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In April, Think Libraries by Kathryn Ray

It's Spring! There's no time like April in Washington: National Library Week, Legislative Day preparations and, of course, cherry blossoms!

National Library Week will be celebrated this year April 2-8. Since 1958, ALA has sponsored National Library Week, a national celebration for libraries and the people who love them. It is a time to honor the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. National Library Week celebrates all types of libraries – school, federal, public, academic, military, law and business and all special libraries. This year's theme is "Change your world @ your library®." For more information about NLW and ALA's Campaign for America's Libraries, check out <http://www.ala.org/ala/pio/campaign/nlw/NLW.htm>.

Planning is in full swing for Legislative Day. On May 1st and 2nd, hundreds of library supporters from across the country will visit Members of Congress to share stories about libraries in their communities and to talk about library accomplishments and needs. Barbara Folensbee-Moore, DCLA's Legislative Day Chair, Bill Turner and Bette Ann Hubbard, D.C.'s coordinators (sorry, I can't bring myself to call them "state" coordinators) will be looking for volunteers. Contact Bill at bill.turner@dc.gov.

Are you aware of DCLA's long and close association with the ALA Washington Office? John Cole, in his book, *Capital Libraries and Librarians: A Brief History of The District of Columbia Library Association*, recounts the events that lead up to ALA's opening of a Washington Office in October 1945. Paul Howard, the first director, served as president of DCLA from 1947-1948. During Howard's tenure at the helm of the Washington Office, he worked hard on behalf of the first, albeit unsuccessful, attempt to obtain federal funding for public libraries. When ALA decided to close the Washington Office due to lack of funds, the DCLA Board voted, in December 1949, to contribute \$100 toward its re-establishment. ALA reopened the office in January 1950 with a new director, Marjorie Malmberg. Lobbying efforts became more sophisticated. DCLA's journal, *D.C. Libraries* regularly published "notes" from the WO, and often featured columns written by WO staff. DCLA supported the efforts of the Washington office with telegrams, letters, and testimony. Director Eileen Cooke was a member of DCLA's Centennial Committee and was made an Honorary Member of DCLA upon her retirement. In 1975, DCLA's legislative committee organized a "Legislative Day" when librarians visited legislators on Capitol Hill. The ALA Washington Office now takes the lead on National Library Legislative Day with DCLA's committee playing a major role.

While on the topic of Congress and advocacy, if you agree that "Taxation

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*DCLA Annual
Spring Banquet
and
Awards Presentation*



*Helen Thomas
Guest Speaker*

Commonly referred to as "The First Lady of the Press," former White House Bureau Chief *Helen Thomas* is a trailblazer, breaking through barriers for women reporters while covering every President since John F. Kennedy. For 57 years, *Helen* also served as White House correspondent for United Press International. She recently left this post and joined Hearst Newspapers as a syndicated columnist.

Helen Thomas has written three books, including her latest, *Thanks for the Memories Mr. President: Wit and Wisdom from the Front Row at the White House*.

Check the May issue of *Intercom*, the DCLA Web site (www.dcla.org), or the DCLA listserv for details.

DCLA and Iota Chapter, Beta Phi Mu
at the
Maryland Library Association
Annual Conference

Thursday, May 4
4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Clarion Hotel
On the beach
at
Ocean City, MD

**Libraries Are
Fundamental**

Francis J. Buckley, Jr.
Interim Director, DC Public Library

Donald Collins
NOAA Oceanographer and Embedded Librarian

Elaine Cline
Chief Librarian, U.S. State Department Library

DCLA members register at the MLA member rate
More information at 410-947-5090 (MLA office)
or <www.mdlib.org>

Tour
U.S. Supreme Court Library

One First St., N.E.
Enter north door. Gather at statue of John Marshall.

Wednesday, April 12
10:00 a.m. – noon

\$8 students, \$10 DCLA and MLA members

Dutch-treat lunch at the Monocle Restaurant
(nearby at 107 D St., N.E.)

Tour limited to 20 people.
Send registration by **April 3**
to Maryland Library Association
1401 Hollins St.
Baltimore, MD 21223
410-947-5090

This invitation is extended to DCLA members
through the kindness of Bill Wilson, Retiree Interest
Group, Maryland Library Association.

For more information, call Bill at 301-405-2048.

JOINT SPRING WORKSHOP 2006

**21st-Century Competencies
for Information Professionals**

Keynote Speaker: Jane Dysart, Dysart and Jones

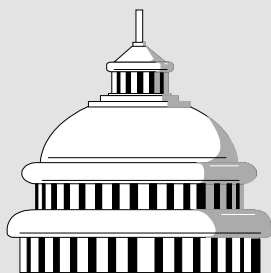
Tuesday 25 April 2006
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Mumford Room, 6th Floor,
Madison Building, Library of Congress

\$40.00 members, \$20.00 students, and \$60.00 non-members

Registration form and check must be received
by 12 April 2006.

For more information email laura_hjerpe@yahoo.com
or call 703-597-2806.



