CHICAGO

GLBTF Events at Annual Conference  
June 22-29, 1995

Friday, June 23
Preconference: Reaching Inside - Reaching OUT: Supporting Growth in Libraries & Society  
(PRE-PAID REGISTRANTS ONLY) 
9am-5 pm, Palmer House

Author Reception 
5-8 pm, Gerber-Hart Gay and Lesbian Library and Archives, 3352 N. Paulina

Steering Committee 
9-10 pm, Palmer House

Saturday, June 24
Program Planning Committee 
9:30-11 am, Hilton Conference SC

Book Awards Committee (CLOSED MTG.) 
2-4 pm, Palmer House

PROGRAM: Importance of Gay and Lesbian LibraryHistory, sponsored by the Library History Round Table, 2-4 pm, TBA

25th Anniversary Gala Dinner (PRE-PAID ONLY) 
7-9:30 pm, Inter-Continental, Ballroom of the Americas

GLBTF Book Awards Presentation 
9:30-10:30 pm, Inter-Continental, Ballroom of the Americas

Sunday, June 25
GLBTF marches in the Chicago Pride Day Parade, DETAILS AT CONFERENCE

Monday, June 26
Membership Meeting(ELECTIONS!) 
9:30-11:30 am, Swiss Grand-Ballroom 2

Book Awards Committee(CLOSED MTG.) 
2-4 pm, Hyatt, Columbus-A

Read-A-Loud 
4:30-5:30 pm, Palmer House, Monroe Ballroom

Program Planning Committee 
8-10 pm, Palmer House

Tuesday, June 27
Steering Committee 
8-11 am, Palmer House

Events are free/open to all unless otherwise noted! See you in Chicago—OUR kind of town!

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By the time you receive this newsletter (and let’s hope it is before June 19 – the deadline for purchasing tickets to GLBTF’s 25th Anniversary Dinner Gala Dinner), all the planning will be in place to celebrate a milestone event. If you are looking for a ticket, contact Roland Hansen. There is a form for Gala Dinner tickets in this newsletter. Roland and his Chicago committee have organized a festive evening for June 24. You won’t want to miss it!

It is gratifying to see all the volunteer planning on behalf of our 25th Anniversary. Wendy and I invite you to join us for all the exciting activities planned for the celebration of twenty-five years of the first gay, lesbian and bisexual professional organization in the United States. Founded in 1970, GLBTF is a terrific lineup, from the special pre-conference to the dinner with keynote speaker Mr. Quentin Crisp, the annual book awards, with three of the four authors scheduled to attend – the Book Awards presentation follows the Gala Dinner on the 24th in the Hotel Intercontinental – join us at 9:30 p.m. The Book Awards Presentation is open to all and free of charge! Don’t miss the special reception in the Gerber-Hart Library and Archives on Friday, featuring local authors and there’s the Library History Roundtable program on Saturday, the Read-A-Loud, the Pride Parade, etc. See the schedule on page 1 for details. Above all, come join us in the celebration!

We are grateful to The Advocate for their support of the Gala Dinner, but we still need to raise additional funds. To cover the deficit of selling $50 tickets at $30 each to 141 GLBTF Newsletter Subscribers, a number of commemorative items are being sold. If you did not receive a mail order form listing these items (T-Shirts with the Task Force logo; coffee mugs with GLBTF, 25th Anniversary, Chicago, June 24, 1995; conference badge 25th Anniversary events include a reception at the Gerber-Hart Library, marching in Chicago’s Gay Pride Parade, and the usual schedule of GLBTF meetings. The GLBTF will be staffing the SRRT booth in the exhibit hall in Chicago on Saturday, June 24, 1995, so please stop by and visit us. Also, visit the Advocate booth and thank them for their support for our Gala Dinner.

Although we have all been focusing on the 25th Anniversary events, there are other new developments since Midwinter:

Leon Bey, Male Co-Chair

Well, I guess this is the home stretch! When you read this, it will be a few weeks before ALA’s Annual Conference in Chicago and the GLBTF’s 25th Anniversary. This issue contains the full schedule of our events and meetings, including several special celebrations to commemorate the establishment of the task force, the first g/l/b professional organization in the U.S. Leon and I especially hope to see all of you at our Gala Dinner on Saturday, June 24, 1995. This will be a wonderful evening, featuring dinner speaker Quentin Crisp and the presentation of our Book Awards. If you haven’t purchased your tickets for the Gala Dinner, please do so as soon as possible: the deadline is June 19 and tickets will not be available at the door.

In addition to the Gala Dinner, we will be having our first all-day preconference on Friday, June 23, 1995. (Please note that the registration deadline for the preconference has already passed.) Entitled “Reaching Inside, Reaching OUT: Supporting Growth in Libraries and Society,” the preconference will feature keynote speaker Donna Minkowitz, columnist for the Village Voice and the Advocate, as well as several breakout sessions on topics relating to g/l/b library issues. Other 25th Anniversary events include a reception at the Gerber-Hart Library, marching in Chicago’s Gay Pride parade, and the usual schedule of GLBTF meetings. The GLBTF will be staffing the SRRT booth in the exhibit hall in Chicago on Saturday, June 24, 1995, so please stop by and visit us. Also, visit the Advocate booth and thank them for their support for our Gala Dinner.

