



## **SRRT Sponsored Programming**

### **Foreign Policy Issues: Librarians Help Inform the Public**

*Saturday 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM*

### **Promoting Community Health and Environmental Protection – Can Libraries Help?**

What is the role of libraries when the country is faced with events that frighten us? Libraries can be effective partners with governmental and private agencies in offering information and outreach to communities concerned about protecting the health and safety of their citizens. Speakers from government, academia, and a consulting firm will offer a variety of viewpoints and recommendations that educate the public about community health, water conservation, disaster relief and sustainable living resources and practices.

Speakers: Marlena Wald, Research Director/ Emergency Medicine, Emory University School of Medicine; Amy Vickers, President, Amy Vickers and Associates; Mary Hudak, Information Specialist, Federal Emergency Management Agency; Maria Anna Jankowska, Editor Electronic Green Journal, University of Idaho Library; Irwin Weintraub, Life Sciences Specialist, Brooklyn College Library.

*Sunday 1:30 PM to 5:30 PM Hilton Atlanta Salon A*

### **Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Multicultural Idea Exchange**

A panel discussion followed by audience participation in an exchange of ideas and materials about ways libraries celebrated the 2002 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

Speakers: Amy K. Small, Manager of External Relations, Westchester Library System

*Saturday 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM Georgia World Congress Center A404*

### **Fear of Fining: How Fines and Fees Affect Library Service to the Poor**

A look at how library policies of fines and fees may affect an individual's access to information and other intellectual properties.

*Saturday 1:30 to 3:30 PM Georgia World Congress Center A301*

### **Amelia Bloomer Project Meetings**

*Saturday, June 15, 2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Atlanta Marriott Marquis Summit*

*Monday, June 17, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Wyndham Atlanta Zeus*

### **Coretta Scott King Breakfast**

*Tuesday, June 18, 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  
Atlanta Marriott Marquis Z Marquis Ballroom*

### **Censorship Yesterday and Today**

The film "Storm Center" starring Bette Davis as a librarian accused of supporting the Red Front faced script resistance, caused a stir when released, and persists as a study of various forms of censorship particularly in libraries. Louise Robbins revisited the movie in her book *The Dismissal of Miss Ruth Brown*. Robbins will anchor a discussion of the movie segments shown, highlighting the HUAC's attacks on Hollywood, Ruth Brown's story, and censorship today.

Speaker: Louise Robbins, Professor/Director School of LIS, University of Wisconsin-Madison.  
Sunday 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Also, be on the lookout for this annual, but as yet, unscheduled, event:

Alternative In Publication Task Force's Annual Free Speech Buffet, which takes place on Monday night. It's a great event, usually attended by about a hundred librarians and 30 or so local area alternative publishers showing their wares, everyone networking, eating hors d'oeuvres and having a good time.



## POSSIBLE RESOLUTIONS

### **On Intellectual freedom & the use of torture in war or peace**

Whereas ALA is among the preeminent defenders of intellectual freedom and government openness in the US.

Whereas intellectual freedom, our primary value as librarians, cannot be more seriously violated than by forcing speech through systematic violence by government against detained individuals.

Whereas the US government has announced its readiness to use torture (as well as hooding, shackling, drugging, sleep deprivation, etc.) in the interrogation of suspected terrorists or their suspected accomplices

Whereas the use or possible use of torture and coercive interrogative practices is inhumane, illegal and destructive of the democratic sensibilities of a free society, the cultivation of which we as an Association and as a profession are committed.

Whereas the secrecy which will undoubtedly attend the use of torture will also violate our commitment to open government and the necessity of true and accurate information of our government's actions

and

Whereas the threat of torture or the use of torture and similar practices of coercing testimony, confessions, information is, universally condemned under international law and US law (see addendum)

Be it resolved that the ALA condemns the use or threat of torture by the US government, its police or military as a violation of human rights, intellectual freedom, and the rule of law. The ALA decries the suggestion by the US government that under a 'state of emergency' in this country torture, here or abroad, is an acceptable tool in pursuit of its goals.

submitted by Mark C. Rosenzweig ALA Councilor at large second TBA

### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

The legal basis for this follows, including some explication of issues raised by these references: ,

\*Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948, Article 5 states: "No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment."

\*Article 7 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), ratified by 153 countries, including the

U.S. in 1992

\*Convention against Torture or Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (the Convention against Torture), ratified by 136 countries, including the U.S. in 1994.

\*European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights.

\*American Convention on Human Rights [Signed at the Inter-American Specialized Conference on Human Rights, San Jose, Costa Rica, 22 November 1969].

\*The 'Laws of War': the prohibition against torture is also fundamental to international humanitarian law which governs the conduct of parties during armed conflict.