**32nd Annual National
Library Legislative Day**

Tuesday, May 2

On Capitol Hill

Sponsored by ALA, DCLA, & SLA

**To volunteer, contact Bill Turner
at DC Public Library
202-727-4968 or bill.turner@dc.gov**



Thursday, May 4

6:00 p.m.

Fado Irish Pub

808 7th St.
(near Gallery Place - Chinatown Metro)

Sponsored by DCLA
New Librarians Interest Group
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UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS

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April 8 (Saturday)**

National Library Week. Theme: Change Your World @ Your Library. Contact: <www.ala.org>.
National Library Workers Day. (April 4). Contact: <www.ala-apa.org/about/nlwd.html>.

**April 3
(Monday)**

Libraries and Technology Collide: Simulation and Gaming. Sponsored by the Federal Library and Information Center Committee Education Working Group. 12:30-4:00. West Dining Room, 6th Floor, Madison Bldg., Library of Congress, 101 Independence Ave., S.E. Contact: 202-707-4813.

**April 5
(Wednesday)**

Netspeak and the Future of Online Reference Sessions. Co-sponsored by the University of Maryland Libraries' Digital Reference Committee & Information Literacy Team. 3:00-4:30. University of Maryland College Park, McKeldin Library, Room 6137. Contact: <www.lib.umd.edu/groups/digref/netspeak.html>.

**April 6
(Thursday)**

Opening Doors Open Minds: The Open Access Movement. Program sponsored by DC/SLA to celebrate International Special Librarians Day. 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Kiplinger Washington Editors Building, 1729 H St., N.W., First floor. Contact: Salvador Velez 202-623-3215 or salvadorv@iadb.org.

Human-Centered Design: The Basics of Usability. Sponsored by Federal Library and Information Center Committee. 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Mumford Room, Madison Bldg., 6th floor, Library of Congress, 1st and Independence Ave., S.E. Contact: 202-707-4800.

**April 10
(Monday)**

Celebrate Deaf Legacy @ Your Library. Sponsored by ALA and the National Association of the Deaf. 11:00 a.m.-noon. Dining Room A, 6th Floor, Madison Bldg., Library of Congress, 101 Independence Ave., S.E. Contact: Eric Eldritch, eeld@loc.gov or alicehagemeyer@aol.com.

How Congress Really Works. Sponsored by DC/SLA and SLA Government Information Division. 6:00-8:00 p.m. Covington & Burling, 1201 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., 11th floor, Conference Room 1139. Contact: Peggy Garvin peggy@garvinconsulting.com.

**April 11
(Tuesday)**

Civil War scholar Gary W. Gallagher and author Margaret E. Wagner discuss and sign *The American Civil War: 365 Days*. A "Books & Beyond" event sponsored by the Library of Congress Center for the Book. 6:00 p.m. Montpelier Room, Madison Bldg., 6th floor, 1st and Independence Ave., S.E. Contact: Ann Boni 202-707-1519.

DCLA Board Meeting. 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Gelman Library, George Washington University, 2130 H St., N.W. Room 202. Contact: Katherine Ray, 202-244-0770, ray@american.edu, KCRDLB@gmail.com.

**April 12
(Wednesday)**

Impact of IP on Digitization Projects, Part I: Digitization Project Management in a Nutshell. Sponsored by DC/SLA. George Washington University Himmelfarb Library, Room 202. Contact: Charlotte White cwhite@fms.gov, 202-523-5762.

**April 17 (Monday) -
May 15 (Monday)**

Selecting Spanish-Language Materials for Adults. Online course offered by the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Library Agencies/ALA. Contact: <www.ala.org/ala/ascla/asclaevents/professionaldevelopmentonline/> or <www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2006/february/onlinecourse.htm>.

**April 18
(Tuesday)**

Attorney and Lincoln scholar James L. Swanson discusses and signs *Manhunt: The 12 Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer*. A "Books & Beyond" event sponsored by the Library of Congress Center for the Book. 6:00 p.m. Mumford Room, Madison Bldg., 6th floor, 1st and Independence Ave., S.E. Contact: Ann Boni 202-707-1519.

Standards Made the Web and Will Remake the Library. Federal Library and Information Center Committee Brown Bag. 12:30-3:30. Dining Room A, Madison Bldg., 6th floor, 1st and Independence Ave., S.E. Contact: 202-707-4813.

**April 19
(Wednesday)**

The Library of Congress Mission to Baghdad: Report on the National Library and Archives. Society for International Development/Development Information Workgroup Meeting. Noon – 2:00. Library of Congress, African and Middle Eastern Division Conference Room, TH-220, 1st and Independence Ave., S.E. Contact: Kenlee Ray 202-483-2423 KenleeR@aol.com.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS (cont.)

