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**Free People Read Freely** by Kathryn Ray

Back in 1976, before “liberal” became a pejorative term—the “L word,” my wonderful colleague at The Brookings Institution Library, Laura Walker, gave me a photocopy of “A Liberal Decalogue” from Bertrand Russell’s autobiography. As a young idealist, I resolved to keep that sheet of paper and read it often. Today, over thirty years later, in celebration of Constitution Day (September 17) and Banned Books Week (September 24-October 1) and reflecting on the recent reauthorization of the USA PATRIOT Act, I would like to share Russell’s ideas with you. And, be sure to read a banned book!

A Liberal Decalogue

1. Do not feel absolutely certain of anything.
2. Do not think it worthwhile to proceed by concealing evidence, for the evidence is sure to come to light.
3. Never try to discourage thinking for you are sure to succeed.
4. When you meet with opposition, even if it should be from your husband or your children, endeavor to overcome it by

argument and not by authority, for a victory dependent upon authority is unreal and illusory.

5. Have no respect for the authority of others, for there are always contrary authorities to be found.

6. Do not use power to suppress opinions you think pernicious, for if you do the opinions will suppress you.

7. Do not fear to be eccentric in opinion, for every opinion now accepted was once eccentric.

8. Find more pleasure in intelligent dissent that in passive agreement, for, if you value intelligence as you should, the former implies a deeper agreement than the latter.

9. Be scrupulously truthful, even if the truth is inconvenient, for it is more inconvenient when you try to conceal it.

10. Do not feel envious of the happiness of those who live in a fool's paradise, for only a fool will think that it is happiness."

"A Liberal Decalogue" is from *The Autobiography of Bertrand Russell*, Vol. 3: 1944-1969, pp. 71-2.

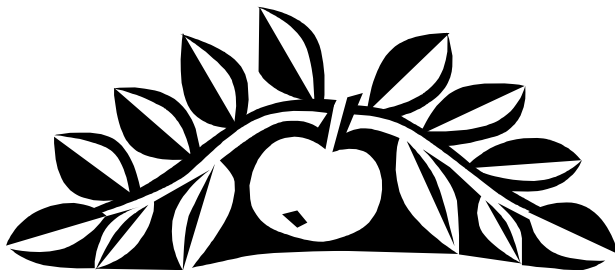
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*Thursday, October 20  
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.*

*Buffet dinner with complimentary wine*

*The U.S. Botanical Gardens  
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*l\_rosen\_98@yahoo.com*

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**COMMUNICATION:  
THE FIRST STEP TO  
COLLABORATION**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7**

**9:30 A.M. – NOON**

**ROOM 202 GELMAN LIBRARY GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
2130 H ST., N.W. (FOGGY BOTTOM/GWU METRO STOP, BLUE/ORANGE LINE)**

**R.S.V.P. BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

**TO JENNIFER NUTEFALL AT JNUTEFAL@GWU.EDU**

**SPONSORED BY THE DCLA LIBRARY INSTRUCTION INTEREST GROUP**

IN THIS INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP, PARTICIPANTS WILL WORK IN GROUPS TO STRATEGIZE SOLUTIONS TO VARIOUS SCENARIOS RELATED TO COLLABORATION AND COMMUNICATION. THE GROUPS WILL THEN REPORT BACK THEIR SOLUTIONS/STRATEGIES. THE FINAL HOUR WILL BE RESERVED FOR A LARGER QUESTION/ANSWER SESSION.

THE WORK SHOP WILL FIRST FOCUS ON OPENING THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION WITH FACULTY (TENURED AND ADJUNCT AS WELL AS SCHOOL TEACHERS) AND LIBRARIANS. THERE ARE MANY FACTORS TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION, INCLUDING COMMUNICATION STYLES, CULTURAL DIFFERENCES, AND COURSE INVESTMENT.

