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Message from the President

Greetings AILA Members,

My name is Paulita Aguilar and I am your 2015-16 AILA President. I am a member of the Pueblo of Santo Domingo/Kewa Tribe, which is located in central New Mexico, halfway between Santa Fe and Albuquerque. I have been active in AILA since 2000, serving on several committees throughout the years. My mentor, Lotsee Patterson, Professor Emeritus of the University of Oklahoma, encouraged me to join AILA when I was her student at OU. I attended my first AILA meeting in Chicago during ALA Annual in 2000. It is hard for me to believe that I am now President of an organization that supported me since my early years as a librarian.

I am grateful to AILA for all the opportunities it has provided. Now, I want to give back to our organization and help all AILA members achieve success. Currently, I am librarian and Associate Professor at the University of New Mexico. Soon after graduating from OU, I returned to NM and a job at Central New Mexico Community College. In 2002, I took a reference position at the UNM and in 2004 became the librarian for the Indigenous Nations Library Program (INLP), a program I continue to direct to date. I am fortunate to work in NM because I also get to work closely with all NM tribal librarians, many of who are active in AILA. Now, I look forward to working with all AILA members.

In August and September 2015, I visited four tribal colleges in Montana that also serve as tribal libraries. This was an excellent introduction to tribal libraries outside the southwest. I hope to continue this trend. AILA is your organization! Dedicated library workers from across the US volunteer to run and manage AILA activities. We are always looking for new AILA members to fill committees. See our list of committees at <http://ailanet.org/about/committees/>. If you are interested AILA committee work, please contact any AILA Board Member. I also welcome AILA members to reach out to me if you have any questions about AILA.

Yours respectfully,

Paulita Aguilar

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2016 AILA Youth Literature Awards Announced!

The American Indian Library Association (AILA), an affiliate of the American Library Association (ALA), has selected “Little You” (2013), published by Orca Book Publishers, written by Richard Van Camp and illustrated by Julie Flett as the 2016 Best Picture Book; “In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse” (2015), published by Amulet Books and written by Joseph Marshall III as the 2016 Best Middle School Book, and “House of Purple Cedar” (2014) Cinco Puntos Press, written by Tim Tingle as the 2016 Best Young Adult Book. The recipients of the fifth American Indian Youth Literature Awards will be formally recognized in June at the 2016 American Library Association Annual Conference in Orlando.

The American Indian Youth Literature Awards are presented every two years. The awards were established as a way to identify and honor the very best writing and illustrations by and about American Indians. Books selected to receive the award will present American Indians in the fullness of their humanity in the present and past contexts.

Honor Books were selected each category. The Honor Picture Book selected by the jury is “Sitting Bull Sioux Warrior and Defender of his People” by S.D. Nelson (2015) Abrams Books for Young Readers. The Honor Middle Grade Book is “Dreaming in Indian Contemporary Native Voices” edited by Lisa Charleyboy and Mary Beth

Leatherdale (2014) Annick Press. The Honor Young Adult Book is "Her Land, Her Love" by Evangeline Parsons Yazzie (2016) Salina Bookshelf Inc. For more information, including a color brochure of the 2016 award recipients, please visit <http://ailanet.org/2016-aiyla-announced/>.

The AILA Youth Literature Award seal was created by Corwin (Corky) Claremont. Corwin is a member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of Montana.

AIYLA Jury Members

Naomi Bishop, Chair
(Akimel O'odham)

Angela Thorton
(Cherokee Nation)

Grace Slaughter
(Cheyenne of Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma)

Sunny Real Bird
(Apsaalooke Crow Tribe)

Melanie S. Toledo
(Navajo Nation)

Linda Wynne (Tlingit/ Haida)
Jolena Tillequots (Yakama)

AILA Travel Grants

<http://ailanet.org/awards/travel-grants/>

The American Indian Library Association (AILA) will provide financial assistance to two library professionals currently working in a tribal library of any kind to attend the 2016 American Libraries Association Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida, June 23-28, 2016. **Application Deadline: April 15, 2016**

