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## Librarians prevail against porn filters

By Yvonne Farley • Chair, WVLA/IFC

West Virginia librarians have gone against the national tide and had a brief, if only temporary victory in the Internet filtering controversy. Quick response by West Virginia librarians and strong support from the state's print media resulted in Governor Underwood's retreat from a proposal to include public and academic libraries in his plan to filter WVNET, the Internet provider for most West Virginia libraries, government offices, and schools.

Librarians from across the state rallied to express their concerns at a meeting organized by WVLA's Intellectual Freedom Committee (IFC) on July 20, 2000, at the St. Albans Branch Library. At the beginning of the year Underwood had proposed Internet filtering in his State of the State address and followed up with legislative initiatives. Through lobbying, WVLA members were able to head off filtering initiatives, and their success led to the Governor's July attempt to implement filtering via administrative action.

On June 26th, the Department of Administration issued a "Request for Proposal" (RFP) stating that the filtering software should cover 20,000 users which is more than 11 percent of the state's population. According to reports in the *Charleston Gazette* (7/20), state officials said they didn't know how much the new "Internet Content Filtering Software" would cost. One concern of librarians was that the money spent on software could be better spent on more direct services to library patrons. Library Director Peggy Bias of Putnam County said, "I'd rather have more Harry Potter books in our library. Money that could go to buy books will pay for this."

Participants said that filtering software is ineffective at blocking pornography. Filtering companies cannot guarantee 100 percent effectiveness.

Librarians also pointed out that the stop lists for filtering software are highly guarded secrets by their developers. As a *Charleston Gazette* account of the meeting stated, "Filters routinely block Internet sites about human sexuality, gay and lesbian studies and medicine." Some participants were concerned about tracking Internet use by recording what sites were visited.

Librarians also pointed out that their libraries already have in place Internet-use policies that deal with appropriate use of the Internet by library patrons. Several speakers at the St. Albans meeting reported that each library is committed to children's safety and desires to protect them through enforcement of these policies.

As a result of the meeting, WVLA now has an Internet filtering information site so that members can keep up with current developments. The site has links to ALA's Washington Office for regular updates on national filtering legislation, as well as useful background information for those who want to know more. Simply go to the WVLA web page and click on "Internet Toolkit." (<http://wvnmms.wvnet.edu/~wvla/>)

Aimed at educating librarians and library supporters about Internet filtering, the IFC

is co-sponsoring two programs with the Trustees' Division. Judy Krug will speak at a filtering pre-conference on Thursday morning, November 2, along with West Virginia University law professor, Bob Bastress. Krug heads ALA's Office of Intellectual Freedom, and Bastress is an expert in constitutional law. On Saturday, November 4th, Betty Knighton of the National Center for Civic Life will conduct a National Issues Forum on Internet use and privacy issues. These discussion programs can be used around the state as a way to begin educating communities about the issue.

Those who gave prepared statements against the filtering RFP included the following: Monica Brooks, ALA Councilor; Frances O'Brien, Dean, WVU Libraries; Peggy Bias, Director, Putnam County Library; Karen Arnett, Systems Manager at Kanawha County Public Library; and Elizabeth Fraser, Head, Reference Department, Kanawha County Public Library. Librarians from Fairmont State College, Concord College, and the University of Charleston attended the meeting as did several county librarians. Many of those present made comments about filtering. Below are the remarks by Frances O'Brien:

### Statement to WVLA Intellectual Freedom Committee

July 20, 2000 • Frances O'Brien • Dean, WVU Libraries

I ask for your immediate action against filtering Internet content and against monitoring access to the Internet and other electronic resources in academic libraries in West Virginia. I am especially concerned for three areas: content, access, and privacy.

I have read the RFP for the purchase of filtering software by WVNET. I realize that we may be evaluating a document

that seeks software with certain capabilities that may or may not be implemented. I do not know today what WVNET actually plans to do with this software and what decisions will be made in the future that would impact academic libraries. But I think the potential for denial of librarianship's most dearly held principles of intellectual freedom is all over

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The annual WVLA conference will be held at the Holiday Inn, Charleston House, from November 2 - 4, 2000. There are numerous programs, all of which should be of great interest to our membership. Yes, the biggest complaint will be that you want to go to everything and wish that the schedule could be so arranged. Please come and enjoy.

With only four more months until my presidency is over, I am very grateful for all the help along the way, and I encourage everyone to get involved in the West Virginia Library Association. This organization supports a wide range of interests and concerns, from preservation to intellectual freedom to e-books. You will find

someone who is knowledgeable and willing to share that knowledge.

Without members taking an active role, the association will cease to be as relevant as it is. You can make a tremendous difference in the quality of libraries and librarianship in this state by becoming involved and active in WVLA. Join up now.

## Notes on empowerment

By Yvonne Farley • Chair, IFC

For those of you who weren't able to be at the filtering meeting at the St. Albans Branch Library in July, you missed a great opportunity to feel good. I thought that the library community was at its best and so did other people. I wanted to share with you some of the particulars that left me feeling empowered about WVLA and our ability to change things in this state.

When we scheduled the meeting in St. Albans, we had no idea of the press coverage that we would receive, the wide representation of librarians who attended, or the impact the meeting would have. Truthfully, I think that not being consulted in any real way about library direction in West Virginia, not being included in decisions about a statewide computer network policy, and not being noticed as relevant to anything but checking books in and out, we really have been conditioned not to expect much. A comment I've heard for years and which has always made me laugh is that "we have libraries in West Virginia so that ineffectual people will have something to do." One time someone told me that our legislators had even commented that at Library Appreciation Day the library people didn't talk to them about library funding. How ineffectual can you get?

Later in the week after the IFC meeting, I rushed home from work to listen to a call-in program on a Charleston radio station about Internet filters in libraries. I got such a kick out of the audience's amazement over the fact that LIBRARIANS were ANGRY

about something. One commentator said, "Librarians were angry at the Governor's attempt to filter the Internet. Now, it takes a lot to get a librarian angry." Even saying the word "librarian" seemed to have some kind of hilarious effect on the announcer. Well, we know. It's the stereotype at work. For once, I really think that the stereotype worked in our favor.

I had forgotten that the stereotype (the bun and the shhh!) is helpful. One time in Beckley, when I worked at the public library, we had to go to court because a patron claimed that a staff member had attacked him physically. The case was all ready to go until the patron's lawyer saw a row of librarians sitting in chairs outside the courtroom. I remember that he did a double take and then said, "What's this? The Ladies' Literary Society?" Knowing that our testimony would be the kiss of death, he raced back into the courtroom and got the client to drop the case. Even I was shocked when I saw the blazing headline in the morning *Charleston Gazette* with "librarians" as the subject and "blast" as the verb. Not the usual combination. Aren't we supposed to believe that we only get our names in the newspaper when we are married and when we die?

We know the stereotype for what it is. We also know that we are a well-kept secret. All our talents came together for us — our ability to work together in an organized and non-hierarchical way, our ability to work hard, our research skills used for our benefit, our rapid communication with one another via the Internet, our dedication to

the value of intellectual freedom and privacy for our patrons, our integrity and our intelligence.