Wendy Thomas, Female Co-Chair

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At press time, we were on the verge of establishing a listserv for the GLBTF Steering Committee members, which will greatly facilitate communication between conferences (and hopefully cut down on those phone/fax bills).

We have started to work on fundraising for the long-term, in hopes of making the book awards self-sustaining.

Leon and I have revised Roland Hansen’s GLBTF info sheet, which we will send to those who inquire about the GLBTF.

We now have official GLBTF letterhead, designed by Publicity Chair Mark Martin.

I have started something which I hope future co-chairs will continue: writing welcome letters to all ‘new’ GLBTF meeting attendees after each conference. I hope this will be a way to increase membership and get more people involved!

Speaking of getting involved... It’s time, once again, to ask for volunteers for various GLBTF positions. First, we will have an election for Male Co-chair (1995-1997) during the Membership Meeting in Chicago (Monday, June 26, 9:30-12:30). If you are interested in running for Male Co-chair, or would like to nominate someone to run, please submit names to GLBTF Secretary Michael Nitz before June 17, 1995 in order for the ballot to be prepared. You can reach Michael by e-mail (appleburg@aol.com) or phone (414/832-6184). Please remember that to vote you must be a member (we’ll have the membership list) and that you must be present at the Membership Meeting. FYI, although we’re asking for nominations in advance, our by-laws indicate that showing up at the Membership Meeting and letting us know that you want to run is allowed.

Also, we need a new Clearinghouse Co-coordinator, a position that is appointed, not elected. As many of you know, the Clearinghouse work has been shared by Gail Defendorf and Dan Hodge for the last year. Dan has to resign after Annual, so we need a new Co-coordinator. If you are interested in working on the Clearinghouse, which is a unique collection of GLBT bibliographies, reading lists, and documents, please let me know as soon as possible. If you would like more information about what the position would entail, contact Gail Defendorf (gail.defendorf@mvs.udel.edu; phone: 302/831-8721). The Co-chairs would like to thank Dan Hodge, who ably assisted Gail with the Clearinghouse duties.

Leon and I are looking forward to seeing everyone in Chicago for what promises to be an exciting and historic occasion!

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1995 GLBTF Book Awards
The American Library Association Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Book Awards Committee is pleased to announce the winners of the 1995 Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Book Awards. The awards are given annually to two books of exceptional merit examining gay, lesbian, and/or bi experience and published during the prior calendar year. Established in 1971, the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Book Awards are the nation’s oldest and most long-lived. The award winning books were selected by a group of thirteen academic, public, and special librarians from institutions throughout the United States. This year the ten finalists considered for the awards were selected from a list of 64 nominated titles, which in turn were drawn from a listing of over eight hundred titles, fiction and non-fiction, that were identified as having gay, lesbian, or bisexual content.

Literature Award

The 1995 Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Book Award for Literature goes to Marion Dane Bauer for Am I Blue?: Coming Out from the Silence (HarperCollins).

Non-Fiction Award
Two books tied for the 1995 Nonfiction award: Dorothy Allison’s Skin: Talking About Sex, Class & Literature (Firebrand Books) and ...

Phillip Sherman’s and Samuel Bernstein’s Uncommon Heroes: A Celebration of Heroes and Role Models for Gay and Lesbian Americans (Fletcher Press)

Both books were selected from a list of ten finalists. Runners up of the awards, all worthy of recognition as some of the best books of 1994, include:

Literature Finalists

Campo, Rafael. The Other Man was Me: A Voyage to the New World (Arte Publico Press)

Faderman, Lillian, ed. Chloe Plus Olivia: An Anthology of Lesbian and Bisexual Literature from the Seventeenth Century to the Present (Viking Penguin)

Galford, Ellen. The Dyke and Dybbuk: a Novel (Seal Press)


Non-Fiction Finalists


Murray, Raymond. Images in the Dark: An Encyclopedia of Gay and Lesbian Film and Video (TLA Publications)

Nestle, Joan, and John Preston, eds. Sister and Brother: Lesbians and Gay Men Write about Their Lives Together (HarperSanFrancisco)
The book awards will be presented on June 24, 1995, during the 25th Anniversary Gala of the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Task Force of the American Library Association annual conference in Chicago, Ill.

With the selection of the 1995 award winners, the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Book Award Committee now turns its attention to reading titles for the 1996 awards. The committee welcomes and encourages nominations from the general public. The nominees must be English-language books published in calendar year 1995. Nominations must include a brief statement — about one-half page in length — as to why the title is being recommended.

Nominations may be sent to the incoming Book Awards Committee Chair:

John DeSantis, Chair-Elect
Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Book Awards Committee
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25TH ANNIVERSARY

Chicago Preconference Preview

Donna Minkowitz, of the Village Voice, and the members of the SRRT Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Task Force celebrate 25 years of progress in librarianship. At this preconference, co-sponsored by ACRL’s Women’s Studies Section and by the Intellectual Freedom Round Table, we’ll be exploring many LesBiGay issues that should and do concern libraries, librarians, and the communities they serve. READ ON!

