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## From the Editor

Hello, all!!

Thanks so much to everyone for helping to bring this issue of the newsletter together. I always depend on all of you to make this work, and every time you provide me with wonderful materials. Thank you all so much!

If you have any questions or comments about the newsletter, or if you wish to submit something for an upcoming issue, please email me. I am always happy to get new material!

Thank you for your ongoing support!

**Ken Wells**, *GLBTRT Newsletter Editor*  
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## Clearinghouse / Web Committee

Maintenance work continues on the website. Attention is now focused on updating the committee membership lists and the bibliographies. Owners of bibliographies currently on the website need to contact T.J. Lusher ([tlusher@niu.edu](mailto:tlusher@niu.edu)) to let her know if the content is up-to-date or if the bibliography should be removed. If you have a bibliography you would like to post on the RT website, please send that information to T.J.

Thanks to everyone for being patient during this year of reorganization of the website.

<http://www.ala.org/glbtrt>

**TJ Lusher**, *Chair*  
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## From the Co-Chairs

The 2004 midwinter conference is almost here! As usual, the Round Table will have the two Steering Committee meetings, which all members are welcome and encouraged to attend. The candidates for ALA President will be making a brief appearance at the Monday meeting of the Steering Committee.

The all committee meeting on Saturday morning at 8 am offers committees to meet and plan their activities. If you are not on a committee and would like to be, please come to this meeting. It will offer you the opportunity to meet those who are involved.

At the end of the all committee meeting, Ebsco has asked for an opportunity to demonstrate the new GLBT Life database. I have asked Ebsco for a trial so everyone can have a chance to look at the database. Hopefully by the time this is published you will have access to the database.

A major part of our midwinter events are the announcement of the Stonewall Book Awards. We wish Cecil and the BAC group happy reading and deliberations in determining the winners! As a past participant in this process I know this time of year is very hectic for the BAC members.

Last and certainly not least, we encourage everyone to come to the social on Sunday evening. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new faces and renew old acquaintances.

We look forward to seeing you in San Diego!

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## External Relations Committee

External Relations Committee is Going Places. Members, Holly Mercer, Elsa Bruguier are stepping-up to the plate to make sure that the PR regarding the 2004 Stonewall Awards is getting out and going where it needs to go. Working with the PIO in San Diego will hopefully go smooth and make Midwinter fun.

I would like to thank both of them, as well as, ALL of those who inquired about helping the ER Committee accomplish our goals.

**Richard DiRusso, Chair**  
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## Stonewall Awards

### Stonewall Book Award Committee

While serious discussion continue in the national press about the 'demise of gay and lesbian books' or the mainstreaming of gay and lesbian titles' in bookstores and marketing. And with the closing of the Stonewall Inn Editions by St Martin's Press and with the closing of a number of much loved book stores targeting gay and lesbians readers, one would think that the glory days of Gay and Lesbian publishing was "a thing of the past".

Well from my 'lofty' perch here as chair of the 2004 Stonewall Book Award committee, I declare that all is well and thriving in GLBT publishing.

I am happy to report that over eighty titles were considered for this year's award.

My thanks to the 2004 Stonewall Book Award Committee for their continued hard work and to the members who submitted nominations.

With appreciation,

**Cecil Hixon**  
*Chair, 2004 Stonewall Book Award Committee*  
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I am very pleased to share the titles considered for this year's award for your reading pleasure and collection development pursuits.