AFTER LINES OF COMMUNICATION HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED, THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION. THERE MUST BE AN UNDERSTANDING ON BOTH SIDES THAT COLLABORATION TAKES MORE TIME AND EFFORT, BUT IT HAS TREMENDOUS BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS. WHEN ENTERING INTO A COLLABORATIVE RELATIONSHIP, IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND EACH PERSON'S TEACHING PHILOSOPHY AND PEDAGOGICAL BACKGROUND.

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**Communication: The First Step to Collaboration**

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## UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS

- September 5 (Monday) - November 4 (Friday)** **Digital Licensing and Online Content.** Federal Library and Information Center Committee Online Course sponsored by the FLICC Education Working Group. Contact: <[www.loc.gov/flicc/ma/2005/ma0535.pdf](http://www.loc.gov/flicc/ma/2005/ma0535.pdf)> or 202-707-4800.
- September 6 (Tuesday)** **Taxonomy Tuesday – Ina Darsadze and Farah Gheriss share their experience building taxonomies.** Noon – 1:00 p.m. International Monetary Fund, Room HQ1-BL-610, 700 19th St., N.W. Bring photo ID. R.S.V.P. to Jeannette Smith at [jsmith4@worldbank.org](mailto:jsmith4@worldbank.org) or Lisa Loyo at [Lloyo@nas.edu](mailto:Lloyo@nas.edu).
- September 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](mailto:ray@american.edu), [KCRDLB@verizon.net](mailto:KCRDLB@verizon.net).
- September 14 (Wednesday)** **The Future of the Federal Library.** Sponsored by the Federal Library and Information Center Committee Content Management Working Group. 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Mumford Room, 6th floor, Madison Bldg., Library of Congress, 101 Independence Ave., S.E. Contact: <[www.loc.gov/flicc/ma/2005/ma0533.pdf](http://www.loc.gov/flicc/ma/2005/ma0533.pdf)> or 202-707-4800.
- September 19 (Monday) - September 21 (Wednesday)** **OpenURL and Metasearch: New Standards, Current Innovations, and Future Directions.** A National Information Standards Organization (NISO) educational workshop. Academy for Educational Development, near DuPont Circle, Washington, DC. Contact: <[www.niso.org](http://www.niso.org)> or Pat Harris, 301-654-2512.
- September 21 (Wednesday)** **The Labuto Library Project, Inc.** Society for International Development, Development Information Workgroup brown bag lunch. Noon – 2:00ish. Development Information Center Mandela Conference Room, 1001 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Suite 300 South. Bring photo ID.
- September 22 (Thursday)** **Parchment and Titanium: Preserving the Charters of Freedom.** National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) 19th Annual Preservation Conference. National Archives Building, Washington, DC. Contact: Richard Schneider, 301-837-3617, <[www.archives.gov/preservation/conference-2005.html](http://www.archives.gov/preservation/conference-2005.html)>.
- September 24 (Saturday)** **5th National Book Festival.** Hosted by First Lady Laura Bush and sponsored by the Library of Congress. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. National Mall between 7th and 14th Sts.
- September 26 (Monday)** **Leadership/Management Workshop Led by Anne Linton, Director, George Washington University's Himmelfarb Library.** Sponsored by the DC Area Health Sciences Libraries (DCAHSL). Contact: Robert Mohrman, 202-782-6762 or [robert.mohrman@us.army.mil](mailto:robert.mohrman@us.army.mil).
- September 27 (Tuesday) - September 28 (Wednesday)** **Introduction to XML and the Text Encoding Initiative.** Sponsored by the University of Maryland Libraries. Contact: <[www.lib.umd.edu/dcr/events/symposium](http://www.lib.umd.edu/dcr/events/symposium)> or Susan Schreibman, 301-314-0358, [sschreib@umd.edu](mailto:sschreib@umd.edu).
- September 28 (Wednesday)** **Book Blitz II: Tackling Complex Cataloging Rules.** Sponsored by the Federal Library and Information Center Committee Education Working Group. 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Dining Room A, 6th floor, Madison Bldg., Library of Congress, 101 Independence Ave., S.E. Contact: <[www.loc.gov/flicc/ma/2005/ma0516.pdf](http://www.loc.gov/flicc/ma/2005/ma0516.pdf)> or 202-707-4800.
- September 28 (Wednesday)** **Demystifying Encoded Archival Description (EAD).** Sponsored by the University of Maryland Libraries. Contact: <[www.lib.umd.edu/dcr/events/symposium](http://www.lib.umd.edu/dcr/events/symposium)> or Susan Schreibman, 301-314-0358, [sschreib@umd.edu](mailto:sschreib@umd.edu).
- September 28 (Wednesday) - October 1 (Saturday)** **Experience a Timeless Information Journey: Revolution and Evolution Continue.** 3rd Special Libraries Association South Atlantic Regional Conference. The Woodlands Hotel and Suites, Colonial Williamsburg, VA. Contact: <[www.sla.org/sarc3](http://www.sla.org/sarc3)>.

