2005 Legislative Day
March 14-15, 2005

by Judy Rule, chair
Legislative Committee

This year Legislative Day and the reception will follow a bit different format, in that the reception will be the evening before the actual day at the Legislature. We could not get the Great Hall in the Cultural Center for the 15th so it was decided that we would try to hold the reception the evening before the visits. The Legislative Committee and Executive Board of the Association would like to know how this arrangement works for you. We see it as an advantage for some and a disadvantage for others depending on how far from Charleston one lives.

We would like to have lots of participation for the Legislative Day this year. I am now convinced that we will have a great snow in March this year. We had our Legislative Breakfast this morning in Cabell and Wayne (I am writing this January 20) and, of course, the roads were ice. I believe that we are jinxed!

We will be looking to libraries to help with displays for the Capitol Rotunda and we would like to see a good delegation of library supporters visiting Legislators the 15th. Our goals are to:

- Increase grants-in-aid to $6.50 per capita (even if it is not done all in one year)
- Increase funds for digital resources to $500,000
- Support WVLC’s request for funds to operate the agency
- Support an administrative position at the WV Department of Education to oversee the development of school library/media centers in public schools
- Support the subsidizing of the cost of transporting interlibrary loan materials between libraries.

These goals were outlined in greater detail in the August 2004 edition of West Virginia Libraries.

Also, tickets for the reception have been mailed to service center and designate libraries that will distribute them to other public libraries, academic libraries and school libraries. The great food at the reception will be catered by Wellington’s again and the tickets will be the same cost ($25.00) as last year. Please again consider purchasing tickets for your Senators and Delegates to help defray the cost of the reception.

Please visit your delegation, write to them, call them, e-mail them—communicate with them and let them know what libraries need. Remember that we are speaking not only for our own library but libraries across the state!

**Levy Vote Report**

**Jackson County** ........... 64.1%
**Roane County** ............ 71.3%
**Wayne County** .......... over 70%

Each levy must receive 60% of the vote to pass. Read the levy stories starting on page 4 to learn more about how these three libraries succeeded in obtaining votes and, in return, much-needed funding.

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

You might be surprised to hear that I’ve been thinking about you as I go about my daily business here at WVU. I’ve been pondering ways to make WVLA more meaningful to each of our work lives, and part of the answer, it seems to me, is to ask for your help.

If you attended the closing session of fall conference, you may remember that my theme this year is “Reaffirming our Mission: The Power of Participation.” At that session, I asked each of you to become an advocate for WVLA. Now is the time to begin. First, please take a minute to renew your membership in the organization, and then, take another few minutes to talk with a co-worker, an employee, a trustee, or a friend who isn’t currently a member. Tell them why you are renewing your membership and what WVLA can do for them. In the last few months, I’ve heard from many of you about the friendships, contacts, and educational benefits that you’ve gained through our professional association. It’s time to stop “preaching to the choir” and start telling your stories to those folks who aren’t currently among our ranks.

Thanks to Olivia Bravo, our Second Vice-President and Membership Chair, renewal letters went out at the very beginning of the year. In addition, a secure online form for credit card renewals is available on our web site. Or, if you prefer to use the good old U.S. mail, the web site offers a printable form that can be mailed to Olivia. Visit www.wvla.org for complete information. By the way, many thanks are due to Kay McCoy and Beth Toren for their on-going care and management of WVLA.org.

Renewing your membership and recruiting new members are the first steps, but I’d like to challenge you to do more this year. Our Legislative Committee has been working since last summer on the agenda for the upcoming session of the WV Legislature. In November, Judy Rule asked for volunteers to be contacts with the elected representatives in Charleston. I want to thank those of you who volunteered and remind the rest that it’s not too late to participate! Contact Judy if you are willing to be an advocate for libraries during the legislative session. And please mark your calendars for March 14th and 15th. We will host our annual reception for legislators on the evening of the 14th. On the 15th, we will visit their offices and exhibit in the rotunda. We’re looking for a record turn-out, and I hope to see you there.

Last, but not least, I am asking for your comments, suggestions, and questions. Please send me an email at ppugh@wvu.edu or give me a call at 293-4040 x4043. Your input can make WVLA a better organization. I’m looking forward to an exciting and productive year for libraries and librarians in West Virginia, and I believe we can achieve great things if we each contribute just a little.

Best Regards,
Penny Pugh

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EDITORIAL

by Dottie Thomas, Director
Ohio County Public Library

On December 14, 2004 the Hopeful City organization of Ohio County held a town hall style meeting on the topic of soon-to-be proposed legislation that will enable the mergers of local governments in West Virginia. The initiative for this enabling legislation arose from the blue-ribbon panel, the Commission on Governing in the 21st Century, established by former Governor Bob Wise and chaired by state Senator Brooks McCabe (Dem.-Kanawha). Wheeling’s morning paper, The Intelligencer, ran an Editorial that day saying, “…..we encourage those interested in making local governments as responsive and efficient as possible to attend the meeting.” The previous morning’s edition contained an article in which it was reported that Wheeling’s Mayor Nick Sparachane, a member of the Governor’s Commission, believed that the “prospect of combining Wheeling and Ohio County government services and possibly even governmental bodies is something that should be explored.”

