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## A Letter from ALA



by Michael Dowling

ear Colleagues: The mission of the American Library Association (ALA) is "to provide leadership for the development, promotion, and improvement of library and information services and the profession of librarianship in order to enhance learning and ensure access to information for all."

ALA's mission is global.

With 2.000 international members in 113 countries, ALA is committed to providing learning and networking opportunities for librarians, libraries, and others around the world.

On behalf of the 66,000 ALA members, staff, and supporters I am pleased to write this introduction to this special "International Supplement" provided by American Libraries magazine, the flagship publication of the Association.

This special supplement provides you with descriptions of ALA services and resources that can help you enhance your professional skills and knowledge to better serve your library and your community.

Here is some of what's in the pages that follow:

■ Sister Libraries—An ALA initiative to partner libraries outside the United States with libraries

- in the United States. Both libraries benefit from the interaction and experiences.
- ALA Editions—ALA publishes 30 to 40 new books from expert authors on all aspects of librarianship that provide valuable insight and guidance. Learn from the best on how to move yourself and your library forward.
- Web-Based Continuing Education-ALA's wide range of webbased courses are perfect for international librarians to increase their knowledge without ever having to leave home.
- Conferences—ALA's Annual Conference attracts over 20.000 attendees, with hundreds of programs and exhibitors. ALA has created many special services to ensure that international participants feel welcome. ALA divisions also offer a variety of additional conferences, institutes, and forums.
- Collection Development—ALA helps build your library collection through two review publications, Booklist for general materials and Choice for academic materials. Both now have easy to access online subscriptions that appeal to international libraries.

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- **Membership**—ALA membership is open to anyone, anywhere. You can be a personal member, or your library, company, or organization can be a member. International librarians and libraries receive a reduced rate on memberships.
- Networking—ALA's newest service is ALA Connect, a fully interactive social networking community.

I hope that this supplement provides a useful introduction to the many services that ALA provides, and that you find a number of resources here that will benefit you and your library.

Sincerely,

Michael Dowling

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Director

ALA International Relations Office

## Sister Libraries

o promote the concept of a global community of libraries, the American Library Association (ALA) is encouraging libraries from around the world to form partnerships with libraries in the United States. Participants in the ALA Sister Library Initiative choose the level of involvement with their Sister Library based upon the mutual needs of the libraries, and make commitments at levels that are comfortable for both participants. Some partnerships are informal, while others may involve formal contracts and ceremonies.

The Sister Library program is designed to help raise awareness of issues and needs facing libraries in various countries. The Des Plaines

(Illinois) Public Library has a Sister Library relationship with the Biblioteca Benjamin Franklin in Guadalajara, Mexico.

"Thus far our major event has been hosting a librarian from the Biblioteca Benjamin Franklin for one week," said Jill Franklin at Des Plaines. "Our visiting Mexican librarian observed public service desks, attended meetings, and acquired a small taste of Chicago and American public libraries to bring back to Guadalajara." In exchange, one of the librarians from Des Plaines spent one week in Guadalajara in spring 2008 learning how their unique public library operates and experiencing Mexican culture. A Sister Library relationship can be a catalyst for cultural exchanges that ultimately brings greater numbers

of the local community into the

The Sister Libraries program offers opportunities to learn more about a region or country represented by an immigrant group in your community. For example, the Crawford County Library in Grayling, Michigan, is celebrating its sister library relationship with Shetland Island Libraries (U.K.) with month-long activities including a Scottish Storyteller, a Celtic music concert in the park, shearing of Shetland sheep, a tartan display, and even sending U.K. Shetland ponies to library outreach programs in settings like child care centers and nursing homes.