- April 20 (Thursday) - April 21 (Friday)** **Innovate and Motivate: Next Generation Libraries.** First Virtual Conference sponsored by the Association of College and Research Libraries, the Coalition for Networked Information, and EDUCAUSE. Contact: msutton@ala.org, 312-280-2522, <www.ala.org/acrl/acrlvents/virtualconference.htm>.
- Making an Ally Out of Statistics: Program Advocacy and Patron Success.** Sponsored by the Federal Library and Information Center Committee Education Working Group. 9:00-4:00. Mumford Room, 6th Floor, Madison Bldg., Library of Congress, 101 Independence Ave., S.E. Contact: 202-707-4813.
- April 21 (Friday) - April 23 (Sunday)** **Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives (MARAC) Spring Conference.** Tremont Grand Hotel, Baltimore, MD. Contact: <www.lib.umd.edu/MARAC/conferences/2006/spring06/spring2006.html> or Mary Mannix at mmannix@fredco-md.net.
- April 25 Tuesday** **21st-Century Competencies for Information Professionals.** Joint Spring Workshop sponsored by DCLA, DC-SLA, LLSDC, and FLICC. 9:00-4:00. Mumford Room, 6th Floor, Madison Building, Library of Congress, 1st and Independence Ave., S.E. Contact: laura_hjerpe@yahoo.com or 703-597-2806.
- Smithsonian curator and historian Tom D. Crouch discusses and signs *Rocketeers and Gentleman Engineers*.** A "Books & Beyond" event sponsored by the Library of Congress Center for the Book. Noon. Dining Room A, Madison Bldg., 6th floor, 1st and Independence Ave., S.E. Contact: Ann Boni 202-707-1519.
- April 26 (Wednesday)** **Managing E-Resources: Potomac Technical Processing Librarians Spring Workshop.** 9:00-4:00. Room 202, Gelman Library, George Washington University, 2130 H St., N.W. Contact: Tom Ray, 5807 Old Richmond Ave., Richmond, VA 23226.
- Impact of IP on Digitization Projects, Part II: Managing Intellectual Property Issues within the Digitization Project.** Sponsored by DC/SLA. George Washington University Himmelfarb Library, Room 202. Contact: Charlotte White Cwhite@fms.gov, 202-523-5762.
- April 26 (Wednesday) - April 27 (Thursday)** **Technology Policy for a Flattening World: The EDUCAUSE Policy Conference.** Fairmont Hotel, Washington, DC. Contact: <www.educause.edu/po106>.
- May 2 (Tuesday)** **National Library Legislative Day.** Capitol Hill. Contact: Barbara Folsensbee-Moore 202-739-5131, bfolsensbee-moore@morganlewis.com or Bill Turner 202-727-4968, bill.turner@dc.gov.
- May 3 (Wednesday)** **Information Rights: An Informal Discussion of Information Rights Around the World.** Society for International Development/Development Information Workgroup Meeting. Noon – 2:00. Development Information Center Conference Room. 1001 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. Suite 300 South. Bring photo ID. No reservations required. Contact: Kenlee Ray 202-483-2423 KenleeR@aol.com.
- May 4 (Thursday)** **Libraries Are Fundamental: DCLA/Beta Phi Mu Program at the Maryland Library Association Annual Conference.** 4:00-5:15 p.m. Clarion Hotel, Ocean City, MD. Contact: Andrea Gruhl 301-596-5460, andreagruhl@aol.com.
- Happy Hour with DCLA New Librarians Interest Group.** 6:00 p.m. Fado Irish Pub, 808 7th St (near Gallery Place/Chinatown Metro). Contact: Ming Wong, 202-452-8331.
- May 6 (Saturday)** **The River of Imagination: Fiction and Nonfiction Storytelling.** 17th Annual Celebration of Children's Literature. 8:15 a.m.-4:15 p.m. Germantown Campus, Montgomery College. Contact: 301-279-5188.
- May 8 (Monday) - May 13 (Saturday)** **28th Institute on Federal Library Resources.** School of Library and Information Science, Catholic University of America. Contact: Amy Taylor 202-319-5085, slis-institutes@cua.edu.
- May 9 (Tuesday)** **DCLA Board Meeting.** 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Gelman Library, George Washington University, 2130 H St., N.W. Room 202. Contact: Katherine Ray, 202-244-0770, ray@american.edu, KCRDLB@gmail.com.
- May 17 (Wednesday)** **Podcasting Potential for Special Libraries.** Noon-1:30
Always Fresh! Fast Content for Your Web Site and Users. 2:00 –3:30.
Both sponsored by DC/SLA and held at National Geographic Society, 1146 16th St., N.W. Contact: Barbara Ferry bferry@ngs.org, 202-857-7051.
- May 25 (Thursday)** **Soaring to Excellence 2006 – Teleconference Series for Library Technicians: Serving Immigrant Populations.** Sponsored by the Federal Library and Information Center Committee Education Working Group and the College of DuPage. 9:30-noon. Mary Pickford Theater, 3rd floor, Madison Bldg., Library of Congress, 101 Independence Ave., S.E. Contact: 202-707-4800.

Ainsworth's Ashes: Final Resting Place of a Key Librarian of Congress by John Y. Cole

In 1971, John Y. Cole, director of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress, completed his doctoral dissertation on Ainsworth Rand Spofford (1825-1908). Spofford served as Librarian of Congress from 1864 to 1897 and as chief assistant librarian until his death. As Spofford's biographer, Cole was aided in his research by Spofford's descendants, particularly great-granddaughter Diana Spofford Laylin (1913-1990) of Great Falls, VA., and his great-grandson, John Spofford Morgan (1917-) of New York City. Cole's research and his close association with the Spofford family led to a discovery and ultimately a resolution about the final resting place of the former Librarian of Congress.