WHERE: The Palmer House, 17 East Monroe Street
WHEN: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday, June 23, 1995

Morning Breakouts

Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals in the Library Workplace: Human Resources Issues

This session will feature panelists speaking on sensitivity issues, domestic partner benefits, and discrimination in the workplace.

Joining Together

This session will feature representatives from other professions’ LesBiGay groups addressing their histories, achievements, and future goals.

Afternoon Breakouts

Cyberpaths to Lesbigay Information Resources

This session will feature demonstrations on general Internet procedures, as well as examples of LesBiGay resources located OUT there!

Lesbigay Issues in Collection Development and Community Services

This session will feature panelists speaking on various aspects of collections and services and how to address seen and unseen LesBiGay patrons.

Program Schedule

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The registration deadline has passed. But ask around at the Conference for more details about this Preconference. Look for more highlights in the next issue of the GLBTF Newsletter!

Extral Extral GLBTF 25th Anniversary Commemorative Items Available

For a mail order form of GLBTF 25th Anniversary items (t-shirts, coffee mugs, commemorative 25th Anniversary conference badge ribbons, and autographed photos of Mr. Quentin Crisp), get in touch with Leon Bey by e-mail: ADS_Leon@DAYTON.LIB. OH.US or by FAX: (513) 227-9528 or by VOICE MAIL: 513-227-9500, ext 324 or by mail: Dayton and Montgomery County Public Library, 215 E. Third Street, Dayton, OH 45402-2103. As soon as Leon gets your request for a mail-order form, he’ll send you a copy. Don’t miss out on the 25th Anniversary commemorative items.

GLBTF Special Citation

Barbara Gittings, one of the founders and former chair of the GLBTF, will be the recipient of the GLBTF Special Citation, as voted by the GLBTF Newsletter and GAY-LIBN subscribers. The citation will be presented at our 25th Anniversary Gala Dinner on Saturday, June 24, 1995. Please join us in honoring Barbara for her visionary commitment to the GLBTF!

Chicago Frontrunners

The Chicago Frontrunner/Frontwalker’s Proud to Run 5K Committee has chosen 4 sponsors for this year’s event: the AIDS Alternative Health Project, HealthWorks Theater, the Women’s
Program at Howard Brown Health Center, and (ta-dat) the Gerber­

at 8 a.m. Saturday, June 24, with a start location somewhere in

Lincoln Park (which should be accessible to the conference hotels

by short taxi ride or CTA bus). For more information, call 312-409-

2790. Chicago Frontrunners has joined the Chicago Area Runner's

Association, so Proud to Run is now part of the CARA circuit.

Library History Round Table presents

LGB program

The Library History Round Table (LHRT) has quite a program

planned for Chicago. “The Importance of Gay and Lesbian Library

History” (Saturday, June 24, 2-4 p.m.) features keynote speaker, Dr.

Rose Gladney, of the Department of American Studies, University

of Alabama. Dr. Gladney is the editor of Am I To Be Heard?:
The Letters of Lillian Smith. She will speak on the difficulties of

interpreting the lesbigay past. Brenda Marston, Curator at the

Center for Human Sexuality, Cornell University will speak to the

difficulties of establishing the archival record. Dr. James Carmichael,

Professor, Dept. of Library and Information Studies, University of

North Carolina-Greensboro will focus on library lesbigay biogra­

phy. Marie Kuda will present a multimedia “docu-hers­tory” celebrating lesbigay history. The program is open to all and is co­

sponsored by the GLBTF. As we look at the past 25 years of the

GLBTF, this program will offer us the opportunity to examine the

larger issues of LGB library history. Come learn about library

history from a gay point of view.

Norm Kester’s Book on LGB Librarians’

Lives: Submissions Wanted!

Norman Kester will meet with tentative and prospective contributors

in Chicago to his anthology, Liberating Minds: The Stories and

Professional Lives of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Librarians. Please

note that the CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE has been

extended to September 15, 1995.

Submit essays, speeches, position papers, poems, short fiction,

manifestos, nostalgic remembrances, personal accounts on gay and

lesbian librarianship. Contributors may want to write about coming

out; reference work with gay patrons; censorship of gay and lesbian

materials in libraries; work with GLBTF; work with special collec­

tions, compiling gay book marks, bibliographies, pathfinders; coor­

dinating library displays, programs and exhibits; challenging and

confronting homophobia, racism and sexism in the profession.

Early submissions are encouraged. Anonymous submissions wel­

come. Send with Canadian SASE to Norm Kester/Editor, 1418-620

Jarvis Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M4Y 2R8. Feel free to

contact the editor. Phone: (416) 944-9319. Fax: (416) 922-0824.

Encyclopedia of AIDS seeks contributors

Submissions are now being solicited for the Encyclopedia of

AIDS: A Social, Political, Cultural, and Scientific Record of the

Epidemic, the first general reference work to provide compre­

hensive coverage of all major aspects of the first fifteen years of the

AIDS crisis. The Encyclopedia will comprise approximately 250

entries with an average length of 1500 words, covering the broad

areas of: transmission, prevention, treatment, epidemiology, pa­
thology, impacted populations, culture and society, policy and law,

politics and activism, and international issues.

