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SRRT NEWSLETTER

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PUBLICATION CHANGE

SRRT Action Council has chosen to change the publication schedule for the SRRT Newsletter. We will be publishing two double issues.



PLEASE ATTEND:

All Task Force Meeting 6/21/2003 Saturday 08:00 am - 09:00 am
Fairmont Royal Oak Quebec Room

SRRT Action Council I 6/21/2003 Saturday 09:30 am - 12:30 pm
Fairmont Royal Oak Confederation 5

SRRT Membership Meeting/AC II 6/23/2003 Monday 02:00 pm -
05:30 pm Courtyard by Marriott Alexander Room

Tiffani R. Conner is coordinating the SRRT Booth in Toronto. The schedule is posted here <http://libr.org/SRRT/SRRT.Booth.Staffing.html>. If you are willing to staff the booth, please email her at tconner2@utk.edu.

Welcome the Cuban Delegation and Boogie Down with SRRT Sunday evening, June 22, 8-10 pm

Our Canadian venue offers unique opportunities! One of them will be the ability to have Cuban attendees at our conference! Free of the visa strictures, frustrations and delays that often prevent Cubans from visiting the U.S., five Cuban librarians will be participating at our conference.

Therefore, SRRT invites you to meet, greet and socialize with the Cuban librarians at a party in their honor on Sunday Evening, June 22 from 8-10pm at a location TBA. We'll have food, drink, and music. And don't worry if you already have tickets for the Scholarship Bash -- that doesn't start till 9 and runs till midnight -- plan on doing both!

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CORETTA SCOTT KING AWARD WINNERS 2003

Author Award Winner:

Nikki Grimes

Bronx Masquerade (Dial Books for Young Readers)

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Author Honor Books:

Brenda Woods

The Red Rose Box (G.P.Putnam's Sons)

Nikki Grimes

Talkin' About Bessie: the Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman
(Orchard Books/Scholastic)

Illustrator Award Winner:

E.B. Lewis

Talkin' About Bessie: The Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman
(Orchard Books/Scholastic)

Illustrator Honor Books:

Leo and Diane Dillon

Rap A Tap Tap: Here's Bojangles-Think of That (Blue Sky Press/Scholastic, Inc.)

Bryan Collier

Visiting Langston (Henry Holt & Co.)

John Steptoe Award for New Talent:

Janet McDonald, author for Chill Wind (Frances Foster Books/Farrar, Straus and Giroux)

Randy DuBruke, illustrator for The Moon Ring (Chronicle Books)

IN TORONTO:

Creating Culturally Sensitive Books for Children 6/22/2003 Sunday 01:30 pm - 03:30 pm Metro Toronto Convention Centre 716A/B

The roles and credentials of authors, illustrators, publishers, and editors in culturally sensitive materials.

Coretta Scott King T.F. -pre show room 6/23/2003 Monday 01:00 pm - 04:00 pm Fairmont Royal York Salon B

34th Annual Coretta Scott King Awards Breakfast 6/24/2003 Tuesday 06:30 am - 10:00 am Fairmont Royal York



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Denied a visa in time to speak at our 2001 San Francisco conference, Marta Terry, head of ASCUBI (the Cuban Library Association) will be among our honored guests, as will Eliades Acosta, Director of the Biblioteca Nacional Jose Marti, whom many of us have gotten to meet on his several visits to U.S. universities.

Other Cuban colleagues attending the conference will be Enma Presila Andreu, a researcher at the Julio Antonio Mella Provincial Library in In Camaguey; Maricel Corvo de Arma, a researcher at the Biblioteca Territorial of San Antonio de los Banos in Havana Province; and Margaritas Bella Vilarno, the director of the Mas Luz Municipal Library in Boyeros, Havana Province. This will be a rare opportunity to dialog and socialize with working librarians from diverse Cuban library settings. See you there, and wear your dancing shoes.

Ann Sparanese
SRRT IRTF member

A Librarian's Choice: the High Road of Social Responsibility and Ethics or Personal Expediency when Faced by a Devious Government

By Susan D. Dillinger and Kathleen de la Peña McCook

On January 21, 2003, Florida Governor Jeb Bush released his proposed budget and reorganization plan for FY2003-2004 to the Legislature. To say the library community was shocked by its contents would be an understatement. The library community was appalled, horrified, and mystified by the so-called "reading" Governor's proposals to dismantle our mother ship, the Division of Library and Information Services, commonly known as the State Library of Florida. Of course, other events had occurred that should have alerted the library community that something "evil" was soon to befall us. On October 2, 2002, while campaigning for re-election, Governor Jeb Bush, stated at a meeting (where he thought there were no reporters) that if the class size amendment passed "I've got a couple of devious plans". (St. Petersburg Times, October 5, 2002, Steve Bousquet, "Bush gets heat for unguarded remarks".) The sudden "retirement" of long-time State Librarian Barratt Wilkins, the appointment of a successor without a search, Judi Ring and the Governor's peculiar statements in his inaugural address:

"And if we are, we can embed in society a sense of caring that makes government less necessary. There would be no greater tribute to our maturity as a society than if we can make these buildings around us empty of workers; silent monuments to the time when government played a larger role than it deserved or could adequately fill."

No one dreamed that when Governor Bush made that statement, that his first order of business would be this proposal to empty the State Library Building and dissolve the Division. Could this be one of his "devious plans"? What has not been understood is why he made this proposal and has fought so hard against a united constituency and legislature to make his vision come to pass?

Librarians have discussed various reasons that might account for Bush's attack against the library community. Here are a few speculations:

1. Retribution against the library community for their library advocacy letter writing campaign during the 2002 November election. Bush's response to letters was the same:

"...the Legislature may choose to fund this item in the manner you describe. If you have not already done so, you may wish to contact your State Senator and Representative to inform them of your interest."

