Greetings From the President:

Library Advocacy in the Federal Government and Armed Forces

The theme running through the library community is advocacy. For some, the issue is fighting for scarce tax dollars to protect public and school libraries. For others, they are fighting to make sure libraries remain open and accessible in academic and corporate settings. For libraries in the Federal government and our Armed Forces, library advocacy means recruiting champions in senior management that understand how libraries support the mission of the organization.

Everyone working in the library can advocate for the library without crossing the lines of professionalism. Touting our success is not bragging. Demonstrating value to your leadership is critical today in the fight for budget, support for innovation, and integration with other mission critical services. I hope you’ll all take a few minutes to look into advocacy resources and see how they can apply to your situation.

ALA’s Advocating in a Tough Economy Toolkit

www.ala.org/tougheconomytoolkit/

Some of the best tips that apply to Federal and Armed Forces libraries include:

1. Define your message – Develop the “elevator speech” about how your library supports the mission of the organization and make sure everyone on staff knows that message and how their work supports that effort.

2. Tell the Stories – find anecdotes and stories that illustrate how the library has been instrumental in achieving the mission of the organization. The best people to tell those stories are our customers. Don’t be shy about asking them to write up their experience so you can share it with management.

3. Make statistics relevant – take your statistics and relate them to things our managers understand. Show them how much the organization would spend if there was no library; show them the value of a service compared to other functions or to commercial services.

4. Define the future you want to see – Read the professional literature and work with your staff to define the library you think your organization needs. Even if it would require doubling your budget, if you don’t ask, it won’t happen. Think big and be ready to make it happen in small increments.

We all know how valuable library services are to our users. But do we know how to translate that value to the managers and administrators that set priorities for our organization? I encourage you to think about how to put the story together for those people. The FAFLRT community is always available to share ideas and approaches that have worked in other organizations. The theme of library advocacy is a universal theme today but one we can all learn about together.

I have had a great year serving as the FAFLRT President and I want to thank everyone that made this year a success. The FAFLRT Board and the active membership has been wonderful to work with. Once again, I encourage you to get involved in the community. There are so many rewards to be realized, from networking, to friendship, to mentors, and lifelong friends!

Richard Huffine, 2009/2010 President
FABULOUS FEDS

The Vogelweh Library in Germany welcomes a new reference librarian, Travis Schaben, at the end of June. Travis, a recent MLS graduate, was previously a web designer in Washington state, but has also worked in the University of Florida Smathers Library. Travis will be a fabulous new addition to the library staff and the Kaiserslautern Military Community.

Kristina Bobe was hired to work as an Outreach Librarian for GPO’s Library Services & Content Management Division in the Office of Education and Outreach. Kristina began her career at GPO on February 1, 2010, one week before the Snowpocalypse. She is tasked with assessing depository library operations in the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). Additionally, she provides education and training to library coordinators in over 1,200 libraries across the country that participate in the program. As a former depository coordinator herself, Kristina understands the unique challenges and rewards of the FDLP.

David Walls is the new Preservation Librarian for GPO’s Library Services and Content Management Division. David comes to GPO after twelve years as a preservation librarian at Yale University. David is tasked with developing a comprehensive collection management life cycle plan for the Federal Depository Library program and developing preservation services for depository libraries.

Shilo Smith, Reference Librarian for FL4814, MacDill AFB Library, was recognized as the 2009 Base Level Force Development Flight Specialist of the Year. The library was thrilled to have her recognized at the installation level for her professionalism, hard work and dedication.

Sharon Lenius retired in March 2010. Ms. Lenius served as the Manager of the Information Resource Center, National Guard Bureau located in Arlington, Virginia. She can be reached in retirement at leniussa@gmail.com

Beatrice Nichols, formerly Library Director, Harriotte B Smith Library, USMC Camp Lejeune, NC has accepted a position at Martin Army Community Hospital, Ft. Benning, GA. Her new position is Medical Sciences Librarian and Information Management Administration.

