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From the Editor

Hello, everyone!

This issue is a very big step for the Round Table. For the first time in our existence, a publisher has offered to cover ALL of the publication and mailing expenses for our newsletter, and in exchange they are placing ads on the last two pages. Considering that the newsletter is one of our budget's largest line items, this should offer a lot of savings for us! Please join me in offering a heartfelt THANK YOU to the **Haworth Press** for taking on this role for us!

I would also like to welcome our new Book Review Editor, **Ray Barber**. He will be taking over from Beth Tarr at ALA Annual 2005 in Chicago.

The deadline for all submissions for the next issue is **August 17th, 2005**, so please have all your book reviews, officer reports, and general interest articles sent to me before that time!

Thanks for all of your continued support, and please let me know if there are any questions or comments about the newsletter!

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From the Co-Chairs

Ready for Chicago? I'm not sure I am either yet, but it is upon us already. I am looking forward to our 35th anniversary of the GLBT Round Table at the Stonewall Awards dinner. We have a great guest speaker in Mark Richard Zubro, author of numerous mystery and detective novels and native Chicagoan. The winner of the Stonewall - Israel Fishman Book Award in nonfiction, Joan Roughgarden will be there and I know I am looking forward to hearing her also.

I am completing my tenure as co-chair of the roundtable so I want to thank everyone that has made my role easier. All of the committee chairs have been great people to work with and I am sure that without their hard work we would not have accom-

plished so much. And the numerous people that have staffed our table at the conferences, planned programs, served as liaisons to other ALA groups, and generally pitched in when I asked have been great. I can't thank you all enough.

Speaking of this hard work, I know Lewis Day is looking for folks to take on roles for various committees this next year. Don't hesitate to step up and offer your help. It will always be appreciated. Don't forget our Committees meeting on Saturday morning. You can meet the various committee chairs, find out what is going on, what is new, and see where you can help.

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From the Incoming Male Co-Chair

I wish to thank all the RT members who voted in the ALA elections. I look forward to working with the RT membership and the staff in ALA corporate offices during my two year term.

To Steve Stratton- I wish to thank you for everything you have done for the GLBTRT during your two terms as the Male Co-chair. Your hard work has set the standard for me to follow.

To Anne Moore- I look forward to working with you in the upcoming year. You will be my mentor during this time.

To all the previous co-chairs- I plan on calling on you to help me understand what has gone before and where we need to go in the future.

To the membership- I am here to work with you so that the GLBTRT reflects the background and concerns of our membership. If you have ideas, concerns or other issues you wish to discuss please email them to Anne and me. If we do not know about it, we cannot act upon it.

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Treasurer's Report

Endowment Fund Nears \$40,000 Mark

As of March 31, 2005, GLBTRT's endowment fund has a balance of \$38,289.08, representing an increase of approximately 25% (\$7558.62) compared to one year ago. We will soon meet ALA's \$40,000 minimum principal required in order to begin using the interest. However, to fully support both the "Stonewall – Israel Fishman Award for Nonfiction" and the "Barbara Gittings Award for Literature" we will need a minimum balance of at least \$75,000. Interest earned on the endowment funds will be rolled over into the principle until we reach the \$75,000 mark.

General Fund Balance

As of March 31, 2005, the general fund has a net asset balance of \$17,347.26 (excluding endowment funds), representing a decrease of approximately 10.7% from last year. This decrease is due to the fact that all recent donations have been made to the endowment fund. The increase in membership dues should compensate for the loss of gifts into the general fund.

As of March 31, 2005, dues collected are \$4305.61, representing an increase of 16.5% from last year.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Dustin Larmore for being elected Treasurer of the GLBTRT.

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Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Religious Archives Network (LGBTRAN) announces the completion of a pilot Oral History Project, now featured at their website at:

<http://lgbtran.org>. This project interviewed five early feminist lesbian leaders from a post-World War II evangelical to the first high priestess under Z Budapest. The web display includes photographs, biographical notes, an edited transcript of the interview, and additional resources about the interviewees. The audio files are divided into 30 minute segments for easy download and portable listening.

LGBTRAN intends to expand this web display by assisting groups and individuals to conduct oral history interviews to be displayed on this site. There are hundreds of leaders in the LGBT religious movements whose health is becoming fragile and whose stories have not been recorded or made available. LGBTRAN is currently seeking funding to support oral history interviewing and web display.