### Literature:

An Hour to Kill by Karin Yapalater  
As Meat Loves Salt by Maria McCann  
Avoidance: A Novel by Michael Lowenthal  
Beginning of Calamities: A Novel by Tom House  
Beijing: A Novel by Phillip Gabone  
Blue Mask by Joel Lane  
The Book of Salt by Monique Truong  
Borrowed Lights by Lisa Schames  
Christopher, A Tale of Seduction by Allison Burnett  
Concrete Sky by Marshall Moore  
The Cutting Room by Louise Welsh  
Dancer: A Novel by Colum McCann  
The Devil and Daniel Silverman by Theodore Rosak  
The Dirt She Ate: Selected and New Poems by Minnie Bruce Pratt  
Dorian: An Imitation by Will Self  
Do Everything In The Dark by Gary Indiana  
Famous Builder by Paul Lisicky  
Fanny by Edmund White  
Fishboys of Vernazzo by John Sam Jones  
Keeping You A Secret by Julie Anne Peter  
Leave Myself Behind by Bart Yates  
Life and Death of Carter Falls by Gypsy Teague  
Lives of the Circus Animals by Christopher Bram  
Love and Other Ruins by Karen X. Tulchinsky  
Man About Town by Mark Merlis  
Mooncreek Road by Elana Dykewomom  
Monstrous Regiment by Terry Pratchett  
The Music of Your Life: Stories by John Rowel  
Nora and Liz by Nancy Garden  
Pebble in a Pool by William Taylor  
Queer Fear II: Gay Horror Fiction edited by Michael Rowe  
Rough Amusements: The Story of A'Lelia Walker, Patroness of the Harlem Renaissance's Down Low Culture y Ben Neihart  
Sappho's Leap by Erica Jong  
Southland by Nina Revoyer  
Spiral by Joseph Geary  
Theory of Devolution: Poems by David Groff  
This Wild Silence: A Novel by Lucy Jane Bledsoe  
Through It Came Bright Colors by Trebor Healey  
War Against Animals by Paul Russell  
Where The Boys Are by William J. Mann  
White Palazzo: A Novel by Ellen Cooney

### NonFiction

ALT: A Memoir by Andre Leon Talley  
Always My Child: A Parent's Guide to Understanding Your Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered Son or Daughter by Kevin Jennings  
Beautiful Shadow: A Life of Patricia Highsmith by Andrew Wilson  
Before Stonewall: Activists for Gay and Lesbian Rights in Historical Context edited by Vern L. Bullough, et.al  
Beyond Paradise: The Life of Ramon Navarro  
Brazen Femme: Queering Femininity edited by Chloe Rosen  
Buying Dad: One Woman's Search for the Perfect Sperm

Donor by Harlyn Aizley  
Chelsea Whistle by Michelle Tea  
City of Secrets :The Truth Behind the Murders at the Vatican  
by John Follian  
Colonialism and Homosexuality by Robert Aldrich  
Digressions on Some Poems by Frank O'Hara: A Memoir by  
Joe Lesuer  
DRY: A Memoir  
Everyday Activism: A Handbook for Lesbians, Gay and Bi-  
sexual People and their Allies edited by Michael Stevenson,  
et.al.  
Following Foo;(the electronic adventures of the Chestnut man)  
by B.D.Wong  
For The Hard Ones: A Lesbian Phenomenology by Tatiana De  
La Fierra  
GAYDAR: The Ultimate Insider Guide to Gay Sixth Sense by  
Donald F. Reuter  
Going The Other Way: Lessons from a life in and out of Major  
League Baseball by Billy Bean  
GLBTQ: The Survival Guide for Queer and Questioning Teens  
by Kelly Hugel  
Highsmith A Romance of the 1950's by Marijane Meaker  
Intertwined Lives: Margaret Mead, Ruth Benedict and Their  
Circle by Lois W. Banner  
Literature of Lesbianism by Terry Castle  
Lost Prophet: The Life and Times of Bayard Rustin by John  
D'Emillio  
The Love That Dare Not Speak It's Name: Essays on Queer  
Sexuality edited by Greg Wharton  
Man Who Would Be Queen: The Science of Gender and  
Transsexualism by J.Michael Bailey  
Naked In The Promised Land by Lillian Faderman  
NORMAL: Transsexual, CEO's, Crossdressing Cops and  
Hermaphrodites with Attitudes by Amy Bloom  
OUTLAW: The Lives an Careers of John Rechy by Charles  
Casillo  
OUT/LINES: Underground Graphics from Before Stonewall by  
Thomas Waugh  
Queen of Peace Room by Magie Dominic  
Ridiculous: The Theatrical Life and Times of Charles Ludlam by  
David Kaufman  
She's Not There: A Life In Two Genders by Jennifer Finney  
Boylan  
Skipping Towards Gomorrah: The Seven Deadly Sins and the  
Pursuit of Happiness by Dan Savage  
Strapped for Cash: A History of American Hustler Culture by  
Mark Friedman  
Time on Two Crosses: The Collected Writing Bayard Rustin by  
Bayard Rustin, et al  
Trace Elements of Random Parties: A Novel by Felicia Luna  
Lemus  
Wide-Open Town: A History of Queer San Francisco to 1965  
by Nan Boyd  
Wild Heart: A Life, Natalie Clifford Barney's Journey from  
Victoria America to Ball Époque Paris by Suzanne Rodriguez  
Why The Long Face: The Adventures of a Truly Independent  
Actor by Craig Chester  
Wrapped in Blue: A Journey of Discovery by Donna Rose



