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## **Here Come the Librarians! By President Elaine Cline**

This June, when the American Library Association comes to town, Washington will be overrun with all kinds of librarians from all over the country and from all over the world. I hope that everyone will take advantage of the great opportunity to participate in this extraordinary professional conference right here in the Capital City.

For the first-time attendee, ALA can be more than a bit overwhelming. The conference program has grown to be the size of the telephone directory for a good sized city, and the Exhibits Hall resembles the Mall of America. To help navigate this library labyrinth DCLA is hosting a forum entitled "ALA 101" on Thursday, May 10th from 9:30 - 1:30 at the Sumner School. Although the program is targeted for those folks attending annual for the first time and will cover the essentials of conference going and how to get the most out of the experience, experienced conference goers are also encouraged to attend. A lively exchange of information and experiences is anticipated.

Another way to get the most out of the conference is to participate in the many volunteer opportunities. DCLA is the lead organization for the "Librarians Build Communities Volunteer Day", so we hope many of our members will register for that event which is based on the very successful volunteer days that were held in New Orleans last year.

The DC Public Library is heading the local arrangements for the conference and will be asking for all kinds of volunteers for a variety of projects and programs. We can expect to see updates on the DCLA listserv.

If you are unable to attend the entire conference, do try to visit the Exhibits Hall. The cost for an "Exhibits Only" Badge is an affordable \$25. Believe me, it's worth it. You can view the latest in library products and services, and there are always lots of cool freebies. DCLA, in collaboration with the Virginia and Maryland Library Associations, will have a booth in the Exhibit Hall. DCLA will be sending out requests for volunteers to staff that desk. Watch for an announcement on our listserv.

Library technicians and other paraprofessionals should also checkout *Empowerment 2007: Mama Said There'd Be Day Like This (but I didn't believe her)* – an ALA Conference within a Conference for Library Support Staff. The Empowerment Conference will be held June 23-24.

More Conference information can be found at the ALA website at [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org).

## **Volunteers Sought for National Library Legislative Day May 2**

Stuffing party: Assemble materials and stuff folders for delegates and senators/representatives (need 10-12 volunteers)

Saturday, April 28, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

ALA Washington Office

Lobbying 101 Preconference: Greet/direct delegates and provide administrative/logistical support (need 1 volunteer)

Monday, April 30, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

ALA Washington Office

Assist with registration and folder pickup (need 4 volunteers)

Tuesday, May 1, 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Legislative Briefing Day

Holiday Inn on the Hill

Greet and direct delegates and representatives/senators and congressional staff (need 5-6 volunteers)

Wednesday, May 2, 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

National Library Legislative Day Reception

Location TBA

The planning committee welcomes new members and volunteers. Students and new librarians are especially welcome. To volunteer, contact Bill Turner at the District of Columbia Public Library 202-727-4968 or [bill.turner@dc.gov](mailto:bill.turner@dc.gov).

## **Save the Date!** **33rd Annual National Library Legislative Day**



**Check out the Future**

**May 1 & 2, 2007**

May 1 Legislative Briefing Day

May 2 National Library Legislative Day

Visit: [www.ala.org/washoff/legislativeday.html](http://www.ala.org/washoff/legislativeday.html)

National Library Legislative Day is sponsored by District of Columbia Library Association, American Library Association, Special Libraries Association, participating state library and media associations, and other contributing organizations.

## DCLA Annual Banquet on May 21



Annual meeting and banquet of DCLA will be on Monday, May 21 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Our guest speaker will be Alan Davidson, head of U.S Public Policy for Google.

The agenda will also see the announcement of the winner of the contest for *Intercom's* new name from a field of nine candidates. Thanks to all who participated with email or snail mail ballots.