We owe thanks to Paul Nyden, investigative reporter at the *Charleston Gazette*, who wrote such thorough stories because he understood the issue. The same is true for the other print journalists in Charleston and around the state. Many of them wrote columns supporting us or even drew political cartoons. We simply would not have prevailed had we not had them with us.

SELA representative Judy Rule had a quote in this month's WEST VIRGINIA LIBRARIES that struck me as relevant to what we have done on the Internet filtering issue in West Virginia: "When you do the right thing not everyone will rise up and call you blessed." Is that not true? Sometimes you don't know how things will turn out, and you just have to stick to what you believe.

Librarians have always been committed to working for the rights of library users to have free access to information, and we have fought censorship in a way that should make us proud of ourselves. We have been successful but there's so much more to do. I hope that we in WVLA will continue to say what we think and will work together to uplift the citizens of this state through the excellence of our libraries and the people in them. I think controversy sometimes indicates growth and change. You can't always be nice and pleasing to everyone. And, there is a time to take action when you know what needs to be done.

# Report on the ALA National Conference

July, 2000

Council I, II, and III were quite exciting with discussions erupting on several items that concern librarians in all types of libraries. The Executive Director of ALA, William Gordon, presented the finance report, indicating a three million dollar increase in revenue due to monies generated by ALA's partnership in the East Huron Plaza Building they occupy. Mr. Gordon also reported that membership was at an all-time high with 63,000 active members of ALA nationally and internationally.

Council opposed the wording in the original Core Values Task Force report. Several members didn't understand the need to reiterate concepts already presented in the *Library*

*Bill of Rights*. Others indicated that a core values message is needed to reinforce basic concepts essential in intellectual freedom. Since the councilors could not agree on a revision, it was defeated and may be presented again at Midwinter.

The Schools and Libraries Division of ALA recommended that E-rate application process be simplified. It could help encourage 100% participation, since the process is daunting and often the main factor in lack of interest. Council approved the measure.

At Midwinter, the ALA Executive Board commissioned a study on outsourcing of technical and administrative functions for libraries. The report was presented to council simply as information, but a raucous debate ensued! Many councilors spoke in emotional opposition to any type of outsourcing, stating it was the potential demise of the profession. Others indicated they use various types of outsourcing out of necessity as staff and budgets are cut back and demands increase. The document was "received," but no action was proposed.

It was a surprise, but council voted by ONE VOTE to defeat a resolution on an official policy for Library Services for People with Disabilities. Some councilors felt the language was too strong, requiring that smaller/poorer libraries comply with the American Disabilities Act. At my table, we supported the resolution. Strong language

endorsed by ALA could be used as a tool for smaller/poorer libraries to obtain proper funding for accommodation. Also we pointed out that the ADA is federal law. Libraries must comply anyway.

While these issues were controversial, some were simply mundane, but potential problems nonetheless. West Virginia libraries could have been affected by the proposed changes in organizational membership dues. For libraries with budgets over \$1 million dollars per year, dues will go up from \$990 per year to \$1,415. As a potential membership perk, verbiage stated this fee would secure "ALA advocacy via the Washington office." State agencies such as Marshall, WVU, and the Commission may have difficulty getting items of \$1,000 paid out of the state finance office in West Virginia. Our state code strictly forbids us from actively participating in lobbying/advocacy efforts. On our behalf, I suggested the wording be changed to avoid problems for WV state agencies. Councilors from Ohio, Washington State, Kentucky, and Illinois indicated they would be affected in the same way. The verbiage was removed by consent. ALA Executive Board and council actions can be tracked at the [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org) site.

If you would like to draft or support a resolution, see my voting record, or ask questions about the wonderful world of ALA governance, drop in my session at our fall 2000 WVLA Conference. Copies of the council resolutions will be provided along with copies of ALA Executive Board, presidential, and division reports for anyone who is interested. ALA does work for us! When the WV filtering debacle erupted in July, the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee, *American Libraries Online*, and councilors from all over the country were behind us 100%!

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Ribbon cutting for new Terra Alta Library

# Terra Alta Library books across town

The dedication of the relocated Terra Alta Library took place in June. On hand for the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the municipal building were Jim Teets, Chief of Staff of Governor Underwood, Mayor Charles Feathers, Senator Sarah Minear, Larry Williams, WV State Senator and other dignitaries. The Friends of the Terra Alta Library presented librarian Ima Thomas with a \$1,100 check, proceeds of a fund raiser — a hoedown at a local horse barn.

The actual move from a 3,000 square foot space to the 55,000 square feet of a vacated

Ride Aid store took place in March. About forty volunteers moved 47,000 books, 171 video cassettes, shelves, furniture, computers and plants,

The interior of the library is spacious, bright and user-friendly and staff Ima Thomas and Sharon Haskell, as well as the library patrons are happy with the new quarters.

*Eve Rafferty*

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Old Terra Alta Library

Grand opening of library

## *Special Libraries Division seeking assistance*

Mary Strife, Chair, Special Libraries Division, WVLA, is searching for a copy of the division bylaws. To date, she has met with no success. Mary asks that anyone with a copy of the bylaws send them to her. If any readers know of someone who might know about the bylaws, please be in touch with Mary at [mstrife2@wvu.edu](mailto:mstrife2@wvu.edu) or call her at 304-293-4696 x5118.

# The First Amendment, the Internet and libraries

*from the Chronicle of Higher Education,  
Aug. 29, 2000*

Our answer is that the Web is a library. And what you fail to understand is that in a library you have to let people look at what the books are . . . As you know, Ulysses was voted the greatest book of the 20th century. I find it a difficult book to read, and it has some very powerful sexually explicit passages. Now I can walk into that library and I can sign that book out without any problem. But if I want to access the book on the Web site, I violate the law.

The library is a state institution, and the computer I use is a state-owned piece of

property. And so what we're trying to get them to understand is that in the 21st century, the Web has become part of the library and other resources that faculty use to teach and do research.

*(Editors' note: The author is Melvin I. Urofsky, law professor at Virginia Commonwealth University. The subject is the lawsuit filed by state employees, including college professors and librarians, against the Virginia legislature. Virginia now has a law forbidding state employees from accessing pornographic databases. Certain library materials have been included as pornography and are forbidden.)*

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# WVLA Conference tentative schedule

Thursday, November 2

## Pre-conference

### ■ 9:00 a.m. - noon • Internet Filtering Basics

*Additional cost of \$15*

Nationally known head of ALA's office of intellectual freedom, Judy Krug will address the national organization's views of Internet filtering in public libraries. This will include the legal, philosophical and legislative ramifications, and positive solutions for libraries and library trustees. Robert Bastress, Professor of Law at West Virginia University, will discuss the constitutional issues regarding filtering. Co-sponsored by the Intellectual Freedom committee, and the Trustees Division.

### ■ noon • Exhibits open

## Conference

### ■ 1:00 p.m. • First General Session

**The Future of Libraries.** Joyce Gioia, a strategic business futurist, who has been quoted in *Business Week*, *Entrepreneur* and the *Christian Science Monitor*, helps people and organizations prepare for the years ahead. The more we understand trends and their impacts, the stronger we will be. She has co-authored two books: *Lean & Meaningful: a new culture for corporate America* and *Add Value and Thrive*, which hit Amazon.com business bestseller's list. A partner in Roger Herman Associates, she has spoken to a wide variety of audiences.