What does this proposed enabling legislation have to do with public libraries in West Virginia? A merger of local governmental bodies, whether it’s city/city, city/county, or county/county, could potentially affect public library funding, particularly those libraries with dedicated

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Stay Informed!
Join the WVLA Discussion List!

If you don’t belong to the WVLA online discussion list, you are missing out on important and timely information. Just as an example, last year we used e-mail to mobilize members in support of important legislation and to give away free “Banned Book Week” materials.

All you need to participate is an email address, and it is easy to sign on or sign off. So why not give it a try? More than 500 members can’t be wrong.

To join the list, send the following email message to listserv@listserv.wvu.edu. SUBSCRIBE WVLA-LIST Your Name (For example, SUBSCRIBE WVLA-LIST Jane Smith) Leave the subject line blank. You will receive notification and additional instructions when you sign-on.

To send a note to all subscribers, address your email to: wvla-list@listserv.wvu.edu. Please remember that messages should be related to WVLA activities and that your note will be read by everyone on the list.

If you ever decide to leave the list, send the following email message to listserv@listserv.wvu.edu. SIGNOFF WVLA-LIST Leave the subject line blank.

WVLC Administrative Regulations Revision Update

Between October 26 and November 30, 2004, WVLC staff hosted five focus group meetings in Beckley, Capon Bridge, Hurricane, New Martinsville, and Flatwoods. Library directors, trustees, and representatives of funding authorities were invited to the meetings to offer possible solutions and new approaches to a specific set of regulatory issues. The agenda for each meeting was exactly the same, focusing on requirements for funding, services, operations, continuing education, and the establishment of new libraries. Topics not on the agenda that were brought up by attendees were noted on a “parking lot” for future consideration.

Despite the broad distribution of invitations, attendance at the meetings was low, ranging from 5 to 30. Only one or two representatives of funding authorities attended and they were also library trustees. There were some lively discussions on the issues but the tendency of the groups was to focus on slightly remodeling the regulations instead of accepting the challenge to consider an extreme makeover. The role of WVLC staff was to facilitate, not to steer the discussions. As anticipated, the funding regulations, including requirements for minimum annual local operating revenue and maintenance of effort, were hot topics.

The next step in the process is posting the notes from the meetings on the WVLC web site. A meeting has been scheduled for February 10, 2005 in the WVLC offices in Charleston, to summarize the focus group discussions and address the “parking lot” topics. After this, WVLC staff will work on a draft of the new regulations. The target date for completion of the draft is April 15. It will be posted on the web site for a public comment period of 30-60 days. After, or perhaps during, the public comment period, two public hearings on the draft will be held. A final draft should be ready for submission to the Secretary of Education and the Arts in September. After review by the Secretary of Education and the Arts, the proposed regulations, with any revisions, will be filed with the Secretary of State and Legislative Rule Making Committee for legislative action.
Library Levy Reports

Wayne County Public Library
by Susan J. McComas, Director

The Wayne Co. levy did pass this year by over 70%. This was great!

During my first year in Wayne Co. (2000), there was a levy that passed by approximately 62%, the second year the percentage was slightly larger and this year was even better.

This year, very little was done except continue regular publicity and outstanding customer service. In the past we had a jingle produced and it aired as Public Service Announcements, and there was lots of mention of the levy in the newspaper.

But this year, we have been so busy making sure everyone has the materials that they need, we did very little as far as a plan. Our Friends of the Library (3 groups) distributed official signs throughout the county. Vote “YES”. My Rotary Club always gets to hear about it. Bookmarks are placed on the counters, and the local newspaper did articles on separate levy issues. Highlighting the importance of this critical levy to continue library services in Wayne County was communicated.

This was the first year that I recall, people saying that they did vote for it.

In closing, we campaign every day and our feedback is generally very good for our services!!! I think that it is important to develop publicity program that continues throughout the year all of the time.

Roane County Public Library
by Cindy Castle, Director

On November 2, 2004, voters once again approved the Roane County Fire Department, Ambulance, and Library Levy. The levy received 71.3% of the vote, well over the 60% required for passage.

The levy goes into effect July 1, 2005 and is projected to raise $354,689 annually to be divided between Roane County’s three libraries, ambulance service, and several volunteer fire departments. First passed in 1986, the levy was renewed in 1988, 1992, 1996, 1998, and 2000. This is the first time the levy has been extended to cover a four-year period. With percentages of voters supporting the levy as high as 91% in some years and a percentage never having been below 65%, it is clear that Roane County voters are consistently supportive.

