 5:00pm
	Monday, January 18 – 7:30am - 2:00pm

- **Exhibits**: **Exhibit Halls A and B – Boston Convention and Exhibition Center**

Exhibit Hours:	Friday, 5:30-7:30pm
	Saturday-Sunday, 9:00am-5:00pm
	Monday, 9:00am – 2:00pm

- **Special Events In or Around the Exhibit Hall**

    o Start with the **ALA/ERT Exhibits Opening Reception**, Friday, January 15, 5:30-7:30pm. Enjoy music, food, and the chance for lots of prizes!
    o Don't miss the **Spotlight on Adult Literature**, sponsored by ALTAFF and ALA Conference Services, on Saturday, January 16, 2:00-4:00pm, in the Exhibit Hall. Participating publishers include Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill (Workman Publishing Company), Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, Macmillan, Hachette Book Group, Random House, Penguin Group, Perseus and W.W. Norton & Company.
    o *Dollars for ALA Scholars* **Fundraiser**—Help support the aspiring careers of a new generation of librarians through this Human Resource Development and Recruitment (HRDR) fundraiser. For a donation of $10.00, conference attendees will have two business cards laminated as luggage tags and enter a third in a raffle for a free conference registration for the upcoming Annual Conference in Washington, DC. Donors may contribute at the *Dollars for ALA Scholars* booth, in the general registration area during registration counter hours. All proceeds from the fundraiser, "Dollars for Scholars," will benefit the annual giving campaign for the ALA general scholarship endowments. For additional information about the program and how you can support the career of an aspiring librarian, visit: www.ala.org/dollarsforscholars . For additional information about the scholarship program, visit: www.ala.org/scholarships .
    o **Win ACRL 2011 Registration**. Visit the ACRL booth (#2000) in the BCEC Halls A/B, January 15-18, and register to win a complementary registration to the ACRL 2011 National Conference in Philadelphia, March 30-April 2, 2011. The winner will be announced on ACRL Insider blog (http://www.acrl.ala.org/acrlinsider/) by January 31, 2009.
    o Catch the **Technology Showcase** – Monday, January 18, 10:00am-1:10pm, in the"one if by land" theatre at the end of the 2000 aisle and "two if by sea" theatre at the end of the 1400 aisle. Appearing in the "One if by Land" Theatre: Infer Global

Solutions (10:40am), Emerald Group Publishing (11:20am), 3M Company (12:00pm), Credo Reference (12:40pm). In the "Two if by Sea" Theatre: Thomson Reuters (10:00am), eBrary (10:40am), Innovative Interfaces (11:20am), Springer (12:00pm), IGI Global (12:40pm).

o Let the *American Libraries* staff introduce you to a whole new way of keeping on top of news, views, and perspectives from the general library world and ALA. The website www.americanlibrariesmagazine.org is being rolled out at booth #1402 in the exhibits. The site includes expanded content, web-only spotlights, two new blogs ("Perpetual Beta" and "Green Your Library") and an archive of every issue of the popular e-*newsletter American Libraries Direct*. Every *American Libraries* article will now be open for comments, and easy to share on Facebook, Twitter, ALA Connect, and through other social media. The new site was built in the open-source content management system Drupal.

o Haven't had a chance to get your hands on the *Booklist* **Editors' Choice/Top of the List** January issue? Pick one up in booth #1814. The winning titles were selected by the Booklist editors from the more than 8,000 Booklist adult, youth, reference and media reviews in 2009. If you select or advise on curriculum-appropriate books, *Book Links* **"Lasting Connections"** list – the year's 30 best children's books for the classroom or school library – is also available. The list is in the January Book Links supplement, also available free.

o For a **demo** of the forthcoming **RDA Toolkit**, go to booth 1818 (ALA Publishing) in the Exhibits. *The RDA Toolkit* will include RDA instructions that are searchable and browseable; AACR2; AACR2 Rule Number Search of RDA instructions; workflows, mappings, and examples; and a "schema dictionary" that allows you to view the RDA instructions by bibliographic element.

o Be sure to **visit PLA** at Booth 2115 and check out the valuable resources available for public libraries, including: PLA's bimonthly journal, *Public Libraries*; peer-reviewed publications that focus on career development, problem-solving, continuing education and library information; a schedule of upcoming 2010 public library management courses; the educational program and all star speaker lineup for PLA's 2010 National Conference.

- **ALA Store**

    ALA Store Hours: Friday 10:00am – 6:00pm
                           Saturday and Sunday 8:00am – 5:00pm
                           Monday 8:00am – 2:00pm

Take time to see what's new at the ALA Store, located in Lobby B, between the two entrances to the Exhibit Hall.

What's new? Appearing alongside best-selling and classic ALA Editions books such as The Librarian's Book of Quotes, a newly revised edition of *Assessing Service Quality: Satisfying the Expectations of Library Customers*, by Peter Hernon and Ellen Altman, will be makings its first conference appearance in Boston. This classic book is brought fully up to date, integrating the use of technology into the customer experience. From useful marketing books like *Building a Buzz* and *Bite-Sized Marketing: Realistic Solutions for the Overworked Librarian* to titles about library logistics such as *Moving Your Library: Getting the Collection from Here to There* and *Moving Materials*, ALA

Editions has something for every shelf and every aspect of programming and professional development.

In addition to the best-selling *Twilight* and Jonas Brothers celebrity READ posters, ALA Graphics is debuting new posters featuring *New Moon*, *Sherlock Holmes*, *Where the Wild Things Are*, and Rachel Maddow, Percy Jackson, Eragon, and Bats at the Library will also appear, along with many other character poster favorites. The new Martin Luther King, Jr. History Lives and Dewey Find It Kids posters will be available to take back to your library. The newest addition to the READ Design Studio, READ DVD Genres & Subjects, will be offered, and demonstrations on how to use the popular art files are scheduled Saturday at 10am and 2pm. New posters, bookmarks, and incentives will be available in preparation for National Library Week and Teen Tech Week celebrations.

Three of the most recent LITA Guides will be available at the ALA Store: *Core Technology Competencies for Librarians and Library Staff*, *Making Library Web Sites Usable*, and *Using Interactive Technologies in Libraries*. Many other ALA Divisions will have titles to offer as well, covering the full range of libraries, their staff and their users.

- **ALA Placement Center – Boston Convention and Exhibition Center**

The Placement Center will be open on Saturday and Sunday, January 16-17, 9:00am-5:00pm, in Hall B, Exhibit Level, Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (BCEC).

Career Counseling
Dr. Caitlin Williams, a professional career counselor, will be in the Placement Center to provide free one-on-one career counseling sessions. Career Counseling is available on Saturday, January 16, 9:00-11:30am and 3:30-5:00pm, and Sunday, January 17, 9:00-5:00pm. Appointments are required.

Career Workshops

Saturday, January 16
10:30am-noon, "Beyond the Basics of Interviewing: How to Stand Out In a Crowd of Competition in a Tough Economy," by Vicki Burger (Assistant Director, Library Personnel, Northwestern University, IL).
1:30-3:00pm, "Moving Your Career and Job Search Ahead: Surviving in Tough Economic Times," by Dr. Caitlin Williams (career development consultant and coach, San Jose, CA).

Sunday, January 17
o 9:00-10:30am, "Finding a Job When Times are Tough," by Vicki Burger.
o 1:30-3:30pm, "Interviewing Basics from an Employer's Perspective," by Melanie Garaffa (Human Resources Consultant, McMaster University Library, Ontario, Canada).

Career Webinar

Monday, January 18, 11:00am-noon CST, "Finding and Keeping Library Jobs," by Diane Kovacs, President of Kovacs Consulting – Internet & Web Training. To attend the free webinar, visit http://connectpro72403849.acrobat.com/jobsearch/ . To enter, select

"Enter as a guest," type your name in the space, and click on "Enter Room." To set up audio, once you're in the meeting room, choose "Meeting" from the top left menu bar, then "Manage My Settings," then "Audio Setup Wizard." The wizard will take you through the necessary steps. A headset with a microphone is recommended for full participation in the session. At minimum, participants are asked to login to the session from a computer with speakers or headphones. If you will not have audio capabilities, please contact Kim Sanders at ksanders@ala.org in advance of the session. You may also want to watch "Participating in Your First Connect Pro Meeting" or read the "Visual Quick Start Guide [PDF] before the presentation.