2. Was Nova the plan all along? Did Bush know that without funding and the R.A. Gray Building, Florida State University (FSU) would not take the collection as proposed in the budget?
3. Was it the presidential ballots of November 2000? The Florida presidential ballots are under the supervision of the Florida Division of Library and Information Services. July 2003 is the deadline for the Florida Legislature to make a determination of the disposition of the ballots. If there is no Division what is stopping the Governor from authorizing their destruction?
4. Is the attack on the Division one of the Governor's devious plans to shut down the information flow so there will not be an informed constituency?
5. Future plans for the State Library Building space.

The Governor probably never thought that a bunch of librarians would put up much of a fight to his plan. BUT HE WAS WRONG. This is one of the best things to happen to the library community because it was a wake-up call. Too long we have attempted to compromise on every attack. These compromises have caused erosion of funding and services to our communities. But now, we have united and found inner strength and tenacity.

The Florida Library Association (FLA) issued a resolution on February 21, 2003 against the planned elimination of the Division of Library and Information Services and the dispersal of the State Library collection.

FLA also joined the following organizations in a coalition to fight the proposal:

Florida Historical Society

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Florida State Genealogical Society

Florida Archaeological Council

Florida Anthropological Society

Florida Trust for Historic Preservation

Florida Association of Museums

Society of Florida Archivists

FLA hired a public relations firm, Herrle Communications, to mount a marketing and PR attack and assist with informing our residents. FLA also has a paid lobbyist, Jody Fitzgerald, who is working hand-in-hand with Herrle Communications. In addition, the new FLA listserv has generated daily activity and served as the central point of information for the "Save the State Library" campaign. The FLA website, www.flalib.org, also lists resources, resolutions, citation for news articles and other information on this issue.

Librarians have organized their local Friends groups, advisory boards, City and County Commissions and everyday library users into a might army. This army writes letters and e-mails legislators, the Governor, the Secretary of State, newspaper editors, neighbors, relatives and friends. Petitions have been circulated throughout the State, both in print and on-line.

Lucy Morgan, writer for the St. Petersburg Times, said it best:

"He should have thought long and hard before choosing to zero in on a group that can read and write and has access to computers. The e-mails flowing to the governor, Legislature and newspapers threaten to swamp us all. And Bush's proposal to give the books to a private university in South Florida is like waving a red flag in front of a bunch of charging bulls."(Morgan, Lucy, "Session Will Bloom Into Garden of Discontent" *St. Petersburg Times*, March 1, 2003)

The fight has continued with three organized appearances in Tallahassee. The first, January 30, 2003, was a meeting with Judi Ring, State Librarian, Acting Secretary of State Ken Detzner, Assistant Secretary of State Mann, the FLA Board of Directors, the FLA Legislative Committee and general members of the library community. At this meeting, Ring, Detzner and Mann described the events leading up to the proposal by Governor Bush. We found out that this was not a new plan caused by the passage of the class size amendment as purported by the administration. This "devious plan" had been hidden for over 1 ½ years. It had been hid from former State Librarian Barratt Wilkins until November 2002. At that time Mr. Wilkins was "sworn to secrecy" and chose to retire rather than play along with the administration.

The second event was the "Arms around the State Library" rally on March 5, 2003. The new Secretary of State Glenda Hood, who had just moved into the building attempted to disseminate more misinformation to the crowd but was unsuccessful. Hood has just remodeled the first floor, which formerly housed the Division's library consultants and sent them packing to another floor so that all workers are now crammed together for lack of space.

The third event was the annual "Library Days", March 24-25, 2003. John Szabo, FLA President-Elect, held a press conference on March 24th in the rotunda of the Capitol and rallied the troops, corrected misinformation given by the administration and had other library users and librarians offer testimony. Over 200 hundred library supporters descended on legislators' offices to spread the word regarding opposition to the plan to eliminate the Division and give the library collection to Nova.

Aside from those whose livelihood is dependent upon staying in the Governor's good graces, the Florida library community has formed a united front and with that unification there has been victory with the legislature. The Florida Senate did not include funding for the Nova deal in their budget proposal and the Florida House voted unanimously not to fund Nova but to issue a statement that the State Library collection was to remain in Tallahassee. ALA, PLG,

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various City and County Commissions (including Broward County which has the interlocal agreement with Nova for the public/university library partnership), various library boards and Friends of the Library groups have passed resolutions of support for keeping the State Library functions together and the collection in Tallahassee.

As for Bush's "devious plans", the budget now proposed includes HUGE tax cuts to Florida's wealthy and it is to fund THESE cuts that caused Bush to cut the state library (and much more). Bush now blames class size for budget woes. He thinks if he says it enough people will believe him. It simply is not true. The state had a surplus when Bush took over. He squandered that with tax-cuts to the wealthy. With great irony Bush declared February library appreciation month. Top Bush supporters in the state include the cruise ship industry, Wal-Mart and tourism. Bush needs to pay them back with a big supply of low-wage workers—not people who have had access to libraries and museums. Bush came to Florida in 1980 to further his political ambitions. He does not care about the state's history or heritage. Florida's State Library and Museum are simply pawns in an ambitious game. This governor will not brook criticism. Reprisal is swift if he is crossed. Informal messages passed down to librarians is that the strong arm of the governor will reach us and that the governor will line item veto any and all library funding as payback for our opposition to his plan.

The library community's next steps are to continue advocacy for libraries to ensure the legislature does not back down from their current stance and work towards healing any rifts. One thing is for certain, FLA has elevated its status to the library community and shown to all its strength.

Special thanks for their leadership and inspirational work belong to John Szabo, FLA President-Elect, Pam Cooper, President, Florida State Genealogical Society, Jody Fitzgerald, FLA Lobbyist, Lisa Hall, Herrle Communications, Gloria Colvin, FLA Communications Coordinator, Lorraine Ausley, Representative, Florida House and Barratt Wilkins, former State Librarian.

