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## AILA President's Column

*Susan Hanks*

*AILA President 2008-09*

Greetings -

The American Indian Library Association continues to inspire and amaze me through its outstanding membership. I would like to briefly acknowledge Carlene Engstrom, Salish Kootenai College, Pablo, MT, Library Journal 2009 "Mover & Shaker"; Janice Rice, UW-Madison's recipient of the 14th annual UW System Outstanding Women of Color in Education Award; and Sandy Littletree, recently appointed as the new Manager of the Knowledge River Program, School of Information Resources and Library Science, University of Arizona. I am continually daunted by the work that needs to be done for our Nations' tribal libraries, archives, and cultural heritage keepers. I am duly impressed

with the abilities, dedication, creativity, and by AILA members in the pursuit, the establishment, and preservation of our tribal cultural heritage organizations.

Special thanks to those AILA members who have stepped forward to assist Malissa Minthorn Winks, 2009 Streams Conference Director (Collections & Research Manager, Tamástsiht Cultural Institute) and MaryKay Dahlgreen, (Program Manager/Library Development, Oregon State Library) with planning the next Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums 2009 National Conference in Portland, OR. Malissa and MaryKay have put an impressive team together. If you haven't had a chance, be sure and bookmark the conference website and watch for updates <http://www.tribalconference.org/>. This continues to be the best conference and networking opportunity for

Indigenous librarians, archivists and cultural heritage professionals. AILA will be presenting its third AILA Distinguished Services Award at this conference; former recipients include Lotsee Patterson and Bonnie Biggs. Requests for nominations will be distributed soon on the AILA list.

Our Third Bi-Annual American Indian Youth Literature Award (AIYLA) is in the competent hands of Lisa Mitten. The AIYLA was created to allow AILA members to identify and honor the very best writing and illustrations by and about American Indians <http://www.ailanet.org/activities/AILALitAward.doc>. Lisa has selected her Jury and is just now starting to receive publications for review and consideration for our next Awards Ceremony which will be held in Washington, D.C. in June of 2010.

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## Travel Scholarships Available for 2009 ALA Annual

Through the generosity of DEMCO, the American Indian Library Association (AILA) will provide financial assistance to four American Indian librarians currently working in a tribal library of any kind to attend the American Library Association (ALA) 2009 Annual Conference in

Chicago, IL.

The DEMCO/AILA 2009 Travel Grant Scholarship will provide \$750.00 to support attendance at the ALA Annual Conference from July 9- July 14, 2009 in Chicago. This will be used to help cover registration and travel expenses. Applicant must be a current AILA member in good standing and be working in a tribal

library of any kind. Recipients of the scholarship will be required to attend the AILA Business Meeting on Sunday, July 12 and be present for an award ceremony with DEMCO.

For more information or to apply for the DEMCO/AILA Travel Grant Scholarship please visit the AILA website, <http://ailanet.org/activities/index.htm>.

## Let's Hear It for Tribal Librarians

*Faye Hadley, Native Resources Law Librarian  
Mabee Legal Information Center  
University of Tulsa College of Law*

From October 21-23, 2008, I attended the National Institute of Tribal Librarians Conference held in Catoosa, Oklahoma at the Cherokee Casino. The conference attracted participants from as far away as Alaska and Hawai'i. It was amazing to meet and talk with tribal librarians who work on reservations and in tribal villages with very small budgets and very few staff. Yet everyone I met had such a demonstrable enthusiasm and love for their work that it was infectious and inspirational to share ideas and stories with each of them.

From the presentation given by the librarian at Jemez Pueblo, NM (Tammy Sandia) to a private discussion with Lena Fall, I learned so much about the struggles and successes that occur every day in small, rural tribal libraries across the country.

The conference programs ranged from information on using Wikis as a communication tool within libraries to a very valuable session on how to apply for Basic Grants from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. I

made a presentation on resources and materials that would make up a core Indian law collection. I began by explaining the difference between Federal Indian Law (the law imposed on Indian people by the federal and, to a much lesser extent, state government) and Tribal Customary Law (the internal ways that Tribal people have resolved conflicts since time immemorial). I also shared my vision—a concept introduced to the conference attendees on the first day of the meeting by noted Choctaw storyteller and keynote speaker, Tim Tingle.

Here is the vision that I read at the beginning of my presentation:

My vision is to see the courts of this country filled with Native attorneys and Native judges who are fighting for, litigating, and deciding cases that advance Indian rights, land claims, and other issues that impact and improve the lives of Indian people across the country (and throughout the world). My vision includes the revitalization and growth of tribal courts that will serve to keep alive and promote traditional values and customary law that will go on to be incorporated into federal and state law and influence the

decisions that federal and state courts make. My vision also includes tribal court decisions and tribal codes, constitutions, and regulations that will take their rightful place alongside other cases and laws as precedential authority of the third sovereign, and that someday a Native justice will sit on the Supreme Court of the United States.

Through discussions prompted by my presentation and conversations that I had in the hallways outside the meeting rooms, I learned of the great needs that many underfunded tribal libraries have, and I offered to send surplus law books to nascent tribal libraries whose budgets are small or non-existent.

Finally, I took away from this conference a renewed commitment to supporting tribal libraries as places where children (and in some cases, adults) may first encounter books and learn a love of reading that will stay with them and see them through their lives—no matter what their aspirations may be. To be a lifelong reader is a great gift that is often imparted by a local librarian, and by giving that gift, a world opens up before a child's eyes, and what a wonderful thing that is!

