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Love Your Library Loudly by Kathryn Ray

Librarians stopped “shushing” long ago. Although reading rooms are no longer silent, are we over being quiet in the public arena? There is an urban myth that D.C. libraries are not an important issue with voters. Perhaps Mayor Williams has erroneously equated interest with noise. Help dispel this misconception by getting really noisy outside the reading room. Mayor Williams is hosting a town hall meeting “Citizen Summit” on Saturday, November 19 from 8:30-4:00 at the Washington Convention Center. During the summit, citizens and elected officials will engage in extensive dialogue on critical public issues. Here is an opportunity to network for libraries. Using laptops and electronic devices, participants vote their individual opinions on issues. Long-winded, sanctimonious grandstanders are out of luck! For more information on the Citizen Summit IV, please call 202-727-2823 or on the Web, <www.citizensummit.dc.gov>.

If you can't attend the Summit, or don't live or work in DC, then please make some “noise” by contacting at least one of your public officials to remind them that libraries are important and that librarians VOTE. Keep messages short. A few sentences will do. Whether you want to praise, complain, recommend or just chat, let them know that libraries change lives. For those who live or work in DC, Mayor Williams makes it easy, just log on to <www.dc.gov>. On the right, under the Mayor's Corner, click on Contact the Mayor. Please let him hear from every

DCLA member who lives or works in DC. Kathy Patterson is the chair of the Council Committee on Libraries. Let her hear from us, too: kpatterson@dccouncil.us. For those outside the city, find your elected officials from among this list...and love your library loudly.

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Is It Censorship or Judgment?

Did you see Marc Fisher's column in the Metro section of the Thursday, October 20 *Post*? He wrote about a Montgomery County middle school principal who, in response to several parent complaints, withdrew an 8th grade assignment based on ALA's list of the most

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**CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION:
REVISITING
“MY COLLEGE FRESHMAN
IS
YOUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR”**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2
9:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.**

**ROOM 308 MARVIN CENTER GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
CORNER OF H & 21ST STS., N.W.**

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Genealogy, Local History, Preservation Interest Group

**Wednesday
December 14
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.**

**National Library of Medicine
Building 38
Conference Room B
(mezzanine level)
8600 Rockville Pike
National Institutes of Health
Bethesda, MD**

R.S.V.P. by Monday, December 12 to
Jacque-Lynne Schulman at
301-594-2091 (w) or 703-442-9370 (h)

**PRESERVING AND CONSERVING:
OVERVIEW OF CURRENT EFFORTS
AT THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE**

- Overview of Issues in Preservation: Challenges and Opportunities—Margaret M. Byrnes, Head, Preservation and Collection Management, NLM
- Behind the Scenes: Tour and Demonstration of Conservation Techniques—Rachel-Ray Cleveland, Conservator, NLM

There is no charge for this program. However, a reservation is required. The program is limited to 25 participants.

**Wednesday
February 15
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.**

**National Library of Medicine
Building 38
Division of the History
of Medicine
8600 Rockville Pike
National Institutes of Health
Bethesda, MD**

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**NLM'S HISTORY OF MEDICINE
COLLECTIONS—LOCAL RESOURCE,
NATIONAL TREASURE**

PRESENTER: DR. STEVE GREENBERG

A general introduction to and overview of the historical collections of the NLM, the largest such collection in the U.S.

The program will include a discussion of the collections as a local history repository for the Washington research community. Items include such resources as block-by-block maps of Washington showing number of TB outbreaks for specific years in the early 1900s, documents on all aspects of local public health, as well as monographs, manuscripts, and more.

There is no charge for this program. However, a reservation is required. The program is limited to 15 participants.

Metro Red Line, Medical Center station at NIH. All visitors to the NIH campus are screened and asked to show a government-issued photo ID (e.g. driver's license).

There is a public tour at 1:30 which attendees at both programs may join. It is a general tour of NLM and meets at the Visitor Center in Building 38A. The full tour runs until 2:30, but you will get an overall introduction to NLM in the first half of the tour.