When librarians keep the best interests of the public in mind they demonstrate strong social responsibility with strength and determination to fight for the peoples' right to their history. This battle is not just about a book collection or a reorganization plan. It is about librarians making a conscious decision to abide with a code of ethics for the provision of quality library service to our constituencies or else take the expedient route for political gain.

Susan D. Dillinger, Library Director, does not speak for the City of New Port Richey.
Kathleen de la Peña McCook, Professor, does not speak for the University of South Florida.



Mitch Freedman introduces Amy Goodman of Democracy Now at the ALA's President's Program at the Midwinter Meeting.

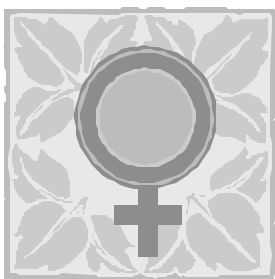
Photo courtesy Jenna Freedman

FEMINIST TASK FORCE

At Midwinter 2003, the Feminist Task Force discussed candidates for council and the Executive board, placing an ad in the GLBTRT Breakfast Flyer, arranging Women's Night Out at ALA Annual in Toronto, the Amelia Bloomer Project, and Introduction to Women's Issues in Librarianship at ALA Annual. Alberta Comer sat in on an FTF meeting and contributed a well-written article to the *Cognotes* Midwinter Highlights edition.

FTF is sponsoring a breakfast program Sunday, June 22nd at 7:00 pm (location information is not yet available). The program, entitled "Super Girls, Super Teens" will feature authors of feminist books for young readers whose books have been selected for the Amelia Bloomer Project list. Speakers will be Deborah Ellis ([The Breadwinner, Parvana's Journey](#)) and Tonya Bolden ([33 Things Every Girl Should Know about Women's History: from Suffragettes to Skirt Lengths to the ERA](#)). Winner of the door prize will receive a copy of each book on the 2003 Bloomer list. To register for the program, send name, address, email, and a check for \$15.00 (U.S. funds) payable to FTF/SRRT to Jennifer M. Baltes, 349 Point to Point Road, Bel Air, MD 21015. For more information, contact jenny_baltes@hotmail.com.

The Amelia Bloomer Project, sponsored by the annual! of excellent feminist books for young books for young readers from birth to age 18 activist Amelia Bloomer. From a lively fascinating examination of the history and demonstrates resilience in the face of societal shape their destinies, blazing paths for Bloomer Project enthusiastically endorses these Amelia Bloomer Project can be found at <http://www.libr.org/FTF/bloomer.html>.



Feminist Task Force, selected its second list (now readers. This bibliography of inspiring feminist memorializes the legacy of 19th-Century feminist alphabet book illustrating diversity of careers to the growth of global feminism, this collection strictures. Readers discover feminists who actively themselves and those who follow. The Amelia rip-snoiting good reads. More information on the

2003 Amelia Bloomer Project members are: Jennifer Baltes, Forest Hill Elementary School (MD); Peter Butts, East Holland Middle School (MI); Debbie Carton, Berkeley Public Library North Branch (CA); Jane Cothron, Lincoln County Library District (OR); Sarah Dentan, Berkeley Public Library West Branch (CA); R. Ellen Greenblatt, Auraria Library (CO); Caren Koh, Queens Borough Public Library (NY); Nel Ward, Editor, Women in Libraries (OR); and Ilene Cooper, Booklist, consultant.

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Feminist Task Force Website: <http://libr.org/FTF/>

IN TORONTO:



Amelia Bloomer Project 6/22/2003 Sunday 07:00 am - 08:30 am Crowne Plaza Humber
Amelia Bloomer Project Mtg. 6/21/2003 Saturday 02:00 pm - 05:30 pm Sheraton Canadiana
Amelia Bloomer Project Mtg. 6/23/2003 Monday 09:30 am - 11:00 am Sheraton Conf. Rm. A
Feminist T.F. Mtg. 6/22/2003 Sunday 02:00 pm - 04:00 pm Sheraton Canadiana
Feminist T.F. Mtg. 6/23/2003 Monday 08:00 am - 09:00 am Sheraton Conf. Rm. A

Women's Night Out will be at Toronto Women's Bookstore Monday, June 23rd, 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Flyers will be available in Women in Libraries, at meetings at Annual, and in the FTF/SRRT box at Annual.

Introduction to Women's Issues is being sponsored by the Women's Studies Section of ACRL. The program will focus on women's ideas and concerns about technology including, but not limited to: training, pay for those in positions that deal with technology, issues that women have in library instruction settings, and how much access there is to women's resources. The program will be held on Saturday, June 21, 2003 from 11:30-12:30 in Metro Toronto Convention Centre Room 714B.

The 2003 JHRT Research Forum will include recent research on "Library Women in the 20th Century" and will also feature remarks and recollections of Kathleen de la Peña McCook, winner of the 1987 ALA Equality Award in recognition of her feminist work. Since last year marked the 25th anniversary of the Committee on the Status of Women in Librarianship, it seemed especially appropriate to reflect on our recent history as well as looking back on the contributions that women have made since the beginning of the last century. It is hoped that the discussion following these presentations will allow us to consider ways to begin collecting, documenting and archiving the experiences of those activists who created the Social Responsibilities Round Table Feminist Task Force and COSWL.

LIBRARY WOMEN IN THE 20th CENTURY -- FROM THE FIRST TO THE SECOND FEMINIST MOVEMENT
6/22/2003 Sunday 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Fairmont Royal York Manitoba Room

"Gender Issues and Feminism in 20th Century Librarianship"

Mary Niles Maack, UCLA, Professor Dept of Information Studies

At the turn of the last century, when gender role expectations and prejudices limited their life choices, many talented women saw librarianship as a career that would enable them to play a role in the progressive reform movement reshaping American society. In a 1910 vocational guide for women an American library educator Josephine Rathbone wrote that the public librarianship offered "scope for the exercise of all a woman's powers, executive ability, knowledge of books, social sympathies, knowledge of human nature." Although women librarians' chances for advancement to directorships were limited, dynamic women leaders worked with progressive male colleagues to establish an empowerment tradition in librarianship that was in many ways similar an "ethic of care" described by later feminist writers such as Carol Gilligan. This presentation argues that while few librarians were actively involved in feminist political movements prior to the 1970s, many engaged in "feminist practice," imbuing librarianship with values that emphasized nurturing, empowerment, and outreach.