Register and search for jobs online at JobLIST Online: www.joblist.ala.org

- **Traveling with an infant?**

  A Nursing Room (also known as the New Mothers' Room) will be available to attendees in the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. It's located in the Show Office, Hall B1 East, in the North East Lobby .

- **Checking email?**

  - **Wireless Access ?** Yes – in the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center meeting areas.
  - **The Internet Café,** BCEB, Lobby B, 6:00am-10:00pm, Friday-Tuesday.
  - **The Internet Room** in the Exhibit Hall, during Exhibit hours only.

- **Blogging Midwinter?**

  - The **YALSA Blog** will be blogging through the Midwinter Meeting, with liveblogs of the Youth Media Awards and the BBYA Teen Session, among other events. Read http://yalsa.ala.org/blog for more info. Interested in blogging? The YALSA Blogger Meetup is Sunday, January 17, 4-5:30pm, BCEC Room 153C.
  - PLA's blog manager, Nate Hill, along with volunteers attending the Midwinter meeting, will be updating the **PLA blog** about events and discussions of interest to public librarians. If you'd like to contribute, send an email to contact@plablog.org. We'll get you set up with all the information you need.

- **The ALA Office – BCEC, Room 210 A-C**

  ALA Office hours: Friday: 10:00am-10:00pm
                               Saturday-Tuesday: 6:00am-10:00pm
                               Wednesday: 6:00am-noon

- **That Other Important Office – The Post Office!**

  Postal Services will be provided in the Exhibit Hall at the back of the 2500 aisle. The post office will be open Saturday and Sunday, 9:00am-4:45pm, and Monday, 9:00am-1:45pm. Attendees will receive one mailing envelope or tube compliments of ALA. Additional mailing materials cost $1 each.

- **Getting Around**

The Shuttle Buses (sponsored by Gale Cengage Learning) will provide transportation between the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center (BCEC) and various hotels. Check the sign in your hotel lobby and the Final Schedule. To make advance reservations for a wheelchair accessible shuttle, please see the shuttle supervisor at the CCC or call Yankee Line at **(800) 942-8890.** Make sure to stop by Gale Booth (1732) and check out what's new! (and please say "thank you for the buses").

Route #1 (RED)	Boarding Location
Marriott Copley	Prudential Center, Huntington Avenue Entrance
Sheraton Boston	Prudential Center, Huntington Avenue Entrance
Westin Copley	Place Prudential Center, Huntington Avenue Entrance
Fairmont Copley Place	Prudential Center, Huntington Avenue Entrance

Route #2 (GREEN	Boarding Location
Boston Park Plaza	Curbside entrance on Columbus Avenue
Four Seasons Hotel	Curbside entrance on Columbus Avenue
Courtyard Tremont Hotel	Curbside entrance on Tremont Street

Route #3 (BLUE)	Boarding Location
Omni Parker House	Tremont Street by the Sovereign Bank
Hilton Financial District	Curbside Entrance on Broad Street
Hyatt Regency Boston	Curbside Avenue de Lafayette

Route #4 (PINK)	Boarding Location
Intercontinental Hotel	Curbside entrance on Atlantic Avenue
Renaissance Boston	Curbside entrance on Congress Street
Seaport Hotel	Curbside entrance on Seaport Lane

One hotel is within close walking distance to the Boston Convention & Exposition Center. <u>There will be NO shuttle service for the Westin Boston Waterfront.</u>

Please note: Check here, http://www.mbta.com/, for schedules, routes and fares. You will find great deals on subway passes at http://www.mbta.com/fares_and_passes/subway/ including the Day/Week Link Pass ($15) for 7 Days with unlimited travel on the Subway, Local Bus, Commuter Rail Zone 1A, and Inner -Harbor Ferry.

Visit the BCEC Transportation Desk located on the west side of the North Lobby, Level One. Here you can purchase passes and find transportation information, including subway maps, bus routes, and taxi arrangements.

SOME SCHEDULE HIGHLIGHTS –

Don't see it here? Want more? See the Final Meeting Guide and the 2009 Midwinter http://alamw.ala.org/2010 .

<u>Arriving on Friday – or earlier?</u>

- **LITA** will have two workshops on Friday:

- o *Creating Library Web Services: Mashups and APIs*, with Karen Coombs (University of Houston), 9:00am-4:30pm, BCEC-153C.
- o *Writing for the Web*, with Brenda Reeb (University of Rochester), 9:00am-4:30pm, BCEC-153A/B.

Registration is available on-site outside the workshop rooms at 8:00am. For more information, see
http://www.lita.org/ala/mgrps/divs/lita/litaevents/midwinter2010/index.cfm

- **LLAMA** will offer a workshop on **Supervisory Management**, Friday January 15, 9:00am - 4:30pm, Westin Waterfront, Carlton Room. Registration will be available on site, at the door. The program, featuring Julie Todaro, will focus on topics critical to the success of current and aspiring library leaders and managers, including supervision without micromanagement, positive reinforcement and workplace coaching, and evaluation, discipline and termination.

- **ACRL** will offer two Professional Development Workshops. Both workshops will accept registrations on-site.
  - o **Anytime, Anywhere, Any Device: Developing a Mobile Website for your Library ,** Friday, January 15, 1:00-4:30pm, COP-Essex North. Get an overview of the current state of mobile technologies both within and outside of libraries, and learn how to launch a mobile library website.
  - o **Text Messaging, Twitter, and Libraries ,** Friday, January 15, 1:00-4:30pm, COP-St. George. Learn how libraries are leveraging text messaging (also known as SMS) and Twitter. Discover basic and advanced applications of these tools for extending and enhancing academic library services and collections.

- Ever want to see how the "best book" lists are determined? The 2010 Notable **Children's Book Committee** has released its final "discussion list" (180 titles) and Midwinter Meeting agenda. All meetings will be in the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center (BCEC), Room 257B. Books will be on display during the meeting.

  > Friday, 1:30-4:30 – Fiction
  > Saturday, 1:30-4:30 – Picture Books
  > Sunday, 1:30-4:30 – Folklore, Poetry, Biography and Autobiography
  > Monday, 1:30-4:30 – General Nonfiction
  > Tuesday, 8:00am-noon – Review and Voting

  For more information see:
  http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/alsc/awardsgrants/childrensnotable/notablechibooks/ncbslctcomm/index/cfm

- **2010 Forum on Library Education**, "Learning Outcomes: Methodologies for Connecting Communities," presented by the ALA Committee on Education and the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE) and hosted by ALISE convenes on Friday, January 15, 3:00-5:00pm at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel & Towers,. LIS educators and practitioners will discuss key questions: *What is a Learning Outcome? How might the new competences impact LIS education? What relationship do the new competences have to established division competences? Is there a chasm between LIS education and professional practice?* Speakers include: Rachel A. Applegate, Indiana University - Indianapolis; Lynn S. Connaway, OCLC; Sara Kelly Johns, Lake Placid Middle/High School (NY); Dan O'Connor, Rutgers University and Scott Walter, University of Illinois – Urbana.