In the late 1960s, I was engaged in documenting former Librarian of Congress Ainsworth Spofford's crucial role in developing the Library into a national institution. Among his accomplishments, Spofford centralized all U.S. copyright activity at the Library in 1870 and subsequently persuaded Congress to build the Thomas Jefferson Building.

While researching Spofford, I also learned that he was buried in Rock Creek Cemetery in Washington, D.C. I visited the cemetery, noted the plot number in the cemetery office, and located the Spofford tombstone. While his wife Sarah's name was on the stone, I soon noted that Ainsworth's was not! While verifying in the office that Ainsworth was cremated and his ashes were located with Sarah's remains, I noticed that his name also was missing from the cemetery's handout that lists more than 50 notable Washingtonians buried there. Among these are Alice Roosevelt Longworth, Alexander "Boss" Shepard, Upton Sinclair, and perhaps best known of all, Henry Adams and his wife, Marian

(the subject of St. Gaudens' famous statue "Grief").

More than 20 years later, the matter of Spofford's lack of public visibility at Rock Creek Cemetery was discussed but no action was taken. The occasion was the formal presentation to the Library of Spofford's 1864 certificate of appointment as Librarian of Congress. On May 2, 1994, in the presence of 11 other Spofford descendants, great-grandson John Spofford Morgan presented the December 31, 1864 certificate—signed by President Abraham Lincoln and Secretary of State William Seward—to Librarian of Congress James H. Billington. Billington noted that the gift was "a wonderful way to begin our celebration of the reopening of the Jefferson Building and of the Library's bicentennial decade."

Nearly a decade later, on November 11, 2003, I received an e-mail from Spencer Smith, Spofford's great-great-great-grandson, then a student at George Washington University. He reminded me that we had met on May 2, 1994, when, as a nine-year-old, he had accompanied his mother, Deborah Smith, to the certificate presentation at the Library. Spencer had decided to write a paper about his ancestor and sought my advice. Before long, I brought up the matter of the Rock Creek Cemetery situation. Two weeks later, I heard from Spencer's mother, who told me that she and her son together would "rally the family" for the gravesite cause.

The story has a happy ending. In a 2004 letter to the family, John Spofford Morgan explained the cemetery situation and the need to correct it. He also pointed out that, as the most direct descendant, he felt an obligation to pay the cost of adding Ainsworth's name to the Spofford tombstone. Today, the

new words on the Spofford tombstone (Section E, Lot 32) read "Ainsworth Rand Spofford, 1825-1908, Librarian of Congress, 1864-1897, Appointed by President Lincoln." The same words have been added to the cemetery's public handout listing its most notable residents.

With the matter of the tombstone resolved, Morgan suggested that family members might want to contribute instead to a worthy Library of Congress cause, namely the Center for the Book, since its director had brought the situation to the family's attention. The center subsequently received a generous gift from a Spofford family member.

Librarian and historian John Y. Cole has served the Library of Congress since 1966 and as director of its Center for the Book since the center's creation in 1977. For his distinguished service to the profession of librarianship, the American Library Association presented him with its prestigious Lippincott Award in 2000. In 2001, he became program director for the new National Book Festival.

In 1994, John wrote DCLA's centennial history, "Capital Libraries and Librarians." He was one of the first recipients of the Ainsworth Rand Spofford President's Award, which DCLA presents for outstanding achievement in the development or improvement of library and information services. This article first appeared in the March 2005 Library of Congress Information Bulletin and is reprinted here with his kind permission.



CHAPTER CHAT

by Bill Turner, ALA Chapter Councilor

San Antonio was a perfect setting for the ALA Midwinter Meeting, January 20-25, 2006. Daytime temperatures were mostly in the 60s; skies were mostly clear; the hotels were near the convention center and it was easy to get around; the people were diverse and friendly; the Tex-Mex fare was the best; and it was fun and memorable to follow the Riverwalk and visit the Alamo. Total attendance at the meeting was 11,084. The Best-Selling Author Forum, the Opening Reception, the Technology Showcase, the ALA Presidential Candidates' Forum, the ALA President's Program, and the ALA Awards Press Conference all were highlights. Highlights of the Council sessions follows.

President's Report

ALA President Michael Gorman reported that the June 2006 Annual Conference will be held in New Orleans as planned and noted that most members seem to be happy with the decision. He also reported on progress of the library education initiative and in other areas.

President-Elect's Report

ALA President-Elect Leslie Burger has assembled a group of ALA members to help her formulate an agenda for the next presidential year. The theme for the year will be "Libraries Transform Communities." Leslie's initiatives will include a pre-conference institute for emerging leaders, a legislative forum to develop a national agenda for libraries, a "transforming libraries' summit" to be held at the 2007 Midwinter Meeting and a program for placing volunteer librarians in needy libraries.