"Intellectual and Spiritual Aunts: Children's Librarians in the Early 20th Century St. Louis"

Melanie A. Kimball, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Library and Information Studies SUNY at Buffalo

Youth services have been described as "the success story" of public libraries in the United States, however, library service to children was not part of the original mission of libraries. In the late nineteenth century, library administrators began to see the advantages of providing such services. The work of children's librarians grew as a network of women established programs in libraries, training schools for children's librarians, and outreach to the public schools. The establishment and growth of the children's department at the St. Louis Public Library in the early twentieth century provides an example of how women shaped the work of children's librarians and created a vital specialization within the library profession.

"Imbued with the Spirit of Cooperation: Western Women as Library Leaders in the mid 20th Century"

Cindy Mediavilla, Adjunct Professor UCLA, Dept of Information Studies

Passionate champions of the notion of "larger units of service," three former California county librarians carried their vision northward to establish cooperative library systems in Washington state in the 1940s and 1950s. All three would eventually become Washington State Librarian (WSL), together helping to create one of the most progressive state library programs of the mid-20th century. This paper utilizes the primary documents of Gretchen Knief Schenk (WSL 1942-1945), as well as oral history interviews with Carma Zimmerman Leigh (WSL 1945-1951) and Maryan Reynolds (WSL 1951-1975).

"The Power and Might Index Upended-- Recollections of a Woman Library Worker."

Kathleen de la Peña McCook, Distinguished University Professor University of South Florida, Library & Information Science

The status of women in librarianship has changed dramatically since gender statistics began to be systematically collected in the library field. This presentation will draw on vivid personal recollections as well as comparing statistics from the Women Library Worker Power & Might Index with information on the number of women holding powerful positions in American libraries in the late 20th century.

Liaison Report: Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access

As the new SRRT liaison this year to CC:DA, this is my first report to you. CC:DA is the Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access, under the Cataloging and Classification Section (CCS) which is part of ALCTS. CC:DA is the committee within the U.S. that provides input to the AACR2 (Anglo-American Cataloging Rules, 2nd edition) continuous revision process. AACR2 are the cataloging rules that catalogers in predominantly English speaking countries throughout the world, notably Canada, Australia, Great Britain, and the United States, use to provide description of bibliographic works in libraries online (or card) catalogs. This committee does not deal with subject access or classification; another committee within CCS is responsible for those aspects of cataloging.

CC:DA is currently involved in many efforts to improve the rules, including a Consistency Task Force, on which I am serving. The aim of this effort is to resolve inconsistencies across part one of the rules, making the cataloging rules more consistent for all types of materials. This effort will enable a books cataloger to more easily catalog maps or scores or videos, as the rules and their wording will be consistent whenever possible. That task has been partially completed, and will continue for another few years.

I am also serving as chair of another CC:DA task force, known as the Appendix Task Force, which is preparing a standalone document (it started off as a possible appendix to AACR2, but evolved from there) that will provide guidance to catalogers on when to create a new record and when to edit an existing record. This is particularly important for shared databases and to reduce the clutter of duplicate records.

Other efforts underway include incorporation of FRBR (IFLA Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records) terminology into AACR2, review of the revised ISBN and ISSN proposed standards and the reconceptualization of Chapter 9 (cataloging of electronic resources) among others. If you are interested in details of any of the work of CC:DA, go to the CC:DA home page on the ALA site. I won't site the URL here, as on the new ALA site, it is impossibly long and complex! But, you can get to it by clicking through ALCTS Division, then the Cataloging Section, and then to the committee site itself.

As your liaison to CC:DA, I represented you for the first time at ALA Midwinter 2003 in Philadelphia, and I'll be representing you at the meeting again in Toronto. Much of the work of the committee takes place between meetings via an electronic discussion list, and at times, it feels like we are having a continuous meeting. There have been over 400 messages exchanged about CC:DA business since Midwinter, and many others among the task forces on which I serve. If you have any questions for me about CC:DA business or about the cataloging rules revision process, please do not hesitate to contact me. And, most important, as your representative and liaison to this group, if you have any concerns regarding the current rules or changes and revisions you'd like proposed to CC:DA on behalf of SRRT, I will work diligently to make your concerns heard.

Cynthia M. Whitacre
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Progressive Librarian's Guild had a swell night out in Philadelphia. Want to be a part of this illustrious group? Visit their website at <http://www.libr.org/PLG/index.html>.

Progressive Librarian's Guild meets Sunday June 22 from 2:00 pm - 04:00 pm in Courtyard by Marriott Bay Room.

Photo courtesy Jenna Freedman



Sunrise Celebration Honors the Ideals and Work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The 4th Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunrise Celebration was held on Monday, January 27 during the 2003 ALA Midwinter Meeting at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia. The ALA-hosted event was a showcase of diversity as ALA President Maurice J. Freedman, ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels, and World Book, Inc. Vice President Matt Thibeau read from Dr. King's speeches and writings. Other participants included representatives of associations of librarians of color and several ALA committees, round tables, and assemblies.

The honored closing speaker was BCALA President-Elect Andrew P. Jackson (Sekon Malefi Boako), Executive Director of the Langston Hughes Community and Cultural Center of Queens Borough, NY Public Library. His powerful, moving speech included poetry and quotations from various African American writers that addressed Dr. King's philosophy of freedom, equality, nonviolence, and peace with emphasis on libraries and his concern for all humankind. Also, Debbie Johnson-Houston of Firefly Books, Ltd. led the inspirational singing with the audience joining her for "Lift Every Voice and Sing" to open the program. For the closing, the entire audience joined hands in a circle that filled the room as she led in singing "We Shall Overcome."