**And Then They Were Nuns.** By Susan J. Leonardi.  
Firebrand Books, 2003. 205 pp. \$14.95 paper  
(ISBN 1-56341-126-1)

Susan Lombardi's newest book, And Then They Were Nuns, is a departure from her previous books: Dangerous by Degrees: Women at Oxford and the Somerville College Novelists and The Diva's Mouth (written with Rebecca A. Pope). Each of the eleven chapters is written in the voice of a resident of Julian Pines Abbey, which could best be described as an all-female Catholic commune. Each chapter is dated sometime between the beginning of the commune in 1965 and 2000. The structure of this book makes it a little hard to follow and difficult to remember who was sleeping or not sleeping with whom. Most of the residents consider themselves to be nuns, and for the most part, lesbian. Some of Lombardi's chapters are so complete that they could stand-alone. The author's 16 years of Catholic education and time spent as a postulant in a California convent influenced the experiences of and the relationships between the ever-changing residents of Julian Pines. The fact that the Abbey's priest and abbess are female, and that the nuns occasionally sleep with each other, has made Julian Pines into an "outlaw" abbey. Although a letter from Rome arrives periodically to remind the nuns that they are in violation of holy laws, nobody seems to take it too seriously, not even the neighbors of their religious commune. There is a cozy feel to this book that examines female friendships and how they develop and unravel over time. Each character discusses Catholicism and questions it's application to their daily physical and spiritual lives. This would be a good title for public libraries with a collection of lesbian fiction.

*Reviewed by Arla Jones, Librarian, Lawrence (KS) High School*



A Brief Word from the Membership Committee:

I have had several requests for my address. I think the requests were for sending in volunteer forms, which I welcome, of course. So here it is. I think you can send the forms directly from our website also, but I wouldn't swear by it. No hate mail, please.

Emily Edwards  
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Hope to see lots of you in San Diego!

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ALA 2004 MidWinter Conference  
San Diego, California  
GLBTRT Meeting Schedule

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
Steering Committee I	Fri. Jan. 9	8:00pm-10:00pm	US Grant Hotel-Horton A
All Committee	Sat. Jan 10	8:30am-11:00am	Hyatt-America's Cup A/B
Book Award I	Sat. Jan. 10	2:00pm-5:30pm	Horton Grand Hotel Regal-B
Book Award II	Sun. Jan.11	12:30pm-3:30pm	US Grant Hotel-Horton A
GLBTRT Social	Sun. Jan 11	6:00pm-8:00pm	Mission Valley Branch of San Diego Public Library
Steering Committee II	Mon. Jan.12	8:30am-11:00am	Conference Center-Room 31-A



When you get tired of attending meetings and doing convention things and touristy things then plan on attending our annual mid-winter social. This year it will be held at the Mission Valley Branch of San Diego Public Library. As usual, it will be held on Sunday, January 11, from 6-8pm. Come and renew your ties with old friends and hopefully meet some new ones.