### **Actions of the ALA Council at the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Seattle**

By Chapter Councilor Bill Turner

The ALA Council was as active as ever at the 2007 ALA midwinter meeting in Seattle. Council adopted a number of policy revisions in areas such as retention of library records, library education, recruitment and retention of diverse personnel, leadership development and advancement, and combating racism, prejudice, stereotyping and discrimination. The aim was to revise the policies and align them with the ALA Ahead to 2010 Strategic Plan. Council also voted to approve ALA's FY2008 programmatic priorities:

- Diversity
- Equitable access to information and library services
- Education and lifelong learning
- Intellectual freedom
- Advocacy for libraries and the profession
- Literacy
- Organizational Excellence

Council voted to adopt resolutions in support of "orphan works" legislation, immigrant rights, and the role of librarians in providing e-government and emergency services, among others. After much debate, two resolutions were defeated, one advocating an end to funding for the Iraqi War and one on the impeachment of President George W. Bush. A resolution calling on ALA to end ties with the Boy Scouts of America National Council "until such time as the Boy Scouts of America ends its exclusionary policy on the basis of a person's religious beliefs of sexual orientation" was deferred until the 2007 ALA Annual Conference.

Council voted to bestow ALA honorary memberships on four people, including DCLA's own Alice Hagemeyer "for her passionate, lifelong interest in promoting information about the language, culture and achievements of deaf individuals locally, nationally and globally." Alice and the others will be honored at the Opening Session of the 2007 ALA Annual Conference in DC.

Details on these and other actions of Council at the 2007 Midwinter Meeting can be found on the web <http://www.ala.org/ala/ourassociation/governance/council/councilactions/2007mwcs.htm>.

**2007 JOINT SPRING WORKSHOP of Washington, D.C.**

***Envisioning the Future:  
What will your library be like in 5, 10 or 20 Years?***

**Thursday, April 12, 2007  
8:30 to 4:00 p.m.  
Mumford Room, Library of Congress**

***Keynote Speaker: Andy Hines***  
Executive Director of the Association of Professional Futurists

***How do you envision the future of your library?*** This all-day program that will give you practical steps to plan and prepare for library changes. Speakers will talk about specific trends in technology, personnel, physical space and library content.

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please arrive at 8:30 for enough time to go through security, find the Mumford Room and get registered. Program begins promptly at 9 a.m.

**Place:** Mumford Room, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Madison Building, Library of Congress (Capital South Metro)

**Cost:** \$60.00 members, \$25.00 students and retirees, and \$85.00 non-members (includes continental breakfast and lunch). Tax ID number is 52-1121282

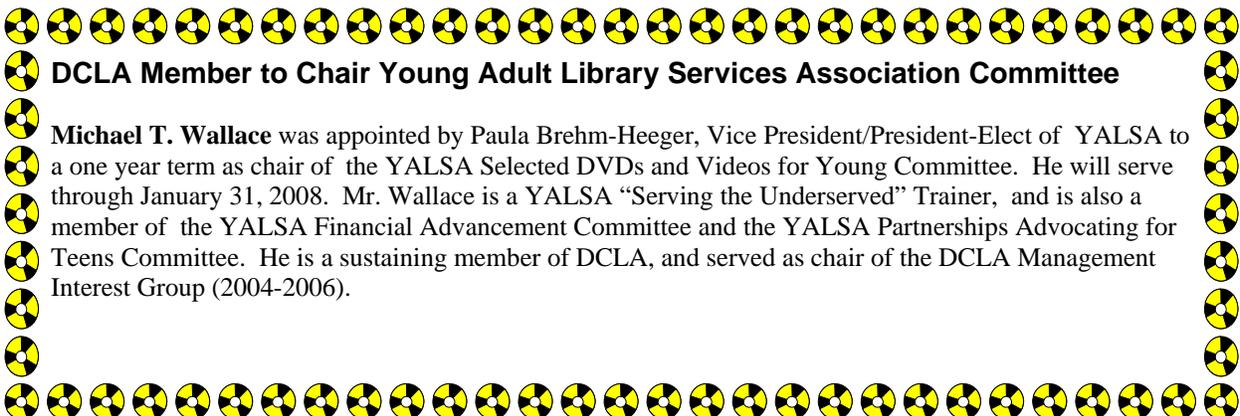
**Registration:**

- To use PayPal, go to [www.dcla.org](http://www.dcla.org).
- To pay by check, make check payable to **LLSDC** and mail with registration to:  
**Carla Evans, Proskauer Rose LLP, 1001 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Suite 400 South,  
Washington, DC 20004**

For more information email [cevens@proskauer.com](mailto:cevens@proskauer.com) or call 202-416-5823.  
No purchase orders or training request forms.