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS (cont.)**

- September 29 (Thursday)** **The Library in Bits and Bytes.** A digital library symposium sponsored by the University of Maryland Libraries in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the University of Maryland, College Park. Contact: <www.lib.umd.edu/dcr/events/symposium> or Susan Schreibman, 301-314-0358, ssschreib@umd.edu.
- October 5 (Wednesday)** **The Embedded Librarian: Making and Leading the Team.** Federal Library and Information Center Committee Brown Bag Lunch sponsored by the FLICC Content Management Working Group. 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Dining Room A, 6th floor, Madison Bldg., Library of Congress, 101 Independence Ave., S.E. Contact: <www.loc.gov/flicc/ma/2005/ma0538.pdf> or 202-707-4800.
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**LIBRARIANS AND LIBRARIES***(submissions welcome to psard@comcast.net)*

**Mykie Howard** has been promoted to the position of leader of the Serials Unit at the National Agricultural Library in Beltsville, MD. In addition to her serials duties, she will now also supervise six technicians. Her contact information—301-504-5210, mhoward@nal.usda.gov—remains the same.

**Neal K. Kaske** was named NCLIS director of statistics and surveys by the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science in August. His previous position was head of the Engineering and Physical Sciences Library, University of Maryland. He has also served as a consultant to the U.S. Census Bureau Library, a senior associate with the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Library Programs, and as director, Office of Research, OCLC.

**Robert S. Martin** will assume the Lillian Bradshaw Endowed Chair in Library Science at the Denton campus of Texas Women's University on September 1, 2006. He has completed his four-year term as director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, during which the IMLS awarded more than \$899 million to American museums and libraries. IMLS Deputy Director **Mary Chute** will assume responsibility for the agency until the president nominates and the Senate confirms a new director. Chute came to IMLS from the Delaware Division of Libraries/State Library, where she held the position of director and state librarian. In accordance with the provisions of the Museum and Library Services Act, the next director will have museum services experience.

**Michael McLane** assumed the position of director of libraries at The Catholic University of America in August, following the retirement of **Adele Chwalek** in

January. He served previously as the director of a multi-type library system in central New York.

**Roberta I. Shaffer** assumed the position of executive director of the Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC) and the Federal Library and Information Network (FEDLINK) at the Library of Congress on August 29. She previously served as director of external relations and program development in the College of Information Studies, University of Maryland at College Park, where she developed a new master's of information management degree program. She had also previously served as dean of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Texas at Austin, as a Fulbright senior research scholar at the Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law and the Portuguese Ministry of Justice, and as a special assistant to the Law Librarian of Congress. She holds degrees from Vassar College, Emory University, and Tulane University.

*Intercom* notes with sadness the death of **Marla Schwartz** of ovarian cancer in August. She was head of acquisitions and technical systems, and a tenured member of the Law Library faculty at the Pence Law Library, American University, where she had worked since 1988. She also served as serials librarian at George Mason University, assistant head of serials at the Gelman Library, George Washington University, and as a librarian at The Urban Institute and the U.S. Government Printing Office. Her professional activities included service on the boards of DCLA and the Law Librarians Society of Washington, DC.