**CHILDREN, YOUNG ADULT,
AND SCHOOL LIBRARIES
INTEREST GROUP**

The Library of Congress
Learning Center for
Teachers and Librarians

Friday, December 9

10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

How the Library of Congress Web site can
be used to help with general literature and
DC history assignments.

Lunch and Tour included

DCLA members \$14
Non-members \$20

Limited to 25 participants

Information and reservations:

April King
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Mark your calendars!

Sunday, February 12
Coretta Scott King Award
Book Discussion

*Women's National Book Association
Washington DC Chapter*

*From the Stacks to the Web:
The Future of Our Libraries*

*Tuesday, November 15
6:30 p.m.*

*Charles Sumner School
1201 17th St., N.W.
(Metro Red line/Farragut North)*

*Panel discussion on the evolving role of
librarians and libraries with*

*Nancy Gwinn, Director,
Smithsonian Institution Libraries*

*Edwin S. Clay III, Director,
Fairfax County Public Library System*

*Emily Sheketoff, Executive Director,
American Library Association Washington Office*

Michele Leber, Moderator

*\$10 admission
R.S.V.P by e-mail to
Helen Starkweather at helenstarkweather@yahoo.com*

November 2005

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS

**November 1
(Tuesday)**

“Veteran” Librarians. Cosponsored by the DC Library Association, Military Librarians Group of DC/SLA, and Veterans History Project of the Library of Congress. 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Mumford Room, 6th floor, Madison Building, Library of Congress, 101 Independence Ave., S.E. Contact: 202-707-6179, vhprsvp@loc.gov.

**November 4 (Friday) -
November 5 (Saturday)**

New Ways of Listening to Library Users: Tools for Measuring Service Quality. Workshop sponsored by the Association of Research Libraries. Washington, DC. Contact: <https://db.arl.org/listen>.

**November 5
(Saturday)**

An Afternoon with Children’s Book Authors Susan Stockdale and Mary Quattlebaum. Sponsored by the Cleveland Park Neighborhood Library, DC Public Library. 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Contact: Beth Meyer, lmeyer8090@aol.com.

**November 7 (Monday) -
November 18 (Friday)**

The Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) and the University Campus: A Safe Harbor? Online workshop sponsored by the Center for Intellectual Property at the University of Maryland University College. Contact: www.umuc.edu/cip/ipa, 240-582-2965.

**November 7 (Monday) -
December 9 (Friday)**

Digital Content Management: Compliance in the Digital Age. Federal Library and Information Center Committee online course. Contact: 202-707-4800, www.loc.gov/flicc/ma/2005/ma0536.pdf.

**November 8
(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.

**November 10
(Thursday)**

DC Area Young Professionals Gathering. Happy Hour sponsored by DCLA and DC/SLA. 6:00 p.m. Aroma in Cleveland Park. Contact: Ming Wong, 202-452-8331, miss_ming21@hotmail.com.

**November 12
(Saturday)**

Children’s Book Week Luncheon with Caroline Arnold, Donna Jo Napoli, and Brian Selznick. Sponsored by The Washington Post & The Children’s Book Guild of Washington, DC. Noon. Capital Hilton Hotel, 1001 16th St., N.W. Contact: 301-469-2070, marilyn@childrenslit.com. For information on pre-luncheon seminar with Guild members on writing and illustrating for children, contact 202-357-3030 or www.smithsonianassociates.org.

Beta Phi Mu Scholarship Tea & Harp Concert. 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Mayflower Hotel, Promenade Café, 1127 Connecticut Ave., N.W. Contact: Andrea Gruhl, andreaग्रuhl@aol.com.

**November 14
(Monday)**

Branding 101: What It Takes to Build a Library Brand. Course offered by OCLC CAPCON. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Contact: www.oclc.org/capcon/training/courses/descriptions/M211.htm.

**November 14 (Monday) -
December 7 (Wednesday)**

Electronic Collection Development for the Academic e-Library. Online seminar offered by the Association of College and Research Libraries. Contact: www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlproftools/ecollectiondevelopment.