To be released by Garland Publishing of New York in 1997, the

Encyclopedia is being edited by Raymond A. Smith, a researcher

at the HIV Center for Clinical and Behavioral Studies and manag­
ing editor of the second edition of the Encyclopedia of Homosexu­

ality, Volume 1: Male Homosexuality. Acting as consulting edit­
tors are two members of the Governing Council of the Interna­
tional AIDS Society: Joyce Hunter, who is also president of the National

Lesbian and Gay Health Association and co-chair of the Global

AIDS Action Network, and Dr. Paul Volberding, who is also

professor of medicine at UCSF and chief of the AIDS program at

SP General Hospital. Potential contributors are encouraged to

contact the editor at PO Box 1788, NY, NY 10025 or via e-mail at

raysmith@iris.rfmh.org. All potential contributors should include

their affiliation, an address and phone number, and their areas of

interest/expertise.

WWW Resource for Same Sex Couples

Thousands of Internet users have already visited the one-month­

old Home Page established by Partners Task Force for Gay &

Lesbian Couples. Dedicated to the needs of same-sex couples, the

Partners site has a wide variety of free information, such as resource

lists and advice on handling a partner’s medical emergency.

The pages that have received the most attention are those offering

information on domestic partnership benefits, quotes about couples,

a report on recent developments concerning legal marriage for

same-sex couples, and a summary of results from Partners’ land­

mark national survey of same-sex couples.

But by far the most popular page is the “Couples Gallery.” With a

Web site browser program, Internet users can view photographic

portraits of committed couples. Most recently placed on the Web site

are sound files from the video “The Right to Marry,” a documentary

being produced by the Task Force in support of this civil right.

The Partners site has more than 40 pages of text and images located

at the following address: http://www.eskimo.com/~demian/

partners.html/

The Task Force also offers its Indispensable Guide for Gay &

Lesbian Couples, a 64-page booklet with chapters devoted to

validation, family life, getting support, legal precautions, mar­
rriage, sex and domestic partnership. The Guide costs $8, or $4.50

copy for three or more. Order by check, VISA or MasterCard.
Partners also offers a full range of resources for same-sex couples, including partnership and anniversary certificates, a set of Partners Magazine back issues, a list of employers offering domestic partnership benefits, a fantasy musical video about a male couple and coming out to mom, and an address list of more than 2,000 gay and lesbian media.

Steve Bryant and Demian, 13-year partners, founded Partners nine years ago. The organization develops publications and videos promoting the rights of same-sex couples to full, legal equality, including the right to marry. Partners can be contacted at: Partners, Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109-0685. Voice: (206) 935-1206. E-mail: demian@eskimo.com

**Announcing the 4th Annual National Lesbian and Gay Book Month**

The Publishing Triangle, an association of lesbians and gay men in the publishing industry, is pleased to announce that June 1995 will be the fourth annual National Lesbian and Gay Book Month, where all segments of the book publishing industry join together to celebrate lesbian and gay books.

Started three years ago as a way to bring lesbian and gay titles to the attention of a wider reading public and timed to coincide with Gay Pride Month celebrations around the country, National Lesbian and Gay Book Month has begun taking on a life of its own, much as Black History and Women’s History Months have done. Previous years’ events received attention in the New York Times, San Francisco Chronicle, Publishers Weekly, American Bookseller, Library Journal, The Advocate, and numerous other mainstream and alternative media nationwide. Independent and national bookstores created special marketing displays, wholesalers and publishers offered special discounts, and small and large publishers alike reported significant gains in publicity and sales during the month.

Last year National wholesaler Inland and Inbook offered substantial discounts off their gay and lesbian checklist and Womansource catalog; Random House offered Book Month shelf talkers and a 50% discount on backlist titles; Naiad Press offered a 50% discount on all titles. Already, these publishers and wholesalers and others have announced to build on last year’s successes and offer booksellers discount packages and promotional materials.

The Publishing Triangle will once again distribute bookseller promotions kits that include advice on how to sell lesbian and gay titles, listings of publishers with lesbian and gay offerings, and other information on how to plan for the month. For the second year, we have added a Book Month poster, suitable for in-store and window displays. Last year, more than 500 lesbian and gay, feminist, independent and chain booksstores requested kits.

Promotional kits are available for booksellers, librarians, and universities to help effectively market and promote lesbian and gay titles as a category. To receive a press kit contact Michele Karlsberg Publicity Services, 47 Dongan Hills Ave., First Floor, Staten Island, New York 10306.

**LGB History Month Competitions**

You’ve heard of Black History Month (February)! You’ve heard of Women’s History Month (March)! Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual History Month is based upon other successful history projects, such as the National Women’s History Project, and intends to bring gay history into secondary classrooms, college campuses and into the community (gay and non-gay)!. This October 1995 marks the second annual celebration of Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual History Month in the United States!