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Book Review!

Deliver Me From Nowhere. By Tennessee Jones. Soft Skull Press, 2005. 150 pp. \$12.00 pbk (ISBN 193236059X)

I was never a Bruce Springsteen fan. I had been to Jersey, didn't have a real liking for the electric guitar riffs, and I had a college roommate that played his albums at least 17 hours a day. But I really had to admit I liked his album *Nebraska* when it came out. It was an acoustic guitar, a lonely voice, and songs of despair. It reflected the desperate tone of the people and rust belt cities I had grown up around. Loss of hope, loss of love, and troubled people were the norm.

So I was intrigued when I read the blurbs I received from Soft Skull Press for the book of short stories *Deliver Me From Nowhere* by Tennessee Jones. The stories are derived from the songs on Springsteen's *Nebraska* album. "Mansion on the Hill", "Johnny 99", and the eponymous "Nebraska" can be found in Jones' book, in the order found on the album.

Jones manages to not only capture the tone of the songs, but expands upon the lives of these people to give a clearer picture of the troubles they have seen. The language is full and wide in tone but stark and bare in its interpretation. These tales are not pleasant. The characters are living on the edge; of life, of the law, of love. They are knee deep in despair, alcohol, and death. The stories are all about America from the view of people that have not found the shiny white fences, the well-kept lawns and lives of television families. Jones has managed to bring life to the hopeless characters and lives with his words. Beauty in such settings of difficulty is tough but Jones' prose shows that there can be radiance in these lives, whether bright or fading.

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In the spirit of inclusiveness and awareness of all gender-related identities, the **Gay and Lesbian Roundtable of the New Jersey Library Association** recently changed its name to LGBTI (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, and Intersexed) Roundtable. While participation in the Roundtable is still limited, the group is proud to report on two very excellent programs that we co-sponsored at the annual NJLA conference this past April.

It's Not Just About Books: Using AV Collections to Serve GLBTIQ Populations presented by Laura Baldwin of the Ocean County Library

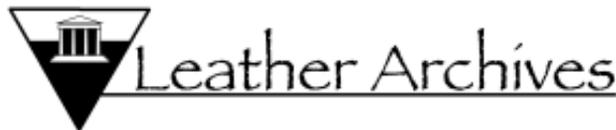
Library collections, which serve the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered, intersexed, and questioning population need to be well rounded both in terms of content and in terms of format. This program focused on Audio Visual materials and how they can be used to serve the GLBTIQ community. Practical advice was given on identifying the best materials for your collection and identifying suitable vendors. Laura discussed how to create an organizational climate that supports the use of so-called 'controversial' materials and how to use the collection for programming. The handouts from this program are currently available on the NJLA website at: <http://www.njla.org/conference/2005/handouts/index.html>

- GLBTQ Filmography (Word)
- LGBTI Roundtable Top Picks for Feature Films (Word)
- Vendor List (Word)
- Gay Life-Style Myths (Word)
- What Do You Do? (Word)

Lives are at Stake

Michael Cart, Booklist Columnist, former YALSA president, co-author of the forthcoming *The Heart Has Its Reasons: Homosexuality in Young Adult Literature*, and David Levithan, author, co-editor of the forthcoming anthology *Friends: Stories About Old Friends, New Friends, and Unexpectedly True Friends*, discussed the growth in publishing of GLBTQ Teen Fiction and the power of factual and fictional information in the lives of GLBTQ Teens.

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**De Blase Papers Inventory Project
At Leather Archives**

As part of the holdings of the Leather Archives and Museum, the papers of many prominent individuals within the world leather community have been donated to the collection for preservation and the access of contemporary and future researchers. Primary among them are the personal records and files assembled by Anthony De Blase (1942-2000, staff mammalogist at the Field Museum for many years and world expert on bats, hence his literary nom de plume *Fledermaus*), publisher of *Drummer* magazine and longtime leather activist, and designer of the distinctive black, blue and white and red Leather Pride flag, first premiered at the Portland, Oregon Pride Parade in 1989. His papers comprise some seventy-two boxes of materials, and are currently being inventoried, with completion expected in 2006. When finished, the inventory will serve as the base for a finding aid which will be linked to the LAM homepage, accompanied by a bibliography of De Blase's extensive fiction and non-fiction writings and a biographical essay. Contents thus far located include a variety of formats, and range from original manuscripts of erotic fiction (both by De Blase and items submitted to or collected by him), the transcript of his interview with Gayle Rubin done during her research for her dissertation on San Francisco's leather community, *Valley of the Kings*, and the internal records of Desmodus Publishing and *Drummer* to extensive correspondence files, tape recordings of presentations made by him at leather/SM events and workshops, and visual art works in both paper and slide form. Researchers interested in this aspect of the Archives's collections should contact the director, Rick Storer, at rick@leatherarchives.org for further information.