  The annual forums on library education are venues for an open exchange of ideas and ongoing dialogue between LIS educators and library practitioners on current topics related to library education matters. For updates and additional information about the Forum, please visit the website:
  http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/hrdr/abouthrdr/hrdrliaisoncomm/committeeoned/libraryeducationforum.cfm

- **ALCTS CCS Forum: "Year of Cataloging Research Kicks Off**," 3:30-5:30pm, BCEC 104A/B. Kick off the Year of Cataloging Research with presentations and discussion about cataloging research as well as examples of current research. Speakers include Michele Cloonan, Dean, Simmons Graduate School of Library and Information Science; Sandy Roe, Editor, *Cataloging & Classification Quarterly*; Martha Yee, Cataloging Supervisor, UCLA Film & Television Archive; Daniel Joudrey, Arlene Taylor and Tina Gross, who will present "The Effect of Controlled Vocabulary on Keyword Searching."
- **LLAMA's annual leadership seminar** will focus on "Facilitative Leadership," presented by Pat Wagner, Pattern Research, Inc., 3:30-5:00pm, WEST Stone Room. The Seminar is open to all registered attendees.
- **ALA/ERT Author Forum,** Friday, January 15, 4:00 – 5:15pm, Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, Grand Ballroom, will feature "From Book to Big Screen" with best-selling authors. They include: Eric Van Lustbader, chosen by Robert Ludlum's estate to continue the Jason Bourne series; Chuck Hogan, "Prince of Thieves"; Tracy Chevalier, "Girl With A Pearl Earring"; and Julie Powell, "Julie & Julia: My Year of Cooking Dangerously."
- Are you a YALSA member who's familiar with the basic programs, services and opportunities YALSA has to offer? Are you interested in becoming more involved in YALSA or are you ready to step up to a leadership position? If so, **YALSA 201** is for you (Friday, January 15, 4:00-5:00pm, BCEC, Room 160A). Come chat with members of YALSA's Nominating Committee, which identifies candidates for YALSA's Board of Directors and certain awards committees; YALSA's Publishing Committee, who help oversee YALSA's book publishing program; and, various committee chairs and conveners, to learn what it's like to lead a YALSA committee, jury, taskforce, discussion group or interest group.
- **LITA Happy Hour**, Friday, January 15, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm, "Library" at Capiz Bar, Renaissance Boston Waterfront, 606 Congress Street, [phone: 617-338-4111] Please join the LITA Membership Development Committee and members from around the country for networking, good cheer, and great fun. Expect lively conversation and excellent drinks. Cash Bar.
- **YALSA Happy Hour**, Friday, January 15, 5:00-7:00pm, BCEC, Grand Ballroom Foyer. Enjoy refreshments, mingle with other YALSA members, and win cool YALSA swag. This event is sponsored by Disney/Hyperion Books.
- Eat, drink and catch up with old friends at the **RUSA Midwinter Social,** Rooftop Ballroom, Omni Parker House, 5:30-7:30pm, sponsored by Thomson Reuters.
- **GODORT Happy Hour,** Friday, January 15, 6:00-8:00pm, M.J. O'Connor's Irish Pub, 27 Columbus Avenue (next to the Boston Park Plaza Hotel), in the "Park Room."
- Join the SRRT Feminist Task Force (FTF) and friends at the **Feminists Night Out @** Lucy Parsons Center (http://lucyparsons.org/), 7:00-8:30pm. The Lucy Parsons Center is an independent, non-profit, radical bookstore and community space, run collectively by volunteers.
- **ALSC Speed Networking** is scheduled 7:30-9:00pm, Fairmont Copley Plaza, Oval Room. In a new spin on "speed dating," the goal is for participants to meet as many youth services colleagues as they can through Speed Networking. Participants will move around the room, meet new people and exchange ideas every few minutes. While the event is free, participants are asked to register in advance at www.ala.org/alsc . Light refreshments will be provided, courtesy of Disney-Hyperion.
- Attend the **USBBY** meeting for the unveiling of the **2010 Outstanding International Books** list. British author Philip Reeve (*Larklight, A Darkling Plain, and Here Lies Arthur*) will speak – Friday, January 15, 8:00-10:00pm, BCEC-Rm 104A/B.

- Hang out with YALSA at **Games, Gadgets & Gurus**, 8:00-10:00pm, BCEC-Room 153A/B. Spend a fun evening networking with colleagues and learning new skills to take back to your library! Come play games – both board and video; demo gadgets – like e-readers, mobile phones, digital audio recorders, video cameras and the latest software; and, take advantage of the opportunity to chat one-on-one with a tech guru who will work with you to troubleshoot your most pressing tech problem. Tickets are available at the door ($40).

Highlights and Special Events Saturday-Monday

- **Sunrise Speaker Series**: January 16 – 18, (Saturday and Sunday, 8:00 – 9:00am; Monday, *new time* 9:00-10:00am), Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, Grand Ballroom, will feature notable speakers such as Elizabeth Gilbert, *Eat, Pray, Love*; Atul Gawande, *Better, A Surgeon's Notes on Performance*; and Adriana Trigiani, *Big Stone Gap* series.

Saturday, January 16

- **YALSA All-Committee Meeting**, Saturday, January 16, 10:00am-noon, Boston Park Plaza Imperial BR. This is a working meeting for all of YALSA process committees, juries and taskforces. Not on a committee or other member group? Stop by and learn what it's all about. Individuals who are not serving on a member group but who want to learn about them are welcome to choose a group and sit in on their meeting. A continental breakfast will be served from 10:00-10:30am.
- **Pump Up the Volume, How to Be Heard on Federal Legislation,** Saturday, January 16, 10:30am – noon, BCEC, ROOM 156A/B. The ALA Washington Office is sponsoring this important session on advocacy for federal legislation. Librarians and library advocates will discuss how they get involved, the tools they use, and their general experiences with advocating for library issues. Advocacy doesn't have to be time-consuming, and this session will highlight the small, easy ways to make a difference to library issues, as well as discuss more extensive techniques for those who want to take the "next steps" in crafting effective advocacy strategies.
- **AASL Affiliate Assembly Roundtable Discussion,** Saturday, January 16, 10:30am - 12:30pm, BCEC, Room 159, The two topics for discussion will be the ALA Strategic Plan and school library media centers in different environments (urban, rural, suburban, large and small). The discussion will focus on the types of problems that school library media centers face and look at some potential solutions. Participants are encouraged to come prepared with problems that are unique to their library environment.
- The **Games and Gaming Members Initiative Group** is meeting, Saturday, January 16, 10:30am-12:00oon, Westin Waterfront, Otis Room. We will share our gaming experiences, talk about upcoming opportunities, and explore the interest in making this MIG into a Round Table. To view this Discussion in Connect, go to http://connect.ala.org/node/91708.
- **Eleventh Annual Arthur Curley Memorial Lecture**, Saturday, January 16, 1:30- 2:30pm, Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, Grand Ballroom. Former **Vice President and Nobel Peace Prize co-recipient Al Gore** will deliver the Arthur Curley Memorial Lecture. Widely considered one of the world's foremost authorities on the climate crisis, Gore is the author of "Our Choice: How We Can Solve the Climate Crisis," "An Inconvenient Truth" "Earth in the Balance: Ecology and the Human Spirit" and "The Assault of Reason."

- The **Public and Cultural Programs Advisory Committee** (PCPAC) of the Public Programs Office will meet on Saturday, January 16, 1:30 - 3:30pm in the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, Room 161 and on Monday, January 18, 10:30am – noon in Room 204A.
- Announcement of **2010 John Cotton Dana Library Public Relations Award Winners**, Saturday, January 16, 4:00 - 5:00pm, BCEC-160A. Winning entries will be available for review.
- ALA President Camila Alire and officers of the American Indian Library Association, Asian Pacific American Librarians Association, Black Caucus of the American Library Association, Chinese American Librarians Associations, and REFORMA will host a **fundraising reception to benefit the *2012 Joint Conference of Librarians of Color*** on Saturday January 16, 2010, 4:00-6:00pm in the Westin Boston Waterfront, Presidential Suite 1645. The second Joint Conference of Librarians of Color is scheduled for September 19-23 in Kansas City, MO. Visit www.ala.org/jclc to learn more.
- From http://www.bohyunkim.net/blog/archives/279 and member-organized: **the ALA MW Newbies** (& Veterans**) Tweet-up** will take place Saturday, January 16, 8pm at Green Dragon Tavern . Green Dragon Tavern is in North End/Faneuil Hall and a short walk from three different T-stops in Green/Orange/Blue line: Government Center, Haymarket, State Street.
  Address: 11 Marshall Street, Boston, MAý - (800) 543-9002ý
  Menu: http://www.somerspubs.com/blogcategory/green-dragon-menus/
- **Note for newbies:** Green Dragon Tavern (above) is very close to both NMRT social (Bell-in-Hand Tavern; 5:30-7:30pm) and After Hours Social (Black Rose, 10pm) on the same day. Hope to see lots of newbies there. Cheers!
- The **[Facebook] After Hours Social** is Saturday, January 16, 10:00pm – 2:00am, The Black Rose, 160 State Street.
  http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=147426958961&index=1#/event.php?eid=2087
  74079713&index=1