**Registration form and payment must be received by April 4, 2007.**

**SPONSORS:** Law Librarians' Society of Washington, DC, District of Columbia Library Association, DC Special Libraries Association, Federal Library and Information Center Committee

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**DCLA Member to Chair Young Adult Library Services Association Committee**

**Michael T. Wallace** was appointed by Paula Brehm-Heeger, Vice President/President-Elect of YALSA to a one year term as chair of the YALSA Selected DVDs and Videos for Young Committee. He will serve through January 31, 2008. Mr. Wallace is a YALSA "Serving the Underserved" Trainer, and is also a member of the YALSA Financial Advancement Committee and the YALSA Partnerships Advocating for Teens Committee. He is a sustaining member of DCLA, and served as chair of the DCLA Management Interest Group (2004-2006).

## ALA Seeks Nominees for Favorite Library Worker ~ Deadline is April 17th

Start the celebration early for National Library Workers Day (NLWD) by submitting information about your favorite worker and what makes him or her special to the NLWD Stars Web site - [www.ala-apa.org/about/nlwdstarsform.html](http://www.ala-apa.org/about/nlwdstarsform.html). NLWD is celebrated on Tuesday, April 17, during the American Library Association (ALA)-sponsored National Library Week.

NLWD is sponsored by ALA-APA: the Organization for the Advancement of Library Workers, which advocates for improving the salaries and status of librarians and support staff. NLWD Stars will be featured on the National Library Workers Day site for one year.

Stars will also be honored at the ALA Annual Conference in Washington, DC. Download the free NLWD poster from [http://www.ala-apa.org/about/nlwd\\_poster.pdf](http://www.ala-apa.org/about/nlwd_poster.pdf), which tells patrons, trustees, and colleagues how to submit a Star. Self-nominations are accepted.

Libraries are encouraged to use National Library Workers Day to focus on the value of their staff:

- individuals or units responsible for the number of materials selected, acquired, cataloged, checked out and back in, and shelved;
- for handling requests and sending them to other libraries;
- for answering reference questions;
- for planning, publicizing and presenting programs; for developing and maintaining the library's Web site; and
- for managing the library and for other elements of library service.

National Library Week (April 15-21) press materials, programming suggestions and display ideas can be found on the ALA Web site at <http://www.ala.org/ala/pio/natlibraryweek/nlw.htm> in English and Spanish.

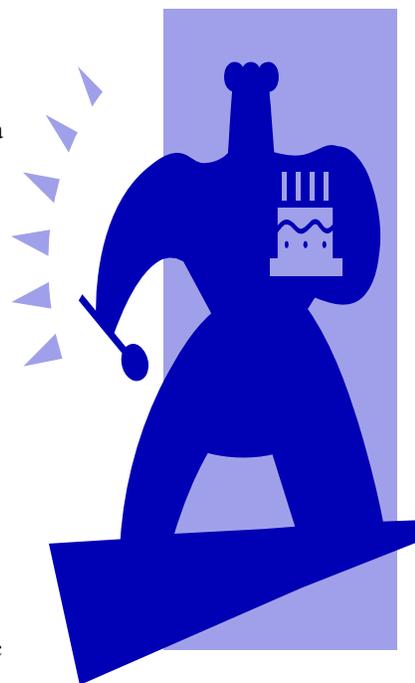
## Insights of 25 Years as Pastry Chef on April 24<sup>th</sup>

Roland Mesnier, author of *All the Presidents' Pastries: Twenty-Five Years in the White House: A Memoir* and *Dessert University* will give a book talk on "My Years at the White House" on Tuesday, April 24, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. in the first floor auditorium of the Cleveland Park Branch of the D.C. Public Library, Connecticut and Macomb Streets, N.W. A book sale and signing of the books will follow the program.