### ■ 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.

**The Future of Technology.** Warren Hairston, President of Logical Operators, will discuss the future of technology and what you need to know to keep ahead of the coming changes in computers and peripherals. Sponsored by the Automation Roundtable.

**Improving the Library's Image in the Institution.** Linda Lucas Walling, a professor at the University of South Carolina: To us, the library is a key element in an institution. To most institution administrators, it is one very small element in a vast complex. We librarians must compete with those other elements and demonstrate the library's importance. This session will suggest ways to achieve greater positive visibility in an institutional setting. Sponsored by the College and University Division and the Public Library Division

**SASSY.** Lola Miller (West Huntington Branch) and Donna McCoy (Gallaher Village Branch) of the Cabell County Library System will share details about SASSY: Security and Safety for your Senior Years, a series addressing important issues for seniors. They will tell you how they set it up, who helped them, and how you can duplicate this successful program with the help of the manual they produced. This program was funded with a Library Commission LSTA mini-grant.

**Statewide lobbying: how to be successful.** Alabama was very successful with a statewide lobbying effort last year. Over 4 million dollars were allocated for the Alabama Virtual Library. Sue Medina who spear-headed this effort will discuss how to do this here. Only with a statewide effort can we provide increased fund-

ing to all libraries.

**Meeting the Needs of the Early Learner.** Christie Cook, storyteller extraordinaire and expert on providing resources for young children, will provide a workshop, which will highlight books that are appropriate for all developmental stages from birth through second grade. Explanations of developmental thresholds, appropriate concepts and behavior expectations of children, pre-literacy skills, as well as reading aloud techniques will be presented. Ideas will help you and your library meet the needs of the early learner to help create the library patron of tomorrow. Christie Cook, children's coordinator of the Putnam County Library has an Early Childhood degree from WVU and has been conducting story hours for over 22 years as a volunteer and as library staff. She conducts literature and activities workshops for early childhood educators.

### ■ 2:50 - 3:30 p.m. • Visit the Exhibits

### ■ 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

**Consortium Forming: how to begin.** Thelma Hutchins, the new director of Fairmont College, will discuss her experiences at Emory and Henry in Virginia. She was instrumental in forming a purchasing consortium among libraries there. Sponsored by the College and University Division.

**Public Libraries: Bargain of the Century.** Edwin Gleaves, state librarian and archivist from Tennessee, will speak to the issue that public libraries are the bargain of the century. If you have ever had to justify your existence, this will give you insight into why public libraries are essential. Edwin Gleaves has been State Librarian and Archivist of Tennessee since 1987. Prior to that date he served for twenty years as Director of the School of Library and Information Science at George Peabody College for Teachers of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. Sponsored by the Public Library Division.

**Small Library Issues.** Crystal Hamrick will continue, from Spring Fling, her discussion of issues that are of importance to small libraries.

### Roundtables: Automation, Literacy, Preservation

Linda Scott DeRosier will speak on her book *Creeker: a Woman's Journey*. Although currently an academician in Montana, DeRosier identifies herself as an Eastern Kentucky "creeker." Born in Paintsville, Kentucky, she tells the story of her journey from an early marriage to graduate school at Harvard and many other stops on the way. She is a tenured professor, a mother, a grandmother, a psychologist, and storyteller.

### West Virginia Library Commission meeting

### ■ 4:30 - 5:20 p.m.

**Forming a consortium, West Virginia Style.** Thelma Hutchins, new Director at Fairmont State College, and Barbara Winters, new Dean of Libraries at Marshall University, will serve as discussion initiators. Both will share briefly from their consortial

experiences in other states, comparing and contrasting academic-only consortial projects (such as OhioLINK and VIVA) with those of multi-type consortia (such as GALILEO). Discussion will focus on what the next steps ought to be for forming a West Virginia consortium or consortia! The discussion initiators hope that school, public, and academic librarians will all be present to participate in the dialog.

**Managing the Media.** Mary Sue Knowles, from Ann Green Associates, will discuss how to manage the media, whether invited or uninvited. What to say and how to say it. Ann Green Associates is a nationally known company with experience in dealing with disasters from a public relations viewpoint. She will discuss how not to turn the disaster into a public relations nightmare.

**Material for Young Adults.** Adult books for young adults, including graphic novels: what is appropriate? Pat Feehan, professor at the University of South Carolina, will provide guidelines on selection and readers advisory for young adults.

**West Virginian African American authors.** Phyllis Moore will discuss who these authors were and how they are important to the body of West Virginia Literature. She will also include these current authors: Gates, Bickley, Belton, Blue, Bundy, Jordan, Myers, etc. Sponsored by the West Virginia Literature Roundtable.

**Interlibrary loan and reference roundtable business meeting.** Discussion will center on HP Deskmanager and developing brochures for reference and interlibrary loan procedures.

■ **5:20 - 6:10 p.m. • College and University Division business meeting.**

■ **5:30 - 7:30 p.m. • Romance Author dinner.** Join authors Jennifer Crusie, Lori Foster, Judith Lansdowne, Jo Goodman, and Tracy Fobes for dinner and a discussion of the genre.

■ **6:30-8:00 p.m. • Bookwars,** a movie depicting street booksellers in New York City, will be shown.

■ **8:30 p.m. to whenever. • Entertainment/Reception in exhibit area.** *Music by The Carpenter Ants, a local blues and jazz band.*

## Friday, November 3

■ **8:00 a.m. • Past President breakfast**  
*invitation only*

■ **8:00 - 8:50 a.m. • SIRSI users meeting.**

■ **9:00 - 9:50 a.m.**

**Mary Azarian**, children's illustrator and winner of the 1999 Caldecott Award, will discuss her work. Mary Azarian was born in Washington, D.C. in 1940. She studied printmaking with Leonard Baskin, a noted sculptor, at Smith College. In 1962 she moved to Vermont with her partner Tom and taught grades one through eight in a one-room school. Her design of a set of alphabet posters became the illustrations for her first project, *A Farmer's Alphabet* which was nominated for an American Book Award in 1981. In 1970, she founded Farmhouse Press whose primary focus is the

production of posters, limited edition prints, and books. She has illustrated many books, including *Snowflake Bentley* for which she won the Caldecott.

**Taming the Beast: Strategies for coping with Your Library's Umpteen Links to Electronic resources.** Tim Bucknell's presentation of practical tips will include using simple scripts to manage multiple URL database links, solving the problems of synchronization, consistent statistics, remote access and authorization, and link checking. Although presented twice, this program was standing room only at the 1999 LITA (Library and Information Technology Association) meeting. Sponsored by the Reference/Interlibrary Loan Roundtable and the Automation Roundtable.

**Crystal Hamrick** will continue her session on issues of importance to small libraries.

**Modern Safety Issues in Public Libraries.** A professional from the West Virginia State Police will discuss modern safety issues facing the directors and staff of public libraries. Assessing dangerous situations and being aware of the danger zones are two of the topics to be addressed. The West Virginia Library Commission will also distribute a safety packet for your library. Sponsored by the WVLC, Continuing Education.