Sunday, January 17

- **Building Grassroots Support for 21st Century Skills,** Sunday, January 17, 10:00am - 12:00pm, BCEC, Room 153 A/B. Presented by Helen Soule', Director of State Partnerships for the Partnership for 21st Century Skills, this presentation at the AASL Affiliate Assembly will help states learn how to start a grassroots movement to become a P21 partner state.
- The first meeting of the 2011 **ALSC Batchelder Award Committee** will be held on Sunday January 17, 10:30-11:30am, BCEC, Room 206B. After a brief introduction about the nature and history of the award, Linda Pavonetti, Past President of USBBY will speak about ways to promote International Children's Books. All are welcome.
- **YALSA Candidates' Forum**, Sunday, January 17, 10:30-noon, Seaport Hotel, Waterfront III. Meet the candidates for YALSA's 2010 election slate and participate in a Q&A.
- **ACRL Candidates' Forum,** Sunday, January 17, 10:30-noon, MAR, Grand BR B-D. Hear Frank D'Andraia and Joyce Ogburn discuss their platforms and visions for ACRL.
- **Electronic Participation and Top Tech Trends,** Sunday, January 17, 10:30am-12 noon, BCEC-162A/B (or through litablog.org from ustream.tv or via Twitter (#alamwttt). LITA's Top Technology Trends is a semi-annual gathering of trendsters who converse about the leading technologies and tech topics of the day. Links will be posted to the blog soon. Seating is limited as this is more of a prequel to the program offered at the

2010 Annual Conference. This casual discussion is moderated by Gregg Silvis, LITA Top Tech Trends Committee chair and includes five Trendsters who are new to the Top Tech Table:

> Amanda Etches-Johnson, User Experience Librarian at McMaster University
> Jason Griffey, Head of Library Information Technology at University of Tennessee, Chattanooga
> Joe Murphy, Science Librarian, Yale University
> Lauren Pressley, Instructional Design Librarian, Wake Forest University
> David Walker, Web Services Librarian, California State University System

- **AASL Candidates' Forum,** Sunday, January 17, 12:00pm - 1:00pm, BCEC, Room 153A/B. AASL members have the chance to hear from the 2010 candidates for AASL offices.
- Come hear local Boston teens talk about their favorite picks for the **2010 Best Books for Young Adults** list, Sunday, January 17, 1:30-3:30pm, BCEC Room 258 A/B.
- **ALA President's Program**: Sunday, January 17 from 3:30–5:30pm, Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, Grand Ballroom. Literacy and the love of reading should start with children. Featured speaker **Yohannes Gebregeorgis** {geb-reg-your-gis}, Founder and Executive Director of Ethiopia Reads, focuses on the literacy work of his organization that encourages a love of reading through establishing children's and youth libraries in Ethiopia, free distribution of books to children, and multilingual publishing. Mr.Gebregeorgis was selected to be one of CNN's Top 10 Heroes in 2008 for his work in establishing children's libraries in Ethiopia.
- On Sunday January 17, 2010, 4:00-5:30 pm, Boston Convention and Exhibition Center Room 103, the Committee on Diversity and the ALA Office for Diversity will host a *DiversiTEA* to launch the 2010 Diversity Research Grants. Sponsored by the ALA Office for Diversity, the Diversity Research Grants program addresses critical gaps in the knowledge of diversity issues within library and information science. Topics for applications for 2010 Diversity Research Grants will be announced at this tea, and attendees will have the chance to discuss past research projects.
- The **RUSA Book and Media Awards** ceremony and reception honors and celebrates both award winners and the hard-working member volunteers who judge the awards, Sunday, January 17, 4:00-6:00pm, Intercontinental Boston, Rose Kennedy III Rm.
- **The Fifth Annual Freedom to Read Foundation Author's Event,** Sunday, January 17, 6:00 pm, *in a new location*, the Harvard Medical School Library. (10 Shattuck St.; Brigham Circle on the Green Line "E" Train) Authors Leslea Newman (*Heather Has Two Mommies*) and Michael Willhoite (*Daddy's Roommate*) will be discussing and signing copies of their groundbreaking books. Refreshments will be served. The event is being held in conjunction with the **Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered Round Table's (GLBTRT) Midwinter Social**. Donations will be accepted at the door to cover costs and support the Freedom to Read Foundation's Conable Scholarship Fund, which covers a library school student's attendance at the Annual Conference. In addition, GLBTRT is conducting a book drive of "useful and current" titles for GLBT youth to donate to the Community Church of Boston's Resource Library. Copies of the authors' books will be available for purchase. [Note: the Community Church of Boston was the original event location, but a weather/facilities emergency forced the location change.]
- The **ASCLA/COSLA reception** in Boston offers desserts and networking. The reception will be held from 8:30-11:00pm, Sunday, January 17, in the Burroughs Room of the Westin Boston Waterfront.

Monday, January 18

- Start your Monday at the ***Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday Sunrise Observance***, January 18, 2010 from 6:30-7:30am in the Westin Grand Ballroom A/B. The annual observance is sponsored by the Black Caucus of the American Library Association, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Task Force, and the ALA Social Responsibilities Roundtable.
- The **ALA Youth Media Awards,** 7:45am ET, Monday, January 18, Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, Grand Ballroom. Winners of the John Newbery Medal, Randolph Caldecott Medal, Coretta Scott King Book Awards, Michael L. Printz Award and other top awards will be announced. New to this year's announcements are the Coretta Scott King-Virginia Hamilton Award for Lifetime Achievement and the YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults. The presentation will be simultaneously webcast: http://alawebcast.unikron.com. Results will also be announced live via twitter: http://twitter.com/ALAyma.
- The **Public and Cultural Programs Advisory Committee** (PCPAC) of the Public Programs Office will hold its second meeting on Monday, January 18, 10:30am – noon in Room 204A.
- **ALTAFF** is welcoming best-selling authors Sharyn McCrumb, Holly LeCraw, Teri Woods, Janice Y.K. Lee and Mark Marlantes to an **Author Tea** , Monday, January 18, 2:00-4:00pm. This traditional event gives conference attendees a chance to meet the authors they and their patrons have been reading and get signed first edition copies of their works – most given away free. Registration is required; add ALA101/ALT1 to your existing registration online or call Experient at 800-974-3084.
- Unwind, mingle with peers, and enjoy light hors d'oeuvres as well as a cash bar, at the **Joint Youth Division Member Reception**, Monday, January 16, 6:00-7:00pm, COP America Center. The event is co-sponsored by AASL, ALSC and YALSA.
- Celebrate the 2010 winners for the Morris Award and first-ever YA Nonfiction Award at the **Morris & Nonfiction Award Program & Presentation**, Monday, January 16, 7:30-10:00pm, COP, Essex Center/South, sponsored by **YALSA**. There will be refreshments from 7:30-8:00pm. From 8:00-9:00pm authors are invited to speak about their winning titles. Mingle with authors and enjoy more refreshments from 9:30-10:00pm. Authors attending include nonfiction nominees Sally Walker, Tanya Stone and Phillip Hoose. (A complete list is available at http://bit.ly/yalsamw2010

UPDATES AND BRIEFINGS

- **Washington Office Update,** Saturday, January 16, 8:00-10am, BCEC, Room 156 A/B. Program will include speakers on topics such as library appropriations, USA PATRIOT Act amendments, broadband funding, network neutrality, the Google Book Search Settlement, and federal advocacy. Miriam Nisbet from the Archives' new Office of Government Information Services and the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) will talk about their programs.

ASCLA Leadership Session, Saturday, 10:30am-noon, BCEC 155. ASCLA members – and prospective members – bring your creative ideas for ASLCA's future and win a special gift! Share your vision for ASCLA's future. Network with ASCLA colleagues. Identify top priorities for ASCLA restructuring. Propose new ideas for how ASCLA can meet member needs.

RDA Update Forum, Sunday, January 17, 1:30-3:30pm, BCEC 253A. The text of RDA (Resource Description and Access) is now available and will soon be undergoing testing. Those interested in learning more on this topic are strongly encouraged to attend. Presenters: Beacher Wiggins (Library of Congress), Sally McCallum (Library of Congress), Don Chatham (ALA Publishing) and Glenn Patton (OCLC).