Chef Mesnier will share his insights into the characters and tastes of the five Presidents and First Ladies that he served—Carter, Reagan, Bush, Sr., Clinton, and the current President Bush.

Chef Mesnier has received 20 gold medals in pastry competitions around the world. He has been Honorary President of the World Cup of Pastry from 1989 to the present, received the Legion of Honor award in 2005, and is a member of the Chocolate and Pastry Hall of Fame in New York. His first cookbook *Dessert University* was published in 2004.

All District of Columbia Public Library activities are open to the public free of charge. For further information, please call the Cleveland Park Library at 202-282-3080.





**Intercom's Picks at ALA:  
Celebrate Anniversaries &  
Have Some Fun**

**Spectrum 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary luncheon** will be hosted by ALA Diversity on Sunday June 24, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Spectrum has awarded 415 scholarships since its founding in 1997. Tickets are \$55.

**SORT (Staff Organizations Round Table) celebrates 70 years** at its Fine Dining event at the 701 Restaurant near the U. S. Navy Memorial. The event includes dinner, live music, and a door prize. Sunday, June 24, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35.

**LAMA (Library Administration and Management Association) hits the 50 mark** this year and members are celebrating with a reception on Sunday June 24, 3:30-5:30 p.m. No word at press time about tickets.

**The centennial of *American Libraries*** will be marked by special guest Julie Andrews on Monday, June 25, 10:30 a.m.- noon. Her program will include a look back at stage, screen, television, and publishing in a career that spans 50 years.

**ALCTS (Association for Library Collections and Technical Services) reaches the big five-oh** this year and has devoted its president's program to "Ambient Findability" with Peter Morville as the guide to our new information environments. Monday, June 25, 10:30 a.m.-noon.

**YALSA (Young Adult Library Services Association) is now two decades older** than the "Don't trust anyone over 30" rule advises and still going strong. Its president's program will focus on teen fads and fashions in dramatic vignettes for each decade. Monday, June 25, 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

**LIVE@your library Reading Stage** will present authors and poets reading from their own works with a special focus on young adult authors to celebrate YALSA's anniversary. Saturday, Sunday, Monday, noon-4:00p.m.

**Diversions Washington DC is a tour** of the city's diverse cultures and will visit Anacostia, Adams Morgan, and museums. Monday, June 25, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Tickets: \$65.

**"Son of a Bush"** is the latest production of the fabled Gross National Product. Tickets at \$34 do not include transportation to the Washington Theater at 1017 7<sup>th</sup> St. NW. Friday, June 22, 8:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

**Bike the Sites** will whirl you through the major landmarks and monuments. Tour operator provides all the gear and guides. Tickets at \$82 do not include food or water. Monday, June 25, 8:30-1:00 p.m.

**Artistic Treasures** is a tour devoted to the exquisite homes of the Phillips and Kreeger Museums. Works viewed range from the Impressionists collected by the Phillips brothers to the post-Modern pieces cherished by David and Carmen Kreeger. Tuesday, June 26, 1:15 pm. – 5:15 p.m. Tickets: \$58.

**Author Michael Blake (*Dances with Wolves*)**, will be the featured guest at a program co-sponsored by FOLUSA, and the Center for the Book at the Library of Congress. Monday, June 25, 10:00 a.m.-noon.

**The Laugh's On Us!** is an evening of humor, wine and cheese. Comedic authors and players such as Sarah Thyre and Shawn Decker will provide entertainment and sign their books. Tickets are \$25 in advance through June 20 and \$35 at the door; go to [www.folusa.org](http://www.folusa.org) or call 800-936-5872.

**"Let's Talk About It" (LTAI)**, ALA's Public Programs reading and discussion initiative, has completed 25 years and this program will discuss future themes, funding, and other topics. Program closes with a celebration. Monday, June 25, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

## ALA Meetings Beyond Borders

International Librarian's Reception hosted by the International Relations Round Table (IRRT) on Monday, June 25, 6:00-9:00 p.m. will gather librarians from 80 countries at the Montpelier Room of the Library of Congress. Free for international librarians, locals pay \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door for a ticket to an evening of networking and hors d'oeuvres.

