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LSSIRT
Library Support Staff Interests Round Table

Newsletter

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President's Corner

In the library workforce, there are a number of people that bring outstanding recognition to the library profession and work diligently serving on behalf of support staff each and every day. I happen to serve on the Library Support Staff Interests Round Table with those very same people, who represent more of the very same people throughout this country that make us proud to do our job.

Just when I thought it couldn't get better (reminiscing about the past support staff initiatives and endeavors i.e. COPE-3), I start thinking about all the exciting issues your round table has been discussing over the past year, and think to myself, "it's only going to get better and better!"

Let's highlight a few issues together:

- We have a very powerful President-elect, Camila Alire, who will help us to move in a very positive and supportive direction.
- A national certification endeavor for library support staff currently being worked on by ALA/APA with a project completion date of 2010.
- A strong strategic plan being worked on by LSSIRT to help increase membership, and identify our long term goals.
- Empowerment Conference programming to continue for library support staff.
- ALA scholarships for library support staff currently working in a library.
- ALA/APA Council endorsed a living wage salary recommendation for all library workers



Dorothy Morgan

Part of my job, as well as others that serve on the Library Support Staff Interests Round Table Steering Committee, will be to continue to work tirelessly for the improvement and recognition of support staff across our nation. That is simply the right thing to do!

Dorothy Morgan
LSSIRT President

LSSIRT Mini Minutes from Annual

Mini-minutes from the LSSIRT Steering Committee meeting.

Anaheim Convention Center – Anaheim, CA

Monday, June 30, 2008;
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

1. Introductions of all the officers were made, with an emphasis on the new members: Julie Kent, Vice President, from Cleveland Public Library; Sarah L. McQueeny, Member at Large, from University of Kansas Medical Center; and Anthony Jason Pendleton, (JP), Member at Large, from Auburn University Libraries. An updated list will soon be on the home page for LSSIRT:

<http://www.ala.org/ala/lssirt/lssirt.cfm>

Click on Organization and then Steering Committee to see the list.

2. Birthday cards were read from various organizations and people acknowledging LSSIRT's 15th years as a round table. Jennifer

Kutzik did a great presentation at the ALA Pavilion, Sunday, June 29th, for a 20-minute informational program.

3. Nancy Bolt, Project Director for the Library Support Staff Certification Project (LSSCP) Task Force, gave an updated report on the Task Force's three year plan. View the Power Point presentation on their website:

<http://www.ala-apa.org/certification/supportstafffaq.html>

Click on Power point presentation on the left side.

Dorothy Morgan, current President of LSSIRT, and AnnaMarie Kehnast, a founding member of LSSIRT, are serving as members of this task force. Competencies were reviewed and approved by the steering committee so they could proceed to the next level.

4. A new strategic planning committee

was formed. Trish Paluck is the Chair.

5. The LSSIRT Steering Committee meeting at ALA Mid-Winter will be scheduled for Saturday morning, on Jan. 24, 2009 from 8 A.M. to 12:00 Noon.

6. Discussion was held to have a discussion group session at both Mid-Winter and Annual conferences for LSSIRT so LSSIRT would show up in searching the programs for significant functions.

Full DRAFT minutes will be posted to the LSSIRT website in the near future.

Kareen Turner

LSSIRT Secretary



"Passing the Gavel"

LSSIRT Past President, Sue Knoche, passes the official gavel to current President, Dorothy Morgan. Sue was honored for her years of service to LSSIRT, including moving up early from President-Elect when the office of President was unexpectedly vacated. Thank you, Sue!

LSSIRT's Councilor Report from Annual 2008

LSSIRT Councilor's report from ALA Annual 2008

Anaheim, CA, June 29-July 2, 2008

ALA Council and ALA-APA Council highlights.