**Friends Division business meeting**

**Social Responsibility Roundtable business meeting**

■ **10:00 - 10:50 a.m.**

**Copyright laws and their effects on libraries.** Jim Neal, from John Hopkins University, will address the current state of copyright laws and issues. UCITA (Uniform Computer Technology Information Act) has been passed in several states and will affect services that libraries offer their patrons. Jim Neal is an expert on copyright issues and has presented papers at many national and international conferences including IFLA and ACRL. He serves on the ALA Executive Board and was awarded the Academic/Research Library of the Year Award by ACRL in 1997. Sponsored by the Academic Directors Roundtable.

**"The Yellow Brick Road: a Prescription for programming proficiency with Young Adults."** The 1-2-3's of planning and implementing library and media center programs for ages 12-18. We'll be brainstorming... so bring your brains! Discussion will include defining this unique target population, so bring your hearts! And will plan to share your triumphs and failures... so bring your nerve! Pay no attention to the woman behind the curtain: Dr. Pat Feehan, from the University of South Carolina, College of Library and Information Science, will present the program.

**Statistics: what justifies your existence.** Keith Lance, the director of Library Research Service, Colorado Department of Education, State Library and Adult Education department will discuss the importance of keeping accurate statistics. In this age of electronic databases and Internet usage, he will help you redefine what statistics you keep; why and how to report them to your funding sources. Sponsored by the Trustee Division.

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**Mary Azarian** will conduct a **small group** session on wood cut techniques. Participants selected by lottery. See box at registration desk.

**Follett Users meeting.**

**Athena Users meeting.**

## ■ 11:00 - 11:50 a.m.

**Voices from the Hills.** A panel composed of Mary Azarin, George Ella Lyon, Mark Harshman, and Joseph Slate will discuss **children's literature**. Moderated by Cheryl Ryan Harshman.

**Getting Health Care Information to those who need it.** Barbara Withrow from the CamCare Health Information Center, will address the problems and solutions of getting accurate health information to rural communities and to those patrons who need guidance.

**Statistics: what justifies your existence.** Keith Lance continues his discussion.

**Getting Published: pitfalls and safety nets.** Denny Norman, author of *Under the Shade of the Trees*, a biography of the boyhood of Stonewall Jackson, explains how to get your manuscript noticed and published. He has a Masters Degree in education from West Virginia Wesleyan. Graduate of the Army General Command School, and graduate of the Combat Studies Institute he is a retired Lieutenant Colonel. He has worked with adult basic education, taught high school and college. Sponsored by the School Library Division.

**VTLS Users group meeting** facilitated by Beth Nicholson, a member of the VTLS user's group executive board and Director of the Clarksburg-Harrison County Public Library.

## ■ Noon - 2:00 p.m.

**Lunch with Stephen Coonts.** Meet the author of eight *New York Times* best-selling novels, the latest being *Hong Kong*. Coonts was born on July 19, 1946, in Morgantown. He graduated from West Virginia University, in 1968; and the University of Colorado, with a J.D., in 1979. Stephen Coonts is the best-selling author of a series of thriller novels—*Flight of the Intruder*, *Final Flight*, *The Minotaur*, and *Under Siege*—that feature naval aviator Jake Grafton. Like the fictional Grafton, Coonts has flown sophisticated planes for the U.S. Navy, such as the A-6 Intruder. Coonts's nearly ten years of military service included two years in Vietnam, the setting of his first novel, *Flight of the Intruder*. But Coonts insists that Grafton is not his fictional counterpart. "I intentionally tried to make Jake Grafton into Everyman in Vietnam," Coonts said in *People*. "Not handsome, not wise, not witty, not smart. Just average. The book... [is] not my story. I had to be there to write it, but I'm not Jake Grafton."

**Lunch with the Children's authors**

**Visit the exhibits**

## ■ 2:00 - 2:50 p.m.

**Family Programming.** Rob Reid, the Youth Services Coordinator at the Indianhead Federated Library System in Wisconsin, will discuss family programming and how to do it well. Family programming consists of programs that appeal to all ages at once, including spoonerisms, reader's theater, and musical/movement activities. He is a nationally known speaker who has presented these programs at the Public Library Association as well as written the book, *Family Storytimes: twenty-four creative programs for all ages*.

**Lois McMaster Bujold.** Author of the Miles Vorkosigan series and winner of three Hugo Awards, more than any author except Robert Heinlein, she will speak on her works and the writing of science fiction in general. [*If your friends want to come to hear Lois and Eric but don't want to come for the rest of the conference — the fee is \$15.00*]

**Putting Alternative Literature into Libraries:** Why it is important. Chris Dodge joined the staff of the *Utne Reader* in November 1999 after 19 years at the Hennepin County Library. As librarian for the bimonthly digest of "the best of the alternative media," Dodge is responsible for bringing wider attention to publications "beyond the valley of the mega-publishers". With partner Jan DeSirey, Dodge has edited and published an alternative press review since 1998 (MSRRT Newsletter, a publication of the Minnesota Library Association's Social Responsibility Roundtable). Dodge won the 1996 Jackie Eubanks Award for promoting alternative materials in libraries and has been recognized by co-workers with the "Utne Reader First Annual Mr. Alternative Press Award." Co-sponsored by the Intellectual Freedom committee and the Social Responsibility Committee.

**School Library Division business meeting.**

**TLC users group meeting.**

## ■ 3:00 - 3:50 p.m.

**George Ella Lyon.** A children's author from Kentucky who has published two collections of poems, fourteen picture books, three novels for young readers, an autobiography, *A Wordful Child*, and a novel, *With a Hammer for My Heart*, her work was featured in the PBS series, *The United States of Poetry*. Her book *Borrowed Children* is the winner of Golden Kite Award.

**Eric Flint.** A science fiction/fantasy author who wrote *1632* which is set in a small town in West Virginia, will discuss his work. He has co-authored numerous books with David Drake and used to live in Morgantown.

**Chris Dodge** from *Utne Reader* will continue his discussion on putting Alternative literature in libraries.

**Steps to a successful migration.** If you are thinking about moving to another online system and wish to avoid pitfalls and learn from the mistakes of others, come to this session. Libraries across West Virginia have migrated to Athena, Follett, SIRSI, and The Library Corporation. Come talk to librarians who have been in-

involved in these migrations and to SIRSI employees. This program will discuss generic issues.

**Special Library Division business meeting.**

**Government Documents Roundtable business meeting.**

■ 4:00 p.m. • Exhibits close

■ 4:00 - 4:50 p.m.

**Joseph Slate.** A native West Virginian, he began his professional writing career as a reporter on *The Seattle Times*. His books include the prize-winning Miss Bindergarten series and most recently, *Secret Stars*. His awards include an Ohioana Library Association citation (1988) and Delaware's Blue Hen award (1997). A professor emeritus of art at Kenyon College, he has written picture books, poetry, short stories in *The New Yorker*, as well as articles for various newspapers and magazines.

**Rights in the workplace.** What are your rights as an employee and what are your rights as an employer? William McGinley, general council of the West Virginia Education Association will present an overview of the current employee law situation and will welcome your questions and answers.