The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Teachers Network (GLSTN) and the Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual History Month (LGBHM) Coordinating Council seeks essays or posters to be used nationally in publicizing History Month. Guidelines: Entries must be 22 and under. Winners in each category will receive a $250 prize. Entries must be received by June 15, 1995.

**Essay Competition**

Writers are asked to submit essays of 750 words or less answering the question, “Why is Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual History Month an important event?” These essays will then be reprinted in mainstream and gay publications around the country in October.

**Visual Arts Competition**

Artists will submit work which takes off on the theme of lesbian, gay and bisexual history to produce a design which will then become the official logo of the October 1995 event. The chosen artwork will be reproduced on T-shirts and posters which will be sold to help fund activities around the country.

Send entries to: Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual History Month Competition C/O The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Teachers Network Box 390526 Cambridge, MA 02139-0006 E-Mail: “GLSTN@aol.com”

For more information about LGB History Month, write to the GLSTN snail-mail address above, or E-Mail: LGBHM@aol.com

**Project 21 Summer Internships**

Summer internships available with Project 21. Ten to twenty (10-20) hours per week (UNPAID). Students (preferably graduate) could get independent study credit, though, no doubt, through their own institution.

Project 21 also strives for inclusion of long-censored information regarding the same-gender orientation of significant historical and cultural figures in course content throughout the public school curriculum.

The organizational nexus of Project 21 is GLAAD. It began when GLAAD/SFBA was joined by the Bay Area Network of Gay and Lesbian Educators (BANGLE) and the Gay and Lesbian Youth Advocacy Council of San Francisco to launch Project 21 in 1990.
We campaign for educational equity for LGBT people through curricular POLICY reform, preferably at the state level. We intend to influence State Bds. of Ed. and State Depts. of Ed. and their policies. Our current project is to complete an organizing manual which will enable interested activists around the country to do this work by providing information on the issues, the players, the procedures, and the resources available. Much of the information for the manual has been gathered. The work still remaining consists largely of putting material together in an appropriate conceptual design, actually writing up the information, and contacting local activists around the country for verification of accuracy and their own comments/feedback.

Send letter and resume (electronic replies fine) to: Jesse a Greenman <jessea@uclink2.berkeley.edu> Co-Founder, Project 21 ph/fax: 510-601-8883 586 62nd St. Oakland, CA 94609-1245

To Your Health – For Your Information

In 1994, after intensive advocacy efforts, the California State Board of Education published the “Health Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve.” This framework is the first in California history to include specific references to sexual orientation.

Significantly, the framework calls for health education to include information that applies to all students, regardless of sexual orientation (p. 22). In accordance with other Board policies, the framework allows for a “factual, substantiated discussion of homosexuality” in textbooks used for grades six and above (pp. 115, 146). Finally, the framework notes the unique stigma attached to homosexuality, and specifically states: “Name-calling or other hurtful actions must not be tolerated” and “the curriculum in this content area should affirm the dignity of all individuals” (p. 147).

Homophobic organizations (such as the “Traditional Values Coalition”) vigorously opposed these marginal references in the “Health Framework.” Now, the State Board of Education is beginning the process of adopting health textbooks based on this framework, and the battle over sexual orientation will begin anew.

At this point in the process, the Curriculum Commission is training the members of a panel that will offer the first review of the State’s new health textbooks (which, once adopted, will be in use for many years). The members of this panel must be reminded of the hard-won references to sexual orientation in the “Health Framework.”

The panel members should be advised that, for the safety and well-being of all students, California’s new health textbooks must contain fair and factual information about sexual orientation. They should be encouraged to support textbooks that explicitly affirm the dignity of lesbian, gay and bisexual youth — many of whom are, quite literally, dying for information about their lives.

Contact Nancy Sullivan, Curriculum Frameworks and Instructional Resources Office, California Department of Education, 721 Capitol Mall, 6th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, tel. 916-654-1123; ask that your opinions be shared with all members of the Instructional Resources Evaluation Panel of the Health Subject Matter Committee of the Curriculum Commission. And remember, even if you don’t live in California, let your voice be heard! As a leading textbook purchaser, California helps determine the books that will be used in public schools throughout the nation.

LESBIGAY NEWSBRIEFS

▼ Art librarians have infiltrated the Gay and Lesbian Caucus of the College Art Association. Ray Anne Lockard of the University of Pittsburgh and Sherman Clarke of the Amon Carter Museum Library have become the new co-editors of the GLC newsletter. Items on gay and lesbian art bibliography, etc. will be most gratefully accepted. Contact either: Ray Anne Lockard, Frick Fine Arts Library, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15261. Phone: 412-648-2410. Fax: 412-648-7568. Email: frickart@vma.cis.pitt.edu or Sherman Clarke, Amon Carter Museum Library, P.O. Box 2365, Fort Worth, TX 76113-2365. Phone: 817-738-1933, fax: 817-738-4066. Email: bm.ac@rlg.stanford.edu.

Personal Correspondence

▼ Check out Louise S. Robbina’s article: “The Library of Congress and Federal Loyalty Programs, 1947-1956: ‘No Communists or Cocksuckers’.” A look into a period we cannot afford to forget.


