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**“Where the Rubber Meets the Road....”
By President, Elaine Cline**

In her “President’s Message” in the May 2005 issue of *American Libraries*, Carol Brey-Casiano subtitled her column: “Chapters Serve as Career Boosters”. Brey-Casiano states: “It is in the chapters...where the rubber meets the road – that the work really gets done on the local level...It is important to join local chapters as well as ALA, because you never know where state association work will lead.” For Carol Brey-Casiano it led to the presidency of ALA.

Not all of us aspire to become ALA president, but chapter associations, such as DCLA, do provide wonderful opportunities to support libraries and librarianship on the local level and to develop your leadership skills and other important career competencies. Active participation in DCLA provides a supportive environment for librarians of all kinds to gain experience in program development, to improve their meeting management and conflict resolution skills, and to practice being an effective team member. Members can also learn how to be strong advocates and have a chance to speak out on important issues. The DCLA leadership met in late summer to plan the coming year and made some changes which we hope will promote more active participation in DCLA.

DCLA Interest Groups (IG) form the core of programming for the association. They reflect the interests of our members and provide forums for the discussion of issues and services of importance to libraries and library staff. A list of the IGs and contact information for the chairs appears elsewhere in this newsletter. I do want to highlight some changes and additions. The Reference and Library Instruction IG have now been combined into to one group in recognition of their shared constituencies and concerns. A new Management and Leadership Development IG will focus on issues of importance to managers and on leadership and succession planning. The Library Paraprofessional IG has been reinstated to provide a forum for library associates, technicians and other paraprofessional library staff. An Emerging Technologies IG has been established to do programming on a wide variety of information technology issues of importance to librarians -- from blogging to taxonomy. These new interest groups combined with the existing groups provide DCLA members with an exciting selection of programming options. I encourage you to join an Interest Group, attend DCLA programs, and take advantage of these opportunities. Invite others to join you at the programs and recruit them as members of DCLA. It's going to be a great year.

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Charles Sumner School
Photo courtesy of the DC SHPO

You and Your Guests

Are Cordially Invited

Fall DCLA Members Reception

Thursday, October 26
6 to 9 pm

The Charles Sumner School Museum and Archives

1201 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC

Live flute music for your listening pleasure

Lavish buffet for your gustatory enjoyment

Nearest Metro: Farragut North station
Red Line Use L Street exit

If driving, there is a limited number of metered parking spaces

RSVP by Oct. 17 to Liane Rosenblatt

Cost is \$30.00 members and \$37.50 non-members.

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DCLA's Own Mari-Jan Oboroceanu Featured in Education Article

For an interesting insight into the two local library schools take a look at the article in the *Washington Post Express* August issue's Guide to Continuing Education and Career Advancement. Mari-Jan Oboroceanu, an alumna of Catholic University's library school, and Delia Neuman, a professor at the University of Maryland's library school, were interviewed for an upbeat article about the library and information studies profession. View the article on p. 37 at

http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/express/pdfs/EXPRESS_08092006.pdf

McCormick's *Cut* to be Topic at Oct. 19 Book Talk

The October Book Talk sponsored by the Children's, Young Adult and School Interest Group will be held at Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, Thursday, Oct. 19 between 3:30-5:30 in the Children's Room, second floor, Room 200. The book to be discussed is *Cut* by Patricia McCormick.

For readers in grade 8 and up, this first-person account of a young girl's stay at Sea Pines, a mental-health facility, is poignant and compelling reading. *School Library Journal* wrote that McCormick's first novel is powerfully written and not for the squeamish.



Ready, Set, GO – Annual ALA Conference Meets in DC in 2007

While there will be many preparations for the ALA Conference, early word is that ALA is interested in continuing the community service work that produced great results in New Orleans last July.

The DCLA Board is enthusiastic about participating with ALA on Community Service Projects for the Annual meeting in DC this summer. ALA Councilor Bill Turner and DCLA President Elaine Cline will be the points of contact for the DCLA.

Elaine Cline noted, "As a volunteer in New Orleans I know what a wonderful experience it can be for both the volunteers and the communities. Although Washington hasn't experienced catastrophes on the level of Katrina and Rita, I am sure we can locate community sites which can benefit greatly from this type of librarian power."

Shepherd's Media Center Hosts Coding Party

Not many non-librarians or library staff members who see a flyer that reads "Bar Coding Party!" think that it is going to be the hottest end-of-the-summer party. However, volunteers from DCLA's own membership, District of Columbia Public Library staff, past and present students, and parents of Shepherd Elementary School students knew that it was not only the hottest end-of-the-summer party but a party to prepare Shepherd's media center for its upcoming school year.