The passage of the levy yet again was wonderful news for the Roane County Library as approximately one-half of its annual operating budget is provided by levy funds.

Jackson County Public Library
by Suzette Lowe, Director

There’s an old saying that “third time’s a charm.” Jackson County Library proved the old saying true. On the third try, an excess levy to support the Jackson County Library, Ripley and Ravenswood, passed. Like all levies, excluding schools, a 60% passed.

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Don’t Miss Sunday Jams

The Main Library in Charleston will host the sixth annual Sunday Jams series starting February 6. Sunday Jams is a series of five live music programs featuring regional musicians. All sessions are free.

“The programs are designed to allow people of all ages to experience different types of music in a relaxed and open setting,” said Terri McDougal, program coordinator.

A musician or group of musicians will be featured each Sunday from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Some of the artists will have CDs available for sale following their program. The schedule follows:

- **February 6** – Members of the West Virginia Youth Symphony will perform the well-loved children’s classics, “The Story of Ferdinand,” “Zin! Zin! Zin!: A Violin,” and “Old MacDonald Had a Farm,” along with selected pieces of classical music.

- **February 13** – The Production Company will guide listeners on a musical odyssey from the era of the Big Bands, through the Platters and the Drifters, through Motown, to the music of the 1990s.

- **February 20** – Guitarist and professional recording artist David White brings his unique brand of music to the Sunday Jams series. He combines elements of world music with elements of pop and jazz to create his own signature sound.

- **February 27** – Heidi Muller and Bob Webb will perform original and old-time songs featuring Heidi’s crystalline voice accompanied by guitar, dulcimer, mandolin and electric cello.

- **March 6** – The Scottish and Irish heritage of many West Virginians can be heard in the Celtic music performed by Mountain Thyme. This concert will feature traditional jigs, reels, hornpipes, waltzes, original compositions, multi-layered vocal harmonies and unaccompanied singing.

Funding for this series is provided by the Kanawha County Public Library Annual Book Sale. For more information, contact McDougal at 343-4646.
majority vote was needed. We received 64.1%.

There are many factors that contributed to the success this time. Both libraries had major problems with the roofs, which leaked very badly. Patrons came in and saw staff scurrying around trying to put plastic over computers, shelves, and furniture – and sometimes even themselves! Buckets and tubs were also sitting all over the floor and gaping holes were seen where ceiling tiles should be. We started calling the local newspapers to come over and take pictures whenever it was at its worst. We were very fortunate in that the newspapers – both the local Jackson County ones and the Parkersburg News – took great interest and gave us a lot of publicity. Almost every week there was something in the paper about the problem.

In addition, we had been letting our patrons know – through talking directly and through the newspaper – of the budget problems that affected staff salaries, purchasing materials, and general maintenance. We didn’t hide any of our problems – but at the same time everyone saw us working hard to keep up with demand (which continues to grow).

Finally, our board of trustees went to County Commission and to the Board of Education asking for funds to help replace the roofs. These requests got a lot of publicity as well. While the County Commission granted us $25,000, we had to make a second plea to the Board of Education. This “begging for help” also got in the newspapers.

All of this set us up to process very quickly (we just barely made the deadline) the paperwork necessary for getting on the November 2004 general election ballot. After asking other libraries who had levies for advice, we started making our push in October 2004. One of our board members paid for lawn signs that said “Vote YES library”, members of local civic clubs gave personal donations so that we could advertise on the radio, the newspaper ran a full-page ad, along with numerous articles and editorials, in support of the levy.

The final result was that, even though it did raise property taxes, the library levy passed in all but 2 precincts. We will be receiving, for the next four years, approximately $150,000 per year for maintenance, materials, and general operations.

The Spring Fling Committee is now accepting proposals for programming for the conference on April 7 and 8, 2005. If you would like to be a presenter or vendor or have suggestions for programming, please contact committee chair Erika Reed, Marion County Public Library, 321 Monroe St., Fairmont, 26554, by March 4th. You can also contact by email: library@westvirginia.net or by phone, 366-1210.

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**WVLC Meeting Dates**

Last year, the West Virginia Library Commission decided to attempt to meet 6 times a year (unless other meetings are necessary). Of course, with a new Governor, things could change.

Tentatively, this year (2005), the meeting dates have been set for:

**January 14**
WVLC, training room Charleston, WV

**March 15**
WVLC, training room, Charleston, WV
First Public Hearing for FY 07 Budget

**May 13**
Site TBA, Chester, WV –
Second Public Hearing for FY 07 Budget

**August 12**
WVLC, training room, Charleston, WV
Presentation of Budget Improvement Package

**October 3-5**
WVLA Conference
Clarion Hotel and Conference Center, Shepherdstown, WV
Reception by Commissioners

**November 18**
WVLC, training room, Charleston, WV

Since all these dates and places are tentative, please check the WVLC website to verify dates, times and places.