Fran Perros was named the State Department Librarian in April of this year. Fran succeeds Elaine Cline, who retired in December. Fran was the most recent recipient of the FAFLRT Distinguished Service award.

Ron Clowney passed away on May 22 after a long battle with kidney failure. Although Ron’s most recent role was as ProQuest Sales Vice President in North America, many Federal Librarians will remember him for his long service as ProQuest Federal Sales Manager. He will also be remembered for his strong support of FAFLRT and particularly his support, through ProQuest, of the Adelaide del Frate award, which ProQuest continues to sponsor.

Cynthia Shipley
ALA Program:
Libraries in a Time of War

Saturday, June 26, 4-5:30 p.m.

See ALA program guide for location.

Mark your calendars now for a most interesting program at the American Library Association’s annual conference this summer in Washington, D.C.

The program, ‘Libraries in a Time of War’, will be moderated by Dr. Beverly P. Lynch, Professor at the Graduate School of Education and Information Studies at UCLA. Dr. Lynch also directs UCLA’s Senior Fellows Program in Librarianship and is a former President of the American Library Association.

Other speakers will include:
- Sem Sutter, Assistant Director for Collections, University of Chicago Library
- Corine Wegener, President, U.S. Committee of the Blue Shield; Associate Curator, Decorative Arts, Textiles, and Sculpture at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts; and MAJ (Ret.) U.S. Army Reserves
- Richard Hume Werking, Library Director & Professor of History, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis.
Kaiserslautern ‘Paws & Pals’ Build Reading Skills

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany - U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern’s main library on Landstuhl Regional Medical Center has gone to the dogs - but only from 3:30 to 5 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month. Man’s best friend is the star attraction of the garrison’s new Paws & Pals reading program. A first for Army Europe libraries, Paws & Pals pairs young readers with volunteer dogs to build children’s confidence in reading, said Shawn Friend-Begin, the garrison’s supervisory librarian.

“There’s always a need for programs to assist children in becoming strong readers,” Friend-Begin said. “One way to succeed in life is to be a good reader.”

Close to 20 parents and their children, and three volunteers and their dogs participated in the first Paws & Pals held Jan. 19 at the garrison’s main library said Mike Colarusso, the garrison’s librarian and manager for the main library on LRMC. Each child had a one-on-one 15-minute session with one dog, said Colarusso.

The program is recommended for underage and under-grade level readers, said Kristin James, from the garrison’s Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation management finance section.

Keeping her children’s attention was one of the aspects of this new program that really appealed to Rachelle Hitchler, who was reading “The Twelve Days of Christmas” to her four children, ages 6 months to 6 years. Getting the attention was Mikey, a 7-year-old female mixed breed, as she lounged while Annika Hitchler, 6, and Bryce Hitchler, 3, petted her light reddish-brown and splashes of white fur.

“Big and fluffy,” is how Annika described Mikey. Bryce kept petting Mikey, waiting for his turn to read to her. He brought his own book, “Care Bears: How Does Your Garden Grow?”

“Woof! Woof!,” barked Mikey. “She wants you to scratch her belly,” said Mikey’s owner, Leah McCracken.

When Hitchler began reading, Mikey sat up and perked her ears, and all four children were quiet, and Bryce kept on petting the fluffy fur.

“Even when they are petting the dog, I know they are taking in every word I’m saying,” said Hitchler. “It’s hard sometimes to get children to sit down and pay attention, so it’s nice to have an attention getter.”

How this program got rolling was when James brought the idea up to Friend-Begin and Colarusso.

“My niece was in a library dog program back in the states, and she enjoyed reading and the fact that she got one-on-one time with a dog,” said James, on why she wanted to start a program here. Also, she said that her dog Maverick, an 8-year-old male Australian Shepherd, had been involved with other reading programs.

James is the one who is organizing volunteers and their dogs. What she is looking for in dogs for this program are those that have “basic canine good citizenship characteristics.”

