Greetings From the President:

This year is an eventful one for FAFLRT in several ways. First, the Executive Board, at the suggestion of the President, agreed to form a Committee on Legislation (COL). The purpose of this Committee is to monitor trends in federal and armed forces libraries, identify issues that impact the ability of these libraries to provide library service to their users and when an issue warrants action, to draft resolutions for ALA’s COL to consider. The committee, as deemed appropriate by the Executive Board, would also investigate matters and compile reports or information briefings for the Executive Board. This committee is currently formed by Jane Sessa, Doria Grimes, Linda Resler, Georgette Harris and Jannie Davis.

Second, there is much work to do. With the creation of the Committee on Legislation, the round table must explore the role of our committee in conjunction with ALA’s Committee on Legislation, Subcommittee on Federal Libraries. This subcommittee plays an important and influential role; leveraging the experience of this subcommittee could greatly aid the Round Table’s COL. For the time being, the Subcommittee could mentor FAFLRT’s COL, teaching FAFLRT how to word resolutions, and coaching them through the acceptance process.

Third, the American Library Association has taken steps to communicate with and include more grassroot involvement in the issues and actions before ALA. ALA has been and continues to voice concerns about Federal and Armed Forces libraries. ALA President-Elect, Jim Rettig testified before Congress on the impact of library closings at the Environmental Protection Agency. See http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2008/march2008/RettigEPA.htm for more information.

In recent months, ALA’s Washington Office has been particularly supportive of armed forces libraries and seeks FAFLRT input regarding the issues facing armed forces libraries with a goal to develop strategies that ALA might pursue on behalf of our membership. Such strategies would be pursued when they make a difference in the kinds and quality of library services provided to the users of armed forces libraries.

To this end, several meetings with armed force library leaders are planned. The first was already held. In a teleconference call on January 31, 2008 with the MWR library leaders, Lynne Bradley, ALA Washington Office, talked about the efforts ALA could pursue on behalf of FAFLRT members and asked for input on the issues and concerns facing MWR library leaders. A second meeting with armed forces library leaders in academic, technical, and special libraries is planned for March 28, 2008. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss issues, identify strategies that might be pursued by ALA, and prioritize them for action. Another meeting is planned during the DTIC annual conference and two more meetings are being considered for April and May.

On behalf of the FAFLRT membership, I am excited about this year. It is an invigorating and challenging time to be a part of ALA as ALA reaches out to its round table members to take a more active role as advocates on behalf of its membership. The type of support we seek from ALA and the manner in which ALA provides it will establish a new relationship between ALA and our round table.

A spring meeting of the FAFLRT Executive Board is planned for April to discuss all of the exciting things happening in the round table. This newsletter will keep you informed of the results of these meetings and the actions taken by ALA.

NOMINEES FOR 2008 ELECTION TO FAFLRT BOARD

FAFLRT has outstanding nominees for its 2008 election. The nominees are: Vice-President/President-elect: Richard Huffington, National Library Coordinator, U.S. Geological Survey; Secretary: Sally Bosken, Director, U.S. Naval Observatory Library; Armed Forces Director: Trent Reynolds, Library Manager, MCAS New River Station Library; Director-at-Large, Federal: Michele Worthington, Senior Web Content Specialist, U.S. GPO.

Fran Perros, Chair
FAFLRT Nominating Committee
Friday 6/27 8:30-3:30
(Free but ticketed event)
Session ID: 270639
Careers in Federal Libraries

Did you know the average annual salary for all librarians in the Federal Government was $80,873 in 2007? Want to find an exciting career where you can serve citizens in a meaningful way? Joins us at this pre-conference event to learn the acronyms, gather tips on applying for a federal job, and network with federal librarians over lunch. Then work with resume and interview experts to improve your “game” and your chances to land that federal job! Co-sponsors FLICC, LSU School of Library and Information Science, Library Associates Inc, NMRT, and ALA Placement Office. Event Code: FA1

Friday 6/27 4:00-6:00
FAFLRT Awards Reception

Join us to celebrate the Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Round Table scholarship and award winners to cap off a wonderful day. Lift a glass, nibble a bite, and congratulate the award winners.