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**Editorial**

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funding laws. Taking Ohio County as an example, the public library is funded by a percentage of total property tax revenues through the County Commission. It also receives, by law, a percentage of all local property tax revenues received by the Board of Education. If Wheeling’s city government combines with the Ohio County Commission and a new local governmental body is created, that body may no longer be legally bound to honor the public library funding law the Ohio County Public Library has been funded by since 1937. News articles in the Wheeling papers noted that the enabling legislation would not affect the county’s public school system funding. However, no mention was made of public library funding.

According to the December 13 Intelligencer, “The commission has created enabling legislation allowing ...mergers that will be introduced in the next legislative session.” Senator Ed Bowman (Dem-Hancock), Chair of the Senate Committee on
The Morgantown Public Library held an Open House, Wednesday, December 8 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., to celebrate the Grand Opening of the Josephine and William Aull Center at the Garlow House, 351 Spruce Street adjacent to the library. The Aull Center will serve as a local history and genealogy center. In addition to this, art, written and visual, will be highlighted through collections and exhibits at the Aull Center.

The Garlow House was built in 1907 by Aaron J. Garlow, President of the Second National Bank on High Street, as a residence for himself, his wife Rebecca and their two children Homer and Sadie. It remained in their family until the passing of his granddaughter Elizabeth Lewin.

In 2000 the house was acquired by the library utilizing special funds bequeathed by the estate of William and Josephine Aull to the library Board of Trustees. The Aulls were craftspeople of the highest order whose artistic talents left an enduring legacy to the community.

Josephine Mather Aull was a former member of the West Virginia University Art Faculty for twenty years. She created the fantastic three-dimensional fired glass mural in the library’s Children’s Department and mastered a wide variety of techniques including but not limited to water colors, oils, ornamental screens, wood carvings, decorative maps, and pottery design.

William J. Aull grew up in Dayton, Ohio. After graduating from high school he worked for a short time at a newspaper during which time he was sent out by his editor to interview Wilbur and Orville Wright. Bill Aull had an interest in so many things. And he was not afraid to dabble in any craft that appealed to him. Aull was married to Josephine, whom he met in Pittsburgh when he, an architect, and she were collaborating on a glass mural project for a post office.

**GENEALOGY SEMINAR**

**Connect With Your Past: Tracing Your Irish and Scots-Irish Ancestors**

*Monday, May 16, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Dunbar Branch Library*

Dr. Brian Trainor and Fintan Mullan from the Ulster Historical Foundation in Belfast, Ireland, return to KCPL for another intensive seminar on Irish and Scots-Irish genealogy for beginners and active family historians. Trainor and Mullan presented a similar program at Dunbar Branch Library in 2003.

To cater to individuals with different levels of expertise, the morning program will be especially beneficial to those who are new to Irish research. However, because these sessions are updated continually they will provide useful revision for all family historians. The afternoon program will be of particular interest to genealogists who already have some experience in Irish research. These presentations will give more in-depth information about major Irish archival collections.

**Topics will include:**
- Introduction to Irish and Scots-Irish family history research
- Irish and Scots-Irish Research: not always at the bottom of the pile
- A video presentation called “Searching for your Ancestors in Ireland: A Professional Guide”
- Protestant church records in Ireland
- Learning history from headstones
- An introduction to researching in Scotland

Trainor is currently the research director of the Ulster Historical Foundation and was formerly the director of the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland and chairman of the Irish
WVLA Conference Call for Proposal
Spring Fling 2005

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Deadline: March 4

Mail to Erika Reed, Marion County Public Library, 321 Monroe Street, Fairmont, WV 26554
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WVLA List of Past Presidents

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Government Organization, spoke with me recently and told me that he believed the enabling legislation would not affect public library funding laws. He sent me the Final Proposal of the Commission on Governing in the 21st Century which contains the legislation that will be proposed. I have distributed the proposal to other public libraries with dedicated funding laws for study by their boards and personnel. If protective wording for public library funding laws needs to be inserted in the legislation, the time to get that accomplished is while the proposed legislation is still in committees. All proposed legislation is considered by both a committee in the appropriate field of interest and then by the Judiciary Committee before it goes to the floor for vote and passage. It is very important that public libraries study the Proposal and speak to the appropriate legislators if any changes are needed to the legislation.

All public libraries in West Virginia are funded by local governmental entities, city and/or county. Mergers of these bodies could affect funding for public libraries. The mergers themselves are not the issue...........maintaining funding of public libraries is the issue. And those libraries with dedicated funding laws need to be sure those laws remain secure. The public libraries in West Virginia with dedicated funding laws are by and large the largest public libraries in the state with the highest levels of local funding. Their collections, resources, and services benefit public libraries and citizens throughout the state. It is vitally important that the dedicated funding of those libraries remain secure.