▼ The Viburnum Foundation is a very small private foundation that has been supporting libraries since 1989. Our most significant projects to date have been a three-year advocacy campaign with the New York Library Association (which provided a model for the national campaign now underway by ALA and LFF), and a library-based family literacy program for rural communities that began in Louisiana and is currently expanding to Texas Oklahoma, and New Mexico. We are looking for more programs that can be initiated on the local level for a relatively moderate sum ($25-75,000) and that have the potential to be replicated on a broader scale in years to come. Our priorities are public library advocacy and public library services, including literacy and other special programs. The Foundation has no formal application guidelines. If you have a project in mind that you think may be of interest to us, please send a brief query/description either by e-mail or to the address below. We will solicit a formal proposal if needed. Molly Turner, Viburnum Foundation 223 N. Guadalupe St. #479 Santa Fe, NM 87501

GAY-LIBN Posting

▼ Newsletter News . . . The latest (April 1995) issue of Trikone Magazine, a newsletter focusing on lesbian and gay South Asians (including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burma, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Tibet) includes a cover story on “Good Books: A Round-Up of New South Asian Queer Tides.” Contact Trikone, P.O. Box 21354, San Jose, CA 95151-1354, tel. 408-270-8776, fax 408-274-2733, e-mail trikone@rahul.net.

Al Kielwasser’s SFBA GLAAD MEDIA WATCH 3/31/95
• HIV-EMIR is a fortnightly paper-based edition of the most recent and interesting news available on the Internet regarding HIV. It is largely distributed to Australian Doctors and HIV research workers who do not have ready internet access. The aim is to distribute information from abroad as quickly as possible to keep people abreast of current events, and provide information that would not normally be available for a further 2-3 months because of our geographical isolation. ISSN: 1323-5613 First Electronic Issue: Vol. 2.5 Available by snail mail or request to hiv-emir@florey.biosci.uq.oz.au How to Subscribe/access: send message with subscribe hiv_emir in subject line. No other text necessary. to hiv-emir@florey.biosci.uq.oz.au. Contact person: Craig Zimitat, Dr D.D. Maitland. Mailing address: HIV-EMIR, Dept. Biochemistry, University of Queensland, Australia 4072 Phone (voice): +61 365 4608. FAX: +61 365 4699. Email address: hiv_emir@florey.biosci.uq.oz.au.

GAY-LIBN posting

• Digital Queers is a national organization geared to queers working in and through high technology. Our six goals: serving our Community; Activism for nondiscrimination and progressive personnel policies; creating a forum for Professional and Social networking; demystifying both technology and queers in the workplace and through Education; and of course, Recreation (we throw the most fabulous parties at the Trade Shows) What is the Atlanta Lambda Center? The vision of the Atlanta Lambda Center is to be a central service and support facility for the metropolitan Atlanta Queer community. This facility will become a center for education and activism throughout the South. Partial Wish List for Lambda: Pentium workstation or two 486-66 stations, 1 gig. HDD, 32m ram, 28.8 or 14.4 fax/modem/voice (really need good voice mail capabilities), HP LaserJet 4plus (with duplexing accessory for 2 sided printing and network capability) Office suite software Voice mail/fax receive/fax-back answering system. Check payable to DQ. Snail Mail to: DQ/Atlanta, P.O. Box 55543, Atlanta, GA 30308 Voice Mail: 404 815 0228 Internet: DQAtlanta@aol.com.

GAY-LIBN posting

• The Library of Congress Gay, Lesbian, or Bisexual Employees association (LC-GLOBE) had its first annual meeting on April 17, 1995. James Billington, Librarian of Congress, made the opening remarks and then introduced Bruce Lehman, the first openly gay Clinton appointee. Bruce used history of slavery and women’s oppression to make the point that other groups had overcome great resistance to achieve their goals. He said the opposition we face will give way to sanity and reason in time. He pointed out that Anne Frank on the way to Auschwitz didn’t know that liberation was just around the corner. He said the act of coming out was the most important expression of liberation and freedom in the late 20th century and that no matter what the opposition we cannot be turned back or put back in the closet. It was quite inspirational and uplifting to those of struggling with oppression, harassment, and abuse of every kind.

GAY-LIBN posting

• “Does AIDS Hurt?: A Reading List for Children, Young Readers and Teens” appeared in The Unabashed Librarian, Unabashed Librarian, no. 91, p.17

• Here are some listservs that are appropriate for those who wish to talk about their own coming out process in a general way. Some are national (or international), some are regional, and some are specifically for students:

List Name: To join, send request to:

QUEERCAMPUS Majordomo@vector.casti.com (Students worldwide)

GAYNET gaynet-request@queernet.org

DC-MOTSS Majordomo@vector.casti.com (Washington, DC area)

LA-MOTSS Majordomo@langevin.ucs.edu (Los Angeles and Southern California)

ME-GAYNET Majordomo@absacus.oxxy.edu (Maine)

NE-SOCIAL-MOTSS Majordomo@plts.org (New England)

NJ-MOTSS Majordomo@plts.org (New Jersey)

