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Dear LHRT Colleagues and Friends,

Looking forward to this summer's ALA Annual Conference in Chicago, it is a privilege to announce an exciting array of programs. Beginning in the early afternoon (1:30-3:00 pm) on Sunday, July 12, LHRT will offer an invited speaker program titled,

The panel will include three presentations given by well-known scholars in the library history field, followed by a respondent. The program will feature an interrelated approach to the history of public library development in the United States. Here is the preliminary program:

- Christine Pawley (University of Wisconsin, Madison)  
"Libraries for Localities: Fostering Neighborhoods in the Early Twentieth Century"
- Wayne Wiegand (Florida State University)  
"Main Street Public Library: Books and Reading in the Rural Midwest, 1890-1956," and
- Tom Glynn (Rutgers University Libraries)  
"Reading Publics: Public Libraries in New York City in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century."

- Jim Carmichael (University of North Carolina at Greensboro) will act as a responder to the panel presentations.

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million dollars to construct a system of branch libraries in New York City, thus making possible the creation of a modern public library, as the term is understood today, in America's largest municipality. Before that time, New York had a multitude of "public libraries," as the city grew and the definition of the term shifted and evolved over the course of the nineteenth century. This talk will explore what the early history of libraries in New York reveals not just about the development of the idea of a public library, but also about changing conceptions of the role of government and the distinction between the public and the private.

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tainly be an excellent learning opportunity for us all. We hope that a healthy cross-section of researchers, practicing librarians, and students will be part of the audience and pose their thoughts during the Q&A which will follow the presentations. Please join us!

Bernadette Lear  
LHRT Vice-Chair/Research Committee  
Chair

Abstract: Historical evidence of readers reading journalism is ephemeral and elusive. Newspapers and magazines have been common forms of popular reading material over the past three centuries, but for that very reason, perhaps, people tended not to think much about their news reading. They did not ponder it as they might have pondered a scripture verse or a poem. And they seldom wrote much about it in diaries and letters. The historical record is thin. Though libraries are packed with newspapers, evidence for exploring reader response to those newspapers is rare. But it is not missing altogether.

This lecture is about my quest to track down some of those elusive readers. Over the past couple of decades, I have done half a dozen studies in the history of reading and readers of American journalism. In the Holley Lecture I will talk about several of those studies,

paying particular attention to the nature of the \_\_\_\_\_ that I have found. The studies range in time from the 1730s to the 1910s, and the evidence ranges from diaries to subscription lists to statistical data to manuscript letters to the editor.

David Nord  
Indiana University

The Donald G. Davis Award for the "best article written in English in the field of United States and Canadian library history including the history of libraries, librarianship, and book culture" is given by the Library History Round Table every two years. This is the first call for nominations for the 2010 award. The award criteria and other information are available on the ALA website:  
<http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/ors/orsawards/davisdonaldg/davisdonald.cfm>. If you would like to suggest an article for consideration, please send your nomination to the committee chair.

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We are currently in the process of collecting books, serials and ephemera for LHRT's third auction to raise funds the Round Table's speaker honoraria. The auction is scheduled for the Library

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Second: Cindy Welch. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

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