> For a **demo** of the forthcoming RDA Toolkit, go to booth 1818 (ALA Publishing) in the Exhibits. *The RDA Toolkit* will include RDA instructions that are searchable and browseable; AACR2; AACR2 Rule Number Search of RDA instructions; workflows, mappings, and examples; and a "schema dictionary" that allows you to view the RDA instructions by bibliographic element.

ALCTS PARS Forum, "Preservation Week at Your Library," Sunday, January 17, 4:00-5:30pm, BCEC Room 702. "Pass it On!: Leverage Library Interest using ALCTS Preservation Week" shares experiences from programs to inspire participation in the first-ever Preservation Week, May 9-15, 2010. Presenters include Jill Rawnsley (Consultant, Philadelphia), Michele Stricker (Library Development Bureau, NJ), Donia Conn (Workshop and Reference Coordinator, Northeast Document Conservation Center, Andover MA).

ALCTS CMDS Forum: A Changing Section for a Changing Profession, Sunday, January 17, 4:00-5:30pm, BCEC 253A. Learn about plans for reorganizing the current structure to mirror the shifts that have occurred in the profession in managing collections. The session will be moderated by Kathy Tezla, Chair, ALCTS Collection Management and Development Section.

Join LITA president-elect, Karen Starr, who hosts the **LITA Town Hall Meeting** on Monday, January 18, 2010, from 8:00-10:00am, BCEC 151A/B. Participate in a discussion about how LITA responds to and involves its membership in the larger information, association, community-building, and technology-related landscape. A LITA Change Task Force has been convened by the LITA Board to address those issues. Meet members of the Task Force and provide input into the size of the Board and Board member responsibilities; charges and composition of committees; committee relationships with the Board and each other; meeting and process efficiencies; and, between meeting communication and participation. For those LITA members not able to attend the Town Meeting, information about other avenues of input will be made available. Your input is important.

Committee on Accreditation presents: *The Role of Commentary in the Standards* Review Process. Sunday, 4:00-5:30pm, Hyatt Regency Boston, Quincy Room.

> For another opportunity to participate in current conversations on accreditation and LIS education, mark your calendar for June 27, 2010: *Accreditor Perspectives on Standards Development.* The Committee on Accreditation welcomes the Council on Education for Public Health and the Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation, National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration. The role of competency statements will be discussed -- Sunday, June 27, 4:00-5:30 PM, Marriott Metro Center, ALA Annual Conference in Washington DC.

- **ALCTS Forum, "Mix and Match: Mashups of Bibliographic Data**," Monday, January 18, 10:30am-noon, BCEC 104A/B. Panelists Renee Register (Global Product Manager, OCLC Cataloging and Metadata Services), Karen Coyle (Open Library), and Kurt Groetsch (Google) will highlight ways metadata is now created and circulated among multiple types of participants in the resource chain.

THE MIDWINTER INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Want to extend your horizons? Need a helpful network – fast – for support on a new assignment?   From cataloging to children's literature to scholarly communication, there's a group for you. Check the list of MW discussions – and find new colleagues, explore new areas. This is a starting sample – not a complete list.

For additional information, see the final *Meeting Guide* for a conference campus map, hotel layouts/locations of meeting rooms and a list of meetings and discussion groups. The *Meeting Guide* also includes a list of all those pesky acronyms. (*Note: Boston Convention & Exhibition Center = BCEC)*

Friday, January 15, 9:30-12:30pm
- ALCTS Technical Services Directors of Large Research   BCEC 205A/B
  Libraries Discussion Interest Group ("Big Heads")

Friday, January 15, 10:30-noon
- ALCTS FRBR Interest Group   BCEC 156 A/B

Friday, January 15, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- LITA ERMIG Electronic Resources Management Interest Group HYATT-Duxbury
Topics: managing library electronic resources under the library
budget challenges, standards development and applications, ERM system
development, and new research and studies in the resources management lifecycle.

Saturday, January 16, 8:00-10:00am
- ACRL WESS Cataloging Issues Discussion Group   HYATT Dedham
- ALCTS AS Gifts & Exchange Interest Group   BCEC 150
- ALCTS CMDS Chief Collection Officers of Large Research
  Libraries (until noon)   INTER Rose Kennedy III
- ALCTS PARS Preservation Administration Interest Group   BCEC 207
  (until noon)
- ALCTS Public Libraries Technical Services Interest Group   BCEC 253A
Topic: This new ALCTS IG will discuss issues critical to public
library technical services staff and their role in the work of public libraries.
- ALCTS Technical Services Managers in Academic Libraries IG BCEC 159
Topic: "Shifting Technical Services Priorities to meet Evolving Needs of the Institution"
- LLAMA Diversity Officer's Meeting   INTER Dartmouth Rm
Topics: Diversity Committees in library organizations, follow up with LLAMA
President/Board discussion

Saturday, January 16, 10:30am-noon
- ACRL Copyright Discussion Group   MAR Provincetown
Topic: "Whatever Happened to Fair Use?"
- ACRL Information Commons Discussion Group   MAR Grand BR F
Topic: "Multimedia in the Commons"
- ACRL MLA International Bibliography in Academic   COP Baltic
  Libraries Discussion Group
- ACRL New Members Discussion Group   COP Essex Center
Topic: "Planning information literacy instruction classes
incorporating technologies such as customized browser toolbars, screencasting, citation
management software, podcasting and other tool-oriented methods of instruction."

- ACRL Personnel Administrators & Staff Development   COP Great Republic
  Officers Discussion Group I

Topic: "Best practices for coping with budget reductions, methods
of 'on-boarding' new staff, using the Internet to do background checks,
and other topics of interest to the group as a whole."

- ACRL RBMS Collection Development Discussion Group   SHER Back Bay C
- ACRL WESS Special Topics/Social Sciences & History   HYATT Quincy
  Joint Discussion Groups
- ALCTS New Members Interest Group   WEST Lewis Room

Topic: "This new ALCTS IG will discuss issues of interest to new ALCTS members."

- ALCTS CCS Catalog Form & Function Interest Group   HYATT Grand BR A
- ALCTS CCS Cataloging & Classification Research IG   REN Pacific F
- ALCTS CCS Copy Cataloging Interest Group   BCEC 258 A/B
- ALCTS Electronic Resources Interest Group   BCEC 253 A/B

Topic: "In the 'Know': E-Resource Knowledge Base Management and Best Practices"

- LITA Distance Learning Interest Group   BCEC-Room 104C
- LITA RFID Interest Group   BCEC-Room 258C

Topics: RFID Tag standards, Developing Clear Bid Specifications
and Requirements,Interoperability between different RFID Tag Formats

- LITA MARBI Interest Group   BCEC-Room 205 A/B
- LLAMA BES Safety and Security Discussion Group   HYATT-Dedham

Saturday, January 16, 1:30-3:30pm
- ACRL Continuing Education/Professional Development   MAR Grand BR C/D
  Discussion Group

Topic: "Come prepared to present your most pressing staff
development issue to the group for discussion and help with finding a solution."

- ACRL ARTS Dance Librarians Discussion Group   WEST Alcott
- ACRL EBSS Current Topics Discussion Group   WEST Harbor BR III
- ACRL STS Hot Topics Discussion Group   INTER Rose Kennedy I/II
- ACRL ULS Campus Administration & Leadership DG   COP Great Republic
- ACRL ULS Current Topics Discussion Group   COP Essex South
- ALCTS CCS Catalog Management Interest Group   HYATT Quincy
- ALCTS CCS Cataloging Norm Interest Group   HYATT Grand BR B
- ALCTS Newspaper Interest Group   BCEC 157C
- ALCTS CMDS Collection Development Librarians of
  Academic Libraries Interest Group   BCEC 104A/B
- LITA MFIG MARC Format Interest Group   BCEC-Room 158

Topic: Changing MARC to accommodate RDA.

- LITA JPEG2000 Interest Group   BCEC-Room 157B

Topic: Idea Exchange for the implementation of the JPEG2000
standard in digital exhibition and digital archival work.

Saturday, January 16, 4:00-5:30pm
- ACRL Consumer & Family Studies Discussion Group   MAR Grand BR C/D

Topic: "Current issues affecting libraries and librarians serving
CAFS fields, including but not limited to food and nutrition, textiles
and clothing, child development, and family studies."