"Librarians of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Developing Solutions to New Challenges at the Global, National, and Local Levels" on Sunday, June 24, 1:30-3:30 p.m. is a session devoted to issues arising from global networking, leadership development, training, continuing education, and more.



"An Afternoon at Georgetown University: Exploring Literacy Initiatives in our Communities and Across the Globe" will visit the Center for Child and Human Development where Communities Can! was developed and where other new opportunities in libraries are emerging. Monday, June 25, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Transportation provided. Reservation required. Contact [dlipschu@ala.org](mailto:dlipschu@ala.org)

"Building Successful Partnership Strategies and Challenges" will bring speakers from various kinds of libraries to present and discuss partnership topics ranging from agreements to logistics. Monday, June 25, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

"South Africa: the Big Five" is a safari not to see animals but to discuss tourism, cultural issues, Mandela, and how libraries play important roles. Hosted by the Black Caucus of the ALA (BCALA). Monday, June 25, 1:30-3:30.

Opportunities to Participate in the Global Library Development Interest Group and the IRRT will host speakers talking about opportunities and successes abroad in Zambia and Rwanda and at home through the Global Libraries Outreach Campaign. Monday, June 25, 10:30 a.m. – noon.

"Think Global, Act Local: How to Internationalize Your Library" will focus on the ALA Sister Libraries Program as a way to exchange information, improve access to published information, raise awareness of library issues, and offer opportunities to learn more about a country represented by people in your local community. Sunday, June 24, 4:00-5:30 pm.

"Innovative Public Library Services Around the Globe, Or, Learning from Our Global Neighbors" highlights innovative technology and programming from Chile, Scandinavia, Russia, and Singapore. Sponsored by the Public Library Association and ALA's International Relations Committee. Sunday, June 24, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

### **ALA 101 – A Skill Builder for DCLA on Effective Attendance at ALA's Premier Event**

Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 - 1:30 at the Sumner School, DCLA will host a forum entitled ALA 101 in preparation for the ALA Annual Convention here in Washington, DC. The program, targeted for those folks attending annual for the first time, will cover the essentials of conference going and how to get the most out of the experience.

Event organizer April King is looking for volunteers willing to share the wisdom of their knowledge and experience in conference going. Please contact her at 202-727-4804.



As you make your plans to attend ALA annual in June, here are some tips.

**It's Gargantuan** — Be prepared. Leave the spike heels in the tote bag and be prepared for some power walking. The spaces are immense and while there are escalators and elevators they are not always where you will need them. Easily three times the size of the old Convention Center, this venue requires that you factor in walking time. With some 60 meeting rooms and four exhibition halls you will need your internal compass.

**Meals** at the Convention Center are going to be the usual assortment of kiosks and sit-down places. There is a Starbucks right at the main entrance and there are fast food outlets in the exhibition areas. For finer dining, there is the Executive Orders Restaurant and the On the Hill Café. On the streets bounding the Convention Center there are no restaurants, unlike Philadelphia with Chinatown and Reading Market right at hand. So lunch and dinner dates need a little advance planning to accommodate walking time. There is a restaurant guide in this issue of *Intercom*.

**Parking** – forget about it! There is no parking in the Center although there is an auto and taxi drop-off area right in front. Street parking is scarce as the Center is surrounded by residential housing. Commercial parking is available a couple of blocks away at Gallery Place and Verizon Center but it is not discount parking.

**Metro** and transportation: The Yellow line comes right into the Convention Center at the Mt. Vernon Square stop. Free shuttle bus service will be provided by Thomson Gale to all the conference hotels and the Center.

**Child care** will be offered by Camp ALA through the provider ACCENT. Register for camp by June 8 at [www.accentoca.com/campala07](http://www.accentoca.com/campala07). This is a nationally recognized child care company with professional counselors. Cost is \$80 per day per child but parents pay \$48 and ALA picks up the remaining \$32. Lunch is extra at \$15 or bring a bag lunch.

**Internet Café** will be hosted by Elsevier Thursday through Tuesday, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Free coffee too! The ALA Office area will also include a few PCc and Macs for public use – bring your own diskette but paper supplied free. Unlike the Internet Café, this space will required signing up in advance.