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## Streams of Language, Memory & Lifeways Conference Scholarship

*Malissa Minthorn Winks  
2009 Streams Conference Director*

Friends & Colleagues,

I am pleased to inform you that the Scholarship Application is now available for the 2009 Streams of Language, Memory & Lifeways for Tribal Archives, Libraries and Museums National Conference to be held in Portland, OR October 19-22, 2009. Please visit [www.tribalconference.org](http://www.tribalconference.org) to submit an on-line application or to print one for mailing. As you might recall this conference is funded by a Librarians for the 21st Century grant through

the Institute of Museums and Library Services which is enabling us to offer limited financial assistance to those tribal folks who may not otherwise be able to attend.

The application process is competitive and will be based on demonstrated financial need. Scholarship Applications will be accepted until May 31, 2009 so please don't wait! You will find the criteria, what financial assistance you can request and, who to contact for more information on the website.

The Planning Committee is cur-

rently selecting pre-conference workshops, conference program sessions, speakers and special events. I can tell you that this conference will be the one and only conference you will want to attend in 2009!

Additional information regarding hotel room discounts and group rate codes can be found on the conference website, as well as discount information for airline travel with Alaska/Horizon Air. Registration fees have been posted, but will not open until Mid-May. Please check the website for updates and openings.

## AILA Book Review

Loreine Roy (*White Earth Anishinabe*)  
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University of Texas at Austin

*Dreamboat Dad*  
by Alan Duff

ISBN 978-1-86979-024-0  
Published 2008 by Vintage/Random  
House International, Auckland, New  
Zealand

Alan Duff, author of well known titles such as *Once Were Warriors*, covers new territory in his latest novel, *Dreamboat Dad*. Mark is a teenager in the 1950s, growing up in Waiwera (Two Lakes) in the geothermal hot springs geography of the North Island of Aotearoa/New Zealand. He and his mother, Lena, live in the shadow of near social ostracism: Mark is nicknamed Yank, to publicly acknowledge that he is the son of an American soldier, and not the bloodline of Lena's war hero husband, Henry Takaha. Henry cares for his other children, Mata, Wiki, and Manu, and serves his community while alternately ignoring and abusing Lena. Yank finds acceptance through Lena, his troubled best friend, Chud, and Merita, a local elder.

Each person maintains a public self while engaging in the private explorations of sexuality, whakapapa/genealogy, and deep desires for recognition. Yank's gift for music brings him close to both his Maori and American roots and provides the conduit for participating in key events in the civil rights struggles of the 1960s.

While the story may sound familiar to those living and reading contemporary American Indian lives, the setting and reflective characters are also satisfying for those interested in following the writings of contemporary Maori literature.

## AIHEC Tribal College Librarians Meet

Carlene Engstrom  
Library Director  
D'Arcy McNickle Library  
Salish Kootenai College

Librarians from ten AIHEC (American Indian Higher Education Consortium) Tribal Colleges and Universities gathered March 28, for a one day meeting on the Salish Kootenai College campus during the recent AIHEC 2009 Spring Conference held in Missoula, MT. Librarians and staff came from Salish Kootenai College in Pablo, MT, Stone Child College in Box Elder, MT, Blackfeet Community College in Browning, MT, Little Big Horn College in Crow Agency, MT, Northwest Indian College in Bellingham, WA, Fort Berthold College in New Town, ND, Turtle Mountain Community College in Belcourt, ND, Red Crow Community College in Cardston Alberta, CA, Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, KS, and special visitors from the First Nation's University of Canada in Saskatchewan. Mixed in with workshops and discussions was a tour of the SKC campus <http://www.skc.edu/> and the D'Arcy McNickle Library <http://skclibrary.skc.edu/>

David Hurley, manager of the AIHEC Virtual Library <http://aihecvl.org>, discussed new developments with the virtual library web resource. It is a collection of resources by, for and about Native Americans available online. The resources are selected and reviewed by Tribal College Librarians and are freely available to all on the web. The AIHEC VL in addition has links to native news and blogs. It is a resource well worth checking out.

Jennie Burroughs, University of Montana Regional Documents Librarian spoke on Government Information for all Libraries (<http://www.slideshare.net/jmburroughs/aihec-presentation>). Jennie made

accessing government documents and resources easy and understandable.

Victoria Santana, Blackfeet tribal attorney for twenty years, law librarian at Oklahoma University for five, and most recent past Resource Center Director of the National Museum of the American Indian gave a lively presentation on the basics of Indian Law Research. Indian Law Research became exciting, fun, and current. Included in her presentation were numerous web resources as well as recommended standard print editions.

Salish Kootenai College Librarians, Mary Lou Mires, Fred Noel, and Carlene Engstrom gave an overview of the development of Information Literacy Instruction at SKC. A discussion followed on the role of Information Literacy in the Tribal College mission and its importance in the Tribal College curriculum, especially for students who are transferring to other four year institutions, be they Tribal Colleges and Universities or state run institutions.

Participants indicated they would attend further AIHEC Library meetings during AIHEC Spring Conferences if they were scheduled and funding was available to travel.



# WIPC:E 2008: The World Indigenous Peoples' Conference on Education

Loreine Roy (*White Earth Anishinabe*)  
Professor, School of Information  
University of Texas at Austin

Every three years since 1987, the World Indigenous People's Conference on Education (WIPC:E) takes place in various locales around the world. In 2008, WIPC:E was held from December 7-11, 2008, on the traditional lands of the Kulin Nation in Melbourne, Australia with the theme: Indigenous Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Respecting Tradition, Shaping the Future.

Opening day events on Sunday, December 7, 2008 were held on the grounds of the Aborigines Advancement League (AAL), the oldest Aboriginal organization in Australia. These events included a traditional welcome to the country, presentations by the national planning committee, and musical presentations by delegate communities. Conference events took place at Melbourne's Rod Laver Arena at the Melbourne Park Function Centre, a mile from Melbourne's central business district. Keynote addresses were delivered by representatives of the Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association, Federation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Languages, Australian government, Namibia's Ministry of Education's National Institute for Educational Development, Te Whare Wānanga o Awanuiārangi (Aotearoa/New Zealand), University of Saskatchewan, and Vanuatu Young People's Project. Professor Octaviana Valenzuela Trujillo from Northern Arizona University was the sole American Indian keynote speaker addressing her experience serving both as an academic and as the first woman elected Vice Chair of Arizona's Pascua Yaqui Tribe.