FAFLRT is co-sponsoring this GODORT event

Friday 6/27 8:30-12:00
DOCS 2.0: Emerging Web Technologies for the Government Information Community

This program will highlight tools like wikis, blogs, social tagging, custom search engines, flickr and other Web services, and will focus on how these new technologies can enhance library services. Speakers will highlight projects and give hands-on training to set up and administer these services. Attendees will leave the program with knowledge of tools to help them collaborate, build Web collections, and better connect with their users, as well as having real examples of projects to use as templates. Transportation will be provided from the Convention Center.

Speakers: James R. Jacobs, International Documents Librarian, Stanford University; Amy West, Data Services Librarian University of Minnesota; Jim A. Jacobs, Data Librarian (retired), University of California, San Diego; David Oldenkamp, International Studies Librarian, Indiana University; John Wonderlich, Program Director, Sunlight Foundation

Tickets: Advance: GODORT Member: $100; ALA Member: $125; Non-Member: $175; Student/ Retired Member: $75. Onsite: GODORT Member: $125; ALA Member: $150; Non-Member: $200; Student/Retired Member: $100
Event Code: GO2 Co-sponsors: GODORT, FAFLRT

Sunday 6/29 8:00 - 10:00
Session ID: 270640
FAFLRT Board meeting
breakfast at 8:
FAFLRT General Membership meeting at 9
Sunday 6/29 10:30-12:00
Session ID: 270643
What is the State of Federal Libraries?

Hear the outcome from a series of listening sessions held for federal and military librarians, and learn about the issues identified as problems in the federal library community. Chime in with your ideas for legislative initiatives that are needed to support federal libraries, and learn how ALA processes such resolutions. Learn from FLICC representatives how you can participate in the Census of Federal Libraries. And share your ideas to improve information services to citizens.

Monday 6/30 8:30 - 4:30 (Ticketed Event - $40 per person for Charter Bus and Lunch)
Tour of Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton Libraries

Board the charter bus at the front of the convention center for a trip to Camp Pendleton. Camp Pendleton contains the largest undeveloped portion of coastline in Southern California. The ecosystem includes beaches, bluffs, mesas, canyons, mountains and Southern California’s only free-flowing river. There are more than 1,000 species of plants, fish and animals, some of which are either threatened or endangered. MCB Camp Pendleton, the Corps’ largest West Coast expeditionary training facility, encompasses more than 125,000 acres of Southern California terrain, is the largest employer in North San Diego County for more than 60 years.

Rates for Advertising in the Federal Librarian

GENERAL INFORMATION
The Federal Librarian newsletter, is the quarterly journal of the American Library Association’s Federal and Armed Forces Libraries Round Table (FAFLRT). It presents recent developments and events of interest to the Federal and Armed Forces library community, including news and reports on international, federal, state, and local government issues. The Federal Librarian subscription base is approximately 600.

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Bringing Knowledge to Life.
Sarah Rouse retired as Senior Program Officer from the Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress on Feb. 29 with 31 years of federal service. Sarah was an early staff member of the VHP and helped to shape the office. Her other positions at LC included serving as a cataloging supervisor in the Prints and Photographs Division. Sarah was a Fulbright Scholar for six months in Ireland from 1996 to 1997. A 1998 book, Into the Light: An Illustrated Guide to the Photograph Collections in the National Library of Ireland, was an outcome of her Fulbright work.

Sarah was recognized with the first Vanguard Award in 1993 by the Library of Congress Professional Association for her exceptional service over the years. In addition to serving as President in 1989, she served in numerous elected and appointed positions including that of editor for the LCPA newsletter

Susan Vincent, chief librarian at the Federal Reserve Board, will retire after 25 years of service. Susan joined the Board in 1980 as an acquisition technician in the Research Library where she was responsible for ordering books and journals. She made use of the Board’s academic assistance program to obtain her masters degree in library science and in 1981 was promoted to reference librarian. In that position she assisted researchers and was instrumental in automating the library. In 1992 she assumed responsibility for managing the Research Library as the chief librarian. Susan received a Special Achievement Award (the Board’s highest award) in 2005 for outstanding contributions in managing the Board’s Research Library and for the part she played in directing the library’s major renovation.

Susan and her husband, Jeff, plan to stay in Alexandria, Virginia. They intend to travel and spend more time with family (when they are not traveling!). Susan is pleased that Kristin Vajs will replace her as chief librarian. Kris is currently the director of the Scientific and Technical Information Center at the Patent and Trademark Office.