In what has now become a tradition, the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Task Force of the ALA Social Responsibilities Round Table, the Black Caucus of the American Library Association, World Book, Inc., and the ALA Office for Literacy and Outreach Services sponsored the commemoration honoring Dr. King's legacy of service to others.

ADDENDUM/CORRECTION: "A Brief History" (Last Issue) - Dr. Lucille C. Thomas, Trustee, Brooklyn Public Library and Averil J. Kadis, Public Relations Director, Retired, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Baltimore, MD served as Co-Chairpersons 1993-1996 and 1997-2000,

respectively of the National Library Involvement Committee that became the ALA-SRRT Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Task Force.



IN TORONTO:

King Holiday Multicultural Idea Exchange Set for ALA Annual in Toronto

Distinguished speakers will extol acclaimed 2003 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Programs along with historically recognized events in their various types of libraries on Saturday, June 21 at the ALA Annual in Toronto from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. at the Hilton MacDonald Room. Mary E. "Molly" Raphael, Director, District of Columbia Public Library, Washington, DC will be the keynote speaker. The central branch of the District of Columbia Public Library is The Martin Luther King Memorial Library and greatly applauded King Holiday programs and activities are presented there along with the libraries throughout the city since the Holiday was proclaimed. In addition, Charles E. Kratz, Dean of the Library and Director of Information Resources Customer Services, University of Scranton, Scranton, PA; Antoinette Negro, Media Specialist, Retired, Quince Orchard High School, Montgomery County Schools, Maryland; and Pamela Cash-Menzies, Librarian, Johnson Publishing Company, Chicago, IL will tell about their outstanding programs in a panel discussion. Everyone is invited to attend this high praised program to learn about these successful activities that represent the ways libraries "Keep the Dream Alive" in their respective communities. Moreover, there will be an opportunity to exchange brief highlights from other libraries during the Audience Idea Exchange. At the closing, the Materials Exchange will feature items from the 2002 Holiday Idea Exchange speakers from Cleveland (OH) Public Library and the Westchester Library System (Ardsley, NY) with its 2003 program cited in American Libraries, April 2003. In addition, each participant in the Audience Exchange is asked to bring 50 copies of each handout for the Material Exchange. Attend to learn from others and to put your library's programs "In the spotlight."

NEW MEMBERS

Allan M. Kleiman
Denise Coles
Molly Susan Mathias
Shirl Johnson
Shona Robin Dippie
Michael Lynn Gregory
Jennifer Murphy
Ericka Terry
Robert Edward Carlton
Suzanne Royce Cruse
Cullen Carter
Elizabeth S. Schieber
Donna M. Terpack – Palter
Lori Coffey Hancock
Julie Biando Edwards
Anthony Ross
Sylvia Leigh Lambert
Robert P. Holley
Matthew M. Finn
Wayne Carl Draper
Sarah A. Smith
David Robinson
Alicia Sugiyama
Michelle A. Mittrach
Suweeyah Sultanah Salih –
Niang

Kathleen S. Baptist
Nancy Virginia Hmayed
Martha J. Jones
Carin M. Bringelson
Ivy Wallen
Sandra L. Anderson
Sarah J. Trowbridge
Erica S. Derr
Robert Wayne Spence
Becky Lynn Thoms
Ameet Doshi
Georgie Lynn Donovan
Ruby M. Chapman
Ellen F. Utley
Patricia S. Skaja
Tina L. Chrismore
Marlene P. Ware
Lisa R. Schiff
Lisabeth Timothy
Karen E. Baudouin
Lee Gundel
Nola Walker
Jane Kingsland
Jack Stephens
Kevin W. Dinkens
Eric Poulin

Donna L. MacKinney
Lewis Day
Debbie Owens
Barbara Johnson
Alisha Little
Tonja H. Lepien
Linda L. Parker
Jessica P. Jones
Rebecca Osa Mendell
Sara Michelle Zatz
Amanda Joan Wilson
Cristina M. Hernandez
Laurie Anne Puszczewicz
Katrina Marple,
Jamie Kay Vandenberg
Virginia Brown
Olivia Lauren Ray
Katherine Hanson Lovely
Megan Anne Von Isenburg
Jayne A. Cogsdill
Laura Michelle Hale
Pat Micks
Carole Amanda Spann
Bette A. Helwig
Aaron B. Ezekiel
Elizabeth N. Nahat
Lisa Triggs

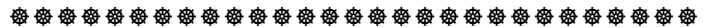
OTHER MEMBER NEWS

- ◇ Ann Sparanese published an article entitled *Service to the Labor Community: A Public Library Perspective* in the Summer 2002 issue of Library Trends.
- ◇ Congratulations to Katia Roberto on her interview in *The Illinois Library Association Reporter*. She appears in a feature entitled "Fresh Faces: the future is now." See it at <http://www.ila.org/pub/reporter/current.pdf>
- ◇ The 2002 Robert B. Downs Intellectual Freedom Award —presented by the faculty of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science (GSLIS) at the University of Illinois—has been awarded to two recipients: retired librarian Zoia Horn for a lifetime of defending intellectual freedom, and Ginnie Cooper and the Multnomah County Library Board of Trustees (Portland, Oregon) for their stand on the Children's Internet Protection Act.
- ◇ SRRT member Barb Barstow asked that we mention the death of Jan Smuda on September 17, 2002. She was Early Childhood Specialist at Cuyahoga County Public Library.



The Special Presidential Task Force on Better Salaries & Pay Equity Projected Programs for ALA Annual 2003 in Toronto

equity—librarians, library workers, trustees, Friends, and other stakeholders. Participants will learn the latest advocacy techniques, as well as updates to the comprehensive Better Salaries & Pay Equity Toolkit, and everyone will be encouraged to share their success stories!