OH-MOTSS Majordomo@dmshome.youngstown.oh.us (Ohio)

AUGLBC-L LISTSERV@listserv.american.edu (American University, Washington, DC)

LAMBDANET LISTSERV@ukcc.uky.edu (University of Kentucky)

• The associate book review editor at Library Journal is looking for book reviewers with expertise in or an interest in the following subject areas: anthropology, gardening, gay and lesbian studies, government and politics, health and medicine, home economics, international affairs (especially Eastern Europe, Yugoslavia, China, Asia, Western Europe (France, Italy, Britain), Africa, Latin America, Middle East) journalism, law and crime, science and natural history, social science (current events, social welfare, race relations, cyberspace, technology’s affect on society, etc.). LJ Reviewers are unpaid but would have the pleasure of seeing their names in print, a free book for their own or their library’s collection, and the satisfaction of helping fellow public librarians develop and maintain their collections. If you are interested, you can e-mail Wilda Williams at wilda@cahners.com or call me at 212-463-6472. My snail mail address is Library Journal, 240 West 17th St., New York, NY 10011.

PUBLIB posting

• Check out Melissa Gross’ article: “Sex Education Books for Kids, Grades K-6”. Includes an annotated resource list.


• Call Of The Wilde . . . The Kentucky Gay and Lesbian Library and Archives is calling upon individuals everywhere to write letters to newspapers for publication on May 25, 1995. That date marks the 100th anniversary of Oscar Wilde’s imprisonment in London for “indecency and sodomy.” Letter writers can use this historic occasion to draw attention to the continuing oppression of lesbian, gay and bisexual people. For a sample letter or more information about the Oscar Wilde Project, e-mail willnich@aol.com.

SFBA GLAAD Media Watch by Al Kielwasser 4/28/95
Ganymede Press, a gay-owned publisher plans to introduce a new national magazine. The magazine called *Topia* will be a full-color/upscale/all-inclusive publication and will feature people working in what can be loosely considered as the applied arts. They are currently seeking freelance writers, artists and photographers (paid). They are also looking for people to spotlight design to a photographer, a graphic artist to a interior designer (you get the idea). This will offer talented people national exposure, along with an option of listing contact info. to build client lists. Spread the word among members of your organization? People who are interested in applying for art/photo freelance (or story ideas) to get in touch with Helen Scharf (Pressop@aol.com or Ganymede Press, Inc., 1735 Maryland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21201, Attn.: Helen Scharf). And people interested in applying for editorial/writing freelance positions to get in touch with Bill Sanders Billsans@charm.net or via snail-mail same address as above w/ Attn.: Bill Sanders. Office phone number is 410/727-5241.

Personal Communication

▼ It's official, it's off and running, and it's fabulous. Richard

The new national magazine. The magazine called *Topia* is currently seeking freelance writers, artists and photographers (paid). They are also looking for people to spotlight design to a photographer, a graphic artist to a interior designer (you get the idea). This will offer talented people national exposure, along with an option of listing contact info. to build client lists. Spread the word among members of your organization? People who are interested in applying for art/photo freelance (or story ideas) to get in touch with Helen Scharf (Pressop@aol.com or Ganymede Press, Inc., 1735 Maryland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21201, Attn.: Helen Scharf). And people interested in applying for editorial/writing freelance positions to get in touch with Bill Sanders Billsans@charm.net or via snail-mail same address as above w/ Attn.: Bill Sanders. Office phone number is 410/727-5241.

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▼ It’s official, it’s off and running, and it’s fabulous. SLA’s very first convening of its new Gay and Lesbian Issues Caucus is slated to occur during the “all-caucus-corral” which is held on Saturday afternoon, June 10 (check program for location & time). So far, the Gay and Lesbian Issues Caucus has got over 50 members. For those whose SLA membership is paid by their employer, you can still join the caucus without including it on your business invoice by sending in a separate check to headquarters.

GAY-LIBN Posting

▼ Ken Wachsberger’s article, “Underground Press Veteran Discovers Thriving, Self-Described Underground Press Scene” includes a sidebar by Chris Dodge titled “Zines about Zines.”

Serials Review, Winter 1994, v.20 no.4, p. 59

▼ Richard M. Buck provides a look at recent attempts to suppress freedom of suppression which have focused on the arts and humanities in his article, “For Suppression and Fear—See Librarian: Censorship of the Arts and Humanities in Libraries.”

Reference Librarian, no. 47, 1994, p. 121-127

▼ On May 2, 1995 the LC-GLOBE Literature Forum presented a program entitled, Lesbian Poets. The program featured Ally Acker and Meredith Pond reading from their new works of poetry. The program took place in the LC Madison Building.

GAY-LIBN posting

▼ “Be prepared, get the community on your side, and avoid overreacting,” advises Carolyn Caywood of Virginia Beach Public Library System in her article, “Censorproof Your Library.” The article is part of the Teens & Libraries Column.

