From the Editor:

ALA Annual 1998 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 Washington DC.

MEETING SCHEDULE: Included in this issue is a tear-out schedule of the GLBTF meetings during ALA Annual in DC. Unfortunately ALA has not yet assigned meetings rooms as this issue went to print. Check our website or your conference book for any last minute scheduling changes regarding meetings.

Please plan to come to our meetings at Annual! We will elect a new female Co-Chair of the GLBTF, among others, revise the bylaws, and begin planning for the year 2000! We always manage to have fun in the process, as well.

GLBTF PROGRAM: Our program, "What have you done for me lately?: Gay Youth Speak Out," promises to be an insightful and dynamic. We look forward to this exciting program of Gay/Lesbian youth and their advocates. Remember our program at last conference was noted as a 'must see' by Library Journal!

BOOK AWARD BREAKFAST: Congressman Barney Frank (D-4-MA), David Bergman, author of Gaiety Transfigured and editor of numerous works Adam Mastoon, winner of the 1998 Award for Non-fiction, Lucy Jane Bledsoe, winner of the 1998 Award for Literature will be the featured guests on attending Monday, June 29, 1998 8am-10am. Make your reservation early(registration form is enclosed here). Tickets will only be available in advance. They will not be available at the door.

LOCATION OF THE GLBTF SOCIAL: The Social will be held at Howard University's School of Social Work this year. Directions are enclosed.

GLBTF BYLAWS: Revisions to the the bylaws of the GLBTF will be voted on at Annual. Due to publication deadlines, we were not able to publish the proposed revisions in this newsletter. However, you can find these proposals on our website. As always, If you have specific questions please email/call the cochairs.

Also, I have been working to fix the problems with the mailing list. If you know of a coworker or friend who has subscribed to the newsletter for 1998 and is not recieving it (or has any other problem), please let me know.

As always, we thank you for your support. If you have questions or concerns, please email me at: cal.zunt@cpl.org or write me via the address noted inside.

-M. Callaghan "Cal" Zunt
Newsletter Editor

Annual GLBTF Annual Program and Book Awards Breakfast Scheduled

The Third Annual Gala Breakfast for the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Book Awards will be held on Monday, June 29, 1998 from 8-10am during ALA's Annual Conference in Washington DC.

The GLBTF program entitled "What have you done for me lately?: Gay Youth Speak Out," will immediately follow the breakfast. Detail regarding both programs are found later in this issue.

IMPORTANT! IMPORTANT! You must purchase tickets for the breakfast in advance. THERE WILL BE NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR! You can purchase tickets by mail using the form in this issue, or purchase them at Conference at the ALA Ticket Desk. The Ticket Desk will be located near the Registration Desk in the Conference Center.
FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

Michael Miller, Male Co-Chair

Spring greetings to you all! Welcome new members!

Despite grappling with the constraints of fitting into our new fiscal shoes, the Task Force planners have all been hard at work preparing an outstanding slate of events for Annual in D.C. Please read the events described by our planning chairs! For your ALA planning pleasure the preliminary Annual schedule is included in this issue.

As I write this column, I’m anticipating being able to thank everyone who responded to the last newsletter call for updating the TF bylaws. In this issue please find the new version that we would like to vote into effect during the membership meeting at annual. After these basics (meaning updating them to reflect our current structure and activities) are passed, new revisions will be considered from the floor. Maybe we can pass a few of them while in session.

I’ve been working with the SRRT treasurer, and coordinator to finally iron out the new task force budget procedures. First and foremost know that the TF has requested a realistic operational budget for next year. If fully approved by SRRT, it could end years of financial struggle as related to GLBTF events and expenses. I’ll present a full report at the membership meeting.

Thanks to everyone for your tireless, pay-less efforts. I look forward to enjoying all of this year’s activities in your company!

P.S. WE need people to volunteer for the planning committees to help the 30 year/2000 celebrations. Join the pandamonium!