Article 3 to the Geneva Conventions, for example, bans

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## Health Coverage Resolution

WHEREAS there are significant numbers of U.S. librarians and other library workers who lack health insurance coverage, either because they are working multiple part-time positions or because their full-time employers do not provide them with health insurance benefits, and

WHEREAS other professional organizations, such as the National Writers Union and the American Nurses Association, offer group health insurance plans for their members who are not covered by their employers, and

WHEREAS the ALA Code of Ethics states that we "advocate conditions of employment that safeguard the rights and welfare of all employees of our institutions",

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Library Association should provide an affordable group health insurance plan for members of the Association who lack health insurance coverage in their current settings.

submitted by Mark Rosenzweig

## ELECTION RESULTS ANNOUNCED

Here are the results of the election of the SRRT Action Council Members-at-large for the term 2002-2005. A total of 298 Ballots were cast from the SRRT Membership: The results of the election of three (3) Members-at-Large for the SRRT Action Council:

Jennifer Baltes 185  
Frederick W. Stoss 175  
Terren Ilana Wein 135  
Mark Hudson 122  
Laura Koltutsky 82  
Peter McDonald 57

If Jennifer, Fred, Terren, or any other AC Member-at-large cannot complete their respective term of office, according to the SRRT By-laws, "Positions that

select a coordinator, treasurer, recording secretary, exhibits coordinator, and a membership/recruitment chair. These officers will preferably be elected

from the at-large members of Action Council, but may be selected from the Task Force representatives or the affiliate representatives. Except in extraordinary circumstances, no single person shall serve Action Council in more than one of the six designated offices."

The slate of SRRT Action Council now is:  
SRRT Action Council Members-at-Large  
1999-2002 (Outgoing)

Fred Stoss  
Peter McDonald  
Elizabeth Morrissett

2000-2003  
Nel Ward  
Carol Barta  
Peter Money  
Lynn Anderses

2001-2004  
Mark Rosenzweig  
Carole McCollough  
Rory Litwin

2002-2005  
Jennifer Baltes  
Fred Stoss  
Terren Ilana Wein

*Also, the following SRRT members were elected as Councilor-at-Large for 2002-2005:*

Mary Biblo  
Diedre Conkling  
Jenna Freedman  
Carolyn L. Garnes  
Elaine M. Harger  
Peter McDonald







**Resource Sharing: Changing the Face of Rural Libraries**

The use of technology and mentoring is maximizing rural libraries' abilities to enhance service delivery despite economic restraints.

*Saturday, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM*

**To Bookmobile or Not: A Management & Community Decision**

The need and continuous maintenance complexities often a library's budget. Learn how some libraries have been successful in addressing this issue.

*Saturday 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM*

**Easier Said Than Done: A Lesson in Remote Connectivity**

We will explore the challenges facing high-speed connectivity to both remote areas via traditional hard-wire infrastructure and to mobile libraries via wireless options. Libraries everywhere are facing an increasing demand from the public to provide high-quality technology and internet access. This is especially the case in rural areas where libraries often play unique roles as information hubs in communities with few alternative points of access.

Speakers: Amanda McKeraghan, Extension Services Librarian, Corvallis-Benton County Library; Teresa Landers, Deputy Library Director, Corvallis-Benton County Library.

*Sunday 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM*

**Reading Starts with Us: How to Build on Family Literacy**

Do you want to give parents tools to develop reading relationships with their children? The library is a great place to promote family literacy. This session will present Reading Starts with Us, a program that introduces parents to a range of quality children's literature and to ways to share these books with their children so the experience is enjoyable and beneficial. Learn about how to present a workshop series in your library.

Speakers: Ellen Goldsmith, Director, Center for Intergenerational Reading, NYC City Technical College

*Sunday, 8:30 – 10:00 AM*

**Buildliteracy.org: Using Technology to Build Adult Literacy @ your library**

Buildliteracy.org is an interactive how-to website for building a sustaining literacy coalitions. Buildliteracy.org answers Frequently Asked Questions about adult literacy libraries and coalitions. It also includes sections on building literacy @ your library, coalition building, profiles of existing literacy coalitions and a menu of activities. The project team will demonstrate the web site's unique features facilitate a dialogue with participants to determine what's needed @ your library and in your community.

*Sunday, 1:30 PM – 5:30 PM*

**Third Annual Jean E. Coleman Library Outreach Lecture**

The Third Annual Library Outreach Lecture is a tribute to the efforts of Jean E. Coleman. She worked to ensure all citizens, particularly adult learners, have access to quality library services. The lecture will support and the promote the work of the Office for Literacy and Outreach Services in literacy and outreach.