REQUIRED CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD

- Applicant must be a current AILA member in good standing
- Applicant must be working in tribal library of any kind

PREFERRED CRITERIA FOR THE AWARD

- Applicant must be working in a tribal library of any kind Or applicant must be an active member of an AILA committee
- Applicant is American Indian, Alaska Native, or Native Hawaiian
- Applicant is enrolled in a federally recognized tribe
- Applicant has not previously been awarded an AILA travel grant

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:

- Completed AILA Conference Travel Scholarship Application: Please type your responses into the **Scholarship Application** then save it. Name the document in this format:
LASTNAME_ANNUAL_2015_Conference_Travel
- Statement of Need: Please state in 500 words or less the reason you are requesting travel assistance.
- E-mail both the AILA Conference Travel Scholarship Application and the Statement of Need to: Holly Tomren (htomren@gmail.com)

Virginia Mathews Memorial Scholarship

The American Indian Library Association (AILA) will provide a library school scholarship to a qualified American Indian individual in the amount of \$4000 for the 2016-2017 academic school year.

Deadline: May 1, 2016

The purpose of the **Virginia Mathews Memorial Scholarship** shall be to provide tuition to an American Indian individual who lives and works in the American Indian community, and who is enrolled, or has been accepted and will enroll, in a master's degree program at a university with a library and/or information sciences program accredited by the American Library Association. Visit AILA website for more information <http://ailanet.org/awards/scholarships/>



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Three Cheers for Aaron!

Members of the AILA Board know and appreciate Aaron Lafromboise's outstanding work as AILA's Member at Large. It is not surprising that she is also appreciated in home state of Montana. In April, Aaron will receive the *Outstanding Staff Person of the Year Award* from the Montana State Library Association. This award is given to a library worker "in recognition of outstanding library service to the library profession and excellence in job performance." Through this award, Aaron will be recognized for all the work she has done within the state of Montana and her workplace at Medicine Spring Library at Blackfeet Community College.



Her state work includes her time on the Montana State Library Commission, which ensures that the entire state receives high quality library services, and the leadership skills she has demonstrated while in this role. For example, she worked with members of the Montana State Library give a presentation to the Library Commission on how to evaluate the impact of library services. Aaron's work at BBC's Medicine Springs Library in promoting the library to the students and the Blackfeet Community will be recognized as well. At her library, she procured a grant to bring the National Library of Medicine's "Native Voices: Native Peoples' Concepts of Health and Illness" exhibit to the BCC. She always willing to go the extra mile to help meet community needs. In summer 2015, during the height of forest fires in Montana, she opened the library during off hours so that Blackfeet people who had been evacuated from nearby communities would a place to access the Internet, obtain books, and have a quiet place to regroup.

Later this year, Aaron will receive her MLS from Wayne State Library. I am certain we will see more evidence of her leadership and service to the profession. Congratulations, Aaron!

AILA Business Meeting Minutes
ALA Midwinter 2016 – Boston
Sunday, January 10
1 – 2:30 pm
Hyatt Regency Boston, Room Nantucket

1. The meeting was called to order at 12:03 by Paulita Aguilar.

2. Minutes approved from ALA Annual 2015.

3. Executive Board update

Paulita will send meeting minutes. Mike Marley visited AILA and update on ALA — President initiative Libraries Transform and is encouraging participation. Paulita will send out information on program. Jody Grey also visited and provided update on Office for Equity and Inclusion, which is the result of merger in 2012. They will be taking comments on merger until January 31st. Paulita encourages everyone to read Jody's comments.

4. Treasurer's Report

AILA is within budget. May increase some of the travel grants. A member suggested that we have an IFLA grant. Fiscal year is July 1-June 30.

5. ALA Annual Program in Orlando

Program will be Tribal Voices: Lorie Roy will do the presentation. Second program will be the Youth Literature Award. Janet asks about Tribal Voices presentation. Will it be a one-hour program?