The League of Women Voters of West Virginia, in its latest newsletter, The West Virginia Voter, Vol. 48, No. 3, Winter 2005 outlined its top legislative priorities for the upcom-
The ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC) is pleased to present this update of its activities. Under Information, this report covers Libraries: An American Value; the ALA Strategic Plan: Ahead to 2010 draft goals and objectives; privacy; and media concentration. Under Projects are updates on Lawyers for Libraries and Banned Books Week. The committee’s action items (under Action) include “Resolution on Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Technology and Privacy Principles” (CD#19.1.), and three revised policies (CD#19.2-19.4), all Interpretations of the Library Bill of Rights, in preparation for the publication of the seventh edition of the Intellectual Freedom Manual.

INFORMATION

Libraries: An American Value

During the 2004 Annual Conference in Orlando, FL, the ALA Council took the following action: REFERRED, ALA CD#32.1, Resolution to Amend Libraries: An American Value Statement, to the Intellectual Freedom Committee. The proposed additions to ALA Policy 53.8 are in caps: “We value our nation’s diversity and strive to reflect that diversity BY RECRUITING LIBRARY WORKERS OF DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS, AND by providing a full spectrum of resources and services to the communities we serve;” to assure the imperative inclusion of library workforce diversity in any and all statements or reports related to the Association’s Core Values. (ALA CD#32.1, Council Committee on Diversity Report, Item #1)

As directed by Council, the IFC reviewed Libraries: An American Value and reaffirmed the policy is a contract between the public and the profession. The committee conveyed its decision to the Committee on Diversity at this Midwinter, and both committees are in agreement that the suggested revision to Libraries: An American Value would be unsuitable.

During its discussions, the IFC found a reference in the ALA Policy Manual, which addresses the goal of this association to promote the recruitment of a racially and ethnically diverse group of high caliber persons to librarianship (ALA Policy Manual, 1.3.E.8.). In light of this ALA policy, and being appreciative of the Committee on Diversity’s concerns, the IFC will address diversity recruitment in other policies, as appropriate.

ALA Strategic Plan: Ahead to 2010

In accordance with Keith Michael Fiels’ request, the IFC reviewed the Ahead to 2010 draft goals. During discussion, the committee expressed disappointment that intellectual freedom, a key action area, was mentioned so infrequently in the draft strategic plan.

Privacy

Similar in style and purpose to the Libraries & the Internet Tool Kit, the Privacy Tool Kit, which was developed by the IFC Privacy Subcommittee, is a resource to assist librarians in protecting users’ privacy and confidentiality. The Tool Kit is available at http://www.ala.org/oif/iftoolkits/privacy. The IFC Privacy Subcommittee has reviewed Questions and Answers on Privacy and Confidentiality, which complements Privacy: An Interpretation of the Library Bill of Rights, and has added several new topics: RFID in libraries; the use of social security numbers in library records; library workplace privacy; and the use of personally identifiable information for nonadministrative purposes. The Q&A is available at http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/statementspols/statementsif/interpretations/questionsanswers.htm.

Media Concentration

The Intellectual Freedom Committee’s Subcommittee on the Impact of Media Concentration on Libraries has developed a draft checklist to help libraries counter the impact of media consolidation on the diversity of ideas and localism in their communities. The checklist covers a broad range of topics, such as collection building, cataloging, 21st-century literacy, electronic resources, children’s services, and library programming. At this Midwinter Meeting, the subcommittee sought suggestions and ideas for adding to and improving the draft checklist. Over the coming months, the subcommittee will annotate the checklist, add links to relevant resources, and mount it on the OIF Web site (http://www.ala.org/oif).

PROJECTS

Lawyers for Libraries

Lawyers for Libraries, an ongoing OIF project, is creating a network of attorneys involved in, and concerned with, the defense of the freedom to read and the application of constitutional law to library policies, principles, and problems.

Five regional training institutes have been held since 2002 in Boston, Chicago, Dallas, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C. A sixth institute is being planned in Atlanta on May 4 in conjunction with the SOLINET’s Annual Membership Meeting. To date, over 150 attorneys, trustees, and librarians have attended these five trainings, and an e-list has been created to allow for ongoing communication. Topics addressed include the USA PATRIOT Act, Internet filtering, the library as a public forum, meeting room and display area policies, and how to defend against censorship of library materials.

As OIF continues to sponsor institutes, more and more attorneys are learning about the intricacies of First Amendment

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law as applied to libraries, and the country’s library users can be more secure knowing that their rights will continue to be vigorously protected. For more information about the Lawyers for Libraries project, please contact Jonathan Kelley at jkelley@ala.org or 1-800-545-2433, ext. 4226.