Treasurer's Report

ALA Treasurer Teri Switzer reported on action goals, sources

of revenue, financial highlights and results and concerns and challenges for 2005; on budget plans and costs and programmatic priorities for 2007; and on results of the latest audit of ALA finances. She also stressed the need for a dues' increase (see <http://www.ala.org/ala/ourassociation/governingdocs/aheadto2010/qaduesincrease.htm>).

Executive Director's Report

ALA Executive Director Keith Michael Fiels reported on a recent reorganization of ALA Publishing, including the unveiling of American Libraries Direct, Booklist Online and JobLIST as new projects; on selection of a new web content management system and implementation of a new ALA knowledge management system; on wrap-up of Teen Read Week 2005; on rollout of Investor Education @ Your Library, a joint partnership of ALA and the Investor Protection trust; and on various other initiatives and programs of ALA and the divisions.

Dues' Increase

Council passed a proposal to increase personal membership dues in increments over the next three years (see www.ala.org/duesproposalq&a). ALA members will be asked to vote on the dues' increase this spring. The dues' increase is needed to support the association's new and ambitious strategic plan, *ALAhead to 2010* (see <http://www.ala.org/ala2010>). ALA officials and Executive Board members strongly endorse the proposed dues' increase.

Intellectual Freedom

A *Resolution in Support of Academic Freedom* was passed in opposition to the "Academic Bill of Rights" being proposed by certain conservative groups that could

undermine academic and intellectual freedom and chill free speech on campus (see <http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/statementspols/statementspolicies.htm>). There was an update on cases that the Freedom to read Foundation is involved with or monitoring, including *Doe v. Gonzalez* and *Muslim Community Association of Ann Arbor v. Ashcroft* (see <http://www.ftrf.org>).

International Relations

There were updates on ALA's involvement in a number of worldwide programs/activities, including international trade negotiations and electronic commerce and the Campaign for the World's Libraries. The International Relations Committee proposed a *Resolution on Rights of Librarians and Library Workers to Travel* in support of the rights of librarians and library workers to travel from the United States to other countries and from other countries to the United States in order to attend and participate in conferences and conduct various other educational and professional library-related activities (see <http://www.ala.org/ala/iro/awardsactivities/resolutionrighttotravel.htm>). Council adopted the resolution.

Legislation

The Committee on Legislation proposed six resolutions as follows: *A Resolution on USA PATRIOT Act Reauthorization* urging Congress to amend sections 215 and 505 to protect citizens' privacy rights; a *Resolution on OMB's Guidance to Agencies Pertaining to the Implementation of Section 207(d) of the E-Government Act of 2002*; a *Resolution on Protecting the Toxic Release Inventory Program*; a *Resolution on the Changes to IRS Tax Forms Outlet Program*; a

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Resolution in Opposition to "Sui Generis" Copyright Protection); and a *Resolution Affirming Equity of Access through Universal Service, E-Rate, and Advanced Broadband Services*. Council adopted the six resolutions. [Editor's note: Links to these resolutions appear in the version of this report that is posted at <www.dcla.org>, under Organization/DCLA Board/ALA Chapter Councilor.]

Other Resolutions

Council adopted a *Resolution on the Instructional Classification of School Librarians* calling for a coordinated national effort to classify school librarians as instructional staff and to recognize the impact of state-certified school librarians on student achievement; a *Resolution in Opposition to the Confirmation of Judge Samuel Alito as an Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court* due to "grave concerns" about Alito's nomination in regard to his stances on workplace issues and women's rights; and a *Resolution to Change the Representation of Round-Table Councilors* that would amend the bylaws to increase the number of representatives from Roundtables on Council. [Editor's note: Links to these resolutions appear in the version of this report that is posted at <www.dcla.org>, under Organization/DCLA Board/ALA Chapter Councilor.]

Application for Affiliate Status of the Catholic Library Association

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee reported that the Catholic Library Association (CLA) may reapply after it revises and amends its constitution. CLS is reportedly discussing revision of its constitution and may reapply. Background: CLA's request for affiliate status was turned down

at the 2005 ALA Annual Conference due to CLA's role in promoting Catholic principles and the feeling of numerous councilors that ALA should not affiliate with a sectarian organization. [Editor's note: A link to this resolution appears in the version of this report that is posted at <www.dcla.org>, under Organization/DCLA Board/ALA Chapter Councilor.]

ALA-Allied Professional Association (ALA-APA)

The long anticipated ALA-APA Certified Public Library Administrator Program was launched at the Midwinter Meeting. This is a post-MLS certification program for public librarians with three years or more of supervisory experience in a public library. Applications are being accepted from providers who will deliver the courses and from librarians who wish to participate in the program. The online application is available at www.ala-apa.org/certification/cplaapplication.html.

The 3rd annual National Library Workers Day will be held April 4, 2006, and will showcase the work of library employees at all levels. The theme will be "Libraries work because we do."