"We are also sending books from our local authors including Paleo Joe and Jonathan Rand to be shared with

#### SISTER LIBRARY CHECKLIST

- **B** efore beginning to identify and locate a potential Sister Library for your institution, consult this quick checklist. Depending on your individual situation, there may be other steps you need to take.
- Read about the Sister Library initiative at http://wikis.ala.org/sisterlibraries. Check the Resources page for additional information and new updates.
- Educate your staff and administration about the Sister Library idea.
- Analyze your library's needs—how could your library benefit?
- Identify your library's resources—what could you offer a Sister Library?
- Determine the level of commitment that you and your institution can make and who will be responsible for overseeing the project.
- Determine your budget for this program.
- Get approval and financial backing from your institution (i.e., board, administration, advisory group).
- Get your community involved. First involve the library community. Then involve the public or your school, university, college, or institutional community.
- Organize a local committee.
- Be flexible. The other library may have somewhat different objectives and expectations. Both libraries need to be involved in shaping the relationship.

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the youth across the sisterhood," said Bambi Mansfield, director at Crawford County. "We will be reading Raven Black by Anne Cleaves—a murder mystery based on the Shetland Islands. We will be creating professional relationships with peers throughout the library systems. This is going to be an ongoing relationship and we are thrilled."

There are many other reasons to build a partnership with a library in another country beyond promoting awareness of the library and its international "reach." A freer and more personal exchange of information between libraries improves

access to published information in both countries. Sharing techniques and technologies to help solve problems broadens both your own and your staff's view of the library profession. The Sister Library program helps participants share strengths through the exchange of resources and expertise while addressing weaknesses in services by providing resources, training, and cultural exposure.

The directory of current participants, as well as a list of libraries seeking Sister relationships is at http://wikis.ala.org/sisterlibraries/ index.php/The\_Directory. ■

#### **CONNECT WITH COLLEAGUES**

he American Library Association has taken a big step in making membership more interactive and useful throughout the year. Check out



ALA Connect, the Association's new professional networking space where you can meet, interact, discuss, and work collaboratively in real-time, or at your own pace, with other members from around the library world. ALA Connect <a href="http://connect.ala.org">http://connect.ala.org</a> is your access to the entire ALA membership, plus groups related to libraries, your work, and your interests.

You can immediately log in to Connect using your regular ALA website username and password. Every committee, membership area and registered event has a group waiting for you to interact with—and in. International members are invited to join a dedicated group at <a href="http://connect.">http://connect.</a> ala.org/node/72959 as well as the International Relations Round Table at <a href="http://connect.ala.org/irrt">http://connect.ala.org/irrt</a>. There are hundreds of librarians already involved in groups like Sister Libraries, collections, and technical services. ALA membership is automatically synchronized in Connect, so your personal affiliations with ALA's committees, divisions, sections, round tables, and events are displayed prominently to encourage discussion and connection among members.

ALA Connect has an intuitive interface—if you have ever used any social networks or library 2.0 tools, it will be familiar. The nicest part of http://connect.ala.org is that your account is already set up as a feature of your membership. It's certainly worth exploring. You may just find connections to other people, ideas, and resources that are unexpected.

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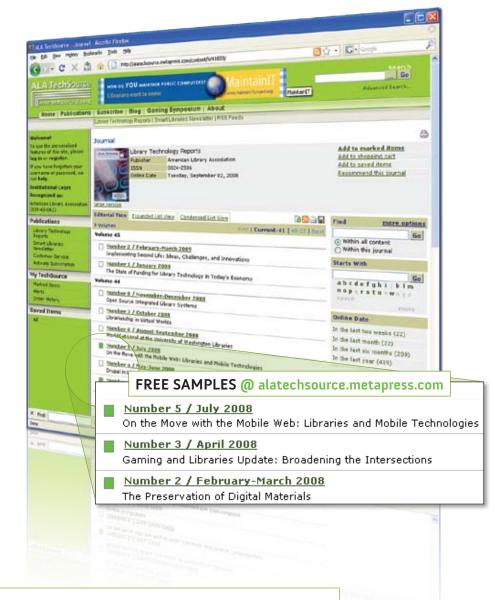
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#### Association of College and Research Libraries