By Christine June, USAG Kaiserslautern Public Affairs

Volunteer Mary Unruh listens as Joshua Walkingstick, 5, a home-schooled kindergartner reads to her 6-year-old Labrador Retriever Molly Jan. 19 at the new Paws & Pals reading program at the U.S. Army Garrison Main Library on Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.
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The Emerging Leaders Program began in 2007 as part of an initiative of then ALA President Leslie Burger. The program’s goal is to enable librarians new to the field to network with peers, collaborate on project initiatives, and gain insight into the infrastructure of ALA. The aim is to put librarians on the ALA fast track and cultivate future leaders.

One hundred librarians from around the country are chosen for this leadership program. I had applied for the EL Program while still in graduate school at Valdosta State University, May 2009. I received my acceptance letter in October 2009, which outlined the program details and requirements. Participants were then able to go online and complete a survey regarding topics of interest and possible Emerging Leader Projects. There were twenty interesting projects to choose from and ten numerical points to be allocated to each project of interest. I chose five projects of interest and allocated two points each. I was glad when I found out I had been grouped with four other Emerging Leaders, working on a project for CALM Committee on Archives, Libraries, and Museums. My background is in Fine Arts, and Art History, so I have a natural affinity towards Museums, Archives, and Libraries. I also comprehend the collaborative nature of these professions, and how shared resources could benefit all organizations. My group will create and disseminate a podcast for CALM, relating to the electronic convergence of archival, library, and museum content. We will investigate software applications, hosting requirements, a list of speakers and topics, and ultimately present our inaugural podcast during the ALA Emerging Leaders Poster Session, Friday June 25, 2010 in DC.

Emerging Leaders (EL) are chosen by candidate application statements, letters of recommendation, and resumes. The selection committee aims for a diverse group of individuals across the board: gender, ethnicity, library type, and proximity. Maureen Sullivan, Beatrice Calvin, Connie Paul, and Peter Bromberg are currently heading the program.

Participants were required to meet at both the Mid Winter Conference (Boston, January 2010), and the ALA Annual (DC, June 2010). Trying to orchestrate one hundred participants could be a logistics nightmare, so early on it was decided participation would be necessary at both events.

We are excited to be interviewing former librarian and newly appointed United States Archivist David Ferriero for our inaugural podcast. We are very enthusiastic about our project and looking forward to our presentation.

All of the Emerging Leaders have been able to converse via ALA Connect, Facebook groups, Twitter, and other social networking applications. My group has been meeting approximately one hour weekly via Skype. The virtual process of collaboration, task management, and problem solving has taught me much about interpersonal relationships, time management, and leadership roles. I have met many great people and made many new friends that I would not have otherwise. I feel honored to have been chosen for the program and grateful for the opportunity.

While in DC, I will be staying in a dorm like, reality TV setting of fellow Emerging Leaders. We have dubbed our group the 2010 Think Tank: six men, six women, four apartments, much collaboration and innovation. We hope to explore library issues like advocacy, film our conference highlights and opinions via flip top cameras, and hopefully facilitate change while building lasting friendships.

Please come out and support all of the Emerging Leaders by attending the Poster Session on Friday, June 25th in DC! I hope to see you there.

Submitted by Ken Kozel

Ken Kozel is an ALA FAFLRT member, 2009 graduate of the Valdosta State University MLIS Program, and currently working as Director of the Randolph County Public Library. He is busy applying to doctoral programs, and hopes to eventually procure an appointment within an innovative federal organization.
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Virginia Sanchez, Long Beach Public Library, CA; Department of Immigration, Customs & Enforcement

As a U.S. Navy intelligence analyst stationed for ten months at Camp Blackhorse outside Kabul, Afghanistan, Virginia Sanchez used the base library because it was “the only place with a smooth floor large enough for me to practice my karate drills.” But the California native, a reference librarian, also noticed that “the shelves were packed with books every which way.” Sanchez characteristically took charge. She organized the books, set up webcam sessions so soldiers and sailors could read bedtime stories to their kids back home, and spearheaded the delivery of book donations for the mostly male troops, who wanted nonfiction, from Operation Paperback and Books for Troops.