The Mission Valley Branch is located at 2123 Fenton Parkway. According to SDCommute.com, it is about a 20 minute trolley line from the convention center. If you are at the Convention Center, you can hop on the Orange line (or you can walk) and get off at the America Plaza transfer station. Transfer to the Blue Line (Mission San Diego Line) and take it to Fenton Parkway. (If you hit Qualcomm stadium, you went one stop too far!) From many of the hotels in the downtown area and Old Town, you just get on the Blue Line. When you get off at Fenton Parkway, you should see the library. The trolley costs \$2.25 and runs until around midnight.

**Damian Lambert**, Program Chair  
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Save the Date: Stonewall Book Awards Breakfast

Please join us on Monday, June 28 in Orlando from 7:30am to 10:00am as we celebrate the presentation of our 33rd Annual Stonewall Book Awards for Literature and Non-fiction. Join your friends, the winning authors and other guests for this traditionally sold-out event. It's always a wonderful way to round out your conference. Tickets will be available for \$50 through conference registration. Pre-register, as tickets go fast!

In the meantime, if you are interested in joining the breakfast planning committee, we could always use extra help. Please contact the Chair, John DeSantis at: [john.desantis@dartmouth.edu](mailto:john.desantis@dartmouth.edu)

I'm delighted to be able to announce to you all that we have secured our keynote speakers for the Stonewall Book Awards breakfast in Orlando.

**Barbara Grier**

Barbara has been an important nurturer of lesbian literature, as bibliographer, reviewer, collector, editor, and co-founder, together with her partner Donna McBride, of Naiad Press, which became America's foremost publisher of lesbian books.

Donna will also be present at the breakfast. I'm very happy to have a speaker who holds such a prominent place within the gay and lesbian writing community. I'm sure the name recognition will be a big draw for the breakfast.

**Steven Reigns**

Steven is a young gay poet from Tampa who recently published his first collection of poetry, [Your Dead Body is My Welcome Mat](#). A graduate of the University of South Florida's creative writing program, he is currently at work on a second collection and teaches creative writing workshops to gay youths across Florida. Steven is a very personable young man who will be, I am sure, a most engaging speaker.

I'm especially pleased that we will be able to showcase gay and lesbian writers living in Florida.

Please feel free to pass this information on to your committee members and any other interested parties.

**John DeSantis**  
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(800) 258-2280  
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[hillcrestinn@juno.com](mailto:hillcrestinn@juno.com)  
Gay-marketed; very basic

Kasa Korbett (B&B)  
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800/757-5272  
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[kasakorbett@hotmail.com](mailto:kasakorbett@hotmail.com)

**Bars:**

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(619) 291-0173  
Video bar / nightclub

Club Montage  
2028 Hancock St (at Estudillo St)  
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3780 Park Boulevard (at Robinson Ave)  
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Neighborhood bar

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San Diego, CA 92104  
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[wolfs@wolfsbar.com](mailto:wolfs@wolfsbar.com)  
Levi-leather-bear bar

**Book Stores, etc:**

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3823 5th Ave.  
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Obelisk Book Store  
1029 University Avenue  
San Diego, California  
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Rainbow Road & the Closet  
141 University Ave, #4  
San Diego, California  
(619) 296-8222  
Gay-themed store

**Coffee Shops:**

David's Place  
3766 Fifth Avenue (at Robinson Ave)  
San Diego, CA 92103  
(619) 294-8908  
Nonprofit coffeehouse for AIDS charities

Living Room Coffeehouse  
1417 University Ave (at Richmond St)  
San Diego, CA 92103  
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Peet's Coffee & Tea  
350 University Ave (at 3rd & 4th Ave)  
San Diego, CA 92103  
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Hillcrest people-watching spot

Urban Grind  
3797 Park Boulevard (at Robinson Ave)  
San Diego, CA 92103  
(619) 294-2920