## Francis J. Buckley, Jr. — the DC Public Library's New Interim Director by Susan Randolph

Fran Buckley was appointed interim director of the District of Columbia Public Library in April 2005. On a Friday afternoon in late August, I asked him about his new job, including what he hopes to accomplish at DC Public and how his previous experience will help him reach his goals.

Fran has extensive urban library system experience, having served for nearly thirty years in a variety of increasingly responsible positions with the Detroit Public Library. When I asked him about this experience, he observed that the Detroit and DC public library systems share many similarities: size—21 full service branches in DC and 24 in Detroit; a main library with a number of special subject departments; a user population with widely varying economic, educational, and racial backgrounds; service to a growing immigrant population; a heavy emphasis on literacy; older facilities; and long-term financial challenges that have resulted in reductions in hours of service and book collections.

He noted, however, the unique environment in which the DC Public Library operates, reporting that the day before our interview he had given an interview to Iraqi television at the request of the State Department. He believes, as does DC Mayor Anthony Williams, that as the public library system of the nation's capital, the DC Public Library has a responsibility to lead. Fran noted that the DC government's relationship to the federal government is absolutely unique, bringing an extra level of scrutiny, especially in budget matters. He also observed that the unusual concentration of library resources in the DC metropolitan area, which boasts the Library of Congress, several other vibrant public library systems, and

numerous special and university libraries, creates a complex library environment.

Fran's immediate objectives as interim director are to improve the library system's facilities and raise the morale of the staff. He observed that obsolete, blighted facilities are depressing for both the public and the staff, diverting attention inappropriately from issues of service to those of surroundings. He reported that although the city was formerly responsible for facilities maintenance, the library now has control over the funds for maintaining its facilities. He noted, however, that these funds are still inadequate.

Fran described as ambitious the library's building program, which is the result of a major capital infusion stimulated in part by his predecessor, Molly Raphael. He observed that rebuilding at one time four library branch buildings—Tenley, Watha Daniels, Anacostia, and Benning Road—and completely renovating the Mt. Pleasant and Georgetown branch buildings will be a major challenge, particularly after years of a dormant building program. He reported that the design plan for the branch rebuilding has been completed and is being reviewed by the library and that the city's Office of Contracting and Procurement is currently reviewing the cost estimates.

Fran believes that the staff needs spirit as well as better facilities. He hopes to increase morale by articulating a professional vision of library service to the public that is in line with the Mayor's vision of 21<sup>st</sup> century library service to DC citizens. He has found the staff of the library's public service units very receptive to this vision.

Fran's longer term objective is to

put in place an effective management system that will allow the DC Public Library to "sing." In addition to improving the library system's facilities, he hopes to clean up the library's automated system, infuse electronic resources throughout the library's reference service, revamp the collection development process and provide more print and nonprint resources, expand adult and young adult programming, work more closely with community organizations in the neighborhoods to expand literacy, adult basic education, ESL, and GED programs, and improve the library's financial situation by supporting the DC Public Library Foundation's fundraising initiatives.

Fran had not planned a return to public library service. His retirement from the position of Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office enabled him to accept a number of demanding positions in professional associations. He is, for example, a director of the District of Columbia Library Association and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Freedom to Read Foundation and of the Executive Board of the American Library Association. When I asked him what he would be doing were he not the interim director of the DC Public Library, he responded: "I'd be on vacation!" He has an idealistic view of libraries, however, and of the difference they can make in the lives of people with real information needs. He reports being energized by his position as interim director of the District of Columbia Public Library.

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*Susan Randolph is a candidate for a master's degree in public administration at The George Washington University. She is a director of the DC Library Association and editor of its newsletter, Intercom.*

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## ALA Council Highlights from the 2005 Annual Conference by Bill Turner

### Updates

*Advocacy* - Carol Brey-Casiano established and promoted many library advocacy initiatives, especially grassroots advocacy efforts, during her presidential year that just ended. The Campaign for America's Libraries, coordinated by the Public Information Office, has been approved for another five years and will continue many of the Brey-Casiano presidential initiatives such as the advocacy institutes. More than 40 state chapters have participated in the "@ your library" campaign. The "Smartest Card" campaign includes public service advertisements in multiple media outlets and free software that can be downloaded from the ALA Web site and customized for local needs.