**Placement Service** will be available. Registration is optional at the JobLIST site at [www.joblist.ala.org/](http://www.joblist.ala.org/) as a way to promote direct communication between job seekers and employers.

**Special needs?** While various steps are taken to assure access (captioning at the main sessions, interpreters can be booked in advance, special housing selections, wheelchairs and battery-operated scooters, service animals are welcome, listening devices, and accessible buses) there is a May 8, 2007 deadline for making most requests. Please visit the ALA Conference Accessibility page at [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org) and/or contact Laura Gallegos at [lgallegos@ala.org](mailto:lgallegos@ala.org)

### **Update on Librarians Build Communities!**

Plans are in progress to identify all the projects for the daylong community service efforts on Friday, June 22, and Tuesday, June 26, to be held during the ALA annual conference in DC. Four projects are confirmed so far. Three are with the DC Public Library: fix-ups of facilities and grounds at the Langston and Sursun Corda community libraries and a project to process and clean children's books in the Illustrator's Collection at the MLK Jr Memorial Library. Another project is confirmed with the Capital Area Food Bank and involves sorting food and repacking boxes at the warehouse. Details on these and other projects are forthcoming on the ALA webpage at <http://www.ala.org>.

## Making the Restaurant Circuit 'Round the Convention Center

Eateries within walking (or so) distance from Convention Center. Comments courtesy of Barbara Conaty, Intercom's food critic.

<b><u>Alero Restaurant/Lounge</u></b> Mexican, Tex-Mex, Vegetarian \$\$	1301 U St. NW Great location on historic street.	(202) 462-2322
<b><u>Andale Restaurant</u></b> Mexican \$\$-\$\$\$	401 7th St. NW A bit far to walk but spicy!	(202) 783-3133
<b><u>A.V. Ristorante Italiano</u></b> Italian \$\$-\$\$\$	607 New York Ave. NW Landmark to close this year - last chance for a fine meal in 50's style.	(202) 737-3133
<b><u>Cafe Atlantico</u></b> Nuevo Latino \$\$	405 8th St. NW Try the pre-theater tasting menu.	(202) 393-0812
<b><u>Capital City Brewing Co.</u></b> American, Brewery \$\$	1100 New York Ave. (11th & H) Huge portions!	(202) 628-2222
<b><u>Clyde's</u></b> American \$\$	707 7th St. NW Reliable standard.	(202) 349-3700
<b><u>District Chophouse &amp; Brewery</u></b> Steak \$\$	509 7th St. NW Always a waiting line!	(202) 347-3434
<b><u>Fado Irish Pub</u></b> Irish \$-\$\$	808 7th St. NW Got good reviews locally.	(202) 789-0066
<b><u>Five Guys</u></b> American \$	808 H St. NW Great burgers and free peanuts while U wait	(202) 393-2900
<b><u>Full Key</u></b> Cantonese, Seafood \$\$	509 H St. NW No credit cards, just great meals.	(202) 371-2233
<b><u>Gordon Biersch</u></b> American, Brewery \$\$	900 F St. NW American classic	(202) 783- 5454
<b><u>Haad Thai</u></b> Thai \$\$	1100 New York Ave (11th & H) Scrumptious!	(202) 682- 1111
<b><u>Jaleo</u></b> Spanish Tapas \$\$	480 7th St (7th & E) Great for gala gabfest.	(202) 628- 7949
<b><u>Legal Sea Foods</u></b> Seafood \$\$-\$\$\$	704 7th St. NW Reliable stand-by	(202) 347-0007
<b><u>Les Halles</u></b> French \$\$-\$\$\$	1201 Penn. Ave. NW A bit far to walk but great mussels and steak frites	(202) 347-6848
<b><u>Marrakesh</u></b> Moroccan \$\$\$	617 New York Ave. NW An evening in the mysterious casbah.	(202) 393-9393
<b><u>Marvelous Market</u></b> Salads, Sandwiches \$	730 7th St. NW Good room food!	(202) 628-0824
<b><u>Old Ebbitt Grill</u></b> American \$\$	657 15th St. NW Fabled raw bar in old pols' watering hole.	(202) 347-4800
<b><u>Potbelly</u></b> Sandwiches \$	726 7th St. NW Great value and taste.	(202) 478-0070
<b><u>Rosa Mexicano</u></b> Mexican \$\$\$	575 7th St. N.W. Room for the whole family	(202) 783-5522
<b><u>Sushi Go Round &amp; Tapas</u></b> Sushi, Tapas \$	705 7th St. NW Yep, it really goes 'round!	(202) 393-2825
<b><u>Teaism</u></b> Asian Tea House \$	400 8th St. NW (8th & D) Lots of room downstairs and fine bento box assortment	(202) 638-6010
<b><u>Tony Cheng's</u></b> Mongolian BBQ, All you can eat- Lower Level, \$\$	621 H St. NW A lot of fun for DIY diners	(202) 842-8669
<b><u>Vegetate</u></b> Vegetarian, Vegan \$-\$\$	1414 9th St. NW A bit far but special!	(202) 232-4585
<b><u>Zaytinya</u></b> Mediterranean \$\$	701 9th St. NW A local favorite	(202) 638-0800

