

GLBTF NEWSLETTER

A PUBLICATION OF THE GAY, LESBIAN, BISEXUAL TASK FORCE OF THE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES ROUND TABLE OF THE AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

From the Editor:

ALA Annual 1997 is almost here! Members of the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Task Force (GLBTF) have been working diligently on the programs and events planned for this conference in San Francisco. Included in this issue is a tear-out schedule of these plans which Mark Martin, Co-Chair has generously compiled. Check your conference book for any last minute scheduling changes regarding meetings.

Also, I want to address two housekeeping matters regarding confidentiality and membership currency. First, subscribers should know that the GLBTF maintains the master mailing list for this newsletter. Also, future issues should arrive stapled with only the GLBTF logo visible. I apologize for the discomfort any subscribers felt as a result of receiving the last newsletter unsealed. It was an oversight on my part.

On personal note, I encourage all of you to "come out" in both your personal and professional lives. Do it according to your own internal timeframe, but don't delay the richness and fullness of your life any longer than you have to. For myself, coming out as a gay person has been one of the most rewarding and freeing decisions of my adult life. We all deeply know how difficult this process can be, so let me encourage you.

Secondly, if you have moved, let us know so we can update our list. If you know of someone who is a member of ALA who would be interested in receiving the GLBTF Newsletter, please tell them we are back.

The last issue did contain two blank pages due to a production error. You did not miss any news as a result.

Finally, on behalf of all of the members of the GLBTF we would like to thank the previous newsletter editor, Karl Fattig, for his tireless efforts in producing this newsletter.

We will be making many changes and additions to the newsletter in the coming months. In the meantime, if you have questions or concerns, please email me at: mzunt@phoenix.kent.edu or write me via the address noted inside. I look forward to hearing from you.

-M. Callaghan Zunt
Newsletter Editor

Annual GLBTF Book Award Breakfast Scheduled

Awards will be presented at the second annual Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Book Award Breakfast on June 30th at the 1997 Annual Conference of the American Library Association in San Francisco by the GLBTF. The award for best fictional work went to "Hood," written by Emma Donoghue and published by HarperCollins. The nonfiction award went to "Geography of the Heart," written by Fenton Johnson and published by Scribner. Both authors will be attending the breakfast to receive their awards.

Since Isabel Miller's novel "Patience and Sarah" received the first GLBTF Book Award in 1971, a total of thirty-six books have been honored for exceptional merit relating to the gay, lesbian, and bisexual experience.

Other scheduled speakers include lesbian author, and Editor of Drummer Magazine, Wickie Stamps, as well as David Tuller, gay reporter for the San Francisco Chronicle and author "Cracks in the Closet." If you will be attending ALA this summer, please come. Ticket information is noted later in this issue.

FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

Mark E. Martin, Male Co-Chair

As the end of my two-year term as Male Co-Chair approaches, I would like to say thank you to everyone involved with the GLBTF. I am very fortunate to have been able to serve the Task Force these past few years and I look forward to continued involvement in the years to come. I believe that there is simply too much to do for any of us to remove our talents from the group. I urge all of you to step forward, to join us, volunteer to serve in whatever capacity is comfortable for you.

Enclosed in this newsletter you will find a tear-out page listing all of GLBTF events scheduled for San Francisco. I look forward to seeing you there.

There are still a few months left in my tenure, so please contact me if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions. My email address is: memartin@lcc.net.

-- Mark E. Martin, Co-Chair

Bonita Corliss, Female Co-Chair

As we approach ALA Annual in San Francisco this year, I have been thinking about my first ALA annual in that city five years ago. I had no set notion of what an ALA conference was about, but luckily I found the GLBTF.

So, there I was, attending steering committee meetings, and programs. Marching in the parade contingent with all those other librarians from around the country was one of the highlights of my trip. Really, how many times in your life are you cheered by a huge crowd of people because you are both queer and a librarian?

I found a "place" within ALA when I became involved in the activities of the GLBTF, first as a member of the Book Awards committee, and now as Co-Chair. The welcome I received five years ago in San Francisco caused me to get involved and stay involved. I am hopeful that the events that we have planned for this conference will bring the return of old friends and the introduction of new members.

There is work to be done, we all know that. Fundraising and program planning are two huge tasks that will always be with us. The work of the Book Award Committee continues to be one of the most highly visible aspects of our work.