Michael Kolakowski, an Information Research Specialist in the Congressional Research Service at the Library of Congress, retired on Feb. 19 with close to 30 years of government service. In view of his strong support of the Library of Congress Professional Association Continuing Education Fund over many years, colleagues contributed close to $2000 in his honor to the fund. Mike is currently serving his third year as chair of the DC/SLA Scholarship Committee. He has served as DC/SLA Second Vice President and as Director in addition to being chair of the SLA Social Science Division and other SLA positions. He was also elected to a two-year term as Membership Secretary of the District of Columbia Library Association a few years ago and elected co-chair of the DC-Maryland-Virginia Chapter of the Art Libraries Society/North America in the 1980’s. Mike intends to have a relaxing retirement.

Richard Huffine, National Library Coordinator for the US Geological Survey has been selected to receive the 2008 Dow Jones Leadership Award from the Special Libraries Association. The award is presented annually to an SLA member in good standing who exemplifies leadership as a special librarian through examples of personal and professional competencies. Richard’s professional accomplishments include national library coordination for the Environmental Protection Agency from 2000-2005 and for the US Geological Survey from 2007 to the present. He was also the founder of the Government Information Division of the Special Libraries Association in 2004 and is currently the President of the Federation of Friends of the DC Public Library. The award will be presented at the Annual Meeting of SLA to be held June 15 - 18, 2008 in Seattle, Washington. Richard has been a member of FALRT since 1998 and is a candidate for President-Elect of the Round Table for 2009.

Ms. Layne Williams, Associate University Librarian, will retire after 25 years of dedicated service to the Navy and the Nation. Layne’s last day at DKL is Friday 7 March although her official retirement date is 2 April.

Layne began her Navy career at the Mare Island Naval Shipyard in 1983 and within 90 days of arrival she was elevated to Head of the Technical Information Branch. In this capacity she oversaw the 24/7 operation of more than 40 librarians, engineers, and technical staff. She moved to NPS in 1993 as Head of Reader Services.

Layne’s expertise, leadership, and vision in the areas of library operations, services, and staffing are widely recognized at NPS. She has been an active contributor to numerous campus and external committees including working closely with other Naval and Federal libraries. Her technical understanding of issues facing academic and federal libraries, coupled with her contracting expertise, were essential to the creation of the Homeland Security Digital Library and an NPS enterprise wide Web Content Management System.

Ed Metz, systems librarian for the U.S. Army Combined Arms Research Library at Fort Leavenworth, is the author of the cover article in Information Outlook for January 2008. His article is titled “Make the Most of Google’s Toolkit.”

Kathleen Hanselmann, Library Director of RAF Lakenheath Base Library reports that the library won a BIG READ grant from the NEA. We received the 100 copies of Fahrenheit 451 and the 100 Reader’s Guides with the other grant material this month and we will be starting the BIG READ in April here on RAF Lakenheath in cooperation with the Youth Center, the High School and the Spouses groups.

Bernadine Abbott Hoduski was elected to the Freedom To Read Foundation Board and serves on its membership committee. If members join, it would be helpful for her if they say they are joining at her suggestion.

Bernadine founded the Government Documents Round Table in 1972. She has been the standard bearer for the Federal Depository Library Program, documents librarian and "Documents To The People" for more than a quarter century. She has served as Chair of GODORT, as co-editor of the Documents to the People, and as a member of editorial boards of Government Publications.

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Review and Index to U.S. Government Periodicals. She was awarded the James Bennett Childs Award for distinguished contributions to documents librarianship in June 1977. Although retired in 1997, Bernadine continues her active involvement in ensuring public access to government information.

**Correction from previous newsletter:** Sally Bosken is Library Director, U.S. Naval Observatory, Washington, D.C.

**Carolyn Riley Flynn,** Director, Camp Foster Library, Okinawa, Japan resigned 2 February to return to Quantico, VA.

**Ms. Rebecca Young,** Director of Marine Corps Recruit Depot Library, San Diego, CA will retire 21 March.

Submitted by Cynthia Shipley

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**Fabulous Feds**

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On March 13th, ALA President-elect Jim Rettig testified before the U.S. House of Representatives on the closure of libraries at the Environmental Protection Agency.