*Conference Registration* - As of Monday, June 28, total estimated registration for the 2005 Annual Conference in Chicago was 27,800, with 21,069 attendees and 6,731 exhibitors. Chicago registration exceeded the previous conference record in San Francisco by 1,000. Total registration for the 2004 Annual Conference in Orlando was 19,575 with 13,836 attendees and 5,739 exhibitors.

*Cultural Communities Fund (CCF)* - The CCF endowment provides libraries with a variety of creative programming opportunities through the Public Programming Office. The CCF received a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) challenge grant (3-to-1 match) and needed to raise \$300,000 by July 31, 2005. Programming and donation information are available at [ala.org/ccf](http://ala.org/ccf).

*Disaster Relief* - ALA, AALL, ALISE, ARL, MLA, and SLA established the Library Disaster Relief Fund, a joint 501(c)(3) organization, to help rebuild the libraries

damaged or destroyed by the tsunami in December 2004. The Fund will continue to provide quick response to future disasters affecting libraries.

*Freedom to Read Foundation (FTRF)* - The FTRF was established 37 years ago to promote and defend the First Amendment related to reading and libraries. It monitors and joins legal action in Internet content, censorship, and patron confidentiality cases. Many people do not realize the FTRF is a separate 501(c)(3) organization. Learn more at [ftrf.org](http://ftrf.org) and consider becoming a member.

*Intellectual Freedom* - The projected publication date of the 7th edition of the *Intellectual Freedom Manual* is December 2005. It will be available at the 2006 Midwinter Meeting in San Antonio.

*Member Benefits and Services* - The ALA Membership Committee urges all members to respond to the member survey at [ala.org/ala/ors/researchstatistics.htm](http://ala.org/ala/ors/researchstatistics.htm). The Committee has implemented three new benefits/services: (1) In the coming fiscal year, ALA members will be able to pay dues in two installments with a modest fee. (2) A free e-newsletter providing regular updates on library-related stories that appear in print and electronic media will launch in the fall. (3) A travel/tour affinity program, though Collette Vacations, allows ALA members to book personal vacation travel with royalty going to the Cultural Communities Fund endowment.

*Midwinter Meetings* - The ALA Conference Committee made several recommendations on the future of the ALA Midwinter Meeting, based on a member survey with 4,667 responses (7% of membership): (1) continue rotating throughout the United States,

including "cold climate cities"; (2) create flexible attendance for those not involved in governance or committee work; (3) add discussion groups on "hot topics," but reserve formal programs for Annual Conference; (4) encourage committees to work virtually prior to Midwinter Meeting to make face-to-face time more productive; (5) make exhibits and exhibit attendance more important; (6) schedule fewer overlapping sessions on the same subject matter; (7) improve member access to event planner and program booklet prior to Midwinter meeting; and (8) increase orientation, networking, and social activities

*Washington Office* - ALA has completed purchase of property to relocate the Washington Office. An opening gala is planned for fall 2005. The annual ALA National Library Legislative Day will be held on Monday, May 1 and Tuesday, May 2, 2006 in Washington, DC.

### Actions

*Budget* - Council approved the FY2006 ALA budgetary ceiling of \$51,669,186. The ALA treasurer's report notes that while ALA is a healthy organization, revenues are flat and expenses continue to rise.

*Inclusiveness and Mutual Respect* - Council unanimously adopted a new policy on Inclusiveness and Mutual Respect moved by the ALA Human Resources Advisory Committee and the Library Support Staff Interest Round Table.

*Intellectual Freedom* - Council adopted three resolutions: Resolution on Threats to Library Materials Related to Sex, Gender Identity, or Sexual Orientation, Resolution on Disinformation, Media Manipulation, and the Destruction of Public Information, and Resolution



in Support of Immigrants' Rights to Free Public Library Access

*Legislation* - Council adopted two resolutions moved by the Committee on Legislation: Resolution on the USA PATRIOT Act and Libraries and Resolution on the Right of Communities to Provide Broadband Internet Services.