With the creation of our webpage we have yet another avenue for people to find out about the many ways that the GLBTF is working within ALA and beyond. In all this work, I

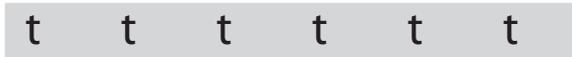
have been fortunate to meet and get to know colleagues from all over the United States. They have all shown their dedication to the work of this task force.

I would also like to give a special "thank you" to Chuck Malakwa and all the folks on the San Francisco local arrangements committee. They have spent many long hours helping to plan events that all of us are sure to enjoy.

So, come to our meetings, come to our social events, or meet us at the Gay Pride Parade. We will be marching with the San Francisco Public Library contingent under our new banner, courtesy of Gail Defendorf.

I look forward to a great time and a productive conference in San Francisco. Any questions can be directed to myself or Mark Martin. My e-mail address is bcorliss@spl.lib.wa.us. See you in San Francisco!

-- Bonita Corliss, Female Co-Chair



GLBTF WEBSITE !!! Check for updates and last minute scheduling changes at:

http://calvin.usc.edu/~trimmer/ala_hp.html

(Hopefully our site at ALA will be up and running within the next few months at:
<http://www.ala.org>)

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GLBTF PROGRAM PLANNING NEWS

GLBTF Program Announcement ALA 1996 San Francisco

"No KIDin' Around: Womyn's Press in the
New Millenium"

The GLBTF Program Planning Committee is proud to announce the Annual GLBTF program: "No KIDin' Around: Womyn's Press in the New Millenium." The program will immediately following the GLBTF's Annual Book Award Breakfast on Monday, June 30, 1997 from 11:00 - 12:30pm. This program is being co-sponsored by ALA/WSS and SRRT/FTF.

Speakers will include:

Carol Seajay
Editor, Feminist Bookstore News

Nancy Bereano
Publisher, Firebrand Books

Mev Miller
Women's Presses Library Project

Jewelle Gomez
Author

If you would like to help with this or future programs please attend the Program Planning Committee meetings during our Annual and Mid-winter conferences. See the meeting schedule in this issue or contact the PPC chair:

Michael J. Miller, Chair
GLBTF/Program Planning Committee
Columbia University
(212)854-5159 FAX x2495
email: miller@columbia.edu

We are currently in the initial planning stages for the Annual '98 Conference. The program looks to be focusing on "Pink Information" with speakers representing patron bodies who need it. (Parents, teens, school administrators, etc.) The PPC meeting is on Sunday morning.

We'll leave in time to get to the parade starting point by noon. Bring your walking shoes to the meeting! We look forward to seeing you there!

We'll also be discussing our initiatives for ALA Mid-winter events in New Orleans and also for Annual 1998. As you may recall, our topic was leaning towards "Pink Information" wedded to the conference theme of "Global Access - Local Touch." We were talking about focusing speakers on various user population levels such as teens, parents, school administrators, etc. Come with fresh ideas. Remember, my term as PPC Chair ends in San Francisco. Who's next?

The members of the GLBTF along with other g/l/b/t librarians will also have a contingent marching in the SF Pride Parade. Along with the Pride festivities going on during the week, the Gay/Lesbian Film Festival is also on while ALA is in town! The LAC hopes to give us advance notice about the film festival, as well as other events, since tickets sell out quickly.

GAY PRIDE PARADE SAN FRANCISCO 1997

The GLBTF's Local Arrangements Committee has organized our participation in the San Francisco Gay Pride Parade. The Parade will take place on Sunday, June 29th 1997. More specific information will be announced at all ALA Annual GLBTF meetings.

The GLBTF is very excited about these coming events. We look forward to seeing you there!

BOOK REVIEWS

Reviews are a regular feature of the GLBTF Newsletter. If you would like to be a reviewer or receive reviewing guidelines, please contact:

Barbara R. Stevens
GLBTF Book Review Editor
(address listed below)

Book reviews will return as a regular feature to the GLBTF Newsletter in future issues. If you are interested in reviewing works for us, please contact our Book Review editor and send her the information below.

Reviewers Needed

Have you ever found yourself taking issue with reviews of your favorite works? Do you enjoy knowing which of our issues are attracting the attention of the popular press? Have you haunted bookstores to spot the latest literary works with a gay, lesbian, bisexual themes? Are you interested in evaluating scholarly research which focuses on our community?

