
Library History Round Table Newsletter

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**LHRT Executive Meeting at ALA Midwinter in Boston (open to all interested members) will be held on Sunday, January 25, at 8:30 a.m., place TBA- watch the LHRT web page: <http://www.ala.org/ala/lhrt/lhrthome.htm>**  
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Message from the Chair

Hi folks –

I can't tell you how blessed I feel to have this opportunity to chat with you as LHRT Chair. When I joined ALA in 2004, I never imagined that I'd be chair of a national organization. I came to my first LHRT board meeting because I was staying in a hotel across the street and didn't have much else to do. I thought, "hey, I like history--let's see what LHRT's all about." It turned out that Christine Pawley and other members of the Executive Committee were very welcoming. By the end of the meeting they appointed me to a committee. Ever since, I've always found ways to get involved with LHRT.

LHRT's strength has long been its promotion of historical scholarship, and we continue to organize fascinating conference programs. In 2010, there will be three opportunities for all kinds of scholars, experienced and new. The Research Forum in Washington, D.C. will focus on libraries and politics, and we welcome scholars, practitioners, students, and advocates to send in a proposal. In addition, I have decided to open up LHRT's "Invited Speakers" program. Traditionally, the speakers have been selected by the chair, and the program has highlighted the research efforts of well-known scholars. But this year, there is a "call-for-presenters," and the program will

be geared toward people who are new to library history research. For experienced scholars, the "call" represents a chance to educate others about the importance and methods of historical research. For attendees, it will be an opportunity to take one's research agenda or professional concerns in a new direction. Finally, LHRT is sponsoring the quinquennial Library History Seminar in September, 2010. Hosted by the University of Wisconsin-Madison, this event is another juried program. You can find the CFPs for the Research Forum, Invited Speakers Program, and Library History Seminar in this issue, and on LHRT's "conference information" page, <http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/rts/lhrt/oversightgroups/conferenceinfo/conferenceinformation.cfm>

An important legacy I hope to leave with LHRT is one of improved organizational infrastructure. This may not sound as exciting as our conference programs, but it is essential to the round table's future. I am proposing numerous changes to our bylaws, developing a handbook for officers, consolidating semiannual issues of the *Bibliography of Library History*, and more. In all these efforts, I appreciate your advice, concerns, or other input. Feel free to contact me anytime (BAL19@psu.edu).

If you've published an article or book relating to library history, send a citation to Ed Goedecken (goedecken@iastate.edu), compiler of LHRT's *Bibliography of Library History*.

Recommend an article, book, dissertation, or unpublished essay for one of LHRT's awards. Send the information to vice-chair Melanie Kimball (melanie.kimball@simmons.edu) to forward to the appropriate committee.

Donate an item to LHRT's fundraising auction. Contact the auction chair, David Hovde (hovde@purdue.edu).

Make a contribution to the Ed Holley, Justin Winsor, or LHRT scholarship fund. Contact ALA staff liaison Denise Davis (dmdavis@ala.org) to make arrangements.

Renew your membership to ALA and LHRT.

What you can do ... in 30 minutes or less:

Read LHRT's newsletters. You can find back issues online under the "Popular Resources" link on LHRT's web page (<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/rt/lhrt/index.cfm>).

Write a brief article for LHRT's newsletter. Contact the editors, Jim Carmichael (jim_carmichael@uncg.edu) and Tom Glynn (glynn@rci.rutgers.edu).

Respond when LHRT officers ask for members' feedback.

Submit a paper proposal for the Research Forum or other conference events. Submissions for ALA's Annual Meeting are usually due the preceding October or No-

vember, and speakers are announced at Midwinter.

What you can do ... at conferences:

Wear your purple LHRT ribbon proudly. If you need a ribbon, contact membership chair Mark McCallon (mccallonm@acu.edu). Attend LHRT's Executive Committee meeting, where round table decisions are made. We usually meet on Sunday morning at every ALA conference.

Attend the Research Forum, Invited Speakers Program, and Ed Holley Memorial Lecture. Our programs are usually on Sunday and Monday.

Volunteer to be a timekeeper, take photos, distribute brochures, and help with other logistics at LHRT events.

Volunteer to become a liaison between LHRT and another group. If you're interested, contact chair Bernadette A. Lear (BAL19@psu.edu).

Write a newsletter article or blog about an LHRT event that you've attended.

If you live in the conference city, offer to organize a Dutch-treat dinner, historic library tour, or other social event for LHRT members.

What you can do ... anytime:

If you work in a library, ensure that its annual reports, newsletters, photographs, and other historical documents are organized and preserved.

Find a library in your region that doesn't have its own history available on its web site. Offer to

Attend anniversary celebrations of libraries in your region.

Ask colleagues to consider historical perspectives when making decisions.

Encourage LIS students and junior colleagues to include library history in their research effort

This event will NOT be a scholarly, “conference paper” panel. Instead, the program will provide step-by-step instructions, helpful advice, and ready-to-use resources. We are seeking speakers who can address one or more of the following topics:

Recommended information sources
for library history research
Capturing 20th and 21st-century li-
brary history through oral history,
photography, and other means
Handling and storage considerations
for historic documents and artifacts
Organizing an archive of your li-

Melanie Kimball elected Vice-
chair/chair-elect

Mark McCallon elected Secretary-
Treasurer elect

Maurice York elected Member at- large

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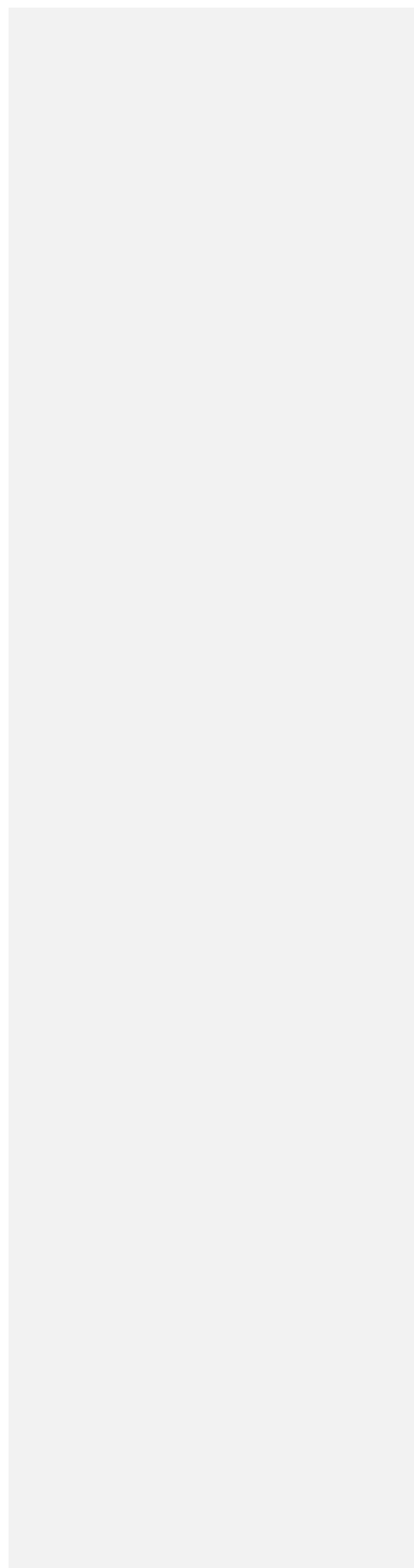
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