Banned Books Week

ALA’s annual celebration of the freedom to read “Banned Books Week” begins September 24 and continues through October 1, 2005. This year’s theme “It’s Your Freedom We’re Talking About” highlights that intellectual freedom is a personal and common responsibility in a democratic society. More information on the twenty-fourth BBW can be found at http://www.ala.org/bbooks.

ACTION

Resolution on Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Technology and Privacy Principles (CD#19.1)

For 25 years, the Book Industry Study Group (BISG) has been a key resource for publishing professionals in every facet of the book industry. BISG has led the way in setting industry standards and conducting vital industry research on behalf of publishers, booksellers, libraries, and vendors.

During the past year, the ALA Office of Information Technology Policy (OITP) and OIF have been working with BISG to develop a privacy policy statement on the use of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID).

Both the IFC and the OITP have reviewed this policy, entitled Radio Frequency Identification Privacy Principles, which can be found at http://www.bisg.org/docs/BISG_Policy_002.pdf and attached as Exhibit A in the attached CD#19.1.

Because these RFID privacy principles compare favorably with ALA’s privacy policies, the IFC and OITP now move for adoption: “Resolution on Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Technology and Privacy Principles,” CD#19.1.

Intellectual Freedom Manual Seventh Edition

Background on Revised Interpretations

As you know, the IFC anticipates the seventh edition of the Intellectual Freedom Manual will be published in time for the 2006 Midwinter Meeting. To meet the publication schedule, the manuscript must be in Publishing Services by April 1, 2005. At the 2004 Annual Conference, Council adopted eight policies the IFC updated. The IFC informed you at that time that the remaining three would be brought to Council at this Midwinter Meeting. On November 10, 2004, as usual, the proposed drafts of the policies were mailed to the ALA Executive Board, ALA Council, ALA Division Presidents, ALA Council Committee Chairs, ALA Round Table Chairs, and appropriate ALA staff liaisons for their input.

The IFC carefully considered and discussed all comments received both prior to and during this Midwinter Meeting. One of the comments received was from the ALA Committee on Professional Ethics, which suggested that the IFC develop a Q&A on labels and rating systems. The committee has agreed to undertake this project, and will be seeking input from the profession as it develops this Q&A.

Motions — (CD#19.2-19.4)

The IFC now submits three revised policies for Council’s adoption: * “Access to Electronic Information Services and Networks”; the IFC moves the adoption of its revisions to this policy, CD#19.2; * “Access to Resources and Services in the School Library Media Program”; the IFC moves the adoption of its revisions to this policy, CD#19.3; and * “Labels and Rating Systems”; the IFC moves the adoption of its revisions to this policy, CD#19.4.

In closing, the Intellectual Freedom Committee thanks the Division and Chapter Intellectual Freedom Committees, the Intellectual Freedom Round Table, the various unit liaisons, and the OIF staff for their commitment, assistance, and hard work. We also want to recognize and congratulate Judith F. Krug, director of the office, who will receive an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign this May for her tireless commitment to protecting intellectual freedom for all.

ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee
Award winners announced

Newbery Medal
Awarded to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children.

Winner: Cynthia Kadohata, Kira-Kira

Honor Books:
Gennifer Choldenko, Al Capone does My Shirts
Russell Freedman, The Voice That Challenged a Nation
Gary D. Schmidt, Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy

Caldecott Medal
Awarded to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children.

Winner: Kevin Henkes, Kitten’s First Full Moon

Honor Books:
Barbara Lehman, The Red Book
Jacqueline Woodson (Author) Coming on Home Soon
Mo Willems, Knuffle Bunny

Coretta Scott King Award
Honors an African American author and an African American illustrator for outstandingly inspirational and educational contribution.

Winner (Author):
Toni Morrison, Remember

Winner (Illustrator):
Kadir Nelson, Ellington Was Not a Street

Winner (New Talent Author):
Barbara Hathaway, Missy Violet & Me

Winner (New Talent Illustrator):
Frank Morrison, Jazzy Miz Mozetta

Honor Books (Author):
Shelia P. Moses, The Legend of Buddy Bush
Sharon G. Flake, Who Am I Without Him?
Marilyn Nelson, Fortune’s Bones

Honor Books (Illustrator):
Jerry Pinkney, God Bless the Child
Leo Dillon and Diane Dillon, The People Could Fly: Picture Book

Michael L. Printz Award
Awarded for literary excellence in young adult literature.

Winner:
Meg Rosoff, How I Live Now

Honor Books:
Kenneth Oppel, Airborn
Gary D. Schmidt, Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy

Margaret A. Edwards Award
Honoring outstanding contributions to young adult readers.