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-- Michael Miller, Male Co-Chair
To sustain this success, we will need everyone to help us with the work of the GLBTF. Another measure of our success is the third annual Book Awards Breakfast. When I first came to the awards ceremony in 1992 it was an inspiring hour but with the inauguration of our book awards breakfast we have truly raised the celebration to a higher level.

This is always one of the highlights of each annual conference. Right after the breakfast be sure and stay for our program "What have you done for me lately?": Lesbian and Youth Speak Out. As a former young adult librarian, I am really pleased that we will be hearing from some young people this year, thanks to Jules Tate and our program planning committee.

And don’t forget to join us Saturday night, June 27th, for our social at Howard University... many thanks to Tanner Wray and Gary McMillan for their work on this event.

I would also like to thank Keith Trimmer for keeping our website updated with all our committees, and events. And last, but not least, Cal Zunt for her tireless dedication to the production of this newsletter.

I have been fortunate to have worked with all of these people and many more over the last six years of my involvement with GLBTF. Each of you has made me proud to be a part of the work of the Gay Lesbian and Bisexual Task Force.

For last minute information about the task force and our schedule of events and meetings in Washington D.C., please visit our website As always, I can be reached via email at: bcorliss@spl.lib.wa.us or c/o Seattle Public Library, 1000 Fourth Ave., Seattle, WA 98104. See you in Washington D.C.

-- Bonita Corliss, Female Co-Chair

Bonita Corliss, Female Co-Chair

"Looking Back and Looking Ahead"

As I approach my last annual conference as the co-chair of the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Task Force, I can look back over the last two years with a certain sense of accomplishment. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Mark Martin and Michael Miller for their assistance and consistent good humor during my tenure. At various points along the way, both of these gentleman have made my life as co-chair a pleasant and rewarding experience.

I am particularly proud that the GLBTF now occupies two positions on the newly formed ALA Diversity Council. This inclusion in the wider world of ALA is definitely a step in the right direction. Hats off to Jennifer Schaffner and David Van Hoy for taking on this task. Another measure of how the GLBTF is moving out into the wider world is the newly formed External Relations Committee which is under the able guidance of Kenn Bicknell.

And taking a giant step in the right direction, we have formed a Fundraising Committee, which is under the direction of Mark Martin. With all these new additions we are currently working on revising our bylaws to reflect all these new initiatives. I know that many of you will want to join in our discussions on this matter in Washington D.C. It is a measure of our success that our structure has become larger and more diverse.
GLBTF PROGRAM
1998 Annual Conference - Washington DC

Plans are complete for the 1998 GLBTF Annual Program in Washington D.C. The program is entitled: “What have you done for me lately?” Lesbian and gay youth speak out. Young people will discuss how librarians, educators, and other allies can begin to address their issues and provide the resources they need.

Two brief videos will introduce the program: “My Mom’s Two Names Are Judy,” (10 minutes) produced by the Lesbian and Gay Parents Association; and the two minute testimony of alumnus Ken Goodman to the Montgomery (Maryland) County Board of Education in March, 1996. A short bibliography for educators will be provided by the moderator, listing appropriate literature for various age groups in the K-12 range.

Moderator for the program will be Jill Karpf, Middle School Media Specialist, Montgomery County Maryland Public Schools, and Founding Member and former Co-Chair of Gay-Lesbian-Straight Education Network, DC chapter (GLYSEN-DC). The three young (under 21) panelists will be Willy Diaz and Harry Santana from Green Chimney Social Children’s Services, Inc (a New York City social welfare organization) and a young person from Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League (SMYAL), Washington, DC.

Final arrangements are being made through ALA to audiotape the program for sale at the conference. (However, one speaker has not signed the required release form; so it is possible that the ALA will not tape the program.)

This program will be co-sponsored by YALSA, ALSC, PLA, AASL. The program will be held on MONDAY, June 29, 1998 from 10:30am to 12 noon - immediately after the Book Awards Breakfast.