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS!!!

The Stonewall Book Awards Jury is currently accepting recommendations for nominations for the 2006 awards. Please submit all recommendations, giving author, title, publisher, date of publication and a brief commentary supporting your nomination to Bob Jaquay at rl_jaquay@yahoo.com. Recommended books must be in the English language and published between October 1, 2004 and September 30, 2005.

ALA 2005 Annual Conference - Chicago, IL
GLBTRT Meeting Schedule

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
Steering Committee I	Sat. June 25	8:00am-10:00am	Hilton; Conference Rm 4L
All Committee	Sat. June 25	10:30am-12:00pm	Holiday Inn City Center; LaSalle BR1
Out of the Margins: GLBT Librarians, Libraries & Literary Activism	Sat. June 25	1:30pm-3:30pm	McCormick Place; Rm N426a
Book Award I	Sat. June 25	2:00pm-5:30pm	Hilton; Conference Rm 4L
Addressing the Information Needs of the Transgendered Community	Sat. June 25	4:00pm-5:30pm	McCormick Place; Room S101b
OLOS Leadership Breakfast	Sun. June 26	8:00am-9:30am	Sheraton; Lincoln Exec Board Room
Book Award II	Sun. June 26	8:30am-11:00am	Hilton; Conference Rm 4L
GLBTRT Social - Chicago PRIDE Parade March	Sun. June 26	12:00pm-?	Steps off at Halstead and Belmont; we are marching with the Gerber-Hart Library
Leather Archives & Museum Tour	Sun. June 26	8:00pm-?	Meet in Palmer House Hilton lobby 8pm; or meet at the LA&M at 6418 N Greenview
Read OUT in Chicago	Mon. June 27	10:30am-12:00pm	Sheraton Chicago Hotel/Towers; Mayfair
GLBTRT 35th Anniversary Dinner	Mon. June 27	6:30pm-9:30pm	Empire Room @ the Palmer House at Monroe and State Streets in the Loop
Steering Committee II	Tues. June 28	8:30am-11:00am	Hilton; Conference Rm 4L

Getting Around Chicago

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The City of Chicago has 77 officially defined community areas. Many of their names will be instantly recognizable. Others aren't much used outside of official pronouncements. Instead, people use a traditional or informal neighborhood name, whether Andersonville, Printer's Row, Boystown or Back of the Yards. To make it even more confusing, people will mix and match, sometimes using a community name and sometimes a neighborhood name. Most of the convention activities will take place downtown, in the Loop, South Loop, and Near North Side. GLBT businesses tend to be concentrated in a few neighborhoods, notably Wrigleyville (Boystown), Andersonville, and Loyola, all easily accessible through the CTA's Brown and Red Lines.

The Red Line runs north from 95th Street to Howard, cutting through the Loop along State Street. Some important stops on the Red Line are Washington/State, for Marshall Field and Carson Pirie Scott; Chicago, for Watertower Place; Belmont or Addison for Wrigleyville; Lawrence, Argyle, or Berwyn for Andersonville, Granville for Gerber-Hart, and Loyola for Rogers Park.

The Brown Line follows the Loop, traveling south along Wells to Van Buren, then east to Wabash and north to Lake. After going west on Lake, it will travel north along Clark. The most important stop for us is Belmont, for Wrigleyville. You can transfer between the Brown and Red Lines at State and Lake, Belmont, and Fullerton.

Two other lines are worth mentioning, as they serve the airports. The Blue Line will take you back and forth to O'Hare. The Orange

Line will get you to and from Midway. There won't be much space for luggage, though.

CTA Bus #22 (Clark) is another good way to get to the bars in Boystown and up into Andersonville and Rogers Park. Other buses may help reduce the walk for you, so check out the CTA Trip Planner online.