Speaking to the House Committee on Science and Technology’s Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight, Mr. Rettig spoke to several questions that have raised alarm bells within the library community, the science community, and several other affected fields.

“Overall, from the library standpoint, the key issue to determine is whether or not the EPA’s library plan is based on the end users’ needs. We think not,” Mr. Rettig said. “Our sources have repeatedly told us that there has been no outreach to the EPA Library user community… Indeed, there has been a lot of talk about getting information to a “broader audience,” which EPA has repeatedly claimed is its primary goal, but how do the steps being taken by EPA accomplish that? ALA doesn’t see how what’s being done is connected to users’ needs.”

Testifying on behalf of the EPA, Assistant Administrator in the Office of Environmental Information and Chief Information Officer Molly O’Neill claimed that all of the regional libraries, the headquarters library and the pesticide library will all be re-opened this fiscal year. Also, EPA is preparing a report on the reopening process that is set to be released at the end of March.

“Unfortunately, there continues to be a lot that we don’t know,” Mr. Rettig continued, “exactly what materials have been being shipped around the country, whether there are duplicate materials in other EPA libraries, whether these items have been or will be digitized, and whether a record is being kept of what is being dispersed and what is being discarded. We remain concerned that years of research and studies about the environment may be lost forever.”

In closing, Mr. Rettig asked the Committee to request that EPA:

1. Discuss with stakeholders on how best to meet user needs and plan for the future;
2. Base its actions upon these users’ needs;
3. Stabilize and inventory the collections that have been put in storage;
4. Develop and implement a government-wide process to assist agencies to design effective digitization programs; and
5. Reestablish the standard that federal government librarians manage federal government libraries.

From the ALA Washington Office

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**Quarterly CNL Meetings to be held**

As the incoming Chair of the Council of the Consortium of Naval Libraries (CNL), James King announced that the Council has decided to start holding quarterly CNL meetings to foster more collaboration between CNL libraries and staff as well as deal with the pressing issues that we all face.

To help provide for a broader attendance, the first CNL Quarterly meeting will correspond with the Computers in Libraries conference and the DTIC conference on April 7-9th. Suzanne Ryder, acting Chief Librarian at NRL, has agreed to be the host of the first quarterly meeting on Thursday, April 10th from 1-4pm (ET).

DRAFT AGENDA:

- FLICC (D&F issues)
- NMCI (including discussion recently disapproved products and ILS migration issues)
- NSPS (including latest on competencies)
- Potential Chemical Abstracts SciFinder deal (NRL negotiating)
- Link resolvers/federated search status (including connection to TORPEDO)

For the other meetings, a Summer meeting tied to the SLA Annual Conference, a Fall meeting in the DC area (August-October), and a Winter meeting as part of MLW are proposed to round out the year.

The DC area meetings will rotate amongst the various Navy libraries in the greater Washington area to spread the burden and give everyone an ‘excuse’ to see the other libraries in the area.

Please contact James King at james.king@nrl.navy.mil or by phone at (202) 767-7515 if you wish to attend any of the meetings. For the NRL meeting, he needs to start making security arrangements. Video connections are limited so they will be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis. James encourages everyone in the local area to choose the on-site option to leave spots for the West coast and out-of-state connections.

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It was suggested that staff harness the great legislative ideas of proving services to users. And how can Congress support libraries in national challenges that may require legislative attention. What are some creative ways to keep current on activities of the roundtable by reading the Federal Librarian newsletter. The most recent edition can be found online at http://www.ala.org/ala/faflrtafaflrtnewsletter2008-winter_faflrtnewsletter.pdf

Establishment of a FAFLRT Committee on Legislation (COL)

The FAFLRT Executive Board recently voted to form a new FAFLRT Committee on Legislation (COL). To best serve the needs of Federal and Armed Forces libraries, FAFLRT should have a direct line to ALA’s COL to suggest new legislation that would benefit the FAFLRT community.

We know that the closing of federal libraries is only one important issue for FAFLRT members. There are many additional challenges that may require legislative attention.

But how do we identify those challenges? What are some creative ways Congress might support libraries in improving services to users? And how can we harness the great legislative ideas of staff in Federal and Armed Forces libraries?