**Turtle Soup for the Librarian's Soul....** by "The Other Jack Canfield." Jack Canfield outlines results of a professional survey conducted in Kanawha County by RMS Research on the impact of the Internet on today's libraries. The findings will be of interest to library leaders in every county. He will also explore various methods of doing studies that will help you determine your community's library needs and expectations. One such method is Focus groups. Jack Canfield joined Ryan-McGinn-Samples Research, a Charleston-based research and marketing company with offices in Washington and clients across the country after 15 years as vice president for corporate development at Camcare, West Virginia's largest health care system. He is a graduate of Potomac State College and West Virginia University and active on several civic organization's boards.

**Interlibrary loan/Document Delivery Performance Measures Study.** Mary Jackson, Senior Program Officer for Access Services, Association of Research Libraries in Washington, DC is the foremost authority in this field. She will discuss specific characteristics of highly efficient ILL/DD operations and how you can become one. Sponsored by the Reference and Interlibrary Roundtable.

■ 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**Public Library Division business meeting.**

**Academic Directors business meeting.**

■ 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. • Read Aloud of West Virginia reception at Kanawha County Public Library

■ 7:30-9:30 p.m. • Awards banquet

Linda Scott DeRosier, author of *Creeker* will give a motivational speech and national storytelling winners, *The Mountain Women*, will perform a skit written especially for librarians.

## Saturday, November 4

■ 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. • Directors Round-table business meeting.

■ 9:00 - 9:50 a.m.

**"I've Got 90,000 Pounds in My Pajamas"—Increasing Library Funding.**

Library funding is based on the concept of success. Library trustees need to develop skills in sharing that success with the power structure to increase the resources available. **Eric Anderson** is the proprietor of Micro Libraries [www.wiredlibrarian.com](http://www.wiredlibrarian.com), a company with an emphasis on providing technology solutions for libraries. Micro Libraries provides web development, training, web products and library management support. He spent twelve years as the Director of the Ohio Valley Area Libraries (OVAL) with other professional service for the Sioux City Public Library, the State Library of Iowa, as well as District Librarian for the Dakota and Yates City school library districts. Eric has published the *Wired Librarian's Newsletter* since 1983, as well as two books and numerous journal articles. Sponsored by the Trustee Division.

**WVLC Strategic plan update.** Karen Goff, Director of Library Development will discuss the latest revisions to the library commission's plan.

**Language and the workplace.** Celene Seymour's presentation will focus on the way we communicate with our staff, supervisors, and colleagues and how we can improve. She will also discuss ways to improve communication with library users, particularly problem patrons. Celene Seymour has a Ph.D. in linguistics and currently is at the Marshall University Graduate College in South Charleston. Sponsored by the College and University Division.

**West Virginia Literature: what's new?** Gordon Simmons will review new and forthcoming books in West Virginia. A short business meeting of the West Virginia Literature Roundtable will follow.

■ 10:00 -10:50 a.m.

**Rocket eBooks, Softbook, Glassbook Reader, Microsoft Reader, Palm-Pilot, NetLibrary!** Are you confused by all of these choices? This session will provide information on the different types of e-book readers, formats, publishers, and subscriptions. We will share experiences in the public library setting, including policies and procedures that have been tried. E-books: are they the wave of the future and will they replace your current collection of printed materials?

**Internet in Libraries: How to hold a public forum on the issues.** Betty Knighton from the National Issues Forum will facilitate a discussion on the issues concerning the Internet in libraries and society at large. Sponsored by the Intellectual Freedom Committee.

**Friends Groups in Academic Libraries.** John Haskell will discuss Friends groups which can be very supportive and helpful in an academic setting. John Haskell is from the College of William and Mary and has been instrumental in developing a Friends group at the college. Sponsored by the College and University Division.

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**Technology for Trustees.** Eric Anderson continues his presentation to Trustee Division members. The single greatest impact in providing library service in the next decade will be the adoption of technology into the service plan. In our time together, we will attempt to provide trustees with a perspective from which they can make informed technology decisions for their library. Sponsored by the Trustee Division.

**Homeschooling — libraries and homeschools: a perfect combination.** A panel of members of The Kanawha-Putnam Home Educators and librarians will discuss several different ways to develop partnerships with local libraries. As home schooling is a growing phenomena, librarians should be aware of often requested material, home schooling web sites and other aspects of serving this constituency.

■ **11:00 - 11:50 a.m.**

**LSTA: a review.** J. D. Waggoner will discuss the status of LSTA and its implications for libraries. **Trustees are encouraged to attend.**

**ALA update.** Monica Brooks, ALA councilor to the Association will discuss what is happening at the national level.

**Demystifying document delivery: Electronic document delivery in West Virginia.**

WVU Libraries have transformed several traditional services through technology—reaching out to our three distinct Morgantown campuses and also to the various parts of our rural state. Students across campus or at distance education sites in surrounding counties can now access Course Reserves at any time of the day or night, without physically coming to Colson Reserve Library. Digital document delivery provides access to current information to faculty unable to come to the library, students completing their field assignments, academic/hospital libraries throughout West Virginia, and health care practitioners in various areas of the state. The issues involved in getting full-text documents to the user's desktop, the collaborative efforts involved, the software/hardware requirements, and the user education necessary for successful digital information use will be explored. Nancy Wasson and Carroll W. Wilkinson have presented this program previously at the Medical Library Association meeting in Vancouver, B.C. and in Chicago at the ALA annual conference. Sponsored by the College and University Division.

**Internet in the Library continues.**

■ **Noon • Third General Session**

## Children's literature extravaganza



The Children's Services Roundtable is proud to announce the biggest and best line-up yet for Fall Conference. Featured this year are four wonderful creators of books for children—Mary Azarian, George Ella Lyon, Joseph Slate, and Marc Harshman. These authors all find their personal roots in the hills and rural countryside. They will be featured together in a panel entitled *Voices from the Hills*. Besides this panel where they will field your questions about books and children and publishing, the authors will The Roundtable brings them together so that those attending the conference can compare and contrast their works and their approaches to making books for children.

Highlighting the conference is Mary

Azarian, 1999 Caldecott winner for *Snowflake Bentley*. Mary is a print maker and avid gardener who lives in rural Vermont. Her rural roots are a constant source of inspiration for her books. West Virginia librarians will find that they have a lot in common with Mary Azarian and her lifework.

From Kentucky, the poet George Ella Lyon will grace our conference with her beautiful words. As an Appalachian writer, George Ella knows the importance of place, this place, and frequently our region appears in her books.

And from our own West Virginia hills come two writers of books for children. One author, Marc Harshman, is an old friend and his books are well known and

beloved by our children. The other, Joseph Slate, may be a new name to some West Virginia librarians. Joe grew up in the northern panhandle of West Virginia in Hancock County. His books include: *The Star Rocker*; *Who Is Coming to Our House?*; *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten*; *Miss Bindergarten Celebrates the 100th Day of Kindergarten*; and *Miss Bindergarten Stays Home From Kindergarten*. He has recently completed a YA novel *Crossing the Trestle* as well as a new picture book *Story Time for Little Porcupine*.

Plan to attend their panel discussion, their individual workshops, and don't miss the special luncheon with these talented creators of children's books.

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this RFP. The capabilities that this RFP seeks could deny access to information to our academic user communities.