- ACRL Heads of Public Services Discussion Group   COP Empire

Topic: "Changing Public Service Models"
- ACRL Senior Administrators Discussion Group   COP Helicon
- ACRL ANSS Sociology Librarians Discussion Group   SEA Plaza C
- ACRL CJCLS Hot Topics in Community College Librarianship/ WEST Stone
  CJCLS-NCLR Joint Discussion Group
- ACRL IS Current Topics Discussion   BCEC 151A/B

Topic: "Teaching Students Through Experiential Research"
- ACRL LES New Members Discussion Group   HYATT Plymouth
- ACRL ULS Evidence-Based Decision Making & Practices DG   COP St. George
- ACRL WESS Classical, Mediaeval & Renaissance DG   HYATT Martha's Vineyard
- ALCTS CRS Committee on Holdings Information Forum   WEST Webster

Topic: Holding Information for E-Books"
- ASCLA Collaborative Digitization Discussion Group   WEST Burroughs Rm
- ASCLA State Library Consultants' Discussion Group   WEST Independence Rm
- LITA Drupal Interest Group   BCEC-Room 157B
- LITA Standards Interest Group   BCEC-Room 104A/B

Topic: A brief update of current NISO work by Todd Carpenter,
Managing Director of NISO, including: ONIX-PL, Metadata Supply Chain, Physical
Delivery of library materials, Single Sign On Authentication, ERMI Gap Analysis. NISO's
RFP Guide (presented by Karen Wetzel, KBART and the OpenURL.

LLAMA BES-Library Interiors Discussion Group   INTER-Rose Kennedy III
LLAMA FRFDS Development Issues Discussion Group   HYATT-Dedham
LLAMA MAES Discussion Group   HYATT-Lexington
LLAMA HRS Emerging Trends Discussion Group   SEA-Flagship

Sunday, January 17, 8:00-10:00am
ACRL Librarianship in For-Profit Educational   MAR Vineyard
    Institutions Discussion Group

Topic: "Discussion on e-reserves led by Copyright Clearance Center staff"
ACRL Library & Information Science Collections   MAR Hyannis
    Discussion Group
ACRL LES Reference Discussion Group   HIL Commerce
ACRL WESS Scandinavian Discussion Group   HYATT Quincy
ALCTS PARS Digital Preservation Interest Group   REN Pacific A/B
ALCTS CCS Metadata Interest Group   WEST Otis

Topic: "Metadata Mashups: eXtensible Catalog Project"
ASCLA Interlibrary Cooperation Discussion Group   REN Pacific F
ASCLA Physical Delivery Discussion Group   BCEC Room 156 A/B
LITA Public Libraries Technology Interest Group   BCEC-Room 153C

Topic: "Coffee with the Experts" (coffee provided by Evanced Solutions),dedicated
to at least 5 current hot technology topics, followed by a general business meeting.
- LLAMA Union Relations for Managers Discussion Group   COP-Great Republic
- LLAMA BES Moving Libraries Discussion Group   BCEC 157B
- LLAMA Circulation/Access Services Discussion Group   BCEC 103

Sunday, January 17, 10:30am-noon
- ACRL Balancing Baby & Book Discussion Group   MAR Falmouth

Topic: "Meet with other parents to discuss the challenges of balancing family and
professional interest
- ACRL Personnel Administrators & Staff Development   COP Great Republic

Officers Discussion Group II

- ACRL-AFAS Access to African American Content   WEST Carlton
  Discussion Group
- ACRL CLS Medium Sized Academic Libraries Discussion Grp   REN Atlantic 3
- ACRL DLS Discussion Group   BCEC 155
- ACRL LES Collections Discussion Group   HIL Kellogg B/C
- ACRL RBMS Curators & Conservators Discussion Group   SHER Back Bay A
- ACRL RBMS MARC for Special Collections Discussion Grp.   SHER Back Bay B
- ACRL RBMS Public Services/MSS & Other Formats DG   COP Essex NW
- ACRL STS Publisher/Vendor Relations Discussion Group   BCEC 253A
- ACRL WESS Germanists/Romance Languages Joint DG   WEST Hancock
- ALCTS CRS Continuing Resources Standards Update Forum   WEST Harbor BR I
- ALCTS CRS College & Research Libraries Interest Group   WEST Burroughs
- ALCTS PARS Intellectual Access to Preservation Metadata IG   HYATT Quincy

Topic: "Digital Curation at Michigan State University"

- ALCTS Automated Acquisitions In-Process/Control Systems IG   WEST Grand BR A

Topic: "MARC MarketPlace – the R2 Report"

- ASCLA LSTA Coordinator's Discussion Group   WEST Lewis Rm
- LITA Digital Library Technology Interest Group   BCEC-Room 104C

Topic: Facilitated discussion on digital workflow systems.

- LITA Heads of Library Technology Interest Group   BCEC-Room 154

Topics: Planning and implementation, management and organization,
support, technology leadership and other areas of interest to library
technology managers and administrators.

- LITA Library Consortia Interest Group   BCEC-Room 157B
- LITA The Next Generation Catalog Interest Group   BCEC-Room 104A/B

Topics: Presentations and discussion on two examples of the development
and application of mobile interfaces to catalog systems;mobile design strategies and
techniques, challenges posed by mobile devices, followed by a brief business meeting.

- LITA Internet Resources and Service Group   BCEC-Room 102A
- LLAMA Women Administrator's Discussion Group   INTER Rose Kennedy I
- LLAMA Storage Discussion Group   BCEC 207

Sunday, January 17, 1:30-3:30pm

- ALCTS AS Acquisition Managers & Vendors Interest Group   BCEC 256
- ALCTS Authority Control Interest Group (to 5:30pm)   BCEC 105

Topic: Issues Updates & business meeting

- ALCTS Out of Print Interest Group   BCEC 157B
- ALCTS Collection Development Issues for the Practitioner   INTER Rose Kennedy III
- Libraries Foster Civic Engagement Member Initiative Group   WEST Lewis Rm

Topics: Deliberative Dialogue on Public Policy Institute (PPI), Privacy,
Civic Engagement activities around the country

- LITA Emerging Technology Interest Group   BCEC-Room 258C

Topics: Roundtable discussion on Emerging Technologies in Libraries and how Libraries
can utilize them, a discussion on potential speakers for a panel of Emerging Technology
Librarians planned for ALA Annual 2010, consideration of potential questions for the panel.

- LITA Authority Control Issues Update & Interest Group   BCEC-Room 105
  (until 5:30)

Sunday, January 17, 4:00-5:30pm

- ACRL Philosophical, Religious & Theological Studies
  Discussion Group   COP Essex NW
- ACRL Virtual Worlds Interest Group   COP Essex NE
  *The ACRL in SL Group will meet in world during this time (1:00-2:30pm SLT) on
  ALA Island. The two groups will attempt to join their meetings together.
  *Topics: IG progress, report from in-world group on recent activities, current plans for in-
  world group, exploration of other virtual worlds for academic librarianship*
- ACRL ANSS Anthropology Librarians Discussion Group   SEA Plaza A
- ACRL CLS College Library Directors Discussion Group   BCEC 208
- ACRL STS Continuing Education Discussion Group   COP Baltic
- ACRL ULS Public Service Directors of Large Research   COP Staffordshire
  Libraries Discussion Group
- ALCTS CMDS Collection Management & Development Forum BCEC 253A
Topic: "A Changing Section for a Changing Profession"
- ALCTS Creative Ideas in Technical Services Discussion Group BCEC 156 A/B
- ALCTS PARS Forum   BCEC 162 A/B
Topic: "Pass it On!: Leverage Library Interest Using ALCTS Preservation Week"
- ALCTS Roles of the Professional Librarian in Technical
  Services   BCEC 157A
- ALCTS CRS Costs of Continuing Resources in Libraries IG   BCEC 157C
Topic: "Open Access: Entitlement, Opportunity, or Peril?"
- ALCTS Book and Paper Interest Group   MAR Nantucket
Topic: "Budget Impact on Preservation"
- ALCTS Digital Conversion Interest Group   INTER Rose Kennedy III
Topic: "Born Digital Audio/Video Formats Conversion"
- ALSC Preschool Services Discussion Group   COP America North Rm
*Topic: "How to Make Every Penny Count: Adjusting Library Services and Programs for
Children Ages 0-6 in Today's Economy"*
- ALSC Managing Children's Services Discussion Group   COP America North
*Topic: "All are welcome to join us for a discussion of issues pertaining to youth services
management. The agenda is created by the participants and topics range from budgeting to
motivating staff to managing building renovations."*
- ASCLA- ICAN Consortia Management Discussion Group   BCEC Room 231
*Topic: Communicating the value of library systems in both a
single-type or multi-type consortium.*
- LITA Mobile Computing Interest Group   BCEC-Room 102B
*Topics: "This will be the kickoff meeting for our interest group. We'll discuss directions for
the IG, communication, and begin to share information about mobile computing projects
underway at our libraries and elsewhere.*
- LITA Open Source Interest Group   BCEC-Room 154
*Topics: Planning for the ALA 2010 preconference on migrating to open source library
systems, and reserving some meeting time for IG members and visitors to share their news
about open source implementations and other items of interest.*
- LITA BIGWIG   BCEC-Room 102A
*Topics: Discussion of social software, the use of new technologies in libraries and upcoming
activities, the LITA Blog, Social Software Showcase, and the election of new officers.*
- YALSA Discussion & Interest Group Open House   BCEC 153 A/B
- Youth Services Consultants' Discussion Group   WEST Paine Rm