Your LSSIRT Councilor had TWO firsts at the 2008 Annual Conference:

1) I spoke at the Council microphone in support of ALA-APA CD #8.2: "Endorsement of a Living Wage for All Library Employees and a Minimum Salary for Professional Librarians," which was adopted. (View more info here: <http://tinyurl.com/5autem>)

2) I submitted a Council Tribute for the 15th anniversary of LSSIRT in ALA. (View the tribute here: <http://tinyurl.com/5owlvt>)

Other highlights included:

* Adopted consistency of language denoting the library profession to regu-

larize the terminology to "Library and Information Studies." [ALA CD#17.1]

* Approved the proposal to restructure corporate membership by establishing two levels, \$500 and \$2,000. [ALA CD#10]

* Approved the FY2009 Total ALA Budgetary Ceiling of \$67,984,278. [ALA CD#13.3]

* Adopted a resolution on support for funding for cataloging and bibliographic control at the Library of Congress, urging more resources for training and hiring of professional bibliographic access positions. [ALA CD#56]

* Adopted a resolution supporting the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA) of protections for transgender persons from employment discrimination. [ALA CD#57]

* Adopted a resolution urging all units to purchase ALA promotional products from sweatshop-free vendors. [ALA CD#58]

* Accepted the Association for Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) as an affiliate of ALA [ALA

CD#25.1]

* Accepted the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services (ABOS) as an affiliate of ALA [ALA CD#25.1]

* Adopted clarification measures when a vacancy occurs in the office of President-Elect or Treasurer. [ALA CD#25.1]

The entire 2008 Annual Conference Council meeting actions and documents may be viewed here:

Actions: <http://tinyurl.com/6aujtj>

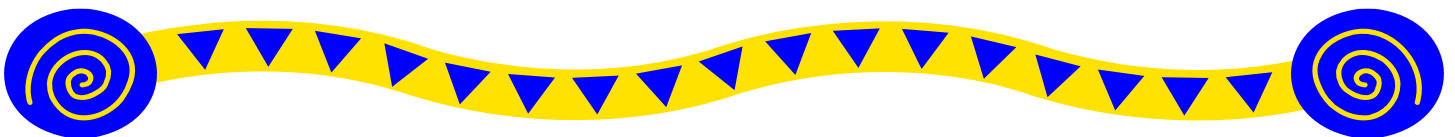
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"Self-confidence is the first requisite to great undertakings."

—Samuel Johnson



Photos from the 2008 Empowerment Conference



Miriam Pollack presented "When's My Ship Going to Come In?"



Pam Parr and Gail Johnson rocked the house with "Sailing Away to Dysfunction Junction" at the closing luncheon of the Empowerment Conference.



Bruce Kimbrell, Disney Institute trainer, opened the 2008 Empowerment Conference. He began his career as a skipper on the Jungle Cruise.



Nancy Bolt, Director of the Library Support Staff Certification Project.



Michael Stephens and Jenny Levine talked Technology to an overflow audience.



Lorelle Swader, Deirdre Ross, and Tobi Oberman. Tobi will serve as Chair of Empowerment Conference 2009.

Photos from Annual in Anaheim!



“Well-Stacked Cybrarians” from Santa Monica (CA) win the Book Cart Drill Team competition. View the entire YouTube video here: <http://tinyurl.com/6jgg5g>



Julie Kent, LSSIRT's new Vice-President/President Elect



Anaheim Convention Center



Nina Manning and Carol Thomas are honored ALA-APA Angels by Jennifer Grady, Director



Disneyland's California Adventure Park



LSSIRT's Dorothy Morgan, Mary Nation, and Anita Kosinski



ALA President Elect (and LSSIRT member) Camile Alire and LSSIRT President Dorothy Morgan at the Birthday party held in the ALA Membership Pavilion.

Happy 15th Birthday, LSSIRT!



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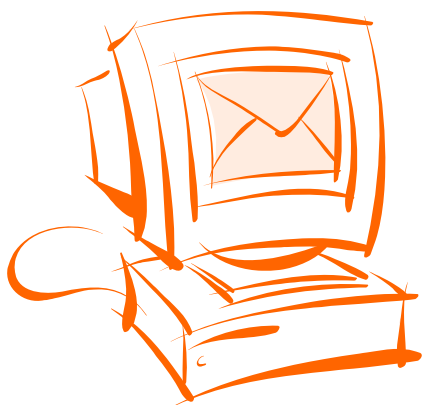
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Our mission is to provide an arena within ALA for programming, communication and networking for library support staff.

Sign-up for the LSSIRT Members-Only E-list!



For timely updates and for networking with LSSIRT colleagues, be sure and sign-up for the very low volume LSSIRT e-list.

To sign-up, send an e-mail to Martha Parsons at parsons@halcyon.com with your ALA membership number and ask to be subscribed.