**Museums:**

Museum of Contemporary Art  
700 Prospect St  
San Diego, California  
619/454-3541  
[www.mcasandiego.org](http://www.mcasandiego.org)

San Diego Automotive Museum  
2080 Pan American Plaza, Balboa Park  
San Diego, California  
(619) 231-2886

San Diego Museum of Man  
1350 El Prado, Balboa Park  
San Diego, California  
(619) 239-2001  
[www.museumofman.org](http://www.museumofman.org)

**Restaurants:**

Adams Ave. Grill  
2201 Adams Ave (at Mississippi St)  
San Diego, CA 92116  
(619) 298-8440

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3845 Fourth Ave (at University Ave)  
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[info@bombayrestaurant.tv](mailto:info@bombayrestaurant.tv)

Brian's American Eatery  
1451 Washington Street (at Morrow Way)  
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527 University Ave (at 5th Ave)  
San Diego, CA 92103  
(619) 291-7525  
Thai in the heart of Hillcrest



## Book Review!

**Keeping You a Secret: A Novel.** By Julie Anne Peters. Megan Tingley, 2003. 256 pp. \$16.96 hardcover (ISBN: 0316702757)

The course of high school senior Holland Jaeger's life seems set at the opening of this young adult novel. She is an athlete and a good student, and she has a steady boyfriend. Her biggest difficulties are sharing a room with her new stepsister and completing the college applications her mother keeps pushing at her. Everything changes when she meets "out-and-proud" Cece Goddard and realizes for the first time that she has a crush on another girl. As she pursues a relationship with Cece, Holland faces discrimination and harassment from friends and family, culminating in being kicked out of the house by her mother, and she finds herself having to redraw her plans for the future. This is an appealing story with well-developed characters, and the difficulties Holland and Cece face reflect the situations gay teens encounter in high schools and at home today. *Keeping You a Secret* is a good title for high school and public library young adult collections.

*Reviewed by Beth Tarr, Children's Librarian, Jefferson Branch, Los Angeles Public Library*

## Book Review!

**Night Diving.** By Michelene Esposito. Spinsters Ink Books, 2002. 225 pp. \$14.00 paper (ISBN 1883526524)

Although *Night Diving* is a coming-of-age novel, it is also a coming-out story as well. The main character, Rose Salino, has managed to survive public school out on Long Island. Her only real friends were a nerdy boy, and an intense girl, Jessie, whose father was a doctor who continuously abused her as a child. The story is told mostly in flashbacks, which start on the day that Rose returns home to attend her grandmother's funeral. Just the day before, she found out that her girlfriend had run off to live with the lesbian organic farmer who supplies their San Francisco restaurant and fired her from her position as a chef at "their" restaurant. Even though the premise of the story is depressing, the author's use of humor is outstanding. Rose's description of her family and school life are laugh-out-loud funny. It's a rare younger adult novel that contains humorous dialogue and descriptions, but this one hits the mark. The author is a clinical psychologist, so the characterizations feel realistic. Rose and Jessie learn how to take care of each other and themselves, when the adults in their lives cannot. The author manages to keep the drama to a manageable level and show how two young women survive their childhood and find happiness as adults. This would be a good novel to share with older teens in a high school or public library.

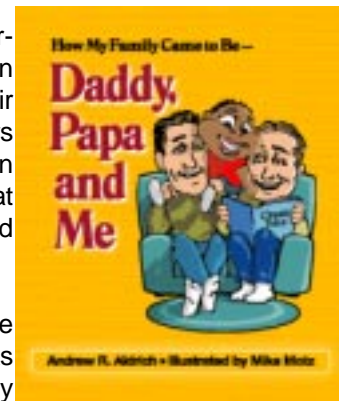
*Reviewed by Arla Jones, Librarian, Lawrence (KS) High School.*

## GLBT Kids Books

**How a Book Came to Be –**

**One Father's Solution to Representing His Family in Children's Literature**

It was a very happy day for parents Andrew Aldrich and John Kirkley when they adopted their son, Nehemiah almost five years ago. The frustration set in when they were trying to find books that reflected adoptive, interracial and gay families.