*Library Education* - Council approved a set of recommendations from the Task Force on Library School Closings. The recommendations address needs for an "early warning" system before schools are threatened with closure, quality control, networking, and equity of access. ALA President Michael Gorman also plans to focus attention on library education during his presidential year.

*Membership Meeting Resolutions* - Both ALA Membership meetings exceeded quorum (75 members). Three resolutions were adopted and forwarded to Council for approval. Council adopted a resolution urging divisions to decrease dues for retired members and a resolution on the connection between the Iraq war and libraries. Council initially returned the resolution on equal access to resources in non-roman alphabets in libraries to be re-worked at the second membership meeting. Council defeated the same resolution when it was considered a second time.

*National Deaf History Month* - Council adopted a resolution that ALA "urges the President of the United States to declare National Deaf History Month, to be held annually March 13 - April 15 and to call upon public officials, educators, and librarians to celebrate with programs and activities to highlight and honor the many contributions of the deaf community to American society."

*Scholarships* - Council established

a new standing committee on Scholarships and Study Grants that will be responsible for scholarship activities currently performed by the Awards Committee. The new committee will also give more attention to the development/promotion of scholarships.

*Strategic Plan* - Council adopted the ALA: Ahead to 2010 strategic plan with additions related to standards, government information, and state chapters.

*Workplace Speech* - Council adopted a resolution that "Libraries should encourage discussion among library workers, including library administrators of non-confidential professional and policy matters about the operation of the library and matters of public concern within the framework of applicable laws." ALA provides useful information related to workplace speech in a document entitled, "Questions and Answers on Librarian Speech in the Workplace: An interpretive statement to the ALA Code of Ethics," amended in January 2004.

#### **ALA-APA Council Highlights and Actions**

The ALA Allied Professional Association (ALA-APA) Council approved guiding principles for certification programs, along with appeal processes for providers and applicants. Potential providers for the Certified Public Library Administrator Program (CPLA) will be identified in fall 2005. It is expected that participants may begin application for the CPLA program in January 2006. More information is available at [ala-apa.org](http://ala-apa.org).

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### ***News of Note ...***

Check out the July 31, 2005 *Washington Post Magazine* to learn how "a fading DC library" makes a big difference in the lives of its patrons. Eric Wee offers a profile of the **Southeast Neighborhood Library** on Capitol Hill.

The **Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)** has moved. Its address is now 1800 M St., NW, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20036-5802. Its telephone numbers have also changed to 202-653-IMLS and (fax) 202-653-4600.

The U.S. Department of Education is inviting applications for the **Striving Readers** program, a new discretionary grant program whose purpose is "to raise the reading achievement levels of middle and high school-aged students in Title I-eligible schools with significant numbers of students reading below grade level." Public or private organizations with expertise in adolescent literacy and/or rigorous evaluation may be eligible for the grants. September 14 is the deadline for notice of intent to apply. The deadline for transmittal of applications is November 14. More information at [www.ed.gov/programs/strivingreaders/index.html](http://www.ed.gov/programs/strivingreaders/index.html).

If you happen to be in New York City on Sunday, October 2, plan to attend the **New York Times Great Read in the Park** in Bryant Park. The event, which will be held to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the *New York Times* best-seller list, will include a book sale to benefit New York City public libraries and the Fund for Public Schools. More information at [nytimes.com/greatread](http://nytimes.com/greatread).

In honor of **National Constitution Day—September 17**—CQ Press has devoted a section of the Web site CQ Press in Context at [www.cqpress.com/incontext](http://www.cqpress.com/incontext) to documents and analytical content related to the U.S. Constitution. The material is designed for instruction of 9th—12th graders. CQ Press in Context offers free access to a substantial sampling of CQ Press content that is usually available only on a subscription basis.

## News of Note ...

The American Library Association Washington Office is organizing an **E-rate lobbying day** on September 29. A morning briefing will be followed by visits to Congressional offices. If you would like to show your legislators that you support this program, tell them stories of its success in your library, and speak to the vital importance of the pending ADA legislation, send an e-mail to Erin Haggerty at [ehaggerty@alawash.org](mailto:ehaggerty@alawash.org).