My first concern is content - collection development policies in academic libraries. Article II of the *Library Bill of Rights* states that "Libraries should provide materials and information presenting all points of view on current and historical issues. Materials should not be proscribed or removed because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval." Academic librarians do not steer our users away from researching a particular topic because we personally feel it is inappropriate. No existing filters have the ability to be content neutral. Academic libraries have collections in the areas of human sexuality, gay and lesbian studies, women's studies, and medicine that contain words that filters would select as unacceptable. The Supreme Court has been unwilling to endorse censorship that limits the freedom of adult library users. If a filter is applied to an academic library terminal, it may (not guaranteed) filter out most speech unacceptable for minors but it will certainly filter out speech that is constitutionally protected for adults under the First Amendment. The software described in this RFP could restrict access based on certain ratings applied by special interest groups, or by scans of content based on key words or text strings, and it could restrict access to Internet information based on the source of the information. These are chilling prospects for academic libraries.

My second area of concern is access. Academic libraries provide the gateway for our users to find information stored on computers around the world. The individual user chooses what electronic resources to access, whether it is our own online catalog or information available from other libraries, commercial data-

bases, or the ever-changing World Wide Web. Academic librarians do not look over users' shoulders to see what they are viewing. To do so would invite arbitrary and discriminatory enforcement of access. In March of this year, ALA's legal counsel, Jenner & Block, denounced so-called "tap on the shoulder" policies. Filtering and monitoring are electronic versions of "tap on the shoulder," but even more insidious with their ability to record and store that information without the user being informed or aware.

The RFT also mentions the ability to block Internet chat. A number of faculty at WVU are using chat rooms as a method of communication with their students.

Librarians and library staff must have open access to do our jobs. Terrance Burton, Director of WVU's Health Sciences Library, told me yesterday, "On the staff side, we are not uncommonly viewing sites for inclusion on bibliographies or linking lists that may fit someone's definition of unacceptable. Even if deemed not to be worth including, the open access to sites for quality determination is valuable, and many sites do not have easily interpretable URLs." Certainly the library does not condone the use of library terminals to access material that is obscene, child pornography, or harmful to minors. But neither do we endorse filters or other intervention to routinely determine who is accessing such material.

My third concern is privacy. The software being sought in this RFP could be extremely intrusive. For many years, academic libraries have recognized that library circulation records and other records identifying individual users are confidential in nature. We resist making records available, even in the face of process, order, or subpoena, until we determine with our legal counsel that a proper

showing of good cause has been made in a court of competent jurisdiction. Does anyone else here remember the FBI Library Awareness Program of the late 1980s? In this program, FBI agents would approach library circulation desks and ask staff and student workers about "suspicious looking foreigners" and ask to see circulation records. The end result of these experiences was ALA's *Policy on Confidentiality of Library Records*. I am not pleased with the ability being sought in the RFP to track a library user's Internet activity, record what sites were visited, when, and how many clicks. And I am certainly nervous about the recording, reporting, and storing of this activity by some governmental agency. I previously mentioned library staff use in Mr. Burton's comment. For all our users, librarians have an ethical and professional responsibility to maintain confidentiality of personally identifiable use of library materials, facilities, or services, including electronic circulation records and online use records, or online search strategies. If these records persist in the electronic environment, they must be strictly safeguarded and highly privileged. We must insist that WVNET's policies regarding our users not violate the *Library Bill of Rights*. We must see written policy on confidentiality for the network and be certain that our users are informed about network use policy.

If the capabilities of filtering software described in this RFP were applied to academic library staff and public terminals, we would be restricting access to constitutionally protected information for adults, and information that serves the needs and interests of our academic communities, information of value to our users. I urge you not to relent in the face of this latest attack. Thank you.

# WVLA Executive Board Meeting Minutes

June 15, 2000

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting of the executive board of WVLA was called to order by President Pam Coyle at 10:30. Those attending were Pam Coyle, Dottie Thomas, Judy Duncan, Cheryl Harshman, Julie Spiegler, Charley Hively, Monica Brooks, Judy Rule, Denise Ash, Susan Reilly, David Dalzell, Yvonne Farley, Peggy Turnbull, Betty Gunnoe, Lynn Pauley, Joanna Calzonetti, and Suzette Lowe.

**II. Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2000 meeting of the executive board was made by Lynn Pauley, seconded by Dottie Thomas with motion passing.

**III. Treasurer's Report:** The financial statement was prepared and presented by Treasurer Denise Ash with the document being placed on file. At this point, there were no outstanding bills. The treasurer pointed out that Spring Fling, after all costs were addressed, made a profit of over \$4,000. A motion was made by Peggy Turnbull to approve the treasurer's report with Betty Gunnoe seconding - motion carried.

**IV. Membership:** Cheryl Harshman, Membership Chair, presented the following report: Total membership is 702 with new members totaling 75. By division, the membership breakdown is: Academic 88; Friends 33; Public 333; School: 17; Special 27; Trustees 202; Other 8; Honorary 7. At the end of June 5, the 117 people who had not paid their dues would be dropped from the roster, leaving a total of 585 members. By Roundtable, the membership breakdown is: Academic Directors 22; Automation: 100; Children's 99; Directors 84; Government Documents 31; ILL/Reference 69; Preservation 35; Social Responsibilities 53; WV Literature 109.

President Pam Coyle stated that she would send out a list of those who had not rejoined to the Executive Board in an effort to contact those members and encourage membership. Cheryl suggested that it is very cloudy as to when membership renewal is due. A lot of people think that membership lasts from the month they pay their dues when, in reality, membership is from January to January no matter when they pay their dues. She suggested this is an issue that

needs to be addressed.

## VI. Division Reports:

**A Trustees:** David Dalzell, president of the Trustee Division, reported that a number of letters had been sent to trustees informing them of the issues. The four regional meetings planned include one at each conference, Spring Fling and Annual Conference since they are in two of the geographic regions. His goal continues to be encouraging active participation. There has been an adjustment to the conference with *Judy Crew* possibly being on Saturday so that trustees could attend.

**B College and University:** Peggy Turnbull, chair of the division, reported that with new library directors at three of the major colleges, WVU, Fairmont, Marshall, and changes to higher education by the WV Legislature, the division is waiting till things settle to determine their focus for this year.

**C Public Libraries:** Lynn Pauley, chair of the division, reported that over 300 people attended Spring Fling but, according to the evaluation sheets, very few looked at the web page for any information about the conference. She reported that she is still trying to get a romance author for the annual conference and still needed two nominees for public library chair for 2001-2002. Next year's Spring Fling will be April 5 and 6, 2001 at the Days Inn in Flatwood. Charley Hively suggested a letter of appreciation be sent to the Days Inn for their excellent work this year. A suggestion was made that perhaps Spring Fling could be extended to Saturday morning. It was also pointed out that on the Spring Fling financial report Marketing sales were not included.

**D Special Libraries:** With the absence of the chair of the division, President Pam Coyle reported that the division was still working on their by-laws.

**E School:** President Pam Coyle reported that this division is continuing to work on programs for the annual conference

**F Friends:** Pam Coyle reported that the result of letters being sent to Friends groups asking for support of Legislative Day, she also asked for suggestions for a chair of the

division with no responses being returned.

