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Hello to you all.

Summertime is almost upon us and another school year is about to conclude. There is a whirl of last minute questions — the industry profiles for projects that are due or articles for research papers that must be written and then they are done. Students are still here, but they are studying for finals. As a librarian, you feel that your usefulness is over for the semester.

For many of us, once instruction classes are done, we can (briefly) catch our breathe. Now is the time we work on all those projects that have eluded us over the weeks and months since school began. Students leave for home and we are left with time on our hands. We begin to plan for the coming fall semester and recharge our instruction programs. June presents us with two excellent opportunities to do this.

Please plan on coming to ALA Annual in New Orleans. While you are here, you will be able to connect with other LIRT members and learn how to jazz up your

instruction with helpful information about technology. The PR/Membership committee will be presenting a Membership fair Sunday morning. This will be immediately before the LIRT program in rooms 353-355 in the Morial Convention Center. Right after this, stay and take in our LIRT Program entitled “Jazz up Your Teaching with Technology”. This will be a terrific program that you will not want to miss! Don't forget about Bites with LIRT. Bites with LIRT is a great opportunity to have lunch with other LIRT members and met new friends.

The close of Annual 2006 will bring an end to my term as president of LIRT. I would like to thank several people for making this a great experience. Thank you to Cynthia Akers and Stephanie Michel for their support in the past year. Thank you also to the chair of this year's program committee, Julie Elliott. This year's program involved a great deal of commitment and planning. The Conference Program committee, along with the Teaching, Learning and Technology committee, has worked hard to bring us an outstanding program this year. Our incoming President is Vibiana Bowman. It has been a pleasure to work with Vib this past year. With her dynamic personality, LIRT will go forward in the coming year.

I look forward to seeing you all in New Orleans for ALA Annual,

Have a great summer and travel safe!
Carol Schuetz

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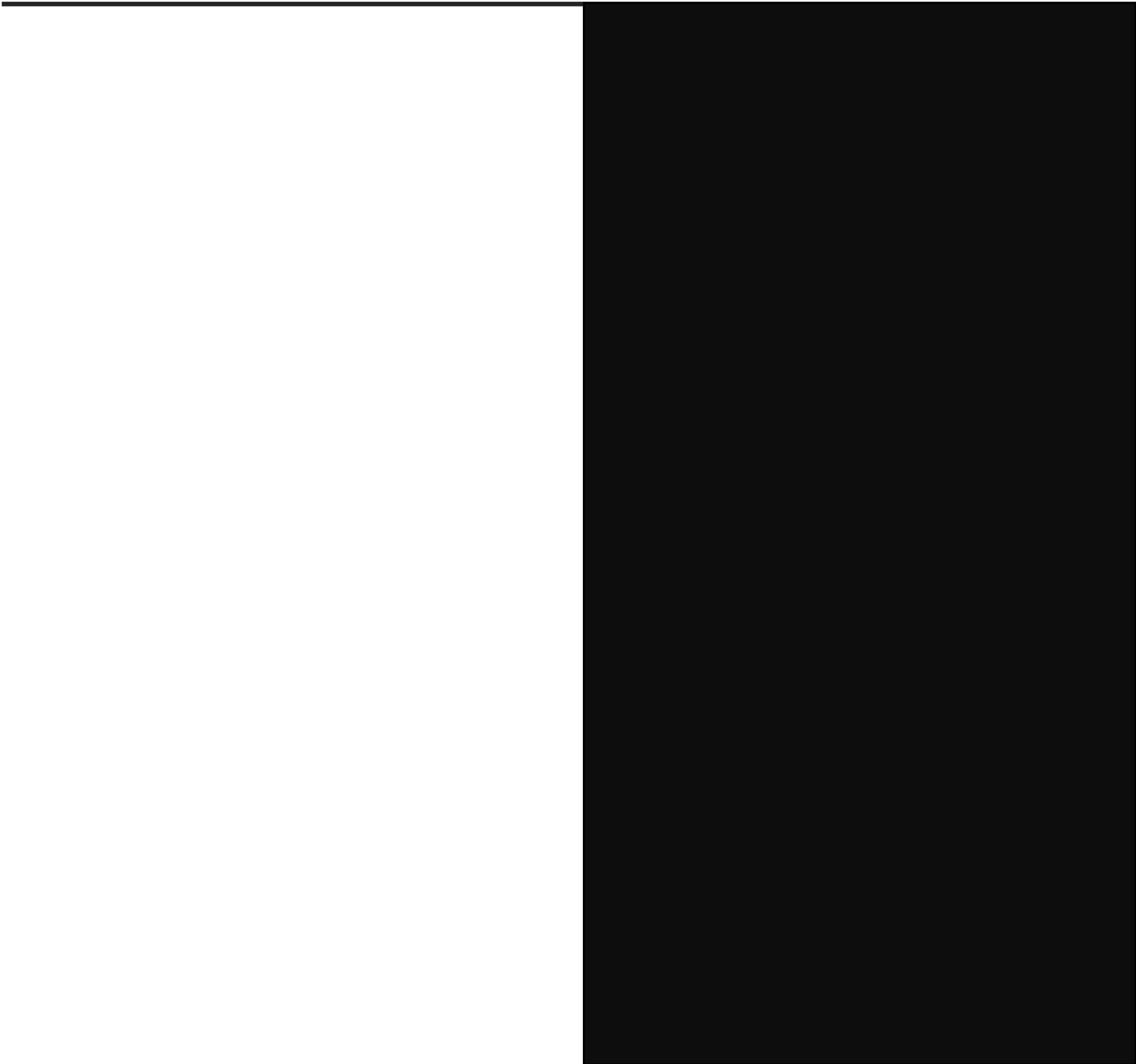
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Dear Tech Talk: A recent message on a listserv made reference to "SUSHI." From the context of the message, I don't believe that this term refers to Japanese dietary habits, but I don't fully understand what SUSHI is or its value (if any) to reference and instruction librarians.

—Seeking SUSHI Sagacity

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Adult Learners - Assists library professionals to understand, find information or promote ideas on learning styles, teaching methods, and training resources most often associated with adult learners.

Conference Program - Plans the LIRT program for the ALA Annual Conference. Makes arrangements for speakers, room, handouts, and activities during the program.

Liaison- This committee shall initiate and maintain communication with groups within the American Library Association dealing with issues relevant to library instruction and shall disseminate information about these groups' activities.

Newsletter - Solicits articles, prepares and distributes the LIRT newsletter. The Executive Board of LIRT serves as the Editorial Board for the LIRT newsletter.

Organization & Planning - This committee shall be responsible for long-range planning and making recommendations to guide the future direction of LIRT. It shall monitor the structure of LIRT on an ongoing basis and

recommend to the Executive Board, and through it to the membership of LIRT, the creation, responsibilities, and discontinuance of committees and task forces. It will review and update the LIRT Manual annually. The Past Treasurer shall prepare the Five Year Financial Plan report and present it at the second Organization & Planning committee at the Midwinter conference. The Past President shall serve as the chairperson. Nominations will be a subcommittee of this committee. The Nominations Subcommittee shall prepare a slate of candidates for election to LIRT office and shall maintain the Nominations checklist of procedures. The Past President serves as a member of the subcommittee.

Public Relations/Membership Publicizes LIRT purposes, activities, and promotes membership in LIRT. Develops brochures and news releases to inform members, prospective members, and the library profession about LIRT activities. Sponsors an exhibit booth at the Annual Conference. Organizes BITES (meals for instruction librarians to meet for food and discussion) at conferences.

Research Identifies, reviews, and disseminates infor-



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