American Library Association
Committee Information Update

Please note: ALA and Council committees are required to submit an update of their activities within one-month after each Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference. This form will be sent to the ALA Council and the ALA Committee on Organization.

Report for Midwinter ________

Report for Annual Conference ________

Name of Committee: Committee on Literacy

Committee Chair: Mark Pumphrey

Committee Members Present:
Mark Pumphrey, chair; Dinah O'Brien, Literacy Assembly Chair; Terri Kirk; Hilda Weisburg

Committee Members Absent:
Regina Cortez; Erik Frierson; Sharon Grimes; Kwasi Sarkodie-Mensah; Patricia Smith; Vivian Wynn; Yugo Cura, intern; Wanda F. Nesbit, intern

Others Present:
Juliet Machie, 2010-2011 chair; Barbara Stripling (AASL) and Lesley Farmer (IRRT), Literacy Assembly representatives; Beth Ponder, former Committee member; Victoria Schwoebel, OLOS Intern; Tim Ponder; Katherine Syndenham; Amy Schofield.

Accomplishments [at this meeting], a concise account:
• Distributed and reviewed the Committee's New Member Handbook.
  o The Handbook will be posted on the Committee's page of the OLOS website and on ALA Connect. Information will be updated regularly.
  o The Handbook will be updated and reprinted prior to each Annual Conference.
• Committee members were united in their determination to reach out to ALA Units to encourage greater representation to the Literacy Assembly and participation in the Committee on Literacy activities and events.
Planned activities for upcoming year, a concise account:

- Increase participation in the Committee’s virtual work around collection development.
- Continue promoting frontline advocacy and family literacy for diverse populations.

- Implement the process developed by the Strategic Planning Task Force. The plan:
  - Identifies three key goals – increase communications; grow the ranks; increase the number of products and publication; and establishes achievable objectives.
  - Implements a Committee Action Plan to measure the Committee’s progress toward goals.
  - Implements a Subcommittee Action Plan for Committee members and non-members to document participation and activities.

Other comments/information you believe will help the Association in its work:

Submitted by: Mark Pumphrey, 2009-2010 chair; Dale Lipschultz, OLOS Literacy Officer, Committee Staff Liaison

Date Submitted: July 30, 2010

Please return the completed form to Lois Ann Gregory-Wood, Council Secretariat, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611, lgregory@ala.org.