Winner: Francesca Lia Block
Author’s titles include: Weetzie Bat; Witch Baby; Cherokee Bat and Goat Guys; Missing Angel Juan; Baby Be-Bop

Schneider Family Book Award
Honoring an author or illustrator for a book that embodies that artistic expression of a disability for audiences in three age categories.

Picture Book for Young Children:
Diane Gonzales Bertrand, My Pay, Victor

Middle School Award:
Pam Munoz Ryan, Becoming Naomi Leo

Teen Award:
Smantha Abeel, My Thirteenth Winter: A Memoir

Laura Ingalls Wilder Medal
Honoring lasting contribution to literature for children.

Winner: Laurence Yep
Author’s titles include: Dragonwings; The Rainbow People; The Khan’s Daughter; The Lost Garden

Robert F. Sibert Award
Awarded to the author of the “most distinguished informational book published during the preceding year.”

Winner:
Russel Freedman, The Voice That Challenged a Nation: Marian Anderson and the Struggle for Equal Rights

Honor Books:
Barbara Kerley, Illustrated by Braian Sleznick, Walt Whitman: Words for America
Sy Montgomery, Photographs by Nic Bishop, The Tarantula Scientist
James Rumford, translated to Cherokee by Anna Sixkiller Hukaby, Sequoyah: The Cherokee Man Who Gave His People Writing

Mildred L. Batchelder Award
Honoring the most outstanding children’s book originally published in a foreign language.

Winner:
Joelle Stolz, translated by Catherine Temerson and published by Delacorte Press, The Shadows of Ghadames

Honor Books:
Daniel Half Human and the Good Nazi, published by Rickerd Jackson Books

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MARCH

Plagiarism, Kids and the Web
Tuesday, March 1, 2005
9:30 – 3:30 pm
Location: OHIONET
Instructor: Gail Junion-Metz

OHIONET’s OCLC Update Session
Thursday, March 3, 2005
9:30 – 3:30 pm
Location: Akron-Summit County Public Library - Room 2AB
Instructor: OHIONET Staff

Designing with Web Standards
Tuesday, March 15, 2005
9:30 – 3:30 pm
Location: OHIONET
Instructor: Scott Debney

OCLC WorldCat Resource Sharing Basics
Wednesday, March 16, 2005
9:30 – 3:30 pm
Location: OHIONET
Instructor: Carol Ritzenthaler

CONTENTdm Basics & Cataloging
Tuesday, March 22, 2005
9:30 – 3:30 pm
Location: OHIONET
Instructor: Larry Fischer

OCLC Connexion Client
Wednesday, March 23, 2005
9:30 – 3:30 pm
Location: Akron-Summit County Public Library
Instructor: OHIONET Staff

On Beyond Favorites
Tuesday, March 29, 2005
9:30 am – 3:30 pm
Location: OHIONET
Instructor: Gail Junion-Metz

PowerPoint Skills for Librarians
Wednesday, March 30, 2005
9:30 am – 3:30 pm
Location: OHIONET
Instructor: Gail Junion-Metz

APRIL

Managing Your Library’s Digital Collections with CONTENTdm
Friday, April 1, 2005
9:30 – 3:30 pm
Location: OHIONET
Instructor: Larry Fischer

OHIONET’s OCLC Update Session
Tuesday, April 5, 2005
9:30 – 3:30 pm
Location: Toledo-Lucas County Public Library - Skybank Room
Instructor: OHIONET Staff

Cataloging AV Materials
Thursday, April 7, 2005
9:30 – 3:30 pm
Location: OHIONET
Instructor: OHIONET Staff

OCLC WorldCat Resource Sharing Basics
Tuesday, April 12, 2005
9:30 – 3:30 pm
Location: OHIONET
Instructor: Carol Ritzenthaler

OHIONET’s CONTENTdm Users Group
Wednesday, April 13, 2005
1:00 – 4:00 pm
Location: OHIONET
Instructor: OHIONET Staff

Web Standards Using Dreamweaver
Tuesday, April 18, 2005
9:30 – 3:30 pm
Location: OHIONET
Instructor: Scott Debney

Foundation Fundraising: An Introductory Course
Thursday, April 28, 2005
9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Location: OHIONET
Instructor: The Foundation Center Staff

Finding Funding Prospects with The Foundation Directory Online
Friday, April 29, 2005
9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Location: OHIONET
Instructor: The Foundation Center Staff

MAY

Web Resources for Seniors
Tuesday, May 3, 2005
9:30 – 3:30 pm
Location: OHIONET
Instructor: Gail Junion-Metz

Web Accessibility
Wednesday, May 4, 2005
9:30 am – 3:30 pm
Location: OHIONET
Instructor: Gail Junion-Metz

Licensing Electronic Resources: Part 1 – AN Introduction to Agreements
Friday, May 13, 2005
9:30 – 3:30 pm
Location: OHIONET
Instructor: Trisha Davis

Library of Congress Subject Headings
Thursday, May 19, 2005
9:30 – 3:30 pm
Location: OHIONET
Instructor: OHIONET Sta.