**National Preparedness Month 2005**, sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security and the American Red Cross, will be held from September 1-30. Resources for hosting an NPM event to educate library patrons about emergency preparedness are available at [www.ready.gov/npm](http://www.ready.gov/npm).

The Young Adult Library Services Association's **Teen Read Week** will be held from October 16-22. September 15 is the deadline to register at [www.ala.org/teenread](http://www.ala.org/teenread) to receive free books from selected book publishers. Lerner will donate one new biography to librarians and educators. Scholastic is donating two new paperbacks to YALSA members. Orca will give librarians who join YALSA before September 15 titles from the Orca Soundings series of teen novels for reluctant readers, along with a copy of *Rules for Life* by Darlene Ryan.

The Association for Library Service to Children is offering a recommended-reading list to accompany **Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince** at [www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2005/june2004abc/harrypotterbooks.htm](http://www.ala.org/ala/pressreleases2005/june2004abc/harrypotterbooks.htm). Among the titles are *The Wizard of Oz*, *Inkheart*, and *Ranger's Apprentice: The Ruins of Gorlan*.

Because **Congressional Research Service reports** are not readily available to the public, the Center for Democracy and Technology has created a searchable database of CRS reports in the public domain at [www.opencrs.com](http://www.opencrs.com). CRS provides members of Congress with policy briefs on a variety of topics. Members of the public can usually obtain these reports only if a member of Congress makes them available.

## Librarian (Law-Reference), Public Services

Division, Office of the Law Librarian, Library of Congress. Announcement No. 050222. Position description no. 11005. Closing date 9/12/2005. GS-1410-9, \$43,365 – \$56,371. Promotion potential to GS-13. Qualified candidates with both Juris Doctor and MLS degrees and at least one year progressively responsible public service experience in a law library encouraged to apply. Provides legal and legislative research assistance and reference services where needs are relatively easy to determine and the bibliographic source materials are of limited technical complexity and are readily accessible. For entire job description, see <http://jsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/getjob.asp?JobID=32953210>. USAJOBS control # 488710. More info from Library of Congress Employment Office on 202-707-5627.

**Senior Legal Information Analyst**, Law Library of Congress. Position # 050146. Analyze and synthesize complex legal and legislative documents requiring interpretation of bills, etc.; develop legal and legislative thesauri; prepare complex analytical reports involving legal aspects of public policy issues; acquire, organize, and disseminate legal and legislative information; and provide reference to diverse and demanding clientele. Qualified candidates with both Juris Doctor and MLS and at least five years progressively responsible experience editing, analyzing, and summarizing legal and legislative information encouraged to apply. For entire job description see <http://jsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/summary.asp?OPMControl=492263>. More info from Library of Congress Employment Office on 202-707-5627.

**Librarian (Acquisitions)**, National Agricultural Library, Beltsville, MD. (Mykie Howard, 301-504-5210, invites you to come work with her!) GS-09/11/12. Announcement no. ARS-X5E-0297. Closing date 9/12/2005. Perform variety of tasks in support of collection development, selection, and acquisition of materials for Library's collection. For full job description, go to <http://www.afm.ars.usda.gov/divisions/hrd/vacancy/x5e-0297.pdf>.

**Cataloger I**, Folger Shakespeare Library. Salary range high-20s to low 30s. Under direction of Head of Cataloging, performs simple copy-cataloging of books, serials, and non-print media and provides support for rare material cataloging. BA degree required, preferably in humanities or foreign languages and working knowledge of at least one modern foreign language. One year library experience in online environment and familiarity with bibliographic utility such as RLIN or OCLC desired. Send letter of application and CV, with

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names, addresses, and telephone numbers or e-mail ad-

resses of three references to Ms. Katharine Beckman, Human Resources Manager, Folger Shakespeare Library, 201 East Capitol St., S.E., Washington, DC 20003-1094. Information from Deborah J. Leslie, Head of Cataloging, 202-675-0369.