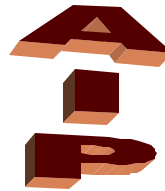
Friday, 4:30-6 All WG meetings (conference hotel) Working Groups (including: Advocacy/Toolkit, Chapter/Affiliate contacts, Partnerships/Outreach, Programs/Special Projects, Publications, Publicity, Research, Support Staff, and Unions) of the Task will meet to coordinate conference events and to plan for the future of their missions, after the Task Force is disbanded at the end of Mitch Freedman’s term. All are welcome. <http://www.mjffreedman.org/tfsignup.html>

Saturday, 8:30-9:30 Better Salaries Brunch (Union WG) Fortify yourself for the conference day ahead with bagels and talk of pay equity, unions, and better salaries for library workers. Free -- no strings attached. Join the Better Salaries Task Force members and your colleagues for an informal gathering of salary-conscious library workers. Sponsored by Union Working Group of the Better Salaries Taskforce and AFSCME Local 1930, New York Public Library. A special invitation to new librarians, students, and support staff who work in both public and private, union or non-union institutions.

Saturday, 1:30-3:30 moneytalks live!: Making it Happen Participants in the moneytalks discussion list and others will share experiences and plan activities to further the struggle for better salaries, benefits, and working conditions for library workers. Mitch Freedman will speak briefly, and other members of the Better Salaries and Pay Equity Task Force will be present to lead breakout groups. <http://www.mjffreedman.org/moneytalks.html>

Sunday, 9-12 Libraries and Unions: Organizing for Better Salaries This will be a panel discussion on unions in libraries—organizing, negotiating, strategizing, and empowerment for library workers. Speakers: Ann Sparanese, intellectual freedom champion and shop steward; Ray Markey, president, AFSCME Local 1930, NYPL and chair, AFSCME Library Workers Council; Patricia Bentley, AAUP, and a Canadian union activist.

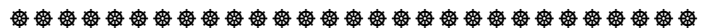
Monday, 1:30-5 The Campaign for America’s Librarians: Making It Happen Find out the latest news about the Campaign that is



The Alternative Press: Past, Present and Future 6/23/2003 Monday 01:30 pm - 03:30 pm Metro Toronto Convention Centre 201E

This program has had some changes in the speaker roster. Paul Buhle has recently informed us that he will be unable to speak at this conference, as has Toni Samek, both related to health issues. Chuck D’Adamo has agreed to speak at the conference, and another speaker from the alternative press in Canada is being sought. Join us to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Alternative Press Center’s temporary relocation to Toronto.

The AIP Annual Free Speech Buffet, scheduled for Monday night 6/23/2003, from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm, will tentatively take place at the Oakham House, an historical home located at 63 Gould St., approximately a 10 minute cab ride from the Toronto conference center. For more information on the event or venue, look for flyers at the conference or contact Marie Jones at jonesmf@mail.etsu.edu.



You Don't Need an Address to Get a Library Card: Libraries & Services to the Homeless 6/23/2003 Monday 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Convention Centre 715A



An exploration and discussion of the current state of library services to the homeless including methods for delivering services, ways to navigate library bureaucracies, and successful concepts and programming being conducted in library systems in the U.S. and Canada.



OTHER TASK FORCE PROGRAMS:

Clear the Air and Water - Environment Selections for Children, the Public and Academic Libraries 6/23/2003 Monday 10:30 am - 12:00 pm Novotel Champaigne BR

War, Trade and Activism: A Case for International Responsibility in Librarianship 6/21/2003 Saturday 01:30 pm - 03:30 pm Metro Toronto Convention Centre 713A/B

IFRT and "Speaking with One Voice"

In Summer and Fall 2002 communications between ALA staff and SRRT regarding "Speaking with One Voice"[1] sparked discussion of this issue on the IFRT business list. Some of the points made in these discussions include the following (my own summary of a diverse set of views):

1. ALA's ability to make and speak effectively for its official, Council-adopted policies is important and should not be undermined.
2. The line can be gray between dissent against and recommendation of policy. Therefore, both the ability of Round tables to "recommend policy and action to other units"[2] and the ability of those other subunits to influence ALA policy could be undermined if there is no effective or permitted means of dissent against ALA policy by subunits, including round tables.
3. Strict enforcement of the rule against use of "letterhead" to state a position could hamstring the abilities of subunits to communicate effectively to their own memberships about their own advocacy efforts. For instance, could web-mounting subunit minutes or draft resolutions be a violation? The answer isn't clear.
4. Policies or procedures intended to reduce confusion about what Association policy is should be content-neutral and should be enforced in a content-neutral manner.
5. Policies governing a democratically-run institution should be ratified by Council.
6. Finally, an appropriate way to resolve this issue might be to draft official "disclaimer" language that (once taken to and approved by Council) could appear on draft resolutions by subunits, on minutes of the meetings of subunits, on paper and electronic publications of subunits, and on websites of subunits. In fact, the 1998-99 Round Table Handbook called for something like this. The language then was:

"This resolution was passed by the executive committee of the x Round Table and does not represent the position of the American Library Association."[3]

With similar "disclaimer" language appearing more generally on all the work of ALA subunits, there would be no confusion about whether anyone is inappropriately using "ALA (including ALA division, round table or committee) letterhead to express a policy or position."[4]

Given that there seem clear intellectual freedom implications of the rule--as written, and as enforced--IFRT has agreed to work with a task force to be convened by Mary Ghikas that would deliberate further on the issue. Discussions of the above points at the 2002 Midwinter RTCA Meeting led to the creation of this task force, with representation from a number of Round Tables. IFRT representatives to this taskforce will be Jim Kuhn and Mike Wessells.

[1] See "SRRT Document Archive" at: <http://www.libr.org/SRRT/docs/>

[2] "Round Tables," *ALA Handbook of Organization, 2002*, p. 136.