If your answer to any of the preceding questions is a resounding "Yes!" and you're not currently serving on the GLBTF Book Award committee, then we need you to consider serving as a reviewer for the GLBTF Newsletter book reviews section. Currently we have an urgent need for people to review poetry, literature, and scholarly works.

Reviewers may request the book review editor to obtain specific titles for review, or, may simply opt to receive works in a particular genre for review. Reviewers may also indicate how many books they wish to review at one time; although it is extremely rare for any single reviewer to have more than four works under review simultaneously.

All you need to do to become a reviewer is to provide the information requested on the form below and send it to:

Barbara Stevens
706 Brown Street
Eau Claire, WI 54701.

If you have questions to ask before you volunteer, call (715) 836-2522 or e-mail: stevenbr@uwec.edu.

Gay and Lesbian Task Force Newsletter
Reviewer's Information

Name
Title

Library

Library Address

Mailing Address (if different than library address)

Office phone
Home phone
FAX Number

E-mail address(s)

Subject areas/types of works that I prefer to review:

Please indicate below any times of the year that your schedule makes it difficult for you to review books:

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1997 Book Awards Breakfast

The GLBTF Book Awards Breakfast will take place Monday, June 30, 1997 at 8:30am in downtown San Francisco at the Crown Plaza Parc Hotel during the ALA Annual Conference. This year the event will be a served sit-down breakfast, rather than a buffet. The breakfast is the GLBTF's primary fundraising event to ensure the continuation of our annual book award.

In addition to the presentation of the awards to this year's winners, authors Fenton Johnson and Emma Donoghue, we will feature guest speakers author/editor Wickie Stamps and reporter/author David Tuller. Please make your reservations for this event early, as we are expecting this San Francisco event to sell out.

The Crown Plaza Parc Hotel's formal address is 55 Cyril Magnin St. in downtown San Francisco. The entrance is north of Market on Fifth St. (Note: Fifth St. becomes Cyril Magnin St. past Market). Phone: 415-392-8000.

To insure your reservation for this event, you must purchase tickets in advance! To purchase tickets, send \$30.00 per person by check or money order by June 1, 1997 made out to "ALA/SRRT/GLBTF" to:

Roland C. Hansen
Readers' Services Librarian
John M. Flaxman Library
37 South Wabash
Chicago IL 60603

Call for Book Nominations

Nominations for the 1998 Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Book Award are now being accepted. The Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Book Award is presented to English-language works published in the year prior to the announcement date. All books published in December 1996 or the first eleven months of 1997 are eligible. The award is given in two categories: Literature and Nonfiction.

Nominations for the Book Award may be made by

any individual not affiliated with the publisher of the book being nominated. Authors may not nominate their own works. A short statement (30

to 50 words) describing why the book is being nominated must accompany the nomination. This nomination must be submitted to the Book Award Committee Chair by November 30, 1997 and be postmarked by this date or it can not be accepted. Nominations will be accepted by both regular and electronic mail, as well as by fax.

Nominations should be sent to Faye A. Chadwell, Chair-Elect ALA/SRRT/GLBTF Book Award Committee:

Faye A. Chadwell
Collection Development
Knight Library
1299 University of Oregon
Eugene OR 97403-1299
(503) 346-3485 Fax
email: chadwelf@oregon.uoregon.edu.

Volunteer with the GLBTF !!!

Join us! Two vacancies on the GLBTF Steering Committee will be filled at the ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco, Summer 1997.

- * GLBTF Male Co-Chair,
- * Program Planning Chair,
-Both for two year terms, 1997-1999

Additionally, we are always looking for energetic committee members, too. Nominated candidates must be members of SRRT, and of course ALA. Please mail your nominations to the GLBTF at the ALA address on the back of this newsletter or attend our meetings and see if you would like to volunteer. We look forward to working with you!

GLBTF By-Law Changes Proposed

GLBTF member Cal Gough proposes that we amend our By-Laws by adding the two new provisions to page four ("Special Committees and Projects"). The changes would read: "The Task Force will decline to authorize or endorse the alternatives available" and "Any member of the Task Force undertaking or asked to participate in a commercial venture is welcome to publicly identify himself/herself as a Task Force member in connection with the venture, but the member will make it clear that his/her participation does not constitute the Task Force's authorization or endorsement of that publication, project, activity, or product."