Faith Williams, the school's librarian and former District of Columbia Public Library Children's Librarian at the Southeast branch asked for help get the media center in order for the new school year. Flyers seeking volunteers were sent out and over twenty volunteers arrived to help prepare Shepherd Elementary School media center for the new school year.

We would like to thank all the volunteers for coming out on a nice sunny August Saturday morning to help a local school prepare for its school year. Contributed by Eboni M. Stokes, Chair, Children, YA, and School Interest Group

An Afternoon with Local Children's Book Authors

The Cleveland Park Branch of the District of Columbia Public Library will host an afternoon with local children's book authors Erica S. Perl and Mary Quattlebaum from 2 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 28, in the first floor auditorium, Cleveland Park Branch, Connecticut and Macomb Streets, N.W. The authors will talk about and read from their latest books. A book signing and sale will follow the program. The program is designed for ages 4 to 8.

Erica S. Perl will read from *Ninety-Three in My Family*, a cheerfully chaotic spin on a counting book featuring a very large family, illustrated by Mike Lester. Her first book for children *Chicken Bedtime Is Really Early* (Abrams 2006) received a starred review in ALA Booklist. She was recently featured in *Washingtonian* magazine's "Top Local Books and Authors" issue as a "writer to watch."

Mary Quattlebaum will read from *Sparks Fly High: the Legend of Dancing Point*, illustrated by Leonid Gore. This lively picture-book re-telling of a Colonial American folktale features a legendary dance contest between Colonel Lightfoot and the devil for a piece of Virginia land. Ms. Quattlebaum is the author of fifteen award-winning picture books, novels, and books including *Underground Train*, *Jackson Jones and the Puddle of Thorns*, and *Grover G. Graham and Me*.

The Cleveland Park Branch is located near the Cleveland Park Metro Station. All District of Columbia Public Library activities are open to the public free of charge. For further information, please call the Cleveland Park Branch Library Children's Room at 202-282-3073.

Annual C3: Cyberethics, Cybersafety, & Cybersecurity Conference

The core mission of the C3 Conference is to inform the educational community about the ethical, legal, safety, and security implications of technology use. This year will include a special emphasis on cyberethics and academic integrity.

Participants will hear from a number of national educational technology and information and assurance technology experts on topics including netiquette, acceptable use of computing resources, copyright, promotion strategies for academic integrity and character education, ethical development and decision-making, privacy, educational curriculum options, security and safety. Through a variety of presentations, case studies and group work, participants will give consideration to responses that can be applied in their own settings. Participants will also learn how to get more actively involved in National Cyber Security Awareness Month.

The C3 Conference takes place at the University of Maryland, College Park, Oct. 5-7, 2006.

For detailed information, see: <http://www.edtechoutreach.umd.edu/C32006/>

Literary Lunches at Woman's National Democratic Club Sept. 19 and Sept. 26

On Tuesday, Sept. 19, Michael Dirda will discuss his new work, *Book by Book*, a look at the classic literature, as well as lesser-known works of fiction, history, and philosophy. Dirda shows how the wit, wisdom, and enchantment of the written word inform and enrich nearly every aspect of life, from education and work, to love and death. DCLA members enjoyed Dirda's talk at our annual banquet several years ago. This promises to be great afternoon.

On Tuesday, Sept. 26, Madeleine Albright will discuss her new book, *The Mighty and the Almighty: Reflections on America, God and World Affairs*. Her presentation will provide insights about current world conflicts and our country's reactions to them. If you missed Ms. Albright at ALA in New Orleans, here is your chance to hear this remarkable woman.

Each luncheon costs \$25.00 (Visa or Master Card accepted)

Cash bar opens at 11:30, lunch served at 12:30.

Woman's National Democratic Club
1526 New Hampshire Avenue, NW (at corner of Q Street)
Washington, D.C.

Take the Red Line metro to Dupont Circle, Q Street exit - walk to the right on Q, 1.5 blocks.
Parking at Jury's Hotel or on street.

For reservations contact Patricia Fitzgerald, 202-232-7363 or pfitzgerald@democraticwoman.org. Please tell Ms. Fitzgerald that you are with the DCLA. Please send Kathryn Ray (ray@american.edu) an email, too, so she can ensure that all the librarians are seated together.

Celebrate Children's Book Week
Washington Post/Children's Book Guild
Saturday, November 4, 2006
Nonfiction Award Luncheon

Sneed B. Collard III is a trained biologist and the author of more than 50 children's books about science, nature and the environment. *The Prairie Builders: Reconstructing America's Lost Grasslands* is a 2006 ALA Notable Children's Book and won top honors from the American Academy for the Advancement of Science.

Norton Juster, a retired architect and teacher, is the author of *The Hello, Goodbye Window*. He also wrote the fantasy classic *The Phantom Tollbooth*, illustrated by his friend and apartment neighbor Jules Pfeiffer.