**VII. Roundtables:** Charley Hively, round table representative, reported that after contacting Linda Hedinger about the signatures on the petition for adding a Literacy Roundtable, it was found that some of the signatures were from expired members or non-members. The petition, after eliminating inaccurate signatures, is one signature short of the required number for action. Charley has contacted them with this information. Charley also reported that Sharon Saye, chair of the directors' roundtable, has requested \$900 in advance for a director's meeting or conference to bring in an speaker on administrative topics. She would need \$300 up front and other roundtables would possibly have to donate part of their budget to cover the request. President Pam Coyle suggested that the directors would have to cover the expense and factor in the cost of refreshments with Charley stating that he felt that Sharon would not want to charge for attendance but that he would check. Since the budget for the next fiscal year is not set till December, it was suggested that Sharon go ahead and plan activities realizing that her roundtable needs to cover any costs. President Pam Coyle suggested that a possibility would be to apply to the Continuing Education roundtable for some funding.

Charley reported that the Government Documents roundtable delayed their meeting and he had no report from that roundtable.

Charley stated that he had sent letters to all the roundtables concerning the issues of inactivity and what action the executive board is considering for roundtables that have shown no activity. He had responses from Children's, Reference/ILL, Directors, Government Documents and had no response from Preservation, WV Literature, Social Responsibilities. Academic Directors will meet at a later date. It was pointed out that an inactive roundtable is one with no visible action in the form of meetings or programs. Many don't have meetings but do sponsor or present programs at the conferences, in particular the WV Literature Roundtable. Charley was asked to encourage the chair of that roundtable to send out letters keeping in touch with his membership. President Pam Coyle suggested sending out surveys to the roundtable members

to see what they expect from their particular roundtables. At this point, the action of the board was to leave the roundtables as they currently are.

**VIII. ALA Councillor:** Monica Brooks reported that the ALA Conference will be held in July, 2000. The executive board of ALA defeated a movement to have a committee evaluation of the board. The executive director of ALA wants to recruit a development officer to advance fund-raising efforts. Monica reported that the proposed Front Page pre-conference will not be available due to a lack of computers and licensing. She is trying instead to get an orientation meeting to train people to combat UCITA legislation which would give power to vendors to determine intricacies of licensing agreements which can lead to a monopoly of the publishing industry and legislate copyright down to the end user. Monica would like to see a UCITA task force. For the ALA conference in Chicago, WVLA would only have to pay for rooms.

**IX. Federal Relations:** Betty Gunnoe reported that those attending ALA Day did not see any legislators but did speak to representatives in each office. They talked about UCITA, internet censorship with the idea that local libraries should be in charge but no commitment came from the legislative representatives. The next ALA Day will be April 30 - May 1, 2001. Betty stated that there is a need to be especially vigilant next year and to be in contact with Representative Bob Wise's replacement. Six people attended from WV with 500 attending as a whole, which was more of a presence than last year.

**X. SELA Representative:** Judy Rule reported that she and Pam Coyle attended the Leadership Conference. The speakers were very good and there will be a report in WV Libraries concerning the conference. On the WVLA ListServ, there will be a scholarship to attend next year's conference. It was also noted that PLA offers scholarships to attend the ALA Conference.

**XI. WV Libraries:** The current issue is at the printers and will be 16 pages. The next can be as large as 20 pages. The deadline for articles is July 15.

**XII. WV Library Commission:** David Price requested possible candidates for the ALA/ALTA National Advocacy Honor Roll.

Each state is allowed a limited number of candidates for inclusion. Several names were suggested but biographical information need to be sent to Pam by June 19, 2000.

UCITA was passed by Maryland and Virginia. COSLA (Chief Officers of State Library Agencies) plans continuing education on this issue. Mr. Price says that UCITA threatens the fair use of copyright. In the WV Legislature, there is no mention yet, but momentum from other states is a concern. In Virginia, it is seen as a pro-business act. Mr. Price encouraged education and information from WVLA on the issue.

Mr. Price announced that he has been appointed to the COSLA sub-committee on advocacy of reinstatement of LSTA funding which is continuous funding. The first meeting was the past weekend. He stated that urban libraries want direct aid with WV having no library considered to be urban. COSLA wants to avoid conflict and focus on adding value and national support for funding.

Karen Goff gave an overview of strategic planning and grants in aid. All nine public meetings have been held concerning strategic planning. The plan is in revision process. The GIA agreements have gone out and are due back June 23, 2000. As of the WVLA board meeting, the special projects of the legislative budget digest had not been announced. The state auditor has cut 3% in first quarter of the general fund which could affect special projects.

Mr. Price announced that a committee has been established by the Legislative Interim Committee to deal with libraries and that this committee would be wanting facts concerning needs, how much funds libraries have left at the end of fiscal years, etc. Judy Rule and Myra Ziegler have been appointed as consultants by the State Senate. The House of Delegates leadership has made no library appointments as of the board meeting.

The WVLC will be putting the basic issues that the committee wants to address on the web page. The committee does cover health, human services, and libraries.

### XIII. Committee Reports:

**A Auditing:** No report

**B Conference:** The annual conference to be held in Charleston is being organized. There was discussion concerning opening the two author sessions to non-members and charging and having an exhibit pass

required to get a book signed. There was discussion concerning putting a question on the registration form to determine how many would want to attend the authors sessions and possibly raising the rate for non-member attendance so there would be a marked difference from members' fee. Yvonne Farley asked that there be press passes. Judy Duncan suggested offer vendors the change to sponsor sessions and provide giveaways. There was much discussion concerning offering a part on Thursday night, possibly with a jazz ensemble from Kanawha County Library. It was noted that Kanawha County Library has also offered its tech lab for the entire conference. Any suggestions concerning the conference need to be sent to President Pam Coyle.

**C Constitution and By-Laws:** The main topic is the public relations position. Pam suggested that someone needs to work on this all year with Yvonne suggesting that someone be paid to do the position. Karen Goff suggested doing away with the committee and having the president appoint someone. Denise Ash stated that an accountant needed to be the paid position before public relations. It was suggested that PR and WV Libraries be combined and become a paid position. This would be a by-laws change - not a constitutional change. The change could be made at conference with no prior announcement being made. No action was taken at the board meeting.

**D Continuing Education:** Judy Duncan reported that the genealogy workshops had been held with good reviews by those attending. Beckley's workshop would be re-scheduled. Judy asked for suggestions for a summer continuing education and noted that there had been a lot of requests for personnel and employee law.

**E Elections:** No report

**F Finance:** No report

**G Handbook:** No report

**H Intellectual Freedom:** Yvonne Farley reported that the intellectual freedom committee had sponsored a session at Spring Fling and held a reception for Sandy Berman. The committee is co-sponsoring the Burning Issues Exhibit and plans a WVLA annual conference session. The committee has been holding regular meetings. The goal is edu-

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cation, particularly of trustees. The Center for Civil Life will be sponsoring discussion groups around the state on internet use in public libraries and schools. Yvonne suggested that there needs to be a change in the method of responding to intellectual freedom issues - there need to be guidelines for rapid response.