## **ALA Annual to Hold Its Own Legislative Day June 26 – Displays Wanted**

During ALA's 2007 Annual Conference in Washington, DC, library groups and associations will have a unique opportunity to showcase their value and importance in the Halls of Congress.

On Tuesday, June 26, the ALA Washington Office has secured the Gold Room of the Rayburn House Office Building for the sole purpose of letting Members of Congress know all about 21st century libraries. As part of the Day on the Hill event, there will be displays from every discipline to show legislators just what libraries mean to America; from public libraries to school libraries, research libraries to special libraries.

Unfortunately, space in the Gold Room is limited. If you have a good idea for an informative and captivating display, please submit it promptly. Based on the submissions received by ALA, several will be chosen to make the most effective and wide-ranging display.

Submission Details: In order to submit an idea for your group's display, please send the following to [abridges@alawash.org](mailto:abridges@alawash.org):

1. A detailed description of your display;
2. The approximate dimensions/size requirements of your display;
3. Whatever technological needs you might have (electricity, Internet, etc.).

Deadline: April 12; Selections will be made within the week.

Further: In order to participate, you must be available on the morning of June 26 to set up your display. Building security is allowing entry as a group, without having to go through the standard security. If someone from your group can't set up on that morning, please don't submit a proposal.

### **Two Special Days for Library Support Staff**

Seven sponsors have put together a conference within the larger ALA conference devoted to an integrated assortment of topics ranging from personal development, career development and on to specific topics of library work like dealing with difficult people and recovering from natural disasters.

Registration for the Empowerment Days (June 23 and 24) is included with full annual conference registration but can also be separately obtained.

LSSIRT members can register for \$125 in advance, \$150 onsite. Others pay \$200 by May 18 or \$260 onsite. Register at [www.ala.org/annual](http://www.ala.org/annual).

### **Special Offer for Interactive, Collaborative Learners**

ALA is inviting members to join in an innovative way to give ALA direction for future meetings. Two open space meetings days are on the agenda, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and each will be guided by an open meeting facilitator to keep the session on track. Employing four ground rules keeps this educational experience lively:

- Whoever comes are the right people;
- Whatever happens is the only thing that could have happened;
- Whenever it starts is the right time;
- When it's over, it's over.

If this appeals to your yearning for learning, check the ALA web site and the Final Program.

## Welcome First Time Attendees

Visit the ALA Membership Pavilion at booth 2525 in the exhibits, to meet other new members and ALA staff, and to have your questions answered.

**ALA Ambassadors Help Make the Connection** ALA wants your first Annual Conference to be extraordinary, so when you register, be sure to check: *I am a first time registrant of the ALA Annual Conference* ALA Ambassadors help you make connections to programs, people and places before conference so that your time there can be well spent. ALA Ambassadors can be identified their Name Tags – stop anyone anytime in the halls to ask. ALA Divisions and Round Tables will be sponsoring Conference 101 programs throughout the weekend.