School Library Journal, Dec 1994 p.44


SFBA GLAAD Media Watch by Al Kielwasser, 5/8/95

▼ The Lesbian Review of Books is an international quarterly review of books by, for, and about lesbians. It offers reviews of all types of lesbian-focused reading material, from fiction and poetry to mysteries and romance. Included are books on psychology, history, theory, sci-fi, biography, humor, theater. Each issue offers reviews of mysteries, fiction, and romances. The Forum section gives multiple reviews of controversial books. Regular columns include lesbian writing from the South Pacific, “Lost Classics” reviews of lesbian masterpieces from the past, “Second Thoughts” in which readers write their own reviews, and review essays on topics ranging from Chicana lesbian writers to lesbian sport fiction. Subscriptions are $10/yr, $18/2 years US; $22 Canadian; $26 Australian; 12 pounds British; 32 DM German. For a sample copy, send $3.00. The Lesbian Review of Books P.O. Box 6369 Altadena CA 91003. Loralee MacPike, Editor The Lesbian Review of Books Immacpike@wiley.csusb.edu

E-Directory of LGB Scholars Posting

▼ GLESOL-L Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Educators of [English] to Speakers of Other Languages (and their friends). The purpose of this discussion group is to foster serious dialog and exchange of ideas on topics ranging from Chicana lesbian writers to lesbian sport fiction.

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▼ Sandy Berman’s *Prejudice and Antipathies* (2nd ed. 1993) has won the 1994 Carey McWilliams Award presented by Multicultural Review.

Press release

▼ “School’s Out” — yes, it pretty much is, and I wanted to tell you about my new book of the same name, published this month by Alyson Publications. I hope you’ll pass this information on to your membership at large. The official title is *School’s Out: The Impact of Gay and Lesbian Issues on America’s Schools*. Based on 300 interviews with teachers, principals, coaches, counselors, students and parents across the country, it’s an anecdotal look at what’s going on — homosexually speaking — in our public and private high schools, junior highs and elementary schools. For background information, contact Christine Sanni at Alyson Publications: 40 Plympton St., Boston, MA 02118, tel.: 617-542-5679. Author Dan Woog can be contacted directly at: 301 Post Rd. East, Westport, CT 06880, tel.: 203-227-1755

E-Directory of LGB Scholars Posting
“Conflict and Compromise over Homosexual Literature” is the title of Herbert Foerstel’s article dealing with the resolutions of challenges to LGB materials.


Ungrateful, a new zine/newsletter for poor and working class lesbians is now available. Free to lesbians making less than $7500 (up to $3 for lesbians making more). To get information write to Ungrateful P.O. Box 7471, Minneapolis, MN 55407.

Many places are involved in controversies resulting from challenged materials. GLBTF Newsletter spotlights these places and the questioned titles every issue. For specific details refer to local newspapers and the Newsletter on Intellectual Freedom & Feminist Bookstore News.

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Wellesley, Mass.
Rensselaer, Indiana
Pittsburgh, Penn.
Hermiston, Oregon
Montgomery Co., Va.

The Advocate
The Advocate
Playboy
Ryan White: My Own Story
Usenet Newsgroup
alt.binaries.pictures.erotic
Daddy’s Roommate
Daddy’s Roommate


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Black Tie Optional – The REAL Story

Initially, we wanted the anniversary dinner to be drag, but we changed our minds, just kidding. We would like to make this a fairly "dressy," event, even though it will probably be hellish that night. I have arranged a group discount of 15% on any tuxedo rental through Gingiss Formal Wear. Their main store is at the corner of Adams and Wabash, literally a stone's throw from the Palmer House, and about a 20 minute walk from The Inter-Continental, or The Hilton. They will be open Sunday for returns. I have the form you need to get your measurements, and order your tux directly from Gingiss. They have stores nationwide, so all you need to do is go to one and tell them you are with the American Library Association, for the event on the 24th at the Hotel Intercontinental. It's all computerized I'm sure. The prices range from $50.95 to $67.95, that includes the discount. Tax is added, and shoe rental is 12.75. I have no idea how many people will wear tuxedos, I know of three who will, but we may be the only ones. I just want to emphasize that this is strictly optional, black tie that is, but you MUST WEAR SOMETHING. Any questions or concerns about renting, please contact me. I will fax you the form. Roland Hansen, 312.899-5097, 312.899.1465 fax or rhanse@artic.edu e-mail.
Black Tie (or Evening Gown) Optional

The 1995 Annual Conference (Chicago) marks the 25th anniversary of the GLBTF. Many activities are planned, centered around the anniversary dinner, which will be Saturday night, June 24th, 1995. Cocktail Hour begins at 7:00 p.m. Dinner begins at 8:00 p.m., and the Annual Book Awards Presentation will begin at approximately 9:30 p.m. All of this takes place at the Hotel Inter-Continental, Ballroom of the Americas.

Reservations for the DINNER ONLY are REQUIRED. (The Book Award Presentation is a free event)

Reservations are $65 per person.

ABSOLUTELY NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER JUNE 19, 1995. RESERVATIONS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR. THIS IS ADVANCE SALES ONLY, NO EXCEPTIONS.

Indicate your reservation below and return this form soon.

GLBTF Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Dinner
Reservations Order Form

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