**November 14 (Monday) -
December 16 (Friday)**

Reference Interview. Online course sponsored by the Reference and User Services Association of ALA. Contact: www.ala.org/ala/rusa/rusaevents/onlinereferenceinterviewcourse/refinterview.htm.

**November 15
(Tuesday)**

From the Stacks to the Web: The Future of Our Libraries. Sponsored by the Washington DC Chapter of the Women’s National Book Association. 6:30 p.m. Charles Sumner School, 1201 17th St., N.W. Contact: Helen Starkweather, helenstarkweather@yahoo.com.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS (cont.)

- November 17 (Thursday)** **National Press Club Book Fair.** 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. National Press Club, 529 14th St., N.W.
- Effective Performance Appraisals.** Course offered by OCLC CAPCON. 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Contact: <www.oclc.org/capcon/training/courses/descriptions/M302.htm>.
- November 21 (Monday)** **Disaster Planning and Recovery.** Presentation by Walter Cybulski, Disaster Recovery, Preservation & Collection Management Section, National Library of Medicine. Sponsored by DC Area Health Sciences Librarians. 2:00 p.m. Room B103, Himmelfarb Library, George Washington University. Contact: Robert Mohrman, 202-782-6762, robert.mohrman@us.army.mil.
- December 1 (Thursday)** **Happy Hour at McCormick & Schmicks.** Sponsored by DCLA New Librarians Interest Group. 6:00 p.m. 1652 K St., N.W. Contact: Ming Wong, 202-452-8331, miss_ming21@hotmail.com.
- University Club Book Fair.** 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. 1135 16th St.
- December 2 (Friday)** **Continuing the Conversation: Revisiting My College Freshman Is Your High School Senior.** Sponsored by the DCLA Instruction Interest Group. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Room 308, Marvin Center (corner of H and 21st Streets, N.W.), George Washington University. Contact: Jennifer Nutefall, 202-994-9863, jnutefal@gwu.edu.
- December 5 (Monday)** **Planning Library Promotion Campaigns.** Course offered by OCLC CAPCON. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Contact: <www.oclc.org/capcon/training/courses/descriptions/M212.htm>.
- December 7 (Wednesday)** **Copyright for the Corporate Librarian: The Importance and Consequences of Copyright Issues in the Digital Environment.** SLA virtual seminar. 2:00-3:30 p.m. LexisNexis, 6th floor, 1150 18th St., N.W. Contact: Gloria Miccioli, 202-879-3905, gmicc@earthlink.net.
- December 9 (Friday)** **Library of Congress/Learning Center for Teachers and Librarians Workshop.** Cosponsored by DCLA Children, Y.A., and School Librarians Interest Group. 10:30-2:00. Contact: April King, 202-727-4802, april.king@dc.gov.
- December 13 (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.
- DC/SLA Holiday Party.** Strathmore Mansion, 10701 Rockville Pike, Bethesda. Contact: Lorraine Bell, lorraine.bell@factiva.com.
- December 14 (Wednesday)** **Preserving and Conserving: Overview of Current Efforts at the National Library of Medicine.** Sponsored by the DCLA Genealogy, Local History, and Preservation Interest Group. 2:00-3:30 p.m. Conference Room B (mezzanine level), National Library of Medicine, Building 38, 8600 Rockville Pike. Contact: Jacqueline-Lynne Schulman, 301-594-2091 (w) or 703-442-9370(h).
- Communicating the Value of Your Service.** SLA virtual seminar. 2:00-3:30 p.m. The National Academies Keck Center, 500 5th St., N.W. Room 204. Contact: Gloria Miccioli, 202-879-3905, gmicc@earthlink.net.

Love Loudly (cont.)

frequently banned and challenged books. Here are my thoughts...