The program included 391 concurrent presentations and twenty

poster sessions. Programs on day one were organized under the theme of "Respecting Tradition." The theme for day two was "Living with Competing Knowledge Systems." The theme for the third day of programs was "Beyond the Horizon." The largest number of presenters hailed from Australia and Aotearoa/New Zealand with several presenters from Hawai'i and the United States mainland. WIPC:E typically attracts around 4,000 attendees. Delegates for 2008 hailed from Australia, Aotearoa/New Zealand, the Philippines, Norway, South Africa, Canada, the United States, Fiji, Taiwan, Chile, Angola, India, Tanzania, Papua New Guinea, Botswana, Japan, Belize, and Sweden. Sample presentations included "Walking in the Shoes of Indigenous Australians: Online Role-Play and Transformative Pedagogy," "Concrete Steps Towards the Indigenisation of the School Curriculum," "Cree Tipi Teachings: Family Based Model," and "Vitalizing Sami Cultural Knowledge in Everyday School-Life."

Several programs on indigenous library topics including a presentation

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## **We Shall Remain Library Event Kit Available Online**

PBS's five-part *We Shall Remain* series brings us the stories and history of Native peoples, presented as an integral part of how the United States was shaped. Through heartbreaking yet inspiring stories of conflict, resistance, endurance, and survival against invasion, disease, war, and assimilation campaigns, we are compelled to reexamine our shared past, to better understand our current struggles, and to envision a humane and enriched future.

The *We Shall Remain* Event Kit was created for public, college, school, and tribal libraries. It offers programming ideas and resources to help organize and deliver engaging events and programs—a storytelling day, a reading circle on a novel by a Native author, a multimedia art contest, and more. The kit is available online at [pbs.org/wgbh/amex/weshallremain/libraries](http://pbs.org/wgbh/amex/weshallremain/libraries).

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## **AILA President's Column**

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If you know of any outstanding books published from January 2008 forward by Native Americans for Native American children or young adults, please forward your information to: [mohawk6nations@yahoo.com](mailto:mohawk6nations@yahoo.com).

Many thanks to Loreine Roy for her continued passion and service to Indigenous Peoples. And special thanks for her involvement in *We Shall Remain*, a five part documentary began to air in early April on PBS' the

*American Experience* and will continue through mid-May. Check the PBS website for more information <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/weshallremain/>.

The 2008-2009 year is slipping away quickly. Please feel free to send me concerns and comments. Hope to see many of you in Chicago in July at the American Library Association Conference. My best. Susan Hanks [shanks@library.ca.gov](mailto:shanks@library.ca.gov) (916) 653-0661.

# The Federal Depository Library Program

Steve Beleu, Oklahoma Department of Libraries

Janet Scheitle, Kathryn Brazee, Ashley Dahlen, and Robin Haun-Mohamed,

U.S. Government Printing Office

and Charles Bernholz, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Since 1813, the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) has provided the people of our nation access to federal government information. Today about 1,250 depository libraries, including five tribal college libraries, are members of the FDLP and receive free federal government information products in various formats including paper, map, microfiche, CD-ROM, and DVD. Additionally, access over the last few years has changed: in 2008 about 93% of the titles available were available as either an Internet or a tangible-format-plus-Internet title. This percentage is not expected to change in coming years.

## HOW MEMBERSHIP IN THE FDLP CAN HELP YOUR TRIBAL COLLEGE LIBRARY

Being an FDLP member library can provide your tribe and local

community with access to federal government information resources, and your staff will build expertise in knowing how to find and retrieve that information by networking with the staff of other FDLP libraries.

## TRIBAL COLLEGE MEMBERS OF THE FEDERAL DEPOSITORY LIBRARY PROGRAM

Current tribal college members of the FDLP are Fort Peck Community College, Fort Belknap College, and Salish Kootenai College, all in Montana; Little Priest Tribal College in Nebraska; and Oglala Lakota College in South Dakota. Find their full contact information by using the link to the Directory of FDLP Libraries at the end of this article.

## WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO JOIN

Your library needs to meet basic

standards to be eligible to join, including:

Have at least 10,000 books. Offer access and service not only to your tribal members but also to other library users. Designate one person who will work with the FDLP at your library. This person doesn't have to be a degreed librarian. Have a library that can be easily reached by auto or mass transit and has parking. Have a library that is accessible to the physically challenged. Your library and/or college administration fully appreciates the responsibilities and costs associated with being a Federal depository library.

It's important to know that as land grant institutions, all tribal college libraries are eligible to join the FDLP as long as they meet the basic requirements as identified above. The library simply sends a letter requesting

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## Mashantucket Pequot Museum Launches New Library Blog

Joseph Frawley

Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center

Since its inception in 1998, the libraries and archives at the Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center have been providing access to a wealth of educational resources for the study of Native American culture and early American history. Recently they have augmented their traditional library services with a new blog devoted to topics related to research in Native American Studies. "A large portion of our reference questions come from across the country. There is a broader audience we hope to reach by

employing more online resources. This blog is the first step in that direction," says Frawley.

The blog focuses on research guides and informational articles relevant to the museum's mission of providing educational resources on Native American history and culture in North America, with a special focus on the northeastern United States. Some recent blog posts include "Resources for Researching Indian Law", "A Guide to Open Access Historic Documents", "Iroquois Tattoos", "Genetic Genealogy", and "Giving Thanks: Thoughts on Native Thanksgivings".