[3] "Policy," *ALA Round Table Handbook, 1998-99*, p. 3.

[4] ""Background on Policy 9, Who Speaks for ALA?: QUESTION AND ANSWER SHEET;" 1999-2000 CD#54 (2000 ALA Midwinter Meeting); EBD #1.6.1 1999-2000, online at: http://www.ala.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Our_Association/Governance/Council/Council_Documents/Council_Reports/cd_Num54.htm

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PUBLICATION REVIEWS

Anderson, Byron (ed.) *Alternative Publishers of Books in North America*, 5th edition. Gainesville, FL: CRISES Press. \$39.95 ISSN: 0-9640119-9-9

The 5th biennial edition of *Alternative Publishers of Books in North America* (APBNA), published under the auspices of the AIP Taskforce, continues to be an essential reference tool in the field of alternative publications. This enlarged and revised edition describes 162 presses that are "socially progressive and publish in three general categories: translations, literary/poetry, and subject areas such as anarchism, erotica, environmentalism, social justice, hunger, socialism, gender studies, Third World, and indigenous populations" (Editor's Introduction). 35 of the presses included are new to this edition. Each entry provides editorial contact information (including Web pages), affiliations, ISBN prefix, average number of titles published per year, number of titles in print, other materials produced, distributors, and publication interests, and a new "byline" field that offers a short statement of the press's purpose, mission, or credo. The narrative description for each press includes founding date, a description of the publications, and representative titles from the press. This edition also places emphasis in the narrative on authors published, awards won, and best-selling titles of the presses; more international publishers with a North American emphasis are included, as well. In addition to the profiles of the presses, the book includes an excellent bibliography of materials about alternative publishers of books, published between 1996 and 2001. The bibliography includes books and periodical articles from both alternative and mainstream publishers, discussing the vital issues related to the publishing industry and the politics of alternative publication. The *Webliography of Alternative Book Resources* also lists 14 useful Web sites of interest to those seeking alternative book resources. The volume is indexed geographically and by the publishers' subject specialties. As with previous editions, APBNA is a must-have for librarians as a reference source and an acquisitions tool and for authors seeking alternative outlets for their works.

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Ethics and Electronic Information: A Festschrift for Stephen Almagno. Barbara Rockenbach and Tom Mendina, eds.
Jefferson, NC: McFarland & Company, 2003 215pp. 0-7864-1409-X \$39.95 softcover.

The essays comprising this book were presented as a tribute

to Stephen Almagno during an "Ethics of Electronic Information in the 21st Century" symposium at the University of Memphis in October 2001. Dr. Almagno taught in the School of Library Science at the University of Pittsburgh from 1971 through 2001, and in 1990 developed and taught the first information ethics course in a library and information science department. The book is divided into three sections: An Homage to Stephen Almagno, Library Issues, and Topical Issues.

The homage includes reflections by former students, a bibliography of Dr. Almagno's works, and most interestingly, an essay by the honoree titled "Ma Position Intellectuelle," which gives a history of the development of the information ethics program at Pitt and delineates necessary resources for providing a philosophical foundation of ethics. He writes that the ALA Code of Ethics is in a "sorry state" because it is not based on an identified philosophical base and invites the reader to compare it with the Code of Professional Conduct of the British Library Association. Three additional essays elaborate on Almagno's piece.

The Library Issues section includes essays dealing with a variety of information ethics issues. A particularly useful article on professional library organizations notes that codes of information ethics are relatively new and most have been developed since 1980. It provides links to the codes of ethics of more than thirty information profession organizations. Other topics include the ethical issues of user privacy in the digital library, the role of libraries in e-commerce, ethical problems created by universal bibliographic control, ethical issues related to consumer health services in public libraries, and the ethics of electronic information in China and Eastern Europe.

The Topical Issues collection includes articles dealing with ethical issues involved in the ease of plagiarizing information on the Internet, digital watermarking to protect intellectual copyright, "ethical hacking" and security, and the commercialization of information access. Another essay makes an argument that social democracy is best served by a striking a balance between information as a commodity and, conversely, free access to information being a public good.

The most important contribution of this collection is Dr. Almagno's essay. It can be used to develop a bibliography of readings for information ethics courses and to carry ethical discussions in information science classes beyond the simple "moral quandary" cases so many of us experienced in library school. He points out that morals have to do with our actions, while ethics is reflection on our actions. Ethics asks why, and that is the shortcoming of the ALA Code of Ethics. Additionally, the collected essays present a comprehensive overview of ethical considerations in digital information organization and access. The book would be an excellent reader in an information ethics course.

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Downside UP: How Art Can Change the Spirit of a Place. Produced and directed by Nancy Kelly. 56 min. New Day Films, 2002. Videocassette. <http://www.newday.com> (888)367-9154 (toll free). \$95-\$250.

Nancy Kelly inherited her downbeat philosophy from her hometown, North Adams, Mass. This documentary not only demonstrates how post industrial decay decimates communities, but how one working-class company town grew into a cultural Mecca. Sprague Electric survived the economic downtown of the 1970s but closed in 1985. Two years later the idea to turn the industrial complex into a museum of contemporary art emerged. Kelly's film outlines the development of the idea using archival photographs, newspapers, clips from home movies, and aerial footage. Viewers are drawn into the story chronologically. Her research and use of primary documents indicates that facts are accurately represented. However, the majority of the film focuses on interviews between Kelly and civic and cultural leaders. Kelly's touchstone throughout the film is her family, whom she interviews frequently. While several of her relatives don't get the art at Mass MoCA and won't make return visits, at least one relative is won over and gains a newfound appreciation of the museum's purpose. While the opinions and hopes expressed by the subjects are generally positive, Kelly includes the negative as well, thus presenting an essentially neutral, yet hopeful film. North Adams' story is familiar to all because it is so similar to thousands of other towns across the U.S. Although watching the museum's progress and town's revitalization was quite interesting, the strength of this film lies within its usefulness as a motivational community action tool. It is also an excellent marketing device. At just under an hour the film is manageable, but would likely be more effective for a large restless audience if it was shortened by fifteen minutes. Recommended for libraries with strong collections in community action and urban and regional planning.