The ability to think critically is not a liberal, conservative, religious or atheist issue. It is a basic tenet of democracy. Without the requisite skills to evaluate the myriad messages that bombard us, how can the electorate make wise choices? Asking students and parents to select one book from ALA's list is

an opportunity to engage in intelligent discussion and pose difficult questions. Why would someone write such a book? Why do people read it? How is objectionable defined and measured? Because I am offended, should you be offended? If we pretend that alternate lifestyles do not exist, will they go away? If our teens are never exposed to controversial topics at home, how will they cope when parents are not around to shield them? For democracy to

succeed, our society cannot be afraid of ideas. Read. Go to the library. Discuss issues. Pose ethical questions. Think. Our democracy depends on it.

My husband, the practical engineer, asked, "Why not make life easier by giving the students a list of 50, leaving off the really tasteless books?" My 15 year old thought it would be really cool to choose from the entire list of 100. What do you think?

Coping With Price Rises in Scholarly Journals by Nancy E. Gwinn

Would you rather buy a brand new Toyota Corolla complete with air-conditioning and a three-year warranty or a year's subscription to the *Journal of Applied Polymer Science*? Both cost \$12,495, according to a Web site called "Stickershock" produced by the Engineering Library at Cornell University. While libraries aren't faced with this choice, it does make clear how the costs of science, technology, and medical journals have risen to a point where even institutions like Cornell, Harvard, and Duke are saying that it can't be sustained any longer.

Libraries have been watching this phenomenon for the last fifteen years. According to statistics from the Association of Research Libraries, from 1986 to 2001, prices of serials generally increased 215 percent, while the Consumer Price Index rose by only 62 percent in the same period.

Commercial publishers charge much more for their journals than scholarly societies or university presses do. Except for the most well-supported, libraries have gone through numerous rounds of canceling journal subscriptions to stay within budgets and cover costs of inflation. Subscriptions have eaten up the majority of available acquisition funds in many

institutions, so that libraries have been able to buy fewer and fewer books. Even though university presses and scholarly publishers generally charge less than the commercial publishers do, they have also felt the impact. What used to be a standard print run of 1,500 copies of a scholarly monograph

"Our most expensive titles still cost ... enough to buy a cruise to Alaska and a fur coat to keep you warm on the glaciers."

has fallen to 500, and books quickly go out of print and become hard to acquire. The reasons for this situation lie foremost in the commercialization of publishing, especially in the sciences and social sciences. Commercial publishers, many large conglomerates located outside the U.S., charge far more for their product than do scholarly societies. As our Cornell friends report, "Universities support research, and then scholars give that research to commercial publishers, who sell that research back to universities for very large profits."

But this isn't the only reason. Like most libraries, the Smithsonian Libraries is investing in electronic journals and databases that are high in demand by our users for their ease of access and the ability to

manipulate, store, and transfer data... These electronic tools used by our researchers and scholars are not cheap. Yet we must also continue to acquire traditional print materials, in effect building and managing two libraries—the paper and the electronic.

Fortunately, the Smithsonian Libraries does not need to subscribe to some of the most costly journals in medicine, chemistry, and physics. But we are no exception to this situation. Our most expensive titles still cost closer to \$7,000 annually, enough to buy a cruise to Alaska and a fur coat to keep you warm on the glaciers. Even though we spend yearly more than \$1 million on materials for the collections, our budget has remained static for a number of years, and journal costs have eaten most of it.

In my twenty years here, the Libraries has endured five rounds of journal subscription cancellations. Each time, our reference staff has worked with scientists, curators, and historians to determine which journals are less used, of lower quality,

or just plain too expensive to continue to buy. We are now engaged in the same exercise, only one that has grown more painful over time. With no

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budget increase expected in fiscal year 2005, we must find a way to cover another eight percent inflation, or nearly \$100,000.

Libraries, including the Smithsonian, are not standing idly by while prices soar. We and our university colleagues are negotiating hard with our vendors and saying "no" to deals that cost more than we can afford. Universities are urging their faculties to negotiate with journals to keep the right to place their work product on their own Web sites and make it more freely accessible. Alternative publishing methods, such as electronic platforms, are growing. As I write, the National Institutes of Health has proposed a major policy change that would require all scientists who receive NIH funding to make the results of their research available to the public for free.