**I Legislative:** No report because their meeting was to be held after the executive board meeting.

**J Library Appreciation Day:** An outstanding check from SIRSI for \$2500 will be on its way.

**K Marketing:** Julie Spiegler reported that the total sales from Spring Fling were \$1264.75. On Saturday, June 17, WVLA Marketing will be at the Kanawha County Street Fair and in October at the WV Black Walnut Festival in Spencer.

**L Membership:** No report

**M Nominating:** The nominating committee presented the following slate of officers with Charley Hively moving to accept and Denise Ash seconding.

1st Vice-President nominees: Sharon Saye and Julie Spiegler

2nd Vice-President nominees: Kathleen Bledsoe and Gordon Simmons  
ALA Councilor : Monica Brooks

**N Public Relations:** No report

**O Awards:** Suzette Lowe reported that one author, Stephen Coonts, had been nominated for recognition by Gordon Simmons. It was requested that everyone look over lists for past winner of the Dora Ruth Parks award with it being noted that someone can win twice.

**P Site Selection:** Denise Ash moved, with Charley Hively seconding, that Pipestem State Park be the site of the October 2002 WVLA annual conference.

**Q Web Page:** No report

**XIV. Old Business:** A New Logo for WVLA contest: no entries had been received. It was suggested that WVU, Marshall, and other college art departments be contacted.

**IV. New Business:** None

**XI. Correspondence:** The WV Alliance for Better Campaigns wants WVLA to support their campaign for limited free air time on radio and television for all political candidates. Peggy Turnbull suggested that the legislative committee study the issue, thus no action was taken at this time.

**XII. Announcements:** The next meeting of the executive board will be the South Branch Inn at Moorefield on September 15, 2000.

The motion to adjourn was made by Lynn Pauley and seconded by Denise Ash.

## WVLA Past President to serve on West Virginia Library Commission

Charles A. Julian, Ph.D. of Wheeling, W.Va. was recently selected to serve on the West Virginia Library Commission.

Governor Cecil H. Underwood, by and with the advice and consent of the state Senate, appointed Julian. He is one of nine West Virginia citizens selected to serve a four-year term.

The Commission grants assistance, advice and counsel to all school, state-institutional, free and public libraries, and to all communities in the state, which may propose to establish libraries. Administering state grants-in-aid funding to public libraries is also one of its duties. With cooperation and through partnerships with other public and private organizations, agencies and institutions, the Commission provides access to and use of combined information resources.

"Library and information centers have changed dramatically over the past few decades and it is particularly challenging to participate in ventures designed to meet the growing information needs of our state's citizens," said Julian. "The West Virginia Library Commission leads many efforts and projects to provide the best possible library and information services and programs to our fellow citizens."

The 1971 graduate of Warwood High School (Wheeling, W.Va.) received a bachelor's degree in education in 1975 from Glenville State College. He attended the University of Sheffield, England, on a Rotary International Fellowship, where he received a master's degree in information studies. He

obtained a master's in library science degree in 1979 from the George Peabody College of Teachers of Vanderbilt University. Then in 1990, Julian received a doctor of philosophy degree in library science from the Florida State University.

In the past, Julian has worked as a library information specialist at Adena High School in Frankfort, Ohio; Moundsville Junior High School; Parkersburg Community College; and at Glenville State College. In 1992, he joined the staff at the Robert C. Byrd National Technology Transfer Center (NTTC) at Wheeling Jesuit University. He is currently employed at the NTTC as Manager, Knowledge-Based Services/Intellectual Property.

Over the years, he has been active in a number of professional associations including the American Library Association, Association of College and Research Libraries, Special Libraries Association and the West Virginia Library Association (WVLA). Julian is very active in the Wheeling community as well. He is secretary-treasurer of the Leadership Wheeling Alumni Association, secretary-treasurer of the Ohio County Public Library Board of Trustees, a member of the Friends of Wheeling and served as founding president of the Rotary Club of Ohio County. He is also a frequent contributor to professional publications and conducts numerous training seminars and sessions.

"It is an honor to accept Governor Underwood's appointment and to take advantage of the opportunity to contribute to future successes of our state's library and information centers," Julina said.

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## Calendar

### October

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

15-21 Teen Read Week

27 Preserving Brittle  
Paper Workshop

• Huntington Museum of Art  
215-545-0613

27 Fall Festival of Children's  
Books— featuring  
*Virginia Hamilton and Lois Lewry*  
• Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

### November

1 Family Literacy Day  
13-19 Children's Book Week

*NOTE: West Virginia Library Commission meetings are set monthly and dates will vary.  
Please check the WVLC web site for the exact date, time, agenda  
and minutes each month at <http://www.wvlc.lib.wv.us>*

## A note from the editors

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January 15 for February issue  
March 15 for April issue  
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September 15 for October issue  
November 15 for December issue

## WVLA Membership Information

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## NEXT ISSUE:

*Annual Conference  
Wrap-up*



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Dear WVLA Member:

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The enclosed TENTATIVE schedule includes many topics that have been requested in past evaluations. You have the opportunity to hear many nationally known speakers and authors. The registration fee and costs of the full conference are a bargain when all factors are considered.

From copyright to home schooling, you have a choice of

presentation topics that are essential to quality service in all types of libraries.

If you have a friend or relative who would enjoy one of the events with the authors, tickets can be purchased to just these individual events. Please call or e-mail me at covle@scpl.wvnet.edu or 304-744-6561.

Encourage your friends and colleagues to attend. See you in Charleston!

Sincerely,



Pamela Coyle, President

# **West Virginia Libraries: "Unlocking the Future"**

## **West Virginia Library Association's**

### **Annual Conference 2000**

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### **REGISTRATION FORM**

*Please Print or Type the Information Below.*

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_ First name: \_\_\_\_\_

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First Time Conference Attendee? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Are you physically challenged? YES \_\_\_\_\_ What reasonable accommodation do you wish the Association to make for you (i.e. deaf/sign interpreter, etc.)? You must indicate what special arrangements are needed prior to October 16, 2000. Please list accommodations: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **CONFERENCE FEES**

*NOTE: To receive the pre-registration WVLA Member discount rate, full payment must be received on or before October 16, 2000.*

*ALSO NOTE: Pre-Conference registration fee is **NOT** included in Full Conference registration fee.*

	<i>Pre-registration Member Rate Rate</i>	<i>On Site/Late WVLA Member</i>	<i>Non-member Rate</i>	<i>Payment Enclosed</i>
PRE-CONFERENCE	\$15	\$20	\$30	_____
FULL CONFERENCE	\$50	\$65	\$75	_____
THURSDAY ONLY	\$20	\$25	\$35	_____
FRIDAY ONLY	\$25	\$30	\$40	_____
SATURDAY ONLY	\$20	\$25	\$35	_____

## **SPECIAL MEALS**

***NOTE** — Purchase of tickets for all special meals cannot be guaranteed onsite during Conference.*

	MEMBER	NON-MEMBER		
THURSDAY • ROMANCE DINNER	\$25___	\$30___	Chicken___	Vegetarian___
FRIDAY • STEPHEN COONTS LUNCH	\$22___	\$27___	Beef___	Vegetarian___
APPALACHIAN CHILDREN'S AUTHORS	\$22___	\$27___	Beef___	Vegetarian___
FRIDAY • EVENING BANQUET	\$27.50___	\$30___		

**TOTAL REGISTRATION FEES ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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