A committee was formed to decide how to identify issues and gather input from federal and armed forces libraries. It is proposed that there will be a series of opportunities to speak up and staff in various types of libraries may present ideas for possible legislative initiatives. You may also see special events held, listening sessions at conferences, or even virtual meetings. The FAFLRT Committee on Legislation will craft resolutions for consideration by the ALA legislative assembly and ultimately the ALA Washington office for action.

If you are interested in participating, please contact jscheitle@gpo.gov.

“Deliberative Dialogue on Government Information”

ALA hosted a December 12, 2007 session for council and board members as well as elected officers of chapters, divisions, and roundtables. In an effort to foster better communication, the following draft protocol was proposed to address how units within ALA should respond when solicited by an outside organization for an official position or statement of ALA policy.

The draft protocol was discussed at the ALA Committee on Legislation meeting at Midwinter. ALA expects every roundtable executive board to comment on the protocol. ALA also expects its membership to do the same. Please send comments to jscheitle@gpo.gov

The next steps proposed for "deliberative dialogue" include:

- It’s clear that ALA COL expects resolutions to be discussed within each roundtable, chapter, and division so that a consensus may be reached and communicated to them. The December 12th session sprung from a difference of opinion between two entities within ALA.
- It’s expected that FAFLRT will also work within its membership to gain input on resolutions and actions before sending an official response to ALA as a roundtable position on an issue.

The ALA Legislation Assembly conducted a session at midwinter and circulated a “virtual orientation memo #3b” with information about the purpose of the assembly.

Developing a Federal Library and Information Center Impact Statement

The ALA Committee on Legislation sponsors the Subcommittee on Federal Libraries which is currently chaired by Jane Sessa. The group is circulating a draft "information impact statement" which was drafted by Aimee Quinn (former GODORT chair). The statement proposes a process by which federal agencies would examine the mission and role of the information services provided by an agency library or information center before making a recommendation about closing a facility. The structure of the process is similar to that used in creating an environmental impact statement.

It is proposed that the process would be approved and endorsed by ALA’s Committee on Legislation before being recommended that federal agencies employ such a process. Please review the document below and send your comments to Janet Scheitle jscheitle@gpo.gov by March 15, 2008.

Roundtable Assembly

At yesterday’s Roundtable Assembly meeting, John Chrastka, ALA Membership office, and Leslie Berger, ALA Past President, spoke. Leslie’s comments reflected the issues found in the Midwinter update.

Of particular interest were the items on ALA virtual membership, the delay of a graduated dues schedule, the December 12th session on Deliberative Dialogue, the website redesign, and membership information.

At next annual conference, John Chrastka mentioned the ability for roundtables to participate in the pavilion presentation. It was suggested that FAFLRT continue to send someone to New Members Round Table (NMRT) functions, updates, and orientations to meet their new members and tell them about our roundtable.

To overcome problems experienced in the past, ALA is considering allowing conferees to book hotels through the housing office in future only after registering for the ALA conference. Remember that FAFLRT members are typically federal employees who are able to get hotel rooms at the federal per diem rate. You just have to call before the rooms are on hold for ALA.
ALA Washington Office

A visitor to the FAFLRT meeting, Lynne Bradley from the ALA Washington Office, reported that liaison to FAFLRT, Pat May, was stuck on a train and would probably miss the board meeting.

The ALA Washington Office is requesting FAFLRT work with the military library community to draft a strategy for impact aid or to develop another strategy or strategies to respond to Municipal Service Partnerships. She suggested that DoD provides impact aid to school libraries in communities where they have military installations but thought that DoD did not provide impact aid to public libraries in those same communities.

Jannie Davis chimed in stating that, in fact, Army does provide impact aid to public libraries in the form of municipal agreements.

The request, per Lynne, then might be to provide ALA Washington Office with a legislative strategy or strategies that might work across the branches of the DoD when armed forces libraries are threatened. To do so, there was a discussion of who might hold meetings, where, and when. Jannie Davis agreed to sponsor a meeting in Washington, D.C. Would military libraries want ALA to work to keep military libraries in communities or stress impact aid to public libraries where the military libraries would otherwise be closed or not made available?

4b. FAFLRT Treasurer report

Marie Nelson the following 3 files in her report submitted prior to the conference.

1. FY07 Final Account rendering.
(Some items here that were widely variant from our original budget plan for FY07 was the high amount spent on Meal Functions, but it was offset by large corporate sponsorship Donations, so there was no problem there.)