Chris Raschka is a writer, illustrator and trained violist whose illustrations in the 2006 Caldecott winner, *The Hello, Goodbye Window*, were lauded by *School Library Journal* as "the art of a masterful hand." He is also the author-illustrator of the 1993 Caldecott Honor Book, *Yo! Yes?*

10am-12 and 2-4pm Book Sales & Signing
Noon – 2pm Luncheon/Presentations
Capital Hilton Hotel, 16th and K Streets NW, Washington D.C.

To be added to the Luncheon mailing list, send an email to theguild@childrensbookguild.org.
Look for registration details at www.childrensbookguild.org

New Column on Retirement for *Intercom*?

To address the interests of local "young retirees" in the DC area who have gone into retirement, it has been suggested that an occasional column on various retirement topics be initiated in the *Intercom*. Perhaps veteran librarians would share their observations about various topics such as when to retire, what to do upon retiring for the first year and later, what volunteer or paid opportunities are out there for retirees? If you would like to contribute your experiences and comments to the column, please let the editor know, Barbara Conaty, bcon9876@gmail.com

And on the same note

For a special section on retirement in the November issue, *American Libraries* wants your insight into how you cope, what surprised you, what you miss most, how you are still professionally active, or any advice you have for librarians facing retirement. Send 150 words by September 18 to Managing Editor Gordon Flagg, gflagg@ala.org

SID/DIW Announces October and November Sessions at Winrock

Blogs, Wikis, and Social Networking Tools - Implications of Emerging Interactive Online Tools will be the focus of the October session of the Society for International Development, Development Information Workgroup (SID/DIW) and will explore some of the emerging technologies and tools on the internet that allow interaction and collaboration among users and look for examples of how they are being applied to international development work.

Joe Pringle, a project director at Forum One Communications, has over eight years of experience in helping clients conceive, design, and implement online tools to support public policy and international development projects. A question and answer discussion will follow the presentation. This SID/DIW meeting will take place on Oct. 11, 2006 at noon.

How to Conduct a Comprehensive Communications Audit will be the topic of the November meeting of SID/DIW on Nov. 8, 2006, at noon.

Barbie Keiser, President, BEK Inc., will present the basics of comprehensive communications audit, an in-depth analysis of all communications vehicles. The procedure allows an organization to determine how it can best provide the information needed by its various audiences. The findings of a comprehensive Communications Audit enable an organization to eliminate superfluous vehicles of communication.

Both meetings will take place at Winrock International, 1621 N. Kent Street, Suite 1200. Nearest Metro is the Rosslyn Station on the Orange and Blue Lines. Parking is available at the Arlington Ridge Road entrance to the complex.

Famed Library Pioneer Dies at Age 92

Frederick G. Kilgour who founded the library network organization that became OCLC, died July 31, 2006. In 1971, he developed WorldCat, a catalog that now includes some 70 million items and is used by libraries all around the world. As head of the Yale Medical Library, Mr. Kilgour helped to establish a prototype computerized library-catalog system for medical libraries at Columbia, Harvard, and Yale Universities in the 1960's.

Recognized as a giant of his time, Mr. Kilgour took OCLC from a local organization to the bibliographic data center of the world by creating a partnership among libraries. Over time, OCLC began to provide many national and international networking and bibliographic services.

Mr. Kilgour was involved with librarianship until very recently and was a professor of library and information science at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill until 2004.

As the Intercom Went to Press...

American University Library will honor Constitution Day by holding a panel discussion "Classified Information vs the Public's Right to Know" at the Katzen Arts Center on Thursday, Sept. 14 at 3 p.m.

One of the hallmarks of American democracy is the system of checks and balances. In this age of increasing government secrecy, it is important to evaluate its impact on an informed citizenry. The U.S. Government classifies documents for a variety of reasons including privacy and national security. How do we balance these concerns with the need for government accountability and transparency?

The panelists will discuss the work of the National Security Archives, the FOIA lawsuit that won declassification of the Kennedy-Khrushchev secret letters during the Cuban Missile Crisis, and the FBI's interest in Jack Anderson's Papers.

The panel will be moderated by Mary Alice Baish, Associate Washington Affairs Representative, American Association of Law Libraries. Panelists include Thomas S. Blanton, executive director, National Security Archives, Phil Brenner, professor of international relations and history, School of International Service, American University, and Mark Feldstein, associate professor of media and public affairs, School of Media and Public Affairs, The George Washington University.

This event is open to the public and will take place in the Abramson Family Recital Hall in the Katzen Arts Center, For details , please visit <http://www.american.edu/academic.depts/cas/katzen/visiting.cfm>