--Jules Tate
PPC Chair 1997-98

Book Award Breakfast Reservation Form

Join with librarians, publishers, authors and readers to honor the 1998 winners of the oldest gay, lesbian and bisexual book awards in the United States. The awards breakfast is a fundraiser to endow the Book Awards and to ensure their future. The breakfast will feature a full sit-down breakfast, doorprizes, and giveaways.

Date: Monday, June 29, 1998 8-10am
Location: Loew’s L’Enfant Plaza - Solarium
480 L’Enfant Plaza SW
Speaker: Congressman Barney Frank (D-4-MA)

Tickets: $30, if received before June 1
$40 after June 1

After June 1, tickets *must* be purchased through the ALA Meal Ticket Office at the Conference. There will be *no* ticket sales at the door.

Please complete the following information:

Name___________________________________
Address__________________________________
City________________ State/Zip _____________
Phone_______________ Fax__________________
Email_________________________________

Number of tickets _________
Amount enclosed _________
Check number _________

Make check payable to: ALA/SRRT/GLBTF
Mail check to:
Ellen Bosman
Indiana University
Northwest Library
3400 Broadway
Gary, IN 46408

You will receive confirmation of your order via email within two-three weeks. If you do not receive a confirmation, please contact: Ellen Bosman at 219-980-6947 or via email at: ebosman@indiana.edu.
Meeting Schedule for the
Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Task Force
American Library Association Annual Meeting
Washington DC

June 25, 1998 - July 2, 1998

Tear me out! The following is a schedule of meetings and events for ALA Annual. Please note that the GLBFT Social will be held at Howard University. Directions are on the next page. We look forward to seeing you!
See your conference book or our website for meeting locations.

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| YALSA Program                 | Sun 6/28      | 9:30am "Gay & Lesbian Works for a Post-PostStonewall Generation"
| Read Aloud Event              |               | 8-10pm                                        |
| Pride DC ??                   |               |                                               |
| Book Award Breakfast          | Mon 6/29      | 8-10:15am                                    |
| GLBTF Program -               | Mon           | 10:30-12pm "What have you done for me lately?: GLB Youth Speak Out"
| Membership                    | Mon           | 2-4pm                                         |
| Steering II                   | Tues 6/30     | 8:30am-11am                                  |
ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION:

Airport Transportation:
Shuttle to DC (24hours) 800-258-3826 ($24 one-way)
Taxi (24 hours) 410-859-1100 ($45 one-way)
Information Desk of the DC Metro Transit System is: 202-637-7000
   Trains run from BWI to Union Station

Lesbian and Gay Switchboard: 202-628-4667
Local Gay News Magazines: "Washington Blade" and "Metro Arts & Entertainment Weekly"
Lambda Rising (Bookstore): 1625 Connecticut Ave NW. 202-462-6969
Lammas-Women's Bookstore: 1426 21st St. NW. 202-775-8218

Police: 202-727-4326
Whitman Walker Medical Center: 202-797-3500
Conventions & Visitors Association: 202-789-7000

Directions to GLBTF Social (Howard University School of Social Work):
From Dupont Circle take the Metro to Gallery Place.
Get off at Gallery Place.
Take the # 70 bus (it runs every 25 minutes) toward Silver Spring.
Get off at Georgia Ave and Howard Place.

The School of Social Work is located at:
Howard University
601 Howard Place NW
Washington DC 20001-2209

The number for the switchboard at Howard University is: 202-806-6100. The telephone number for the Information Desk of the DC Metropolitan Transit Authority is: 202-637-7000 (They can give you specific directions if you are coming from somewhere other than Dupont Circle.) The website for the Washington DC Metropolitan Transit Authority is: www.wmata.com.

There is also a way to get to Howard by just taking the Metro and getting off at the Shaw/Howard Station. Howard U. runs a shuttle to the University about every 20 minutes or so. However the persons I spoke with were unclear about the specifics. So...if you take this route, you might want to check with them again.