Blog address: <http://pequotmuseumlibrary.blogspot.com/>

The Mashantucket Pequot Libraries & Archives are part of the Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center, a tribally owned-and-operated complex located in Mashantucket, Connecticut. Comprised of a research library, children's library and archives, it houses one of the largest Native American Studies collections in the world. Main number: 860-396-6897.

Web site: [www.pequotmuseum.org/Home/LibrariesArchives/](http://www.pequotmuseum.org/Home/LibrariesArchives/)

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## **AILA Book Review**

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*Native Athletes in Action!*  
by Vincent Schilling

ISBN 0-9779183-0-0  
Published 2007 by 7th Generation,  
Summertown, TN

Vincent Schilling's *Native Athletes in Action!* includes moving stories from Native Americans who have excelled in sports, and the trials they endured to achieve their dreams. Biographies are of well-known figures such as Jim Thorpe and Jordin Tootoo, as well as Olympic wheelchair racer Cheri Becerra-Madsen, speed skier Ross Anderson, ice dancer Naomi Lang, and other Native American athletes. Schilling dedicates a chapter to each athlete, detailing their lives, goals and sources of inner strength.

Most biographies are based on personal interviews and focus on how each athlete started playing sports. The author discusses how each athlete had to endure difficult obstacles and setbacks, such as avoiding drugs and alcohol, enduring poverty, or facing discrimination, but still managed to follow their dreams. Tribal affiliations for each athlete are included at the end of chapters, along with brief blurbs about each tribe's history. Short sections discussing the history of each sport, and black-and-white photos with captions are included.

Schilling's writing is inspirational, encouraging young readers to pursue their dreams. This positive collection of biographies from the Native Trailblazers series is recommended for middle school students and up. No index or references is included, but a list of Web resources should assist readers with further research.

Vincent Schilling is a member of the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe and is an amateur athlete who participates in foot races in the Tidewater, VA area.

## ALA Movers and Shakers Award

Holly Ristau

Library Director

White Earth Tribal and Community College

We always knew Carlene was amazing, but she finally was recognized by the international library community by being named one of ALA's Movers and Shakers for 2009.

Carlene Engstrom is the Director of the D'Arcy McNickle Library of the Salish Kootenai College and a member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes. The D'Arcy McNickle library, located on the Flathead Reservation serves as the academic library for the Salish Kootenai Tribal College, the tribal library for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and public library for the residents of the Flathead Reservation. During her tenure she orchestrated the digitization of the back issues of the *Char-Koosta News Tribal Newspaper*, providing access from the library's website at: [http://](http://skclibrary.sk.c.edu/charkoosta.html)

[skclibrary.sk.c.edu/charkoosta.html](http://skclibrary.sk.c.edu/charkoosta.html).

Under her direction the D'Arcy McNickle Library joined the Federal and Montana State Depository Library Programs, registered the library as a member of the National Library of Medicine's Lonesome Doc/DocLine document sharing program, and migrated the D'Arcy McNickle Library Catalog to the University of Montana Libraries Online Shared Catalog Endeavor Voyager system. She also initiated and lead her college administration through the designation status to become the second Tribal College Library to become a Federal depository Library.

She accomplished all of the above while running the library, writing grants that are funded, and promoting the library to the community at large, both on the reservation and beyond.

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## WIPC:E 2008

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about indigenous knowledge centers in Queensland and one about a Blackfoot digital library project in Canada.

AILA members would recognize several attendees, including members of Te Rōpū Whakahaū (Maori library and information workers) and Theytus Books from Canada. Dr. Chris Sarra, a keynote speaker at the fifth International Indigenous Librarians Forum in Brisbane in 2007, was also a WIPC:E 2008 keynote speaker. His address focused on his work as principal of Cherbourg State School in South East Queensland.

Principal partner for WIPC:E was the Australian government's Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. There was much discussion of the apology issued by Australia's Rudd Government on February 13,

2008 and great excitement about the upcoming Obama administration in the U.S. As with previous WIPC:E conferences, one day of the program was devoted to site visits or an optional tour and, for the first time, an emerging leaders summit. Site visits were organized at educational institutions. My own tour took me to Phillip Island, which included visits to the Koala Conservation Centre and a chance to observe the "Penguin Parade," the nightly return of fairy penguins to their nests.

The closing and cultural celebration took place at the end of the last conference day, December 11. Aboriginal comedian Sean Choolburra served as master of ceremonies for the night of performances by the host and visiting countries. A key feature of this evening is the announcement of the winning bid to host the next conference: the next WIPC:E will take place in 2011 in Cuzco, Peru.

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## Movers and Shakers

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She's active in the Montana library association and the American Indian Library Association (AILA), serving in leadership roles in the State Association and as AILA president. In June 2008 as recognition of her efforts to promote library services to the underserved and especially Native Americans, she was appointed to serve on the Federal Depository Library Council for three years. She is the first Native American to receive such an appointment. Currently she is a member of the ALA Committee on Rural, Native and Tribal Libraries of all Kind, and a Member at Large on the American Indian Library Association's Executive Board.

Carlene is a member of the planning team for the 2009 National Conference of Tribal Archives, Libraries and Museums, to be held October 2009 in Portland, OR. Previous to this she served on the Envisioning Team for the 2007

National Conference of Tribal Archives, Libraries and Museum in Oklahoma City, OK.

Her expertise in tribal college librarianship is recognized and has served as a consultant, assisting other tribal college libraries in preparing for accreditation and Federal Depository status. She is a founding member of the Tribal College and University Librarian's Association.

She has served on accreditation teams for the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. In her role as a Depository Library Council member, she will advise the United States Public Printer on government information issues impacting Native Americans.