Licensing Electronic Resources: Part 2 – Editing and Negotiating a Better Agreement
Friday, May 20, 2005
9:30 – 3:30 pm
Location: OHIONET
Instructor: Trisha Davis
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1966-67  Idair Smookler  Union Carbide Chemical Div. Library
1967-68  Ruth E. Figgatt  Kanawha County Public Library
1968-69  Betty Jane Wade  Shinston High School
1969-70  Robert D. Willits  Appalachian Education Library
1970-71  James B. Nelson  Cabell County Public Library
1971-72  Robert L. Murphy  WVU Medical Center Library
1972-73  Josephine Fidler  Marshall University Library
1973-74  Elliott Horton  Morgantown Public Library
1974-75  Larry Frye  Bethany College Library
1975-76  Donald E. Riggs  Resigned, Concord College
1976-77  Barbara Bonfili  Morgantown High School
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1978-79  Luella Dye  Craft Memorial Library, Bluefield
1979-80  David M. Gillespie  RFK Library, Glenville State College
1980-81  Judy K. Rule  Cabell County Public Library
1981-82  Ellen Wilkerson  Hamlin Public Library
1982-83  Karen Goff  West Virginia Library Commission
1983-84  Jeanne Moellendick  Parkersburg High School
1984-85  Charles E. McMorran  Kanawha County Public Library
1985-86  Susan Vidovich  Raleigh County Public Libraries
1987-88  James Fields  Cabell County Public Library
1988-89  Rebecca T. D’Annunzio  Adamson Elementary School (Clarksburg)
1989-90  Thomas Brown  Concord College/Bluefield State
1990-91  Peggy S. Bias  Putnam County Library
1991-92  Pamela Ford  Marshall University Library
1992-93  Matt Onion  Cabell County Public Library
1993-94  James D. Waggoner  West Virginia Library Commission
1994-95  Charles A. Julian  Robert C. Byrd National Technology Transfer
          Center, Wheeling Jesuit College
1995-96  JoAnn Calzonetti  West Virginia University Evansdale Library
1996-97  Marjorie D. Price  WV Supreme Court of Appeals Law Library
1998-99  Elizabeth L. Gunnoe  Martinsburg-Berkeley City Public Library
1999-2000  Pamela K. Coyle  South Charleston Public Library
2000-01  Dottie Thomas  Ohio County Public Library
2001-02  Sharon R. Saye  Bridgeport Public Library
2002-03  Julie Spiegler  Kanawha County Public Library
2003-04  Charley Hively  Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library
2004-05  Penny Pugh  West Virginia University Libraries

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In addition, though WVLA set its legislative agenda several months ago, this issue of legislation allowing for the mergers of local governments arose as a potential issue for public libraries only a little over a month ago. The Legislative Committee should investigate the proposed legislation and add this issue to WVLA’s legislative agenda if necessary. WVLA working in conjunction with the League of Women Voters and other potential allies, such as Wheeling’s Hopeful City, could create a real lobbying force that would hopefully not be ignored by our state legislators. The West Virginia Library Association should not ignore or remain silent on this issue. We must urge our legislators to make sure public library funding laws remain secure.

Manuscripts fellowship with the Institute of Historical Research, London.
Mullan is currently the executive director of the Ulster Historical Foundation. He has been with the Foundation for nine years. He is also currently a director of Irish Genealogy Limited and the Publications Resource (NIPR). He has spoken widely in the USA about Irish family history research, including the Milwaukee Irish Fest Summer School, and in more than 22 of the lower 48 states, many on several occasions.

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Award Winners —continued from page 13

Andrew Carnegie Medal
for Excellence in
Children’s Video

Winner:
The Dot by Paul R. Gagne and Melissa Reilly of the Weston Woods Studio
A note from the editor

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WVLA Events

FEBRUARY
14 Happy Valentine’s Day

MARCH
4 WVLA Executive Meeting
Clarksburg, WV
14 Reception for Legislators
Charleston, WV
15 Library Day at the Legislature
Charleston, WV
15 West Virginia Library Commission Meeting
Training room, WVLC
First public hearing for FY07 Budget
17 St. Patrick’s Day

APRIL
6-8 School Library Media Month
Tennessee Library Association Meeting
Nashville, TN
7-8 WVLA Spring Fling
Flatwoods, WV

7-10 ACRL National Conference
Minneapolis, MN
10-16 National Library Week—
“Something for everyone @ your library”
12 National Library Worker’s Day

MAY
4-6 Maryland Library Association
Ocean City, MD
13 West Virginia Library Commission Meeting
Site TBA, Chester, WV
Second public hearing for FY07 Budget

JUNE
23-29 American Library Association Annual
Conference — Chicago, IL

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