



## Annual Highlights for Washington Office

### **Washington Office Update**

For the Washington Office, 2009 has been “the year of the stimulus.” Come hear what it’s all about during the “Washington Office Update” 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday in McCormick Place West (MCP), Room W-474.

The update will highlight issues including the Google Book Settlement, the reauthorization of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), copyright issues, an overview of the new administration and advocacy before diving into an hour-long discussion of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) with an introduction from Bob Bocher, an overview of broadband funding program led by Chris McLean, and a question-and-answer session with Bocher and McLean as well as Alan Inouye, director of the Office for Information Technology Policy (OITP), and Carrie Lowe, director of OITP’s Program on Networks.

### **More on Broadband**

“Transforming Library Service through Broadband Access: The Role of Regional Library Cooperatives” is the topic of a program to be held 1:30 to 3 p.m. Sunday in the Camelot Room of the Intercontinental Hotel. A local, regional, and state library staff member and a city manager will discuss how regional cooperatives help local public libraries achieve broadband connectivity and develop new and innovative services. Nancy Bolt will be the moderator.

John Windhausen and Washington Office staff will be on hand to answer questions about broadband stimulus funding applications from 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday, 10 to 11 a.m. Monday, or 2 to 3 p.m. Monday at the ALA Membership Booth on the Exhibit Floor.

### **Saturday Spotlight**

From 10:30 to noon Saturday, the Washington Office will host other notable programs including the “Future of Libraries” in McCormick Place West (MCP), Room W-194a with Vivian Pisano; the “Google Book Search Settlement: Continuing to Explore What’s in it for Libraries” at McCormick Place West (MCP), Room W-193b (listed as the Washington Office Breakout Session II – Fair Use in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: From Lawsuits to Legislation) led by the Office of Government Relations’ Corey Williams; and “Grassroots Advocacy and LSTA Reauthorization” with Stephanie Vance – the “Advocacy Guru” – in McCormick Place West (MCP), Room W-192c.

### **The Copyright Expert Is In**

Members of the Copyright Advisory Network and OITP Copyright Committee will answer questions at the “Copyright Lucy Booth” in the Member Pavilion from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Come by to chat about hot copyright issues and check out useful tools such as the Public Domain slider and Section 108 spinner. Thumbdrives loaded with great copyright education resources will be provided for those asking questions. Look for the life-size “Lola Lola” character from “Complete Copyright” and stop on over!

### **Network Neutrality**

Carrie Lowe, director of OITP’s Program on Networks, will join Gregory Jackson and Cliff Lynch for a discussion of network neutrality at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in McCormick Place West (MCP), Room W-184. This program is sponsored by LITA.

### **“Libraries and Mobile Devices: Public Policy Considerations”**

Mobile technologies are becoming an increasingly important tool for libraries to connect users and information. OITP will host a panel discussion on the various policy issues surrounding the implementation and use of mobile technologies within library services from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Sunday in McCormick Place West, Room W-192a. Panelists will explore the current landscape of mobile devices and offer ideas for the future that can leverage mobile devices to serve users in new and exciting ways. Panelists will discuss challenges posed by the explosion of mobile platforms, including issues of copyright and content licensing, digital rights management and format interoperability, user privacy, and accessibility and design.