Exhibits will be open during ALA Annual:

   Sat.  6/27 9-5pm
   Sun.  6/28 9-5pm
   Mon.  6/29 9-5pm
   Tues. 6/30 9-3pm
Diversity Fair Scheduled for ALA Annual

ALA President Barbara Ford is including a Diversity Fair in the 1998 Annual Conference program, which is co-sponsored by the Presidential Advisory Committee on Diversity. The Diversity Fair will be held at the on Saturday, June 27, 1998 from 3:00 to 5:00pm, Washington, DC.

GLBT-friendly jurors were part of this project. Cal Zunt, Cleveland Public Library, Toni Bissessar, Brooklyn Public Library, and Olga Francios, Pierce College served as jurors for the Programs and Services for Adults category.

CATEGORIES included:
* FACILITIES - building access, signage
* PERSONNEL - staffing, trustees/friends, staff development
* ADMINISTRATION - policies and procedures, budgeting
* PUBLIC RELATIONS - publicity, advertising
* RESOURCES - access and information, collections
* PROGRAMS AND SERVICES for children and youth
* PROGRAMS AND SERVICES for families
* PROGRAMS AND SERVICES for differently-abled people
* PROGRAMS AND SERVICES for adults - all ages, levels, interests
* COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Also, please spread the word about the fair and encourage individuals who are addressing diversity in their libraries to attend. Remember that this definition for diversity includes more than just ethnic minority diversity.
Winners of ALA’s Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Book Awards Announced

AWARD WINNERS: Lucy Jane Bledsoe, author of Working Parts, and Adam Mastoon, author of The Shared Heart: Portraits and Stories Celebrating Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Young People are the winners of the American Library Association’s (ALA) Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Book Awards for literature and nonfiction.

Bledsoe won the fiction award for her first novel, published by Seal Press, about a lesbian cyclist and skilled bicycle mechanic Lori Taylor as she undertakes the challenge of learning to read. The nonfiction winner, published by William Morrow, pairs Mastoon’s photos with the words of teens and young adults describing their awakenings to gay, lesbian or bisexual identities and the effects of their awakenings on the world around them.

Five finalists were named in each category. Literature finalists included Elana Dykewomon for Beyond the Pale, Press Gang Publishers; Judith Katz for The Escape Artist, Firebrand; Scott Heim for In Awe, HarperCollins; and Persimmon Blackbridge for Prozac Highway, Press Gang Publishers.


The awards, sponsored by the Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT) Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Task Force, will be presented June 29, 1998, during the GLBTF Book Awards Breakfast.

Guest speakers at the breakfast include: U.S. Representative Barney Frank, David Bergman, author of Gaiety Transfigured and editor of numerous works, Adam Mastoon, winner of the 1998 Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Book Award for Non-fiction, Lucy Jane Bledsoe, winner of the 1998 Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Book Award for Literature.

You will not want to miss this event which features the winning authors, some wonderful guest speakers, and giveaways. It is also a great way to show support for the Book Awards.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP: The BAC has just finished another round of recruiting for new members for a two-year committee stint. The committee consists of 14 public, academic and special librarians, equally divided between male and female members.

Because the BAC perpetually has a long waiting list of GLB librarians who are interested in working on this committee, we don’t often open up the “recruiting” outside this list. That was definitely the case this year. However, we still add names to the waiting list all the time. Please contact me if you are interested.

Our new members include: John Bradford, reference librarian, Tempe Public Library, Tempe, AZ; John N. Mitchell, cooperative cataloger, Library of Congress; Wayne Mullin, library instruction coordinator, Science Library, UC-Santa Cruz; Laura Quilter, Learning Center facilities manager, Exploratorium, San Francisco, CA; and Anne L. Moore, coordinator for document delivery & reference librarian, University of Nebraska at Kearney. Congratulations and welcome to one of the hardest working committees in ALA!