Nancy Gwinn is the Director, Smithsonian Institution Libraries and a past president of DCLA. On November 15, she will participate in a panel discussion on the future of libraries sponsored by the Washington DC Chapter of the Women's National Book Association.

This article, a lengthier version of which first appeared in Smithsonian Institution Libraries, 2004, no. 92, is reprinted here with her kind permission.

LIBRARIANS AND LIBRARIES

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or use DCLA's new online reporting form at www.dcla.org.

Maurice Freedman, who as ALA president addressed a group of DCLA members during the 2002 Banned Book Week, retired in August after 23 years as director of the Westchester Library System in Ardsley, New York.

Faye Haskins will be the new photo librarian in the Washingtonian Division of the DC Public Library.

Shirley Loo took first place in the Table Topics Contest in the Area 32 fall 2005 contest. In Toastmasters, table topics is an extemporaneous response to a question for about two minutes. She then represented Area 32 in the Division C contest on October 19 and was the runner-up. Shirley is serving her third term as vice president for education of the Capitol Hill Toastmasters Club.

Clifford Lynch, the executive director of the Coalition for Networked Information, is the recipient of the 2005 Educause Leadership in Public Policy and Practice award.

Robert Martin, who received DCLA's 2003 Ainsworth Rand Spofford President's Award, assumed in August the position of special advisor to the president for cultural heritage institutions, OCLC.

Gary Price was named 2004/2005 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year by the Wayne State University Library

and Information Science Program in Detroit, Michigan.

Susan Randolph began an internship in the Congressional Research Service Legislative Relations Office in September. She is a public affairs coordinator and will focus on program evaluation.

David Shumaker, manager of information services at the MITRE Corporation, is serving as the Catholic University School of Library and Information Science's information professional in residence for the fall 2005 term. He is teaching courses in information systems and management and performing a study of skills development and continuing education needs of librarians. He is also serving on the Panel for Business Libraries of the Study on the Future of the Library Workforce, a two-year project sponsored by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. —*DC/SLA Chapter Notes, October 2005*

Dianne L. van der Reyden has been named the director for preservation at the Library of Congress. She had been serving as LC's chief of the Conservation Division and acting director for preservation.

Michael T. Wallace has been appointed to the Selected DVDs & Videos for Young Adults Committee of the Young Adult Library Services Association.

News of Note ...

Kathy Patterson, chair of the DC Council Committee on Education, Libraries, and Recreation, introduced a new **electronic newsletter** to inform the public about important issues and events, including public hearing notices. The Committee oversees the DC Public Library, Public and Charter Schools, UDC, and the Department of Recreation. Ms. Patterson and her Committee staff wish to involve the community in the Committee's work. Anyone who would like to receive this electronic newsletter, *The ELR Express*, should send an e-mail request to Evelyn Bourne-Gould at egould@dccouncil.us. The Committee holds its regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in Room 123 of the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. For additional information on hearings and legislation, call 202-724-8195. – *Kathryn Ray*

The Association of College and Research Libraries seeks applicants for **Immersion '06**, which will be held at Simmons College in Boston, July 28-August 2. Immersion '06 will be four-and-one-half days of intensive training and education for academic librarians that will provide the intellectual tools and practical techniques for building or enhancing instruction programs. The October 2005 issue of *College & Research Libraries News* contains an article describing Immersion '05. Complete details about Immersion '06, including the online application form, are at www.ala.org/acrl/events; click on Immersion '06. Acceptance to the Immersion Program is competitive; participation is limited to 90 individuals to ensure an environment that fosters group interaction and active participation. A limited number of partial scholarships are available for Teacher Track applicants only. Questions concerning the program or application process should be directed to Margot Sutton Conahan at 312-280-2522 or msutton@ala.org. **The application deadline is Friday, December 2.**