She is the first Montana librarian to be named receive the Mover and Shaker award. She even made the cover of the Mover and Shakers edition of *Library Journal*! Make sure to look her up in the March 15, 2009 issue.

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## AILA Distinguished Service Award Honoring Our Elders

The American Indian Library Association invites your nominations for the Distinguished Service Award for active and retired AILA members. Nominees should have demonstrated, over a period of years:

- ♦ Significant and continuous service to the ongoing operations and growth of the American Indian Library Association;
- ♦ Service to Indian communities and exceptional progress in his/her career development that has resulted in specific and extraordinary service to the American Indian Library Association;

- ♦ Work for the improvement in library and information services for and to American Indian people.

The award is open to all active and retired members of AILA.

Letters of nomination should address these criteria, plus any other relevant points that the nominator wishes to include, and should be sent to: Lotsee Patterson at [lpatterson@ou.edu](mailto:lpatterson@ou.edu). The deadline for nominations is July 31, 2009.

The Honoring Our Elders criteria are also available here: <http://ailanet.org/activities/hoec.htm>

Questions? Please contact the current chair of the Distinguished Service Award committee, Lotsee Patterson at [lpatterson@ou.edu](mailto:lpatterson@ou.edu).

## Federal Depository

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FDLP designation to the Public Printer of the United States, whose agency administers the FDLP program. See the link to the Designation Handbook at the end of this article for details.

### TIPS FOR SUCCESS

Select no more than 3% to 5% of available items for your first 3 to 5 years. Contact your Regional Federal Depository Librarian and get assistance in setting up your depository operation. Seek advice from the tribal college libraries that already belong to the FDLP.

Choose as depository items in paper and other tangible forms those titles that you would have bought in paper format anyway, such as Statistical Abstract of the United States.

### ONLINE TOOLS

Designation Handbook for Federal Depository Libraries

<http://www.fdlp.gov/home/about/62-designate-a-library>

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<http://catalog.gpo.gov/fdlpdir/FDLPdir.jsp>





## Meetings at 2009 ALA Annual

Urban Indian Culture Keepers:  
Reaching Out and Making  
Intergenerational Connections Sat.,  
July 11, 1:30pm - 3:00pm, McCormick  
Pl, W-178b Speakers: Scott Manning  
Stevens, PhD, Director, D'Arcy  
McNickle Center; Joseph Podlasek,  
Executive Director, American Indian  
Center; Elizabeth Babcock, The Field  
Museum

Coming to the Talking Circle  
Sun., July 12, 1:30pm - 3:00pm, Hyatt  
Regency McCormick, Conf.Ctr 24  
Moderator: Lorie Roy

### Business Meetings

Committee on Rural, Native, and  
Tribal Libraries of All Kinds - Sat., July  
11, 10:30am - 12:00pm, Palmer House  
Indiana Room

AILA Exec Board Meeting - Sun., July  
12, 10:30am - 12:00pm, Hyatt Regency  
McCormick Conf. Ctr. 24

AILA Business Meeting - Sun. July 12,  
3:30pm - 5:00pm, Hyatt Regency  
McCormick Conf. Ctr. 24

Committee on Literacy All-  
Subcommittee Meeting, Sat., July 11,  
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm, MCP W-176a

### Other Programs

2.0(verload): What a small,  
understaffed library really needs  
(Committee on Rural, Native & Tribal  
Libraries of All Kinds program) - Sun.,  
July 12, 8:00am - 10:00am,  
McCormick Place West W-194a

Information Technology and  
Communities of Color (co-sponsored  
with BCALA) - Sun., July 12, 1:30pm  
- 3:00pm, McCormick Place West W-  
192b

Mentoring Minority Librarians (co-  
sponsored with BCALA), Mon., July  
13, 1:30pm - 3:00pm, Intercontinental  
Valencia

## American Indian Library Association Business Meeting Minutes January 25, 2009 - 4:00pm to 6:00pm

Colorado Convention Center, Room  
4017

**Attendees:** Doreen Bailey, Monica  
Birrer, Helen Clements, Conzuelo  
DeVan, Mary K. Dodge, Lois Dye,  
Carlene Engstrom, Susan Hanks,  
David Hurley, Stephanie Joseph, Liana  
Juliano, Carmen J. Lara, Colleen  
Major, Michael Lamott Mason, Alana  
McGrattan, Lisa Mitten, Leslie  
Monsalve-Jones, David Ongley, Janice  
Rice, Lorie Roy, Carrie Russell  
(Guest), Holly Tomren, Kelly Webster,  
Richenda Wilkinson, Rob Wolfe

### I. Call to Order

Susan Hanks called the meeting to  
order at 4:10pm.

### II. Prayer

Janice Rice offered the opening prayer.

### III. Introductions

All those present introduced  
themselves.

### IV. Visit from Carrie Russell, ALA Washington Office

Carrie Russell reported that the Office  
for Information Technology Policy  
(OITP) has become more involved  
with international copyright issues,  
particularly protection and  
management of traditional cultural  
expression. A conference was held in  
November 2008 in Washington, D.C.,  
entitled "Cultural Heritage and Living  
Culture: Defining the U.S. Library  
Position on Access and Protection of  
Traditional Cultural Expression."

One goal following this conference is  
to develop an ALA policy on this issue,  
similar to ALA's "Principles for the  
Networked World" <[http://  
www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/  
wo/referenceab/principles/](http://www.ala.org/ala/aboutala/offices/wo/referenceab/principles/)

[principles.cfm](#)>. To begin this process,  
OITP will create a draft and gather  
feedback over the next eleven months.  
A writing meeting will be held  
February 19-20, 2009, in Washington,  
D.C. Carrie wants to make sure AILA  
is represented at this meeting. Kelly  
Webster suggested Ally Krebs, who has  
already been in contact with OITP  
about this initiative.