The following briefly summarizes the background regarding these proposed GLBTF By-Law changes. Authors and publishers (among) others periodically ask the Task Force to "endorse" their book or promotional event. Cal hopes that this revision would provide guidance in responding promptly, rationally, and consistently to these requests. He is particularly concerned that the Task Force not lend its name to a publication that Task Force members have not read (or to promotional events for a book that has been commercially published) and that Task Force meeting time be devoted to Task Force business and not to discussing logistics surrounding requests for Task Force assistance in promoting outside ventures.

Other GLBTF members are encouraged to contact Cal Gough via email at: gap003@sol1.solinet.net.

SRRT NEWS

SRRT is looking for volunteers from the various the SRRT Task Forces to volunteer time during ALA Annual to man their booth. If you are interested, please contact one of the GLBTF Co-Chairs.

Outsourcing Book Selection and Cataloging in Hawaii: A Critical Examination

When: Sunday, June 29, 2 - 4 p.m.

Where: Check your ALA Conference Booklet.

What: This talk will discuss the issues and concerns regarding the recent decision by Hawaii to outsource book selection and cataloging in State managed libraries. This discussion is being sponsored and co-sponsored widely by committees including SRRT, IFRT, ACRL/WSS, and PLA.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The Hawaii Model of outsourcing differs radically from approval plans, collection profiles, and other common collection aids. Find out what happened when the entire book budget and core library functions of materials selection and cataloging were handed over to a private corporation for 5 1/2 years. Hawaii librarians will detail the history, implementation, and impact of this approach.

Who: The discussion Panel will be comprised of:

Moderator: Patricia Wallace, Montessori Magnet School teacher and Early Childhood Specialist, SLIS graduate student at Texas Woman's University; Chair: Hawaii Working Group.

***"Alternative Cataloging" —Sanford Berman, Head Cataloger, Hennepin County Library; member: Hawaii Working Group.

***"Alternative Publishing and Bookselling" —Charles Willett, Publisher, CRISES Press; Editor, *Counterpoise*; member: Hawaii Working Group.

**Norman Fitzpatrick, Young Adult Services Librarian, Kaneohe Public Library, Oahu, HI.

**Deborah Gutermuth, Reference and A/V Librarian, Kaneohe Public Library, Oahu, HI.

**Sarah Preble, Fine Arts Librarian, Hawaii State Library, Honolulu, HI.

**Stephanie Strickland, Branch Manager, Waikiki-Kapahulu Public Library, Honolulu, HI.

**Carol Tomioka, Reference Librarian, Hawaii State Library, Honolulu, HI.

Please attend this important discussion.

Questions? Contact: Program Chair Patricia Wallace at: den-wall@aol.com.

Other Scheduled Events

Book Readings Announced:

The ALA/SRRT/GLBTF is proud to be the cosponsor of two readings/signings of a new international collection which is the first ever to examine the coming out experiences and professional lives of gay, lesbian and bisexual librarians in the United States, Canada, Germany and New Zealand. Canadian librarian Norman G. Kester, MLIS, has announced the publication of his work "Liberating Minds: The Stories and Professional Lives of Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Librarians and Their Advocates."

McFarland & Company will release the work in June of 1997 (ISBN 0-7864-0363). "Liberating Minds" contains over 30 selections, most never before published--from narratives, memoirs, short stories, research papers, speeches, letters and interviews. It also includes an inspiring foreword by Cal Gough. A secondary aim of the book is also to highlight the issues posed by our advocates--namely, queer booksellers, library users and volunteer community archivists.

Please also know that Norman Kester, Editor will be present at the readings, as well as the annual GLBTF Book Award Breakfast for signing and selling copies of this monograph.

"Liberating Minds - Reading/Signing"

Monday June 30th
A Different Light Bookstore
489 Castro Street
Tel: 415-431-0891
Time: 7:30-8:30 p.m.

READERS: Robert B. Marks Ridinger, Michael S. Montgomery, J. Mcree (Mac) Elrod, Martha Cornog, Robert Evans, Martha E. Stone, Deborah Ann Turner, Jol Sartorius, David Garnes, Honor Conklin, Hollie Edwards, Steven Riel, Ina Rimpau, Anthony J. Adam, Kimberly-Lei Mistysyn, and Violet Clifford.