2. FY08 To Date (30 Nov 07): At the bottom of this I explained that FAFLRT is carrying a negative balance because of three FY07 Advertising Invoices that haven’t yet been paid by the vendors (at least not as of 30 Nov ’07).

3. FY09 Budget Projection: While the attached file I got from Pat May says FY09, it is really the FY08 budget that was submitted to ALA in Feb ’07. This is used as the starting point in compiling the FY09 Budget, which I need to submit to Pat May by Jan 22. So, I would like to request that the Board look over this FY08 budget and see if they identify changes or new items that will come up in FY09.

The advertising revenue credited to FAFLRT allowed the roundtable to end with a positive net asset balance, however, efforts must be made to collect those funds.

Board action needed: Follow-up with the errant vendors. If these revenues are not recaptured, FAFLRT will carry this negative amount on our books and run the risk of ending the year with a negative balance.)

4c. Report of the Federal Directors (Doria Grimes)

Doria reported on the meeting of the Federal Directors and Armed Forces directors at Jane Sessa’s library November 28, 2007 to discuss how the FAFLRT COL would operate. She expressed concern that the holding of listening sessions would be labor intensive for the few members of the FAFLRT COL. Discussion included having listening sessions hosted at the variety of conferences and professional meetings already scheduled for the community. It was suggested that the FAFLRT COL members might orchestrate others to host listening sessions and gather the information to report up to ALA WO.

There is a session scheduled for the annual conference to report on the findings of listening sessions and the state of federal libraries. Nancy Faget requested the FAFLRT COL decide if they want to host and run this session or not.

4d. Armed Forces Director Report

Jannie Davis (Army Installation Management Agency Regional Librarian), Armed Forces Liaison, reported on a variety of activities in military libraries as extracted from the Army Library Program Update.

Army Library Steering Committee Working Groups
• Strategic Planning: Develop the

Army Library Program Strategic Plan, 2009 - 2013
• Human Resources: Revise Librarian Master Training Plan
• Digitization: Promote coordination and collaboration of digital projects
• Consortia: Establish enterprise-wide purchases of e-content
• Nominating: Identify candidates and manage election for ALSC member-at-large vacancies
• Emerging Technologies: Disseminate information on new technologies

Federal Librarian Competencies are being defined by the FLICC Human Resources Working Group based on Numerous Competency Documents. The draft is to be posted on Wiki in 2nd Qtr of 2008. Librarians are invited to comment. Approval Authorities: Federal Library & Information Center Committee (FLICC), US Office of Personnel Management, Individual Agencies (DOD).

Federal Librarian Competencies: Domains are as follows:
• Agency/Organization Knowledge
• Library Administration and Management
• Reference Research
• Collection and Content Management
• Customer Education and Training, and Instructional Design
• Technology Management and Information Assurance
• Specialized Knowledge, Skills or Ability

Librarian Career Program

In FY 07, 68 Librarians were centrally funded for training. 23% of 300 Army librarians were funded for activities such as ALTI, MLW, Modern Archives Institute, School for Scanning, MLA, SLA, and Digitization Practicum. For Army Library Training Institute (ALTI) 2007, 35 attended the event hosted by the Army Corps of Engineers Humphreys Engineer Center in Alexandria, VA.

For the Librarian Career Program in

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FY 08 Professional Development Training, the Army Librarian requested Central Funding for 31 Librarians, however 2 Training Opportunities were cancelled because they did not meet 5 CFR 410.404 and 5 USC 4101 definition of training. The 3rd & 4th quarter training is still under review.

The Army Library Training Institute (ALTI) is scheduled for 2009 with an ALTI ’09 Working Group determining the host and location.

Army's Academic Libraries

Are working on the library standards added to Accreditation Requirements. $50K was spent on Academic E-Books for Army Career Tracker for NCOs available for access via My Library. They are working on the BRAC Impact on Academic Libraries. There is a new library at the Logistics University at Fort Lee. US Army Maneuver Center of Excellence, Ft. Benning: Infantry and Armor Schools

General Libraries

Awards for Army libraries garnered recently include Carla Pomager, Federal Librarian of the Year, and MWR Awards for Best Library at Grafenwoehr (large sized), Bamburg (medium sized), and Garmisch (small sized). General Libraries Information System (GLIS) was set up, a world-wide network of 59 Libraries currently with 18 Libraries to be added in FY 08.