Speaker: Lotsee Patterson, Professor of Library and Information Studies, University of Oklahoma

*Monday, 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM*

**I Did It for Myself: Library Literacy Programs Persist in Helping Adult Learners I and II**

Library literacy programs are deeply invested in helping adult learners serve as models and mentors for libraries starting or sponsoring direct adult literacy programs. In this presentation, findings from a longitudinal study of adult learner persistence in library literacy programs will be used to provide new and established programs with practical information on a wide range of topics including developing databases and training tutors.

*Monday 1:30 PM – 5:30 PM*

*Tuesday, 8:30 AM– 12:00 PM*

**Making Your Library Literacy Ready**

It takes more than a library, librarians and books, to move from being literacy-ready to offering programs and services for adult learners. What does adult literacy look like at your library? Share ideas

with colleagues and adult literacy providers. Listen and learn from adult learners from the Jacksonville, FL Public Library Literacy Program. Brainstorm with the facilitators and participants to identify stages of service program development and a corresponding list of literacy activities.

Speakers: Dale Lipschultz, Literacy Officer, ALA OLOS;; Suzanne Knell, Illinois Literacy Resource Development Center, Jacksonville Public Library

*Monday 1:30 PM – 5:30 PM*

**Value & Accessibility: Outreach Conferences State by State**

## **GLBTRT Programs**

### **In Denial: HIV/AIDS Prevention Information Issues in Libraries**

Moderator – Khafre K. Abif, Director, Langston Hughes Library, Children's Defense Fund/ Alex Haley Farm (Co-sponsored with BCALA)

Panelists include:

Dr. George Roberts, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, HIV Office (groberts@cdc.gov) will provide the current context of the HIV/AIDS epidemic, discuss barriers to prevention, i.e. not having community ownership, societal attitudes towards women, youth and homosexuality. Dr. Roberts will also discuss reaching under-served populations.

Dr. W. B. Lukenbill, Graduate School of Library & Information Science, University of Texas (luke@gsliis.utexas.edu) and author of "AIDS and HIV Programs and Services for Libraries" (Libraries Unlimited, 1994), will speak about the roles and models that libraries have traditionally played in providing HIV/AIDS information to the general public as well as to special groups such as community based HIV/AIDS organizations. The models discussed will describe services, expectations of various client groups, limitations and boundaries of services, public expectations of the library as a provider of HIV/AIDS information and the impact of the Internet on providing the information through library-based avenues.

Rose Marie Smith, Consultant to the National Library of Medicine, will provide a PowerPoint demonstration of the National Library of Medicine database, which provides HIV/AIDS information. NLM and NIH recognize that it is critical to establish relationships with organizations that encourage and foster communication and information access. In June 1993 NLM and the NIH Office of AIDS Research cosponsored a conference that brought together users of NIH information resources, including health care

## OTHER PROGRAMS OF INTEREST

### **ALA/AFL-CIO Joint Committee a Library Services to Labor: A Unique Relationship**

In conjunction with the publication of special issue of *Library Trends*, this panel discussion consisting of contributors to the journal will examine the working relationship between labor and libraries. Programs designed for labor groups including web design technology training public library services and more will be discussed. In addition, labor educators will discuss their training needs and the ways in which libraries are assisting in this endeavor.

Speakers: Deborah Schmidle, Reference Librarian, University at Albany; Dan Golodner, Archivist/WebDeveloper, Wayne State University; Bette Ann Hubbard (tentative), American Federation of Teachers; Margaret Chaplan (tentative), Librarian, University of Illinois.

*Monday 10:30AM to 12:30 PM (RUSA)*

### **Going Green without Going Broke**

Nearly everyone agrees that sustainable design is a good idea, but is it affordable for your library and how can it be implemented? A group of experts in the fields of energy conservation, indoor environmental quality, sustainable materials, recycling, and landscape design discuss practical ideas for making libraries environmentally friendly. The session describes LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification and its application to library building projects.

*Sunday, 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM (LAMA BES)*

### **Addressing the Digital Divide in Your Community**

Libraries have made great strides designing online customer services. How do we make sure that these services are easily accessible to all potential library users and the we offer the web content patron, patron training, and access necessary for our communities to take advantage of them? Join David Bolt of the Disability Divide series for PBS, and a panel of librarians and other professionals who are successfully closing the Digital Divide.

Speakers: David Bolt, Producer, Studio Miramar; Greg Kallenbach, Community Information Librarian,

ian, New York Public Library; Frances Roehm, SkokieNet Librarian, Skokie Public Library; Trish Skaptason, Office of Library Services; Mary Stansburg, Assistant professor, Kent State

## **ALA HONORARY MEMBERSHIP NOMINATIONS**

### **Purpose:**

Honorary membership may be conferred on a living citizen of any country whose contribution to librarianship or a closely related field is so outstanding that it is of lasting importance to the advancement of the whole field of library service. It is intended to reflect honor upon the ALA as well as upon the individual.