CTA trains do not serve McCormick Place. If you want to avoid the shuttle buses, however, the Cermak-Chinatown stop on the Red Line is only about a mile west, unfortunately across the Dan Ryan Expressway. You can take CTA Bus #21 (Cermak) between the station and McCormick Place. McCormick Place is served from the bus stop at McCormick Square and King.

CTA Trip Planner: www.transitchicago.com/maps/tripplanner.html
CTA Web site: www.transitchicago.com/
CTA Transit Pass Information: www.transitchicago.com/store/

GLBT Round Table 35th Anniversary Dinner

The GLBT Round Table will be celebrating its **35th anniversary** at ALA annual in Chicago with a gala dinner to be held at the **Palmer House, in the Empire Room, on Monday, June 27 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.** Our keynote speaker is gay mystery writer **Mark Richard Zubro**. Tickets are \$70 and can be ordered through ALA Conference Services or purchased at the conference at registration, if available. The annual Stonewall Book Awards ceremony and presentation will also take place during the dinner. Please join us for what is sure to be a memorable event!

Going OUT in Chicago

Community Resources

Church of the Open Door Community Center
5954 S Albany, 773-667-6454
Offers programs & services for African-American GLBT issues.

Gerber-Hart Library and Archives
1127 W Granville,
773-381-8030

The Midwest's leading GLBT library and archives.
www.gerberhart.org

Hollywood Beach
Hollywood & Sheridan
South half of the beach is popular with the Boystown crowd.

Leather Archives & Museum
6418 N Greenview,
773-761-9200
Dedicated to the compilation, preservation, & maintenance of information, materials & history for the leather & fetish community.
www.leatherarchives.org

Bookstores

Quimby's Bookstore
1824 W North Ave,
773-342-0910
www.quimbys.com
Strong collection of alternative lit., graphic novels, comics & zines.

Unabridged Books
3251 N Broadway,
773-883-9119
Bookstore known for GLBT literature and non-fiction.

Women & Children First
5233 N Clark, 773-769-9299
One of the largest feminist bookstores in the country, with a great selection of books by and about women, children's books, and GLBT books.
womenandchildrenfirst.com

Bars

Reviews and directions at:
centerstage.net/bars/styles/gay.html

Annex 3
3160 N Clark, 773-327-5969
Sports bar, Asians meet Fridays.

@tmosphere
5355 N Clark, 773-784-1100
Dance/video bar, Latin night Sunday

Baton Show Lounge
436 N Clark, 312-644-5269
www.thebatonshowlounge.com
Nationally renowned drag shows, may need reservations.

Berlin Nightclub
954 W Belmont,
773-348-4975
www.berlinchicago.com
Cutting edge club culture, and check out the murals by the bar.

Buck's Saloon
3439 N Halsted, 773-525-1125
Neighborhood bar, with patio. Both men and women frequent this bar.

CellBlock
3702 N Halsted, 773-665-8064
www.cellblock-chicago.com
Boystown's leather bar, with a back bar open Fridays and Saturdays.

Charlie's
3726 N Broadway,
773-871-8887
www.charliesonline.com
Chicago's GLBT country/western bar and a popular after-hours spot.

Charmer's
502 W Jarvis, 773-465-2811
Oldest gay bar in Chicago, established in 1929, with art deco interior. Rough area at night, so don't go alone.

ChicagoEagle
5015 N Clark, 773-728-0050
www.chicagoeagle.com
Chicago's premier leather bar, with a well-equipped back room.

Circuit/Rehab
3641 N Halsted, 773-325-2233
www.circuitclub.com
Biggest dance club in Boystown and very popular with Latino men. Rehab is an attached martini bar.

Closet
3325 N Broadway,
773-477-8533
Intimate lesbian bar (some men come in); best Bloody Mary in town.

Cocktail
3359 N Halsted, 773-477-1420
This 50's lounge with DJ's & dancing; fills up with a trendy, diverse crowd.

Crew
4804 N Broadway,
773-784-2739
www.worldsgreatestbar.com
GLBT sports bar/restaurant, displays memorabilia from out athletes.

El Gato Negro
1461 W Irving Park Rd.,
773-472-9353
www.elgatonegrobar.com
Latin bar with drag shows.