There will be at least one program at  
ALA Annual in Chicago on this topic.  
The goal is to get ALA Council to  
endorse the document at Midwinter  
2010. More information can be found  
at <http://wo.ala.org/tce/>.

### V. Approval of Agenda

The Bylaws and Constitution  
Committee report was removed from  
the agenda, as a written report was  
submitted by this committee. Susan  
Hanks has appointed an ad hoc task  
force to revise the bylaws.

Mary Dodge moved to accept the  
agenda as revised. The agenda was  
approved unanimously.

### VI. Approval of Minutes

Leslie Monsalve-Jones moved to  
approve the minutes. The minutes  
from the AILA Business Meeting from  
the 2008 Annual Conference in  
Anaheim, CA were approved  
unanimously as submitted.

### VII. Treasurer's Report

Joan Howland, Treasurer, was unable  
to attend. Susan Hanks provided the  
Treasurer's Report as submitted via  
email. Kelly Webster noted that  
collections from membership fees  
increased from \$2165 in the last  
financial report to \$3570 in this  
financial report. Susan Hanks  
reported that AILA is working towards

creating an interest-bearing account for the scholarship funds.

## VIII. Executive Board Report

Susan Hanks reported that the Executive Board is moving forward with the DEMCO scholarship funds and will offer a library school scholarship as well as travel scholarships. Announcements will be forthcoming. The Executive Board earmarked funds to spend on a program and an ad at the Tribal Archives, Libraries & Museums Conference in October. The most recent newsletter was sent out electronically; print copies will be mailed to those who have requested them. The brochure revision is still in process. Susan Hanks and Liana Juliano are working to partner more with the other ethnic caucuses, fostering the goodwill as seen at JCLC.

## IX. AILA Committee Reports

Written committee reports were distributed and will be appended to the minutes.

### a. American Indian Youth Literature Award

Carlene Engstrom announced that the ten jury members have been selected and they will begin contacting publishers for books published in 2008 and 2009 to consider. The awards will be announced at Midwinter 2010, with a reception at Annual 2010. Lisa Mitten and Carlene Engstrom have contacted the Ethnic and Multicultural Information Exchange Roundtable (EMIERT) to see if they would be willing to cosponsor the book awards, and they are willing to participate with AILA. Kelly Webster offered to talk with the committee about the process of proposing an ALA Award and the requirements, such as having funding already secured.

## X. ALA Executive Board Liaison Report

Loriene Roy asked if there was anything AILA would like to relay to the ALA Executive Board. Carlene Engstrom expressed our interest in getting the American Indian Youth Literature Award recognized as an ALA award.

Loriene reported on ALA Executive Board talking points. The tough economic times are bringing more attention to libraries. The stimulus package contains some funds for school and academic library construction, as well as funds for Head Start and services for older Americans. ALA will be publicizing helpful resources for the tough economy. ALA is keeping an eye on the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act, which bans lead in children's products. ALA is also discussing electronic member participation. A Town Hall meeting was held yesterday to gather suggestions for what libraries want to tell President Obama; the ALA Washington Office will send a report to the President.

We Shall Remain library kits are available online: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/weshallremain/libraries>. Loriene would like to hear what libraries are doing and how this PBS program will be shared in communities. Stories can be shared at Coming to the Talking Circle at ALA Annual in Chicago.

Loriene is blogging the International Indigenous Librarians Forum: <http://aie.greenwood.com/blog/>

## XI. Other Committee Reports

### a. OLOS Subcommittee on Library Services to American Indians

Janice Rice reported that the subcommittee met on Friday and developed goals for the next 2 years. One goal is to market the Tribal Libraries Toolkit, especially at the Tribal Archives, Libraries & Museums Conference. Another goal is to

support and expand the "If I Can Read, I Can Do Anything" program to add more schools and more sites. This may be tied into AILA's distribution plan for the paperback copies of Sherman Alexie's *Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*. In addition, the 2010 Operation Teen Book Drop will be a Book Drop for Native Teens, so this may tie in as well.

### b. ALA 2009 Program

Janice Rice reported that AILA's program at ALA Annual in Chicago will be "Urban Indian Culture Keepers." The program committee is putting together an intergenerational panel from the Chicago area. In addition, AILA has been asked to co-sponsor two other programs in Chicago: "Mentoring Minority Librarians" with BCALA and CALA, and "Information Technology and Communities of Color" with BCALA. It was suggested that AILA hold a social function with a cultural component at upcoming conferences, as we might be able to get sponsorship for such an event (similar to the reception held at ALA Midwinter in Seattle with Tim Tingle). We can look at local arrangements at upcoming conferences and check with other caucuses to be sure there are no other conflicting events, as we would want to invite members of the other caucuses. Mary Dodge volunteered to look into Midwinter and Annual for 2010. Alana McGrattan volunteered to look into arrangements for Chicago.

### c. Committee on Rural, Native, and Tribal Libraries of All Kinds

David Ongley reported that the committee met on Saturday. Sandy Littletree is the AILA representative to this committee, and she apologizes she was not able to attend today's meeting. She is working on a resources list and is working with Liana to update the website. The TRAILS manual will eventually be on the website in chapter format, as will the

Tribal Libraries Toolkit. The committee is developing a program at ALA Annual in Chicago with WebJunction "2.0 (verload): What a small, understaffed library really needs," which will focus on Web 2.0 and social networking tools for small, rural, and tribal libraries.

#### **d. Diversity Council**

Leslie Monsalve-Jones reported that the committee met on Saturday. Leslie was elected Chair of the Diversity Council for the next 2 years. Diversity Council needs a list from AILA of any members running for ALA Council, so that the caucuses can support each other. The Diversity Council is discussing the resolutions process and a means for better communication between the affiliates. If AILA has any issues & concerns to bring to Diversity Council, Diversity Council will bring these to the Committee on Diversity.