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Alexander, M. Jacqui, Lisa Albrecht, Sharon Day, and others, eds. *Sing, Whisper, Shout, Pray! : Feminist Visions For a Just World.* EdgeWork Books, 2003. \$39.95 ISBN 1931223076.

Published by a feminist press with the intention of contributing to the transnational feminist movement, the essays collected in this anthology stem from each writer's experience in the late 1980s. Though it was completed in 1993, the editors acquired a publisher in 2000 and the revised text reflects changes across a decade. Envisioning this book to complement the classic *This Bridge Called My Back: Writings by Radical Women of Color* (1981), the editors sought essays and received submissions from more than one

hundred writers. Authors include: Angela Y. Davis, Winona LaDuke, Cherrie L. Moraga and Toni Morrison. Most essays are reprinted excerpts from previous publications and presentations. Offering these selections in one volume adds another anthology appropriate for use as a college text. Divided into six topical sections, essays deal with violence, colonization and resistance, mythology and reality of racism, and community organization strategies. Appropriate poetry selections appear within each section. As a multicultural collection, the editors achieved their goal. The diversity of voices ranges many cultures, races, classes, and spiritual traditions. Most appropriate for college or university libraries and larger public libraries with multicultural collections.

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Congratulations to the following SRRT members who won election to ALA Council.

Ismail Abdullahi
Hampton (Skip) Auld
David L. Easterbrook
Mario M. Gonzalez
Virginia (Ginny) Moore
Larry Romans
Mark Rosenzweig
Loriene Roy
Jessamyn West

Congratulations also to our new SRRT Action Councilors:

Susan Dillinger
Mark Hudson
Aureole Maria Johnstone
Marie Jones.

There is a new mailing list for North Carolina Progressive Librarians:

To subscribe to NCPLG-L, simply send a message to: listproc@uncg.edu, and write the following in the body of the message:

Subscribe ncplg-l yourfirstname yourlastname

To post to NCPLG-L, simply send an email to: ncplg-l@listproc.uncg.edu

Resolution on the Iraq Crisis

WHEREAS the President of the United States is considering whether or not to go to war to disarm the nation of Iraq of its weapons of mass destructions; and

WHEREAS the citizens of a democracy need libraries as a key source of the information they require to formulate and express their views on this, and other important issues of our times; and

WHEREAS the Congressional Budget Office estimates a military action against Iraq will cost our nation between nine and eleven billion dollars a month, resulting in cutbacks in, among others, federally funded programs that benefit libraries; and

WHEREAS any major military action in Iraq is likely to destroy many libraries and other cultural facilities as well as kill many innocent people; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Social Responsibilities Round Table of the American Library Association urges the President of the United States to reach a peaceful solution to the conflict with Iraq and avoid a costly war; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Social Responsibilities Round Table of the American Library Association urges all libraries to conscientiously build collections of information presenting all points of view on this critical issue, including points of view opposing war and promoting peaceful alternatives; and be it further

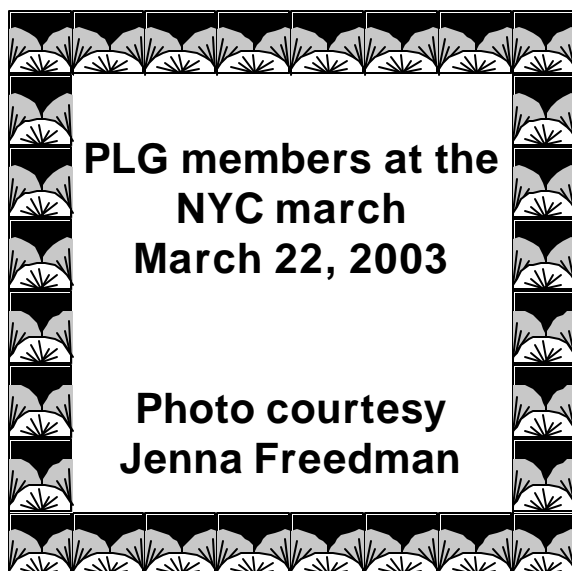
RESOLVED that this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the Secretary General of the United Nations, the Secretary of State of the United States, members of the United States Congress, IFLA and the library press.

Passed unanimously, January 27, 2003 by SRRT Action Council meeting in Philadelphia, PA.

Relevant ALA policies:

- 50.10 Disarmament and Conflict Solving Information in Libraries
- 50.11 Nuclear Freeze, the Arms Race and National Security
- 53.1(2) Library Bill of Rights
- 53.7 Destruction of Libraries
- 53.8 Libraries: An American Value

NOTE: The following resolution was adopted by the elected representatives of the Social Responsibilities Round Table (SRRT) on January 27, 2003. SRRT is a body within the American Library Association but does not and should not be taken to speak for the Association as a whole. In this resolution SRRT speaks only on its own behalf.



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SRRTAC-L

The SRRT discussion group SRRTAC-L is open to all SRRT members and is a relatively low-traffic [less than five messages a day unless there's a hot topic brewing] way of keeping up with SRRT's issues and discussions in-between conferences. Help decide SRRT's future directions and join in some lively debates. If you would like to join the SRRT discussion group, send the following message to listproc@ala.org: *subscribe SRRTAC-L [your first name] [your last name]*

SRRTMEM

SRRTMEM is an unrestricted email list for announcements from American Library Association's Social Responsibilities Round Table. Announcements come from the SRRT Coordinator, Treasure, Newsletter Editor and the Director of OLOS. The purpose is to keep SRRT members and other interested people informed as to SRRT's activities and to provide information about how to get involved. SRRTMEM is no longer just for SRRT members - now, anyone may subscribe.

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