**Library Assistant**, National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, MD. VNS Group, Inc. seeks library assistant for contract with NLM. Experience with serials and reading knowledge of foreign languages highly desirable. Position contingent upon contract award to VNS Group, Inc. E-mail resume to [jobs@vnsgr.com](mailto:jobs@vnsgr.com) or fax to 301-932-9085.

**Library Operations Coordinator/Librarian**, Knott Library at St. Mary's Seminary & University, Baltimore, MD. Closing date 9/15/2005. Key position providing oversight of daily operations of library and staff. Reports to Assistant to the President for Library Planning. Requires ALA-accredited MLS with at least 2 years professional experience in academic library, supervisory/managerial experience, budgeting experience, knowledge of computer technology, bibliographic utilities, and cataloging standards. Desirable qualifications: experience with TLC Library Solutions, degree in theology or related field, knowledge of German, French, Greek, or Hebrew, familiarity with Roman Catholic theology. Send resume with three professional references to Mrs. Soraya Magalhaes-Willson, Knott Library, St. Mary's Seminary & University, 5400 Roland Ave., Baltimore, MD 21210, [swillson@stmmarys.edu](mailto:swillson@stmmarys.edu).

**Reference Librarian**, Knott Library at St. Mary's Seminary & University, Baltimore, MD. \$15/hour. Two positions. Part-time evening/weekend. Supervises evening work-study students. Requires ALA-accredited MLS with at least one year experience in academic library. Prefers basic reading knowledge of one European language and familiarity with Christianity or Roman Catholicism. Send resume and three references to above address.

**Member Relations and Information Specialist**, American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging [www.aahsa.org](http://www.aahsa.org). Lead and coordinate information resources in support of all aspects of AAHSA's programs. Fulfill internal and external requests for aging services information and develop or identify print, web, and other resources needed to respond to information requests. Support AAHSA's Regional Vice Presidents in membership recruitment and retention efforts. Required: BA degree and two years experience in information resources/member services. Knowledge of health care, long-term care, or aging services preferred. Must demonstrate familiarity with Internet and published research

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sources and proficiency with all MS Office applications, including Word, Excel, and Access. Send cover letter/resume to Member Relations & Information Specialist Search, American Association of Homes & Services for the Aging, 2519 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20008, careers@aahsa.org.

**Community and Intranet Manager**, American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. \$45,400 – \$56,200. Manage ASHA's intranet system, manage interactive projects, report intranet and Web usage statistics, and share knowledge of new and emerging trends in intranet and community management. Requires BA degree, 1-3 years experience supporting adult groups using collaborative software. Also advanced knowledge of enterprise collaboration, web-based discussion, weblogs, and other browser-based publishing technologies, experienced HTML editing skills; familiarity with Sharepoint Portal Server and Web statistics software (Web Trends) a plus. For more information, see <www.asha.org/about/career/ASHA-jobs/comintramgr.htm>. Send resume and cover letter to jobs@asga.org.

**Director of Library and Research Services**, Executive Office of the President. Closing date 9/6/2005. Job announcement no. OA-05-38-DH. GS-1410-15, \$103,947 – \$135,136. Responsible for providing leadership, policy guidance, expert advisory services, and support to the Executive Office of the President. More information available from S. Weber, 202-395-1088.

**Reference Librarian**, Association of American Medical Colleges, Office of Membership and Constituent Services. Direct operations of Reference Center, including acquisitions, library system and cataloging functions, instruction, and orientation. Supervise operations of Mary Littlemeyer Archives, including inventory, creation of finding aids, selecting, processing, and preserving records, and creating exhibits. Direct strategic planning and development; perform complex reference and research services in response to requests from staff, constituents, and general public. ALA-accredited MLS preferred; project management, supervisory, and archival experience and 1-3 years professional experience in library/reference center setting preferably with medical or education focus desired. More information at <www.aamc.org/about/employment/start.htm#1104>. Apply by e-mail to recruitment@aamc.org.

**DCLA Board Meetings****2005-2006****6:00 – 8:00 p.m.****Gelman Library, George Washington University  
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