- LLAMA BES Facilities Planning Discussion Group   REN-Atlantic 1
- LLAMA LOMS Fiscal and Business Officers Discussion Group HYATT-Sturbridge
- LLAMA LOMS Organizational Development Discussion Group REN-Pacific A/B

Monday, January 18, 8:00-10:00am
- ACRL WSS Discussion Forum: HYATT Regency

Topic: The "F" Word: Contemporary Feminism is Freaky   Grand BR A
- ACRL Undergraduate Libraries Discussion Group   COP Empire

Topic: "Managing academic libraries with dual-track appointment: Issues connected with providing both tenure-track and non-tenure-track appointments for librarians.…"
- ALCTS CCS Heads of Cataloging Interest Group   BCEC 209
- ALCTS PVLR Forum   BCEC 157C

Monday, January 18, 10:30am-noon
- ALCTS Forum   BCEC 104 A/B

Topic: "Mix and Match: Mashups of Bibliographic Data"
- ASCLA Virtual Library Discussion Group   BCEC Rm 156 A/B

Monday, January 18, 1:30-3:30pm
- ALCTS CMDS/ RUSA CODES Collection Management   BCEC 156 A/B
  in Public Libraries Discussion Group
- ALCTS CRS Continuing Resources Cataloging Committee   HIL Kellogg
  Update Forum

Topic: "News & Updates from CONSER, ISSN and CCDA"
- ALCTS Scholarly Communication Interest Group   BCEC 105
- ALCTS Technical Services Workflow Efficiency IG   BCEC 160A
- LITA Imagineering Interest Group   BCEC-Room 152

Topic: Discussion of committee charge, "to promote imaginative forecasting and planning for future information systems and technologies by the examination and analysis of speculative themes and works," and of doing a second program at Annual conference on the History of Science Fiction, with time to create a handout for the program.
- LLAMA Dialog with Directors Discussion Group   INTER-Griffin/Robinson

Monday, January 18, 4:00-5:30pm
- ACRL Popular Cultures Discussion Group   COP Great Republic

Topic: "Make Your Collection POP!: Including Pop Culture Materials in Your Library Collections"

MARK YOUR CALENDARS -- EVENTS IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS

January 25-February 10	"Designing Usable & Accessible Web Pages," ACRL Online Seminar, http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/events/elearning/index.cfm
February 1-19	"Copyright & the Library Part 2," ACRL Online Seminar, http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/events/elearning/index.cfm
February 9	"Cyber Zed Shed 1: Facebook, Twitter, Sprout," ACRL e-Learning webcast, http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/events/elearning/index.cfm
February 15-March 26	"Virtual Reference Competencies," ACRL Online Seminar, http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/events/elearning/index.cfm

February 17, 23, and 26	"Controversial Materials in the Library: Supporting Intellectual Freedom in Your Community," an OIF/ALTAFF webinar: http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/oif/oifprograms/webinars/index.cfm .
February 23	"Text Messaging Reference," ACRL e-Learning webcast, http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/events/elearning/index.cfm
March 7-13, 2010	Teen Tech Week
March 10-12	ACRL/Harvard Advanced Leadership Institute for Senior Academic Librarians – Cambridge [MA] http://www.gse.harvard.edu/ppe/programs/higher-education/portfolio/advanced-leadership-academic-librarians.html
March 23-27, 2010	PLA 13th Annual Conference – Portland [OR] www.placonference.org
March 29-April 23	"Instructional Design for Online Teaching and Learning," ACRL Online Seminar, http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/events/elearning/index.cfm
April 4-10, 2010	National Library Week
April 15, 2010	YALSA's Operation TBD, providing donated teen books to tribal libraries and schools
April 21-22	ACRL/LLAMA Spring Virtual Institute, http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/events/elearning/index.cfm
May 2-8, 2010	Choose Privacy Week (www.privacyrevolution.org)
June 24-30, 2010	ALA Annual Conference – Washington, DC http://ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/annual/index.cfm
June 29, 2010	Library Advocacy Day – Washington, DC www.ala.org/lad
August 1-6, 2010	Leadership Institute for Academic Librarians – Cambridge [MA] http://www.gse.harvard.edu/ppe/programs/higher-education/portfolio/leadership-academic-librarians.html
September 30-October 3, 2010	LITA National Forum – Atlanta [GA]
September 23-26, 2010	ALSC Institute, Emory Conference Center – Atlanta [GA]
October 17 -23, 2010	Teen Read Week
November 5-6, 2010	AASL 2010 Fall Forum – Portland, [OR]
November 5-7, 2010	YALSA Young Adult Literature Symposium – Albuquerque [NM]
November 13, 2010	National Gaming Day http://ngd.ala.org.
January 7-12, 2011	ALA Midwinter Meeting – San Diego [CA]

LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD?

January 7-11, 2011	ALA Midwinter Meeting, San Diego, CA
March 2-8, 2011	Teen Tech Week
March 30-April 2, 2011	ACRL 15th National Conference, Philadelphia, http://www.acrl.org/acrl/nationalconference
June 23-29, 2011	ALA Annual Conference, New Orleans [LA]
September 29-October 2, 2011	LITA National Forum, St. Louis [MO]
October 16-22, 2011	Teen Read Week
November 27-30, 2011	AASL 2011 National Conference, Minneapolis [MN]

OTHER ALA NEWS

ACRL Arts Guide to Boston

The ACRL Arts section has released its ArtsGuide for the 2010 ALA Midwinter Meeting in Boston. This selective guide to cultural attractions and events will help you maximize your time outside of the convention center. The Boston guide, related Google map, and past guides are available on the Arts Section Website.

http://www.acrl.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/about/sections/arts/artsguide/artsguide.cfm

Thanks to Caroline Caviness (editor of the Boston ArtsGuide) and the other contributors (Yvette Cortes, Kathleen DeLaurenti, Ann Medaille, and Jennifer Pollock) for putting the guide together.

Don't miss Library Advocacy Day during Annual 2010

For one year only, Library Advocacy Day will replace the ALA Washington Office's National Library Legislative Day (NLLD).

On June 29, 2010, library advocates from all 50 states and Washington, DC will meet at Upper Senate Park on the U.S. Capitol grounds. The event, which will begin at 11am, will feature guest speakers, photo ops, and a chance to cheer on libraries. After the rally, participants will meet with their elected officials and their staffs.

Previous NLLD coordinators will be running point for states, so please get in touch with them to make plans to attend. To find state NLLD coordinators or to learn more about the event, call Kristin Murphy in the Washington Office at 1-800-941-8478 or kmurphy@alawash.org.

Deadline Approaches for Google fellowship program applications

The ALA Washington Office will be participating in the Google Policy Fellowship program for the summer of 2010. Google Policy Fellows work for ten weeks during the summer at ALA Washington or at other public interest organizations involved in debates on broadband and access policy, copyright reform, online privacy, and open government.
In particular, ALA encourages master's and doctoral students in library and information studies with an interest in national public policy to apply for this fellowship.