Election of ALA Executive Board Members

Mario M. Gonzalez, Library Director, Greenwich (CT) library; Terri G. Kirk, Librarian, Reidland High School, Paducah, KY; and Roberta A. Stevens, Outreach Projects and Partnerships Officer, Library of Congress, Washington, DC, were elected to serve on the ALA Executive Board. Each will serve a three-year term beginning in June 2006 and concluding in June 2009 (For bios see <http://www.ala.org>).

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without representation is tyranny," then check out the Web site www.devote.org. Isn't it ironic that citizens of the "Capital of the Free World" have no voting representation in Congress? On Legislative Day, those of us who live in DC long for a Senator (or two) and a voting representative to advocate for our libraries.

Yes, but DC has cherry trees. Curious about their history? Did you know that the first shipment had to be burned? Check out <http://www.nps.gov/nacc/cherry/history.htm>. And happy spring from the last colony.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Librarian, Electronic Services—Assistant/ Associate Professor. Marymount University, Arlington, VA. Position # 06025. Responsible for the digital profile of Library and Learning Services and functions as liaison to the campus Information Technology Services and the Washington Research Library Consortium. Participate in collection development, serving as L&LS liaison to a School or department, teaching library instruction and information literacy classes; and providing reference and research assistance. Required: ALA-accredited MLS, significant knowledge of integrated library systems, electronic information resources, Web development and computer hardware, software, and networking as they relate to delivery of library services. Experience supporting users of information technologies. Preferred: Second master's degree in information management, computer science, or other relevant discipline. Knowledge of and experience with Endeavor/Voyager. Online application with cover letter, resume, and list of at least three references attached must be completed for consideration. Position open until filled. For more information, contact Louise Rhoads, Library & Learning Services, 703-284-1673, louise.rhoads@marymount.edu.

Director of Public Information Services. Advocates for Youth. \$45,000 to \$50,000. Provide extensive reference services to Advocates staff in Washington, DC, Los Angeles, CA, Columbia, SC, and Kingston, Jamaica, and to colleague organizations and the public. Provide timely and extensive reference support to television writers and producers and to Advocates' Communications Department. Research and write publications as needed. Edit all publications for accuracy, readability, and timeliness. Work with Web site managers to coordinate e-newsletters and use of Advocates' materials. Manage and budget the organization's library. Build the library's unique collection of materials on adolescent sexual health. Use Inmagic DB/TextWorks. Coordinate, oversee, and manage all phases of the publications process. Required: Master's degree in Information Science, Library Science, and/or other related field or a Bachelor's degree with two to four years of research experience. Demonstrated technical skill in Internet searching, Microsoft Office, including Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint, and Word, and Inmagic DB/TextWork. Preferred: Strong interest in adolescent sexual health and working knowledge in written and spoken Spanish. Send resume with cover letter to sue@advocatesforyouth.org; or by fax to 202-419-1448 (Attn: Sue); or by mail to Director of Public Information Services, Advocates for Youth, 2000 M St., N.W., Suite 750, Washington, DC 20036.

Medical Librarian. National Library of Medicine. Full or part time at the client site located in Bethesda, MD. Some evening and Saturday hours may be included in work schedule. Provide reference and customer support to individuals who contact the NLM. Answer general health information questions using NLM stock replies and FAQs; reply to and record telephone calls, e-mail, fax, and postal mail; provide assistance with health information, database searching, verifications, and matters unique to NLM products, services and collections; determine appropriate reference sources by comparing scope, etc. Required: Bachelor's degree or work experience equivalence and familiarity with appropriate use of a core collection of medical reference tools for fact finding and gathering information. Preferred: MLS and fluency in Spanish. Contact: Anna Kim, PHR, 301-596-8800, 410-740-4321 fax, akim@hranew.com.

Web Services Librarian. Albin O. Kuhn Library & Gallery, University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC). \$45,000. Innovative librarian to oversee development of the Library's Web services and provide general reference and instruction services to faculty, staff, and students. Responsible for continued development and oversight of the Library's web presence. ALA-accredited MLS and demonstrated web development experience required. Applications will be accepted until position is filled. For best consideration, respond by April 10. For complete position responsibilities, full requirements, and other information on the UMBC Library, or to apply, see www.umbc.edu/library > "Employment Opportunities" section.

Librarian-Cataloging, Media Processing. Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus (Position FA401). Half-time, 20 hours/week, must work Fridays. Catalog AV materials including computer software and monographs needing original cataloging according to AACR2 and LC classification and subject headings. Original and copy cataloging on OCLC and CATME. Create item and MARC holding records in Aleph. Solve cataloging problems and provide professional guidance to library assistants. Required: MLS with 18 graduate semester hours in library science from an ALA-accredited school. Cataloging experience using AACR2, LC, and OCLC. Open until filled. State exactly the position and position number for which you are applying, including campus designation. Send completed Commonwealth of Virginia application, cover letter of not more than two pages, resume or c/v, and transcripts (copies accepted for initial review) from all post-secondary education, and three letters of recommendation to NVCC-HR,

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4001 Wakefield Chapel Rd., Annandale, VA 22003.
More information can be found at <www.nvcc.edu>.
Click on Job Openings at bottom of page.