Continuing members include: Daniel Barden, Broward County Public Library, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Faye Chadwell (chair), University of Oregon Library System, Eugene; Emily Edwards, Bessemer Public Library, Bessemer, AL; Laura Reiman, school librarian, Lakewood, CO; Ann O’Neill, College of Library and Information Science, University of South Carolina, Columbia; Rob Ridinger, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb; Tamara Fultz, American Numismatic Society, NY, NY; Al Fritz, University of Washington, Seattle; and David Garnes, University of Connecticut, Storrs.
Call for Book Nominations

Nominations for the 1999 Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Book Award are being accepted by the committee through October 1998. 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 1998 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 brief (and we do mean brief!) statement (30 to 50 words) describing why the book is being nominated must accompany the nomination.

This nomination must by submitted to the Book Award Committee Chair by November 30, 1998 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, ALA/SRRT/GLBTF Book Award Committee:

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

Volunteer with the GLBFT !!!

Join us! We are always looking for energetic committee members. Interested candidates must be members of SRRT, and of course, ALA. Please mail/email your nominations to the GLBTF at the ALA address on the back of this newsletter, or attend our meetings during conference and see if you would like to volunteer. We look forward to working with you!
As the book progresses, it is made increasingly clear that the mythologies created centuries ago to support patriarchal agendas no longer work today. According to Highwater, the term homosexuality was actually invented. Now there was a suitable label for the sexual transgressor, and as if by magic, homosexuality became debated, analyzed and eventually vilified.

Although the book gets bogged down at times in the author’s scholarly synthesis of centuries of research and opinion, his thesis and conclusions are compelling enough to make it an important addition to the gay studies genre.

Incidentally, even though this is not promoted as a self-help guide, the well-researched/positive information contained here should go a long way to bolster anyone’s coming-out process. Perhaps the slogan “Transgression is Power” will be a new call to arms.

Recommended for most public and academic libraries.

Reviewed by Bob Jaquay

In this first novel the author uses her extensive knowledge of Paris to create a setting that is as richly detailed as her characters are complex. Central to the novel is Miriam's love, which frequently seems almost obsessive, for Gabriella. During Miriam's seven-day visit to Paris, she is allowed beyond the boundaries that had existed throughout the many years of their friendship and the dynamics between them are changed. Initially it appears that Miriam's devotion will finally be rewarded; however, she ultimately learns the importance of letting go.

Highly recommended for fiction collections in larger public libraries and universities, as well as personal collections.

Reviewed by Barbara Stevens


A novel about loss—the death of a loved partner and friend seems as if it ought to be depressing. Yet, as Claire Morgenstern's four close friends each remember her and deal with their grief we watch them learn to go beyond the initial emptiness they feel at her death.

Lucy, Claire's partner, refuses to be rushed through grief and insists on taking time to acknowledge death and the daily changes that Claire's absence has brought. Anyone who has every wondered at what to say to someone whose loved one has died, anyone who has lost someone they loved will make a connection to this novel.

Enthusiastically recommended for all fiction collections for adult readers.

Reviewed by Barbara Stevens

YALSA Annual Program to Discuss Gay/Lesbian Works for the Post-Post-Stonewall Generation

YALSA will present a program on Sunday, June 28, 1998 at 9:30am regarding gay & lesbian works for a Post-Post-Stonewall Generation. This is another "don't miss event. The GLBTF is a co-sponsor of this event. (YALSA also graciously rescheduled this program so that it would not conflict with our Monday program "What have you done for me lately?: Gay, Lesbian Youth Speak Out." Please support them with your attendance.

Check your program for location. See you there.

GLBTF WEBSITE !!!

Check for last minute conference changes on the web. You can reach the GLBTF at:

http://calvin.usc.edu/~trimmer/ala_hp.html
or
http://www.ala.org/alaorg/rtables/rtables home.html
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Send a check or money order and this form to the American Library Association, SRRT/GLBTF, Office of Library Outreach Services, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

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