Partnerships:

- NEA/BIG READ Literacy Program
- Disney/Walden Media on Bridge to Terabithia Promotion
- Playaways Included in Deployment Book Kits
- FY 08: $3.2M Allocated for Databases
- FY 07 DOD and MWR Baseline Standards Currently Being Assessed
- Municipal Services Partnership (MSP)
- FY 05 Defense Authorization Act Authorized pilots at 2 Army installations
- Purpose: To evaluate feasibility and efficacy of obtaining specific installation services from local municipalities
- Program Scheduled to Terminate on 30 Sep 2010
- Pilot Installations: Forts Huachuca and Gordon
- Fort Gordon - Elected not to participate
- Fort Huachuca: Library Closed Mar 07 (Contracted with Sierra Vista for Library Services)

Proposed Legislation

- FY 08 Defense Authorization Bill
- Extend Pilot Authority to All Military Services
- Extend Duration of Program to 30 Sep 2012
- FY 09 Defense Authorization Bill
- Expand to all CONUS Army installations
- Broaden authority to all “Municipal Services”
- Provides Authority for Multi-year Authority up to 50 Years

5. New Business

ALA New Member Roundtable (NMRT) assigned student liaison, Kim Lyall, to FAFLRT. Kim submitted slides to the board regarding how she envisions FAFLRT and NMRT might work closely in the future. She is volunteering for one year through the NMRT liaison program. She is interested in connecting library school students looking for professional experiences in federal libraries with opportunities through the FAFLRT network. The first step she has taken is to conduct a survey of NMRT members to discover who has an interest in federal librarians. She is willing to create or add to a wiki where internships and resumes are gathered to pair students and libraries. Also, Kim is willing to post internship announcements to the NMRT discussion list.

A draft agenda for the 2008 ALA Annual Conference programming was circulated by Nancy Faget. The agenda will be run by the FAFLRT board for approval since there are costs involved with the conference. It was suggested that FAFLRT seek a “bus tour” sponsor who can use the time for a demo of products for FAFLRT members.

The following proposed changes to the FAFLRT budget will be submitted to the FAFLRT board for their approval. Any approved changes will be reported to the membership, however, FAFLRT Board and general members wishing to comment on the following proposed changes can submit their comments to Janet Scheitle (jscheitle@gpo.gov) by March 15, 2008.

- Consider making the newsletter available only electronically or reducing the number of tangible printings from 4 to 2 issues per year.

Note: The FAFLRT newsletter, the Federal Librarian, is currently made available in print and electronically 4 times a year. Annual costs for printing and mailing the newsletter are several thousand dollars. However, this may have an impact on advertising revenue.
• Also consider an associate membership that would only distribute the tangible newsletter as a subscription to non-FAFLRT members or even non-ALA members. Note that other roundtables such as SRRT sell their newsletter as a separate subscription for $15/year to individuals and $20/year to institutions who are not members of the Round Table.

• Also consider creating a tiered membership structure (membership + electronic newsletter and membership + printed newsletter)

• Also consider dropping professional memberships (Public Employees Roundtable PERT, others?) and contributions (Coalition for Effective Change) to save $500 annually

• Also consider minimizing audiovisual costs for the conference activities. Last year’s budget included $4,237.16 in AV costs. Consider co-sponsorship of events to share this high expense or even hosting events off-site.

• Also consider raising funds through conference activities where feasible. Consider charges for pre-conference events or special events.

• Also consider raising funds as other roundtables do with silent auctions of donated items. GODORT does this successfully. According to Bill Sleeman, GODORT raises significant funds through the donation of specific items such as vacation rentals. Pursue a donation from the Armed Forces Vacation Club and experiment with a silent auction open to all ALA members for bidding purposes. Of course, this would have to be widely advertised and monitored because FAFLRT members bidding should not pay more than they would normally pay for an AFV club rental ($350 per week).

• Also consider waiving any membership fees for students. There are a minimum number of students currently. Over time, free membership for library school students might build FAFLRT membership at little cost to the roundtable.

• Also consider e-cards or business cards instead of printing tangible brochures. The brochures usually cost $500 for 1,000 or $800 for 2,000.
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