### **XII. IMLS Report**

Alison Freese was not present and did not have an IMLS Report for Midwinter, but will give a report at Annual. Susan Hanks reported that the call for Basic Grants is out and the call for Enhancement Grants will be forthcoming.

### **XIII. Announcements and Discussions**

#### **a. We Shall Remain**

Janice Rice reported that AILA is listed as a contact in the We Shall Remain Library Kit <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/weshallremain/libraries>, along with Oyate. Oyate will likely handle any questions regarding youth literature, whereas AILA will likely offer more expertise for the adult resources. Richenda suggested that we post a message to the AILA listserv asking people to review the bibliography of adult resources.

#### **b. Tribal Archives, Libraries & Museums Conference - Oct. 18-22, Portland, OR**

Carlene Engstrom reported that the Call for Proposals is out and David Ongley has copies. More information is at <http://www.tribalconference.org>. Richenda is the chair for fundraising and needs help, both for AILA fundraising and fundraising for the conference. Please contact Richenda if interested in volunteering, and watch the listserv for more information.

#### **c. JCLC II**

Janice Rice thanked everyone who made donations to the AILA basket, which was auctioned at the JCLC fundraiser on Saturday. The second Joint Conference of Librarians of Color will be held in 2012 in Kansas City, MO. There has been some controversy over the location due to the Kansas City Chiefs mascot issue; however, it may be used as an opportunity for education regarding stereotypes. Naomi Caldwell resigned from the steering committee; Jody Gray will be the new AILA representative. Janice Rice will be the next co-chair of the steering committee.

#### **d. IILF6**

The Sixth Annual International Indigenous Librarians Forum will be held Feb. 1-4, 2009 in Aotearoa, New Zealand <http://www.trw.org.nz/iilf2009.php>. Lorie Roy will be attending and reporting on her blog: <http://aie.greenwood.com/blog/>

### **XIV. Other**

- ♦ Susan Hanks will have more information about the next National Diversity in Libraries Conference.
- ♦ APALA is encouraging AILA and APALA members to cross-join both organizations, as we are both small and could use each other's support. Liana

has brochures; see also APALA's website <http://www.apalaweb.org>

- ♦ Celebrate Native American Culture bookmarks and posters are available from the ALA Store <http://www.alastore.ala.org>

- ♦ AILA will have a table at the Diversity & Outreach Fair at Annual. The focus will be on older adults. Susan Hanks will post a message to the AILA listserv asking for information on services AILA members provide for older adults.

- ♦ Today's ALA CogNotes has an announcement for JCLC II [http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/midwinter/2009/CognotesSunJan2509\\_Denver%20\(Part%202\).pdf](http://www.ala.org/ala/conferencesevents/upcoming/midwinter/2009/CognotesSunJan2509_Denver%20(Part%202).pdf)

### **XV. Adjournment**

Susan Hanks adjourned the meeting at 5:55pm.

### **XVI. Appendices**

#### **American Indian Library Association; Midwinter Meeting Committee Reports; Denver, CO**

1. Report of Budget and Finance Committee
2. Report of Bylaws and Constitution Committee
3. Report from American Indian Youth Literature Award Jury, 2008-10
4. Report of Communications and Publications Committee
5. Report of Development and Fundraising Committee
6. Report of Distinguished Service Award Committee
7. Report of Programming Committee
8. Report of AILA Scholarship Committee
9. Report of AILA Subject Access and Classification Committee

#### **Budget and Finance Committee**

Financial Report May 30, 2008 - December 31, 2008 submitted by Joan Howland.

## **Bylaws and Constitution Committee**

No Report Submitted

## **American Indian Youth Literature Award Jury, 2008-2010**

### **Submitted by Lisa Mitten**

The AIYLA Jury has been finalized for the 2008-2010 awards. We will begin contacting publishers to submit titles throughout this year, with winners to be chosen at the end of 2009 to announce at ALA Midwinter January 2010.

The awards presentation will take place at ALA Annual in June 2010 in Washington, D.C. The Jury would be happy to have assistance from local AILA members in the D.C. area in planning the reception, performers, any speakers, etc. The 10 AIYLA Jury members are:

Karen Alexander, Library Director, Miami Tribe of Oklahoma

Lisa A. Mitten, AIYLA Jury Chairperson, Social Sciences Editor, *Choice Magazine*, Middletown, CT

Stephanie Betancourt, National Museum of the American Indian (NYC)

Naomi Caldwell, Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Library and Information Studies, University of Rhode Island

Cindy Carrywater, School Librarian, Hays, MT

Holly Ristau, Library Director White Earth Tribal College, Mahnomen, MN

Carlene Engstrom, Library Director, D'Arcy McNickle Library, Salish Kootenai College, Pablo, MT

Gabriella Kaye, Children's Librarian, Mashantucket Pequot Museum & Research Center, Ledyard, CT

Sarah Kostecky, Library Director, Institute of American Indian Arts, Santa Fe, NM

Jolena Tillequots, Yakama Nation Library, Toppenish, WA

## **Communications and Publications Committee**

### **Submitted by Liana Juliano**

The committee has continued to work on issues surrounding the newsletter. A new newsletter editor has been selected and an editorial team created to assist her. The newsletter editor is Mary Johnson and she is assisted by Clare Castleberry as our Book Review Coordinator and Lisa Mitten and Elaine Cubbins as our copy editors. A survey was sent to the listserv to find out whether members would prefer to receive the newsletter in print or online with about half the membership responding to the survey. The majority of our membership requested to have the newsletters sent to them online, which will aid AILA in print and postage costs tremendously. The new AILA brochure is in its final stages of review. The only thing left to complete is to change some of the language under the "Services" section.