The deadline to submit an application was recently extended to January 25. Applications are available at http://services.google.com/inquiry/policyfellowship

This year's host organizations include American Library Association, Cato Institute, Center for Democracy and Technology, Competitive Enterprise Institute, Electronic Frontier Foundation, Internet Education Foundation, Media Access Project, New America Foundation, Public Knowledge, Canadian Internet Policy and Public Interest Clinic, The Citizen Lab, Creative Commons, Future of Music Coalition, Progress and Freedom Foundation, Technology Policy Institute. Host organizations new in 2010 are The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies and National Hispanic Media Coalition.

More information on the program can be found at http://www.google.com/policyfellowship/.

***Woman's Day* Renews Partnership with ALA**

Woman's Day magazine, circulation four million with a readership of more than 20 million people, has renewed its partnership with ALA's Campaign for America's Libraries for an eighth year. In an upcoming issue of the magazine, *Woman's Day* will solicit from readers their thoughts on "Why the library is the heart of their community." Winning entries will be published in spring 2011. To date, *Woman's Day* has donated 32 pages of editorial content, valued at $8 million dollars.

I Love My Librarian Award Winners Announced

The winners of the 2009 Carnegie Corporation of New York/*New York Times* I Love My Librarian Award have been announced.

The award invited library users to recognize the accomplishments of librarians in public, school, college, community college and university libraries for their efforts to improve the lives of people in their communities. Each winner receives a $5,000 cash award, a plaque and a $500 travel stipend to attend an awards ceremony and reception in New York, hosted by *The New York Times* in December. In addition, a plaque is given to each award winner's library. Each nominee must be a librarian with a master's degree from a program accredited by the ALA in library and information studies or a master's degree with a specialty in school library media from an educational unit accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education. Nominees must be currently working in the United States in a public library, a library at an accredited two- or four-year college or university or at an accredited K-12 school.

Nominees were judged by a selection committee based on quality of service to library users, demonstrated knowledge of the library and its resources and commitment shown in helping library users. Nearly 3200 nominations were received this year. The award is administered by ALA's Public Information Office and Campaign for America's Libraries,

This year's winners (Public Librarians) are **Sol A. Gómez,** Branch Manager, Librarian II Pima County Public Library, Sam Lena-South Tucson Branch, Tucson, AZ (Read his nomination. PDF); **Laura Grunwerg,** Director of Youth and Young Adult Services, River Edge Public Library, River Edge, NJ (Read her nominations PDF); **Karen E. Martines,** Public Administration Library Department Head, Cleveland Public Library, Cleveland, OH (Read her nomination PDF); and, **Dwight McInvaill,** Director, Georgetown County Library, Georgetown, SC (Read his nominations PDF).

This year's winners (School Library Media Specialists) are **Lucy Hansen,** Lead Librarian, South Texas Independent School District, Mercedes, Texas; Biblioteca Las Américas, TX (Read her nominations PDF); **Dana Thomas,** Media Specialist, Cypress Lake Middle School, Fort Myers, FL (Read her nominations PDF); and, **Carolyn Wheeler,** Media Specialist, Conant Elementary School, Bloomfield Hills, MI and Rochester Hills Public Library, Youth Services Librarian, Rochester, MI (Read her nomination PDF).

This year's winners (College, Community College, and University Librarians) are **Alice K. Juda,** Reference Librarian, U.S. Naval War College, Newport, RI (Read her nomination PDF); **Séamus Ó'Scanláin (Scanlon),** Librarian and Assistant Professor, Center for Worker Education Library

(The City College of New York), New York, NY (Read his nomination PDF); and, **Oceana Wilson,** Director of Library and Information Services, Crossett Library, Bennington College, Bennington, VT (Read her nomination PDF).

UPCOMING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

We the People Bookshelf on "A More Perfect Union" – A set of 17 books for young readers on the theme "A More Perfect Union", plus promotional materials and the opportunity to receive some titles in Spanish translation. Application deadline is January 29, 2010. http://publicprograms.ala.org/bookshelf

Picturing America for Public Libraries program grants – Thirty public libraries will receive $2,000 grants to support programs incorporating the Picturing America collection. Application deadline is March 31, 2010.
http://www.programminglibrarian.org/picturingamerica/grants

Library Snapshot Day

The Office for Library Advocacy has just launched an online resource to help libraries around the country organize a "Library Snapshot Day." This initiative originated in New Jersey, as a collaboration among The New Jersey Library Association and the New Jersey State Library. Library Snapshot Day captures library usage across the state during a given day. Other states have followed up, including Wisconsin, Kentucky, and Maine, as well as the DuPage (IL) Library System, and most recently, Illinois. Snapshot Days have been successful in garnering participation, statistics and stories, as well as media attention.

Using this online resource, the ALA Advocacy Coordinating Group is facilitating efforts to help libraries around the country host their own Snapshot Days. At the Midwinter Meeting in Boston, members of the ALA Advocacy Coordinating Group will be discussing the possibility of making this a national initiative.

This effort would mark the first collaboration of the Advocacy Coordinating Group and, in essence, the first association-wide, grassroots, advocacy collaboration designed to assist at the state level. Visit www.ala.org/librarysnapshotday to learn more.

…AND ALA-RELATED NEWS: ALA-Allied Professional Association

Meetings

ALA-APA Council, Sunday, January 17, 12:15-12:45pm

ALA-APA Board of Directors, Monday, January 18, 4:00-4:30pm
        Director's Report
        Support Staff Certification
        Treasurer's Report – Joint BARC/F&A Report, 2010 Budget Update

Library Support Staff Certification Program [Open Forum](), Sunday, January 17, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm, BCEC 260. ALA has developed a national, voluntary [Library Support Staff Certification Program](LSSC Program) (LSSC Program), which will launch January 25 and begin accepting applications. The program is focused on skills that public and academic library support staff have or need. This is an exciting time and we look forward to your attendance.

Library Support Staff Certification Program Evaluator Training , Saturday, January 16, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm, BCEC 260 http://www.ala-apa.org/lssc/about.html

News

- Over 1600 Public and Academic Libraries to Receive Invitations for 2010 *Librarian Salary Survey* -- The **2010** *Librarian Salary Survey* letters will be mailed in mid-January 2010 to the attention of Directors and HR Managers at the 1672 public and academic libraries in the sample. For more information, please contact the ALA-APA office at (312) 280-2424.
- The Library Support Staff Certification (LSSC) Program will accept candidates for certification January 25, 2010. Applications and details will be available January 18. The LSSC Program is managed by the American Library Association-Allied Professional Association (ALA-APA). For more information about the program, please see http://www.ala-apa.org/lssc/index.html

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Pharmacy: Walgreens (24-hour), 841 Boylston Street, Boston, 617-236-1692
CVS (Neighborhood: South Boston), 425 W. Broadway (between
Dorchester St. & F St.), Boston, 617-269-7656

Medical/Dental Referral Services: 1-800-DENTIST (1-800-336-8478)
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*Boston Marriott Copley, 110 Huntington Avenue, 236-5800   **(MAR)**
Boston Park Plaza, 50 Park Plaza at Arlington Street, 426-2000   **(PARK)**
Courtyard Boston Tremont, 275 Tremont Street, 426-1400   (no meetings)
Fairmont Copley Plaza, 138 St. James Avenue, 267-5300   **(FAIR)**
Four Seasons Boston, 200 Boylston Street, 338-4400   (no meetings)
Hilton Boston Financial District, 89 Broad Street, 556-0006   **(HIL)**
Hyatt Regency Boston, 1 Avenue de Lafayette, 912-1234   **(HYATT)**
Intercontinental Boston, 510 Atlantic Avenue, 747-1000   **(INTER)**
Omni Parker House, 60 School Street, 227-8600   **(OMNI)**
*Renaissance Boston Waterfront, 606 Congress Street, 338-4111   **(REN)**
Seaport Hotel, 200 Seaport Blvd., (800) 440-3318   **(SEA)**
Sheraton Boston Hotel, 39 Dalton Street, 236-2000   **(SHER)**
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