Gentry on Halsted
3320 N Halsted, 773-348-1053
Gentry on State
440 N State, 312-836-0933
www.gentryofchicago.com
Upscale piano/bar cabarets, popular after-work. Halsted Branch has Boystown crowd; the State Street attracts more businessmen.

Hydrate
3458 N Halsted, 773-975-9244
www.hydratechicago.com
Popular dance bar; DJ's after 11 pm.

Jackhammer
6406 N Clark, 773-743-5772
www.jackhammer-chicago.com
Neighborhood bar, with back patio. Some leather.

Little Jim's
3501 N Halsted, 773-871-6116
Halsted's original gay meat market. Dark, seedy, and inviting.

Lost and Found Lounge
3058 W Irving Park Rd.,
773-463-9617
Oldest lesbian bar in the city, with a friendly crowd. Have to be buzzed in, so bang hard on the door.

Manhandler
1948 N Halsted, 773-871-3339
Well south of Boystown, it's a dark, cruisy neighborhood bar that tends to attract an older crowd.

Roscoe's Tavern and Cafe
3354 N Halsted, 773-281-3355
Dance club popular with younger gay men, with cruisy outdoor cafe.

Second Story Bar
157 E Ohio Street,
312-923-9536
Neighborhood bar with back room.

Scot's
1829 W Montrose,
773-528-3253
Mellow uptown bar.

Sidetrack
3349 N Halsted, 773-477-9189
Popular video bar is the one of the largest gay clubs in Chicago. Vodka slushies are house special

Spin
800 W Belmont, 773-327-7711
Late night dance mecca for young GLBT and straight people of all races and genders. Don't miss the Friday Shower Contests!

StarGaze
5419 N Clark, 773-561-7363
North Side lesbian bar with a diverse clientele and a great beer garden in the back.

Touche
6412 N Clark, 773-465-7400
Friendly neighborhood leather bar, with a fun back bar.

Restaurants

You won't have too much trouble finding a place to eat in Chicago—except around the Convention Center. Besides the standard fare recommended by American Libraries, here are some GLBT-friendly restaurants that support our community, & serve good food.

Andie's Restaurant (Mediterranean, Middle Eastern, vegetarian)
5253 N Clark, 773-784-8616
1467 W Montrose, 773-348-0654
www.andiesres.com

Angelina Ristorante (Italian)
3561 N Broadway,
773-935-5933
www.angelinaristorante.com

Ann Sather (Swedish)
929 N Belmont, 773-348-2378
www.annsather.com

Carmen's (Italian)
6568 Sheridan, 773-465-1700

Chicago Diner (Vegetarian)
3411 N Halsted, 773-935-6696
www.veggiediner.com

Cornelia's (Mediterranean)
748 W Cornelia, 773-248-8333
www.ilovecornelias.com

El Tipico (Mexican)
1834 W Foster, 773-878-0839

Kit Kat Lounge & Supper Club (Global / Fusion)
3700 N Halsted, 773-525-1111

Kitschn on Roscoe (American)
2005 W Roscoe, 773-248-7372
www.kitschn.com

Leona's (Italian)
3215 N Sheffield,
773-327-8861
www.leonas.com

Nookie's Tree (American)
3334 N Halsted, 773-248-9888

Pepper Lounge (World / Fusion)
3441 N Sheffield,
773-665-7377
www.pepperlounge.com

Raw Bar & Grill (Seafood)
3720 N Clark, 773-348-7291
www.rawbarandgrill.com

Tomboy (American)
5402 N Clark, 773-907-0636

Tweet (Next to Big Chick's) [American (Breakfast), Fench/Mediterranean (Dinner)]
5020 N Sheridan,
773-728-5576
www.tweet.biz

SPECIAL THANKS TO JOHN BRADFORD for compiling this excellent list of GLBT resources for our use during ALA Annual 2005 in Chicago.

This list has been abbreviated to fit in the newsletter, but the complete list can be found at:

www.whatisthenexus.net/ala05/glb/



Guide to Chicago Pride

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In Chicago, the Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade is an institution. It's a huge event surrounded by excited, friendly crowds, and it's scheduled during ALA Annual.