Librarian. Federal client in Washington, DC needs librarian to assist with the acquisition of copyrighted works needed for its collections. Responsible for monitoring and claiming specified serial titles received through copyright deposit. Demand deposit of individual missing serial issues and/or serial titles under Section 407 of the Copyright Law. Create and/or edit online acquisitions and bibliographic records in an integrated library system. Establish and maintain effective relationships with publishers to ensure ongoing and timely receipt of serials. Respond to publisher inquiries regarding demands and deposit requirements under Sections 407 and 408 of the Copyright Law. Monitor demands and send follow-up notices to ensure receipt of materials within statutory deadline. Prepare weekly statistical reports on claiming activities. Required: Experience in acquiring library materials particularly serial publications. Experience in all aspects of serial management including creating/editing full set of ILS records, searching, analyzing, and updating online bibliographic and acquisitions records, identifying and claiming missing issues, and receiving issues on appropriate online record. Experience in using an integrated library system (ILS), especially the cataloging, acquisitions, and serials check-in functions. Experience using Voyager ILS preferred. Contact: Richard Dolan, Snelling Personnel, Personnel Manager, 818 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Suite 325, Washington, DC 20006, 202-833-6100.

Diversity Librarian Fellow. Sheridan Libraries, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore. \$38,323-\$43,113. Grade 40, PCN 421 (exempt), Requisition # 23100. Two year residency in the Entrepreneurial Library Program. During the first year, the fellow will receive training in broad areas of librarianship with emphasis on ELP projects. A departmental "home" and focused role within ELP will be established for the fellow. The second year will be tailored to the interests of the fellow and to the needs of the Sheridan libraries with time afforded for a special project. A senior colleague mentor and travel support to attend professional conferences will be provided. At the conclusion of the residency, residents may be eligible to apply for regular appointments at the Sheridan Libraries. Seeking a diverse pool of energetic, self-directed applicants with interest in academic librarianship and recent ALA-accredited MLS (within the last 3 years-degree requirements must be fulfilled by the time of hire). To apply, go to JHU Jobs at <https://hrnt.jhu.edu/jhujobs/job_search.cfm>.

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The 2005/2006 DCLA Nominations Committee
(Jean B. Craigwell, Chair; Gail Avery, Michael Kolakowski)
is pleased to present the following slate
for the

2006/2007 DCLA Board

Candidate for Vice President – President-Elect

Barbara Folensbee-Moore

Director of Library Services
Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP
1111 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, DC 20004

DCLA activities/offices held

Member since 2003. Chair of the National Library Legislative Day Committee in 2004/2005 and continuing for 2005/2006.

Other professional activities

Member of DC/SLA since 1996. Served as chair of the Hospitality Committee for three years. Member of the Law Libraries Society of DC since 1996. Served as secretary from 2003-2005. Member and officer in various positions of the SLA Chapter in Virginia from 1989 until 1996.

Your reason for running for office

I have recently become a member of DCLA and look forward to increasing my involvement in the chapter. Serving on the Board as president would be a wonderful opportunity for me to contribute more of my time to the chapter and help keep the chapter going forward with great support for the library community in Washington, DC.

Additional information

Formerly worked as a law librarian for Pepper Hamilton in Washington, DC; McGuire Woods in Richmond, VA; and various law firms in Atlanta, Georgia.
Education: BSc from Florida State University, Master of Librarianship from Emory University, and JD from University of Georgia.

Candidate for Treasurer

Jennifer Jones

Adult Librarian
West End Neighborhood Library
DC Public Library
1101 24th St., N.W.
Washington, DC 20037

Other professional activities: ALA, PLA.

Your reason for running for office: I am a member of DCLA but want to become more involved in the DC library community.

Additional information

I obtained my degree in 1999 from CUA and intended to specialize in archives and manuscript collections. However, my husband's military service and location directed my career. My first professional position was as a part-time reference librarian for a small library outside Pittsburgh, PA. I then spent a year and half as the Reference Librarian in a branch of a four county system in North Augusta, South Carolina. After taking a break for family reasons, we returned to the DC area where I have been the Adult Librarian at West End Library for over two years. Now that I am settled in one location, I want to become more involved with the profession and the DC library community

Candidates for Director

Ruel J. Eskelsen

Library Assistant
Historical Society of Washington, DC
801 K St., N.W. at Mt. Vernon Square
Washington, DC 20009

DCLA activities/offices held: Member since 2003

ALA activities/offices held: Member since 2000

Your reason for running for office:

As a new librarian with technical training, I hope to bring my career skills to serve the DCLA.

Additional information

I graduated from the Emporia State University School of Library and Information Science in 2003. I spent the first twenty years of my career in the electronics and network computing industry and heard from a working librarian that there was a need for tech-savvy people in the library profession. I learned of the Emporia Distance Learning program in Library Science and completed my Master of Library Science taking classes in Salt Lake City, Portland Oregon, and Emporia Kansas and participating in the Internet-based instruction and interchange portion of the program.