For Andrew Aldrich, all the searches and out-of-print books pushed him to start New Family Press, a publishing company that creates books that accurately and sensitively reflect non-traditional families. His first book, an illustrated book for children (aged 2-6) titled, *How My Family Came to Be – Daddy, Papa and Me*, is due out in August. Andrew also wrote the book.

"The story grew out of my discussions with Nehemiah about how our family was created and what 'family' truly means," says Andrew. "We found ourselves reading one book to show our son adoptive families, another to show interracial families, and others to represent those with lesbian or gay parents."

With a background in Finance, Andrew didn't have any experience in the book industry, but he quickly learned. Over the course of six months, he secured an illustrator, began New Family Press, hired a book designer and printer, and gained endorsements from author/activist Betty DeGeneres, columnist/author Dan Savage, director/producer Johnny Symons, and author Marguerite Wright, Ed.D.

*How My Family Came to Be – Daddy, Papa and Me* is available for purchase on Amazon.com, at major book chains, and independent booksellers. "My hope in 2004 is to ensure that copies of this book are available in public libraries and schools nationally," adds Andrew. "I also hope to add more titles in 2004 and beyond which reflect the changing makeup of families in the U.S."

For additional information on the book, or New Family Press, please visit <http://www.newfamilypress.com> or email [info@newfamilypress.com](mailto:info@newfamilypress.com)





**The Man Jesus Loved: Homoerotic Narratives from the New Testament.** By Theodore W. Jennings, Jr. Pilgrim Press, 2003. 246 pp. \$28.00 paper (ISBN 0-8298-1535-X)

Jennings, a professor of biblical and constructive theology and a United Methodist clergyman, presents a focused re-examination of Jesus Christ's relationships in the first four books of the New Testament. In a queer-positive approach that challenges thousands of years of established bigotry, he analyzes passages where Jesus speaks to an unnamed, beloved male disciple. Jennings discusses the possible identity of the beloved, considers the real possibility of a homosexual interpretation, and reveals the motivations for early, organized suppression of the idea of a "gay Jesus" (as well as all sexuality). Along the way, Jennings presents the radical Jesus' stand on family values: that family bonds are not deeper or holier than those bonds we build with others through faith and trust. The Man Jesus Loved reads as a series of lectures from a learned theologian. Discussions focus on homosexuality and biblical interpretation, the man Jesus loved, the Jesus tradition, marriage and family values, and the question "was Jesus gay?" While Jennings builds his arguments carefully, they are still essentially interpretations and well-informed attempts to reconstruct the meanings of the writings. A provocative work that considers both sexuality and religion from a pro-gay perspective, this title is perfect to provide some needed balance in our collections, a potentially precious resource and reassuring discovery for some of our patrons. As such, it would fit well in academic and special libraries, as well as in public libraries with strong collection development challenge policies.

*Reviewed by John Wiggins, Technical Services Librarian, Drexel University*

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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.

If you have questions, please contact **Emily Edwards**, Membership Committee Chair: [EEDWARDS@leegov.com](mailto:EEDWARDS@leegov.com)

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

- Programming:** plans and conducts programs, the annual book award breakfast, and social activities; coordinates logistics and local arrangements for the Annual and Midwinter meetings.
- 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.

If you've checked multiple, please indicate order of preference:

On which committees have you served in the past, and in what capacity?

Are you willing to serve in a leadership position with one of the committees?  Yes  No

If yes, please indicate committee preference?

Are you willing to serve as an elected officer?  Yes  No

Would you be willing to help with any of the following?

Read Aloud Coordinator | Book Review Editor | Book Reviewer  
Socials Room Set-up | Pride Parade Coordinator | Mailings |  
Grant Writing | Staff Registration Desks | Special Projects |  
Liaison to Diversity Council or other ALA units

Other - Please specify:

What special skills/talents do you have that you would be willing to share with the Round Table?

Additional comments:

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