The parade starts Sunday, June 26, starting at noon from the corner of Halsted and Belmont. The parade will go north on Halsted, then south along Broadway, then east on Diversey to Cannon Drive before ending at the official rally site in Lincoln Park. Members of GLBTRT will be walking with a contingent from the Gerber-Hart Library and Archives. If you just want to watch, not walk, get to the parade route early because the sidewalks fill up fast.

The 2004 parade drew an estimated 400,000 spectators and had floats, decorated vehicles and walking contingents representing 239 businesses, organizations, politicians and individuals. During June, GLBT organizations, shops and bars pull out all stops to celebrate Pride throughout the city—but particularly in Boystown and Andersonville. For more information on the parade and the events leading up to it, check out the following links:

<http://prideparadechicago.com/public/home.aspx>
<http://www.chicagopride.com/html/pride/index.cfm>
<http://chicagopridecalendar.org/>



Tour the Leather Archives and Museum

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On this tour you will be introduced to the Leather Archives & Museum (LA&M) staff, view our exhibit spaces, and tour the brand new Teri Rose Memorial Library. This unique collection of artifacts, publications and archival materials focuses on the many aspects, individuals and groups that make up the Leather/Fetish community. Several members of the GLBTRT volunteer at the Leather Archives and Museum, helping preserve an important part of our history.

In August 1991, the Leather Archives & Museum was incorporated in the state of Illinois. Until 1996, the Leather Archives and Museum appeared in public only as exhibits at International Mr. Leather in Chicago and at occasional events outside the Chicago area. In 1996, a storefront home for the Leather Archives & Museum was opened in Chicago. Much larger exhibits were mounted in this space, but the collection outgrew the space very rapidly.

In late 1999, the Leather Archives & Museum moved into its permanent home. The 10,000 square-foot building provided for exhibits and effective storage of the ever-growing collection of leather history. In January of 2002, Executive Director Joseph Bean retired from the Leather Archives & Museum; then-volunteer Rick Storer was hired to continue the work started by Bean and the entire leather community. In August of 2004, the leather community made a \$225,000 balloon payment to pay off the mortgage of the Leather Archives & Museum. Also during

2004, the exhibit space was expanded from one 2,000 square-foot gallery to a full building tour of eight galleries. In February of 2005, another milestone was reached: the Teri Rose Memorial Library, a reading and research collection of BDSM publications, opened to the public.

Representatives of the Leather Archives and Museum will be at the Palmer House Hilton, 17 E Monroe, at 8:00 pm on Saturday, June 25. We will then travel on the Red Line to the Loyola stop or you can meet us at the Leather Archives & Museum, 6418 N Greenview, Chicago, IL, 60626. If you are running late or lose your way, call the Leather Archives & Museum at 773-761-9200.

Directions to the Leather Archives & Museum

CTA Buses 36 (Broadway), 151 (Sheridan) and 155 (Devon) stop at the corner of Devon and Greenview.

CTA Red Line – Loyola stop. About a 10 minute walk to the Leather Archives & Museum, or board the #155 (Devon) bus westbound at the Loyola stop. Walking: Out of the El station, walk south (under the El tracks) on Sheridan Road. At the second stoplight, Devon Ave., turn right. Walk about 6 blocks to Greenview Ave. Turn right at the corner of Devon and Greenview.

If you are driving, take Lake Shore Drive north to the Sheridan exit. Follow Sheridan until it takes a sharp turn to the left and changes into Devon. Drive approximately 7 blocks on Devon to Greenview. Turn right on Greenview. The LA&M is the first building on the left after the gas station/car wash. Park on the street, or there is a lot north one block, off Clark between Ashland and Devon.

For those who are interested, after the tour there will be stops at select leather bars. Leather attire is appropriate, but not required.

For further information or to RSVP please email us at library@leatherarchives.com



Reaching Out: Library Services for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Youth ©Lynne Barnes

LGBTQ youth drop out of high school at higher rates than other students, and face higher rates of violence, homelessness, isolation, depression, and suicide in comparison with their peers. Although they may not be visible library patrons, this film highlights the ways in which the library has, can, and should serve as a life-line for these young people. LGBTQ youth speak about their own experiences, and San Francisco Public librarians Jim VanBuskirk and Jennifer Collins, as well as author/activist Jewelle Gomez offer suggestions on how to better serve them. Perfect as the opening of a training session, or for classroom use, this 16 minute film will educate and stimulate discussion.