**Conference 101** Friday, 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., New Member Roundtable-sponsored orientation.

**NMRT Conference 101 Orientation** Saturday, 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., New Member Roundtable-sponsored orientation to ALA and the Annual Conference.

**AASL 101** Saturday, 2:00 p.m.-2:45 p.m., American Association of School Librarians

**ACRL 101** Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., & Sunday, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Association of College and Research Libraries

**ALCTS 101** Friday, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., Association For Library Collections & Technical Services

**ALSC 101: Making Connections** Saturday, 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., Association of Library Services to Children

**ASCLA and RUSA 101: Introduction to our Divisions** Friday, 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., & Saturday, 8:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m., Association of Specialized and Cooperative Libraries Agencies and Reference and User Services Association

**LAMA 101** Date and Time TBA, Library Administration and Management Association

**LITA 101: LITA Open House** Saturday, 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m., Library and Information Technology Association

**PLA 101: ALA Annual Conference for First Time Attendees** Saturday, 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., Public Library Association

**YALSA 101** Friday, 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., Young Adult Library Services Association

**NMRT Meet and Greet** Friday, 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p. m., New Member Roundtable

### Special Events and Programs

First-time attendees will receive special invitations to receptions sponsored by exhibitors and library vendors. Programs especially for new attendees will be highlighted in the program guide. And you can always talk to someone who cares about your experience at the First-Time Attendee information booth in registration.

## World Premiere of *The Hollywood Librarian: Librarians in Cinema and Society*



Friday, June 22, 2007

*The Hollywood Librarian* is the first full-length film to focus on the work and lives of librarians in the entertaining and appealing context of American movies. There are hundreds of examples of librarians and libraries on screen -- some positive, some negative, some funny and some dead wrong. Dozens of interviews with

real librarians are interwoven with movie clips of cinematic librarians and serve as transitions between the themes of censorship, intellectual freedom, children and librarians, pay equity and funding issues, and the value of reading. The audience at a preview at a previous ALA annual meeting gave the film a rapturous reception.

## Capitol Steps to Appear at Annual Scholarship Bash

The ALA/ProQuest CSA Scholarship Bash will be held at ALA Annual Conference, Saturday, June 23 at 8:00 p.m. Among others, the event has featured the Indigo Girls and Three Dog Night, Mary Chapin-Carpenter, been held at Universal Studios, and has raised almost one million dollars for scholarships.

This year's event will feature local political satirists Capitol Steps and additional entertainment that will be announced soon. Make sure to buy your tickets in support and celebration of a great cause. The Scholarship Event is held to provide scholarships for graduate students in library and information studies.



## Titles Are All the Rage This Season!

Scanning the titles of the sessions makes for fun reading. Here are some picks for the best titles from the Preliminary Program:

Why Is This Dog in My Library? (Nominally about federal resources in public libraries but could be a Gross National Product skit title)

Mildly Delirious Libraries (Subtitle mentions "transforming" your library – 60's style perhaps?)

Snips and Snails and Puppy Dogs' Tails (Attracting rascally boys to reading)

Zine-a-palooza 2007 (Zines in libraries but maybe a name of a pony)

Trit Trot to Washington (This is where literacy starts, especially for kids equipped with those cool sneakers with wheels and lights)

Wiking the Blog and Walking the Dog (Whom do *you* trust with your reference needs?)

Maybe next year we could vote on titles the way readers of the *Bookseller* magazine in England do. Their 2006 candidates for the oddest book titles of the year are:

*Tattooed Mountain Women and Spoon Boxes of Daghestan*

*How Green Were the Nazis?*

*D. Di Mascio's Delicious Ice Cream: D. Di Mascio of Coventry? An Ice Cream Company of Repute, with an Interesting and Varied Fleet of Ice Cream Vans*

*D. Di Mascio's The Stray Shopping Carts of Eastern North America: A Guide to Field Identification*

*Proceedings of the Eighteenth International Seaweed Symposium*

*Better Never To Have Been: The Harm of Coming Into Existence*