"Liberating Minds - Reading/Signing"

Tuesday July 1st
San Francisco Public Library
Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library
3555 16 Street, San Francisco
415-554-9446
Time: 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Refreshments will be served

READERS: Sanford Berman, Israel Fishman, Jim Van Buskirk, Joanne Abel, Nancy Blood, Kenn Bicknell, Heike Seidel, Barbara Gomez, Pauline M. Klein, Dr. James V. Carmichael, Jr., Jill Holman, David Gantt, Cal Gough, Gerald Perry, Bonita Corliss, Norman Kester, and Dr. Alvin M. Schrader.

Special Screening Announced of Deborah Chasnoff's new film "It's Elementary: Talking about Gay Issues in School"

"It's Elementary" will be shown in the Koret Auditorium of the main building of the San Francisco Public Library at 2:00pm on Monday June 30, 1997. This 78-minute documentary makes a compelling case that children should be taught to respect all people, including lesbians and gay men, as part of their early education. Academy-award winning film-maker, Debra Chasnoff will introduce the film and field questions after the screening of the film that afternoon.

Please join us at these events. We look forward to seeing you there.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Gerald Hodges, Director of ALA Member Relations has forwarded the following request. The ALA Membership Committee would like to encourage all ALA leaders--especially ethnic caucus leaders--to help boost attendance at the Membership Meetings in San Francisco. Meetings are scheduled for:

Saturday, June 28th from 4:15 - 5:15pm and on Sunday, June 29th at from 5:00 to 6:00pm.

Please check your conference booklet for locations.

FYI - How to Subscribe to GAY-LIBN

If you have an internet accessible email account, a good way to keep in touch with fellow G/L/B/T librarians is to subscribe to GAY-LIB, the electronic listserv dedicated to the issues and concerns of G/L/B/T librarians. To Subscribe to GAY-LIBN send an email message to:
LISTPROC@USC.EDU

The text of your note should only read:

Subscribe Gay-Libn Your Full Name
(i.e. SUBSCRIBE GAY-NET JAMIE SMITH).

-Source G. Klein, Willamette Univ.

In next issue: How to subscribe to Lezbrian!

IN UPCOMING ISSUES....

Editor's note: These past two issues have focused heavily on providing you with an update regarding the GLBTF and the events of the ALA Mid-Winter and Annual Conferences. In future issues we hope to devote more space to items of additional interest, including book reviews, publishing updates, as well as items of general interest to g/l/b/t librarians and the library profession.

If you are interested in writing an "As I See It" column for the GLBTF Newsletter regarding some are concerning g/l/b/t issues and librarianship, let me know. "Letters to the Editor" are also welcome; we will be happy to print them as space allows.

Finally, as Bonita Corliss, Co-Chair talked about in this issue, fundraising will also be coming to the forefront for the GLBTF in coming months. ALA corporate has dictated that events conducted by all ALA Task Forces be financially self-supporting by the year 2000.

If you are interested in helping us design and/or implement a fundraising program, let us know. We know that many of you give generously to g/l/b/t causes, but we hope that you will continue to support us and our work in providing visibility and input within our profession and within ALA.

The GLBTF Book Reviews are coming!

ALL GOOD THINGS COST MONEY...
GLBTF FUNDRAISING FOR THE
ANNUAL BOOK AWARD
AND FUTURE PROGRAMING

Attention GLBTF Members!
Is your GLBTF Newsletter Subscription Current?
Will You Be Moving Soon? Please Report Address Changes!

SUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION:

ATTENTION! All newsletter subscribers currently listed on the GLBTF subscriber list will be extended for a one year period (Spring 1997 - Spring 1998). The GLBTF appreciates your support and hopes that this extension will help reestablish our relationship with our subscribers.

Please note that your payment of the \$10 annual SRRT/GLBTF membership fee does not include subscription to the GLBTF Newsletter. You must pay a separate \$5 subscription fee (\$7 for Canada and Mexico; \$10 for all other countries) to receive the GLBTF Newsletter.

Send a check or money order and this form to American Library Association, SRRT/GLBTF, Office of Library Outreach Services, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. Please enter/renew my subscription. Enclosed is a check for \$5, payable to ALA/SRRT/GLBTF for a one-year subscription.

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VOLUNTEERS Yes, I would like to volunteer! Please call/email me at: _____

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