She was almost too successful in her book drive: the base couldn’t handle the huge influx of volumes, so Sanchez arranged for them to go to an English-language training institute for Afghans. “It’s another way for me to contribute to homeland security,” says Sanchez, who firmly believes that “books not bombs” will make the difference in Afghanistan.

She’s still collecting and sending books to her old base but in much smaller doses.

After returning to the United States, Sanchez worked as a department librarian at the Brewitt Neighborhood Library in Long Beach (and now she’s a substitute librarian in Long Beach) before being recruited as an intelligence analyst for the Department of Immigration, Customs and Enforcement last December. She’s still involved in the battle against illiteracy. In presentations to women’s groups, like the Women’s Assistance League of Long Beach, she often starts her presentations by “passing around a brochure written in Dari” to show what illiteracy feels like.

Growing up, “I was a troubled 12-year-old, and books were always my refuge,” she says. A supportive Long Beach children’s librarian “put book after book into my hands, then let me volunteer. I was smitten.” Now, says Sanchez, “no matter where I am, I see myself in the role of librarian.”

Public Printer Nomination
Friend of Libraries

President Obama nominated William “Bill” J. Boarman to be the 26th Public Printer of the United States on April 16, 2010. Mr. Boarman is a friend of the Federal Depository Library Program and federal workers. He started his career as a journeyman printer at the Government Printing Office in 1974. He represented the AFL-CIO to the Joint Committee on Printing Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on Revision of Title 44 in 1978 and 1979. He is currently vice president of the Communication Workers of America and president of the union’s Printing, Publishing & Media Workers Section.

Mr. Boarman is being supported by Representative Steny Hoyer, House Majority Leader and by Representative Robert A. Brady, Chair of the Committee on House Administration. The Senate Rules Committee, chaired by Senator Schumer of New York will review his nomination and vote for or against him and send his nomination on to the full Senate.

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Friday, June 25, 2010
Careers in Federal Libraries, 9 am - 12 pm, (FULL) Library of Congress, Madison Building

Sunday, June 27, 2010
FAFLRT Board and Membership Meeting, 10:30 am - 12 pm, JW MARIOTT, State Room
Meet the Author, Kathy Roth-Douquet: Connecting with Military Families, 1:30 - 3:30 pm, GRAND HYATT, Independence E
Institutional Repositories in Action: Stories From the Federal World, 4:00 - 5:30 pm, Washington Convention Center, Room: 202A

Monday, June 28, 2010
International Exchange Programs in the Digital Age, 8 -10 am, GRAND HYATT, Independence A
Career Paths in Knowledge Management, 9 am -3 pm, (RSVP to KMCareerPaths@yahoo.com to reserve a seat and obtain directions) Department of Transportation, National Transportation Library

Tuesday, June 29, 2010
Connecting with the Feds: Social Collaboration and Transparency Tools, 9 am - 3 pm, (RSVP to ConnectingWithTheFeds@gmail.com to reserve a seat and obtain directions) Catholic University of America, Caldwell Hall

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Friday, June 25  •  6 pm – 9pm
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LIBRARY OF CONGRESS OPEN HOUSE FOR ALA PARTICIPANTS, JUNE 25, 2010

FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2-5 P.M.

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Manuscript Reading Room, LM 101
National Digital Library Learning Center, LM Atrium
National Serials Data Program (U.S. ISSN Center), LM 508
Newspaper and Current Periodical Reading Room, LM 133
Performing Arts Reading Room, LM 113
Prints and Photographs Reading Room, LM 337
Veterans History Project, LM 109

JOHN ADAMS BUILDING
Federal Library and Information Center Committee &
Federal Library Information Network (FLICC/FEDLINK), LA 217
Science, Technology, and Business Reading Room, LA 508

FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 5-7 P.M.

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Go.USA.gov is still in beta and plans to add more features and functionality based on user feedback. It was built in Drupal which is an open source platform. If you have suggestions or are a developer and want to collaborate, email go.usa.gov@gsa.gov.

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