The Association for Library Collections & Technical Services (ALCTS) seeks applicants for the **2006 Sage Library Support Staff Travel Grants**, which will make it possible for six library support staff members to attend ALA's 2006 annual conference. The travel grants are for up to \$1000 to cover airfare, three nights lodging, and conference registration. Applicants must be currently employed in a full-time support staff position, have a minimum of three years experience in a technical services area, and have not previously attended an ALA annual conference. Grant recipients will be required to submit a brief report describing their experiences at the conference. More information is available at www.ala.org/alcts. **The deadline for nominations is December 1.**

The College of Information Studies (CLIS) at the University of Maryland College Park is accepting applications for admission to the **CLIS doctoral program** from individuals who are interested in joining the interdisciplinary team that is developing the International Children's Digital Library. Funding is made available through the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Additional information about the Ph.D. program is available at www.clis.umd.edu or from Dr. Ann Carlson Weeks at acweeks@umd.edu or Dr. Allison Druin at allisond@umiacs.umd.edu. Information about the International Children's Digital Library is at www.icdlbooks.org.

Risk and Insurance Management Manual for Libraries by Mary Breighner, vice-president of FM Global, and William Payton, director of risk and insurance management at the University of Missouri, is now available (\$36 ALA members, \$40 non-members) from ALA's Library Administration and Management Association. Place orders by calling 866-Shop-ALA or visiting www.alastore.ala.org.

Before and After Disasters: Federal Funding for Cultural Institutions describes 15 federal grant and loan programs to help cultural institutions and



ALA Conference News

ALA President Michael Gorman announced on October 21 that ALA's 2006 annual conference will be held in New Orleans. He reported that an ALA delegation had traveled to the site to assess the situation and found that "downtown, the French Quarter, and the Garden District had largely escaped flooding, and that essential services have been fully restored in those areas.... Both the Louisiana Department of Public Health and the federal Environmental Protection Agency have found no cause for concern on the part of visitors to New Orleans. By law, all of the ALA conference hotels have conducted or will soon be conducting EPA air quality audits and all restaurants must meet strict inspection requirements prior to reopening. While much publicized, health advisories regarding mold have been directed to those re-entering flooded houses.... Our conference will help to provide the jobs and tax revenues needed if residents are to reestablish their lives and for the city to fully restore services, including library services."

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December 9 is the deadline to register at the advance rate—a savings of \$15 for ALA personal members—for the ALA Midwinter Meeting in San Antonio.

historic sites prepare for and recover from disasters by, among other things, making an emergency plan, buying disaster supplies, or training staff for hurricane season. The 32-page booklet was produced by Heritage Preservation with support from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the National Endowment for the Arts. It can be downloaded from Heritage Preservation's Web site at <www.heritagepreservation.org/PDFS/Disaster.pdf>. Up to 50 copies are available free-of-charge by calling the FEMA publications office at 800-480-2520 and asking for FEMA publication #533.

The Association of Research Libraries has created an **MLS Student Resume Database** for graduate students who are within six months of graduating from an MLS degree program or completing a post-MLS residency or fellows program. Those wishing to post a resume should go to <<https://db.arl.org/careers/res/submit.html>>. Those who wish to obtain access to the database for the purpose of recruitment should contact Jerome Offord, Jr. at jerome@arl.org.

INFOLIT is a discussion list for school, academic, and public librarians who want to exchange ideas on information literacy programs and experiences. It is an initiative of the American Association of School Librarians/Association of College and Research Libraries Interdivisional Committee on Information Literacy. To subscribe, send a blank e-mail to subscribe-infolit@ala.org, including your first name and last name as the subject.

First Tuesday is a series of live audio Webcasts featuring interviews with major players from the world of libraries and information agencies. It is sponsored by the School of Information Science & Learning Technologies at the University of Missouri and airs on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (Central time). An interview with former IMLS head Robert S. Martin was broadcast on October 4 and an interview with Mary Kay Chelton from the Graduate School of Library and Information Studies, Queen's College, New York on November 1. To listen to past programs, go to <<http://lisradio.missouri.edu/archive.php>>. For the current program, go to <<http://lisradio.missouri.edu>> and click on First Tuesday. The box in the upper left corner of your screen will automatically change to indicate that you can listen to the program, which is available in two formats: QuickTime and MP3.

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