6. AILA Committee Reports

A. Programming Committee

Lorie Roy will put on the program entitled "Tribal Voices: Power & Meaning through authentic expression" at annual conference. AILA budgeted \$2000 for the program. Aaron LaFromboise has agreed to serve on the committee and assist Lorie in her presentation and preparation.

B. Scholarship Committee

AILA will offer one \$4000 Virginia Mathews Memorial Scholarship in 2016, as well a \$2400 in travel grants to ALA conferences.

Janet Mumford states that she always comes self-funded because she is on the Caldecott Selection Committee. Eva recommends students do AIR B&B and that AILA suggest techniques for making the most of your money during conference, like how to grocery shop. Omar says we need to do whatever we can to reduce isolation during ALA conferences. Maybe AILA should have a buddy system—someone to who can help and even explains the acronyms? Maybe a more holistic approach in necessary to welcoming AILA scholarship awardee; this shouldn't just be the scholarship committee but all of AILA should be responsible.

C. AILA Youth Literature Awards Committee

Naomi Bishop reports that AILA has received more books to review than any previous years. These numbers are:

7 Picture Books

15 Middle Grade Books

8 Young Adult Books

The winners will be announced in the following weeks online following January committee meeting. The awards presentation will be made during the 2016 ALA Annual Conference in Orlando.

D. Mentoring Program

Omar sends around sign up list for those interested in being a mentor. Janet Mumford has mentored over 60 students from the University of British Columbia. Her advice: always be clear and flexible. It doesn't have to be a match. Always have projects for the students to do. Email is always the easiest. Canadian Library Association always has that. Matching form. Commitment should only be for a specific period of time. Mumford also states that Indigenous principles have been used to inform BC curriculum. This includes a professional development aspect built in for teachers and a phase in. Librarians have been looking for resources for the teachers to use. being bombarded with requests. Every school district has an aboriginal agreement to make sure they're hospitable places.

7. Other

Patricia Cutright will prepare a report on her attendance at the Harvard Institute for Academic Librarians in July-August. Harvard Institute waved the registration fee for an AILA member. Patricia hopes that AILA can keep the waiver going.

8. Having no other business, the meeting is adjourned

Volunteer for an AILA Committee!

Please consider volunteering for an AILA committee. AILA thrives because our members get involved. And, you, too, will thrive as a committee member. You will have the opportunity to network and meet AILA members from all types of libraries and from all parts of the country.

<http://ailanet.org/about/committees/committee-volunteer-form/>

Fill out form on AILA website or contact Paulita Aguilar paulita@umn.edu to volunteer.



American Indian Library Association

Membership Application: July 1-June 30 annually

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Position/ Title: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

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Contribution to the American Indian Youth Literature Award: \$ _____

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American Indian Library Association
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San Jose, CA 95160

2016 International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, and Museums

<http://www.atalm.org/node/63>

October 10-12, 2016 (Conference dates are October 11-12)

Sheraton Wild Horse Pass Resort & Spa, Gila River Indian Community, Phoenix, AZ

Now in their tenth year, the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums' conferences represent the world's largest and most significant gatherings of people dedicated to sustaining and advancing indigenous cultures. With a reputation for providing the very best in programming, as well as serving as an essential forum for the advancement of issues important to archives, libraries, museums, language programs, and historical preservation offices, ATALM conferences attract capacity audiences each year.

- Apply for a **conference scholarship**. (Due by April 15, 2016).
- **2016 Early Registration NOW OPEN!**
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Basic Registration is available for \$275 (Non-Member Rate of \$300): Includes two breakfasts, two luncheons and access to conference sessions. If you choose this option, you may add pre-conference and special events at a later date, subject to availability.

Full Registration is offered for \$375 (Non-Member Rate of \$400): Includes two breakfasts, two luncheons, access to conference sessions AND your choice of one pre-conference on Monday, October 10th and one evening event. Individuals who choose Full Registration will receive priority on pre-conference options when announced.

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