Since finishing my degree I have worked for the web services division of the Department of Justice Library from Oct 2003-April 2005; served an archival processing internship at the Historical Society of Washington DC from June 2005-September 2005, and am now working in the Kiplinger Research Library at the Historical Society of Washington DC.

My major interests are historical librarianship, especially History of Science and Washington DC

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Candidates for Director (cont.)

history. I'm also interested in using and deploying electronic books and journals to augment research in the good-old-reliable print stacks and archives. I can bring a new and fresh perspective to DCLA especially in this IT age.

Richard Huffine

Web Analytics Manager
U.S. GSA
3636 16th St., N.W. #B1250
Washington, DC 20010

Other professional activities

Chair, SLA Government Information Division
President, Federation of Friends of the DC Public Library
President, Friends of the Mount Pleasant Library

Your reason for running for office

While it may appear that Richard is already over-committed, he is delighted with the opportunity to serve as a director within the District of Columbia Library Association. Richard understands the value of an association like DCLA in supporting its members both professionally and personally. The power of Washington is in the connections we make every day that help us be effective in our jobs and support us in our personal lives as well.

Additional information

Richard Huffine has been a practicing librarian in Washington, DC since 1996 when he relocated from Asheville, North Carolina to take a position with a contractor to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Richard spent 9 years working on library and information projects for the U.S. EPA, rising to the position of National Program Manager for the EPA's National Library Network. Richard has been an active member of the Federal Libraries and Information Centers Committee and has been an advocate of librarians getting involved in the broader responsibilities of Federal Agencies to make government information accessible and serving the information needs of the American Citizen. Richard recently left the U.S. EPA and is currently employed as the Web Analytics Manager for the U.S. General Services Administration's Firstgov project.

In his personal life, Richard has also become a driving force in the community in support of public libraries in the District of Columbia. As president of the Friends of the Mount Pleasant Library, he coordinates volunteer efforts for one of the most active branches of the DC Public Libraries that serves one of the most diverse populations in the District. Richard was recently elected President of the Federation of Friends of the DC Public Library, the organization that coordinates advocacy among Friends organizations across the District. Richard is also active in the Special Libraries Association and initiated the creation of a Government Information Division within the Association in 2004. He is currently the Chair of that Division and is serving as its program coordinator for the 2006 SLA Conference to be held in Baltimore, MD in June, 2006.

Candidates for Director (cont.)

April King

Outreach Librarian
DC Public Library
901 G St., N.W.
Washington, DC 20001

DCLA activities/offices held

Chair, Children's, YA, School Group for the past two years

Additional information

April King has enjoyed serving the public for much of her professional life. She began her community stewardship when she was 14 years old as a page at the Brooklyn Public Library in New York City. After receiving her undergraduate degree from the University of Arizona, she worked with various government and non-profit organizations in implementing social welfare policies.

Since joining the District of Columbia Public Library (DCPL) seven years ago, she has greatly expanded her abilities and contributions to the community. A 2002 graduate of Catholic University of America's Masters of Library Sciences program, April is currently an Outreach Librarian at DCPL whose emphasis is on emergent literacy. An active member of the District of Columbia Library Association (DCLA), she has served for the past two years as the chairperson for the Children, Young Adult and School Media Interest Group. As part of this tenure, she has been the host for the DCLA's annual "Mock Coretta Scott King Award Discussion." April lives in Washington, DC with her husband and daughter.

Jennifer Nutefall

Instruction Coordinator
George Washington University
2130 H St., N.W.
Washington, DC 20052

DCLA activities/offices held

Chair, Instruction Interest Group, 2004-present

Other professional activities

ACRL Baltimore Conference 2007
Workshops Planning Committee, 2005-2007

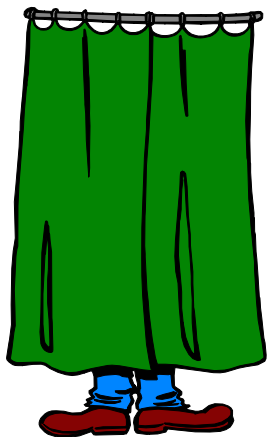
Additional information

Graduated from Syracuse University, School of Information Studies with a Master of Library Science in May 1998 and in May 1996 with a Bachelor of Science from Syracuse University, Newhouse School of Public Communications.

Has worked as an Information Literacy Project Manager, Rochester Regional Library Council, Rochester, NY (*LSTA Grant*); Reference/Instruction Librarian, SUNY Brockport, Brockport, NY; Adjunct Professor, School of Library and Information Science, Catholic University, Washington, DC; and is currently Instruction Coordinator, George Washington University, Washington, DC. Her specialty is Information Literacy and she has designed curricula, participated in and co-taught courses in this area. She has presented at many conferences and also has several publications to her credit.

Has always been active in professional organizations. Is a member of the District of Columbia Library Association (DCLA) and the Chair of the Instruction Interest Group, 2004-present. Is also a member of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), the American Library Association (ALA) and was a member of the State University of New York Librarians Association (SUNYLA).

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DCLA ballot enclosed.

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See pages 12 – 15 for candidate bios

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