### **Criteria for selection:**

1. To be eligible for honorary membership, a person should be so outstanding that there can be no question about his/her suitability.
2. The designation should recognize the contribution of an individual per se, rather than that of an individual representing



*What is your best advice for librarians, especially new ones, who want to make a difference?*

Get out from behind your desks, get off your behinds and DO SOMETHING for the profession. I think the best advice I can give is to take your profession as serious as you take your job. From the local to national levels our library organizations need people to work and advocate for librarians. ALA needs librarian activists. Get out and talk to the students in our library schools. Volunteer to speak at their ALA and other student association meetings. We live in communities where there are dozens of civic organizations where we librarians can and should be talking more about the issues. Put your name on a list of community speakers and talk about the role of intellectual freedom, diversity, censorship, equity, and other issues reflected by SRRT and the task forces comprising SRRT. It is NOT difficult to get out there and DO SOMETHING FOR THE PROFESSION. Last year, the Student ALA Chapter here at UB received the Outstanding Chapter Award from ALA. E.J. Josey was one speaker that was invited to Buffalo to talk about the roles librarians play with issues of equity (over the year three other persons talked about other issues and the roles waiting for librarians to play). I was impressed by E.J.'s presentation, because he reflected on some of the things that librarians DID to help foster more equity in and by our libraries. What was more impressive was the number of people who came from as far away as Cleveland, Ohio to hear that presentation and have the opportunity to say hello to a friend, a colleague, and a peer who's biggest contribution to our profession was that he DID SOMETHING FOR THE PROFESSION.

*When did you first know you wanted to be a librarian?*

In 1980 after having taken my first library course, Scientific and Technical Information and then being introduced to Professor Marta Dosa at Syracuse. Marta convinced me to become a librarian. I did, and we remain good friends and colleagues. She, too, pushed a socially responsible agenda.

*Is there anything you regret doing or not doing in your career?*

That is a great question. I regret not going on to get my Ph.D. However, I also realize that it is not too late to start a degree in communications with a cognate in library science, which is available right here at the University at Buffalo.

*What are your main concerns about libraries following the September 11 attacks?*

That librarians will not fight for rights and freedoms to keep our flow of information as free and unbridled as it was on September 10. I see too few librarians willing to stand up and fight for rights to be informed and to challenge those seeking to eliminate or curtail those rights. I see too few librarians who will actively point out the root cause of situations and take the time to reveal the hidden agendas. I see too many libraries willing to give up so much without any degree of challenge to the giving up.

*What are your proudest accomplishments as SRRT Coordinator?*

I tried to be a peace maker and a builder of relationships between SRRT and others (groups and individuals).

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*What are your wishes for SRRT's future?*

I would like to see SRRT become more greatly respected as a whole, as some members are greatly respected as individuals. SRRT has a long, VERY long history, of directing social policies for the association and the profession. There is a beautiful history that SRRT can write about its legacy for ALA and beyond ALA. These accomplishments took place over time. MANY times in the past three years I heard compliments about SRRT's programs, ideas, actions, etc. I would like to see more ALA members recognize that SRRT is a group of tremendously diverse and extremely talented and gifted persons whose efforts, expertise, and passions should be taken more seriously. SRRT is a barometer and an early warning system for many issues and concerns. SRRT treads on thin ice on many of these issues and is not afraid of falling into the cold waters, when necessary.

I heard far too often comments uttered privately about how courageous SRRT was, or how great it is that SRRT is taking the lead on this, or how lucky ALA is to have SRRT. I tell them to make those very same statements in a public forum. Last January we made some steps in that direction. I am delighted to see that there are other groups that want to exchange liaisons with SRRT and open up new channels for communication.

*Ask yourself the one question you wish I'd thought to ask.*

What are your plans for future involvement with SRRT?

That puts me on a hot spot! After three years of serving as SRRT Coordinator, which was too long, there is a part of me that would like to take a big breath of fresh air and do nothing. But I can't and I won't. I was elected to serve a second term as a Member-at-Large to SRRT Action Council. My next role will be that of a do-er. The next SRRT Coordinator is going to need help. I will be there to be a helper. I have some ideas what I would like to do, but the new Coordinator may have a different role for me, that will be the new Coordinator's decision. There's a quote about personal responsibilities from that book I mentioned above, "Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves, without comparing themselves to somebody else, for each one should carry his own load." Gal 6:4-5 I don't know if I was successful in doing this, but I look back with a lot of pride for the courage I have seen in SRRT, and I am humbled to have been a part, even if a small one, of it.

Thank you, Jane, for the opportunity here. Fred



**Who will be the new SRRT Coordinator?**



**Stay tuned...**