## **Development and Fundraising Report**

### **Submitted by Richenda Wilkinson**

The committee is now focusing on fundraising for the next Native American Youth Literature Award. Richenda worked with Carlene Engstrom and Lisa Mitten to set some tentative goals based on projected needs for the next award ceremony. Richenda would like to thank the new committee members who have volunteered to help with fundraising. The committee still needs more members. Please contact Richenda Wilkinson <[wilkinr@linnbenton.edu](mailto:wilkinr@linnbenton.edu)> if you are interested in serving.

## **Distinguished Service Award Committee Report**

### **Submitted by Lotsee Patterson**

The Committee will advertise the award this spring. The award will be presented at the Tribal Archives, Libraries and Museums Conference in October 2009 in Portland.

## **Programming Committee**

### **Submitted by Janice Rice**

Janice Rice, Chair of the Programming Committee, met with and surveyed committee members at Anaheim. They gathered ideas for the Chicago annual conference. On July 7, the chair sent the draft topics to the Executive Board. The following topics were suggested:

[ALA Chicago 2009, Proposed Program ideas:](#)

[Gamers in Indian Country: Entertaining & Engaging Youth](#)

- ♦ Learn about games and social networking tools that young people are using in Indian country today. Hear from Indian kids, urban and reservation librarians.

[The Washington Update: Injun-uity Beyond LSTA - Funding Sources for Your Library](#)

- ♦ Hear from ALA Washington Office and panel of librarians who have found creative ways to fund their libraries.

[\\*Urban Indian Culture Keepers: Reaching out and Making Intergenerational Connections](#)

- ♦ Meet librarians and urban Indian community members who keep the Indian ways alive in urban Indian country.

[Winning Ways in the Windy City: Success Stories: Careers & Library Education](#)

- ♦ What are the key elements to success in your career? Panelists share their pathways to success. Hear from seasoned library leaders, emerging professionals, and students in training.

### Healthy Living & Workplace Wellness: Literacy, Lifestyles, & Library Programs That Show us the Way

- ♦ Hear from Indian health professionals, library outreach programs and Indian librarians. Learn how they have faced their health challenges, embraced the solutions, and developed library programs that promote healthy lifestyles.

Janice Rice submitted the reservation forms to Elliot Mandell by the July 8 deadline. She withdrew the "Gamers in Indian country" idea because she heard that the Committee on Rural, Native and Tribal Libraries of All Kinds was working on a similar web 2.0-type topic. Since she was hoping to collaborate with their planners and was not able to connect in time for the July 8 deadline, the topic was withdrawn.

On October 27, Janice asked Holly to forward the topics to the Executive Board and asked them to examine and vote for one. Due to the limited monetary resources and small number of librarians to handle programming, AILA cannot support more than one program. After feedback was received in November, "Urban Indian Culture Keepers" received the most votes. On December 3, Holly submitted that topic for AILA. The proposed time slot for the program is Saturday, July 11, 2009, 1:30pm-3:00pm.

During December, Janice added additional names to the Programming Committee: Kelly Webster and Liana Juliano.

At midwinter, the committee will finalize presenters and format for the program. There will be some timely follow-up work in late January-early

February. Janice will formalize the paperwork, and Holly will submit the forms by ALA deadlines.

Thank you to the committee members for their ideas and support. A big round of applause goes to Holly Tomren, secretary, for keeping us on target.

\*Members: Janice Rice (Chair), Colleen Major, Mary Dodge, Ramona Tecumseh, Kelly Webster, Liana Juliano

### **American Indian Library Association Scholarship Committee Report**

**Submitted by Jody Gray approved by committee**

The Scholarship Committee, composed of Joan Howland (Co-Chair), Jody Gray (Co-Chair), Lotsee Patterson (member) and Holly Tomren (member) received two strong applications for the 2008 AILA scholarship. Both are dynamic and focused women with a demonstrated record of academic excellence and commitment to pursuing a career in librarianship. Both applicants have strong connections to their native communities and an articulated passion for serving the information needs of American Indians.

Under criteria 4 of the scholarship guidelines, there is a presumption that students would be enrolled for a full academic year, subsequent to receiving the scholarship. However, one applicant has completed most of the requirements for her MLIS and will graduate in August 2008. The other applicant is in a similar situation and will graduate in December 2008.

The Scholarship Committee requested an exception to the guidelines and, in the spirit of the scholarship award; the AILA Executive Board authorized the Scholarship Committee to award two \$500 scholarships. Therefore, both Linda Epps and Annie Smith have received scholarships.

DEMCO has offered to fund \$3000 on an annual basis to the AILA Scholarship Fund. The committee is requesting a written confirmation and indication of when they will be sending the check each year. Once the confirmation has been set in place the Scholarship Committee will discuss and put forth a recommendation on how to distribute these funds (some options include three \$1,000 scholarships, two \$1500 scholarships, one \$1500 scholarship and one \$1500 travel grant to attend ALA).

### **American Indian Library Association Subject Access and Classification Committee**

**Submitted by Mario Nick Klimiades**

To begin, I want to state that it is an honor to serve as Chair of the Subject Access and Classification Committee. Although the activities of the Committee are currently decentralized and largely based on email and communication via the AILA listserv, programs continue.

The Wiki continues to be updated by members of the Committee, submissions of name and subject authorities to both NACO and SACO are ongoing, and monitoring AILA listserv discussion for valuable web-based resources for processing proceeds quietly. These are challenging times. I hope to begin this spring to re-raise AILA's awareness on the ease and value of working with both NACO and SACO.

Also, I hope to formulate an informal working group to catalog electronic resources on the web that are discussed in the AILA listserv, in order add records that reflect Indian interests to the national/international database WorldCat.



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