Price: \$20. To order send check or money order payable to: Reaching Out Productions, 935 Stanyan Street, San Francisco, CA 94117. Please indicate DVD or VHS format. **ORDER BY JULY 1st, 2005**, mentioning the GLBTRT Newsletter, and receive the introductory price of \$10.

For questions phone (415) 564-4992, or write lynneword@hotmail.com, subject: Reaching Out.

Bipartisan Issues Challenge Congressional Gridlock

Surprise, I woke the morning of National Library Legislative Day to find ALA President Carol Brey-Casiano speaking and answering questions before the National Press Club on C-SPAN. With a warm smile, Carol maneuvered questions effortlessly and succinctly. She reminded her audience that most of the momentum in Washington for library funding, privacy, copyright, and E-Rate are directly the result of librarians contacting their congressmen and taking action. What better message to start NLLD?

President Bush exceeded library advocates' expectations, requesting \$221,325,000 for LSTA in FY 2006. That's an increase of \$15 million. Given the fiscal crisis facing so many libraries across the country (\$111 million in cuts this year alone) and the fact that the President has proposed eliminating 150 federal programs, librarians approached Republican offices with a broader smile and a more generous handshake since the "hysterical" criticisms looming a year ago.

Librarians are confident to boot. The Washington Office (WO) feels bold enough to ask Congress to increase funding for Literacy through School Libraries from \$19.6 million (the President's proposal) to \$100 million. That may seem like a stretch to some, but it scarcely will be enough according to Josh Farrelman, Assistant Director at ALA-WO for appropriations. He cites multiple studies attesting to its success and thinks Congress will be persuaded.

Finding ourselves increasingly at the center of conflict between personal rights and government responsibilities, librarians should expect to be the focus of a heated Congressional battle this year: the Patriot Act. Speaking before 500 librarians in attendance, Brooke Roberts, Legislative Director for Senator Craig (R-WO), claimed, "It's hard to argue with libraries." One-hundred and twenty members of congress signed Rep. Sanders' (I-V) Freedom to Read Protection Act (HR 1157) or its accompanying bill by Senator Feingold (D-WI), the Library, Bookseller, and Personal Records Privacy Act (S 317). Last year, Sanders' amendment to the Patriot Act barely failed to pass Congress. During a regulated 15 minute roll call, the amendment originally passed by an 18 vote margin until the Republican leadership, in a rare move, held open the vote for another 23 minutes. That allowed time to pressure colleagues into changing their votes. I worked as an intern for ALA-WO at the time, and everyone in the Office of Government Relations huddled around a TV to watch as congressmen, one-by-one, switched from Ye to No. The margin shrunk to 210-210. (At one point, a cluster of Democrats made clucking noises and called out "chicken" when Republicans reversed their votes.) Speaker Dennis Hastert cast the tie-breaker. Democrats vow not to let it happen again.

After meeting with congressional aids, NLLD culminated in a reception at which Rep. Ralph Regula (R-OH) was presented an award on behalf of Friends of Libraries USA for his dedicated support of America's libraries. Also, Representative Bernie Sanders (I-VT) spoke at the reception about the importance of safeguarding privacy rights from the provisions of the Patriot Act that encroach on civil liberties. "All over the U.S., librarians are standing up above and beyond the call of duty," said Sanders. He continued, "Terrorism is a serious business. But we can and must combat terrorism without undermining the Constitution and the rights that have been granted to a free people."

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The GLBT Round Table needs your time, talent, and energy if our success in contributing toward libraries and library professionalism is to continue. Filling out and sending this form is one way to let the Round Table know about your interest in serving on committees or in a leadership role. We are eager to learn about how you want to work as a part of the Round Table team.

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On which of these committees would you be willing to serve?

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- Fundraising:** develops goals, prepares budgets, and seeks external funding.
- Library Information Clearinghouse:** identifies, obtains, and distributes materials related to collecting or cataloging gay, lesbian, or bi-oriented materials for libraries; maintains website.
- Newsletter:** compiles, produces, and distributes newsletter, including GLBT related book reviews.
- Book Awards:** reviews materials, selects winner(s), determines appropriate awards.
- External Relations:** coordinates publicity; disseminates Round Table information to interested parties outside ALA; coordinates Round Table correspondence for communications within ALA; develops membership information.

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