Coming Fall 2009

#### Web courses:

Web Design and Construction for Libraries, Part 1 Instructional Design for Online Teaching and Learning Electronic Collection Development Implementing Online Teaching and Learning Introduction to Website Usability

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#### Webcasts:

Introduction to Taxonomy Development Podcasting for Libraries The Role of the Librarian in Combating Student Plagiarism

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#### Association for Library Collections & Technical Services

Coming Fall 2009



#### Web courses:

Fundamentals of Acquisitions Fundamentals of Electronic Resource Acquisitions Fundamentals of Collection Development and Management

#### Look for these later in the year:

Fundamentals of Cataloging Fundamentals of Preservation

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#### Library Leadership and Management Association

 $Coming\,2009-2010$ 

Courses are being developed on leadership and management. Visit the LLAMA website later in the fall for more information: www.ala.org/llama.

#### **Public Library Association**

#### A sample of on-demand courses for public librarians includes:

Connect to the Online World:
Public Internet Access

Create Young Readers: Early

Literacy

Get Facts Fast: Ready Reference

Learn to Read and Write: Adult, Teen, and Family

Literacy

Make Informed Decisions: Health, Wealth, and Other

Life Choices

Stimulate Imagination: Reading, Viewing, and Listening

for Pleasure

Understand How to Find, Evaluate, and Use

Information: Information Fluency

Visit a Comfortable Place: Physical and Virtual Spaces

Courses are offered continually on-demand throughout the year. Visit the PLA website for more information and schedules: <a href="www.ala.org/pla">www.ala.org/pla</a>. Click e-learning@PLA.

#### Reference and User Services Association

#### Coming Fall 2009

#### Web courses:

Reference Interview Business Reference 101 Marketing Basics for Libraries Readers' Advisory 101

Courses are offered continually throughout the year. Visit the RUSA website for more information and schedules: <a href="www.ala.org/rusa">www.ala.org/rusa</a>. Click Professional Development.

#### Young Adult Library Services Association

#### $Coming\,2009-2010$



#### Web courses offered on teen services include:

Boys and Books: Encouraging Early Teen and Tween Boys to Read

New Technologies and New Literacies for Teens Reaching Teens with Gaming Reaching Teens Virtually

More courses are being scheduled on serving your teen audience. Visit the YALSA website for more information and schedules: <a href="https://www.ala.org/yalsa">www.ala.org/yalsa</a>. Click Online Courses.



## ALA Membership

by John Chrastka, ALA Director for Membership Development

ersonal membership in the American Library Association (ALA) is available at discounted rates for librarians and library workers practicing outside of the United States. International members (US\$78) receive full rights and benefits of ALA Membership including eligibility to serve on committees, run for office, and join any division or round table. ALA will also extend official letters of invitation to our international members upon request.

Personal members in ALA comprise a community of individual librarians, library workers, faculty, trustees, and friends focused on promoting library services in school, academic, and public settings; expanding the visibility and reach of the library profession; and ensuring that libraries of all types are funded, staffed, and equipped for the future.

Joining ALA as a personal member brings you in close contact with other members interested in similar areas of library service and adds your voice to the thousands of current members in support of library issues at local, state, and federal levels.

All members receive equal access to ALA resources and benefits, and all personal members have the same eligibility to vote in ALA elections, hold office, and serve on committees. Direct benefits of personal membership include:

- a subscription to *American* Libraries magazine and American Libraries Direct, the weekly e-newsletter:
- discounts on registration rates for Annual Conference, the Midwinter Meeting, and divisional national conferences and symposia; and
- access to several membersonly discount programs, including medical, life, long-term care, auto, and home insurance, plus discounts on services like car rentals, vacation tours, and travel.

While many divisions and round tables will be interesting to you, our International Relations Round Table (IRRT) will be particularly relevant. IRRT creates connections between librarians in the United States and abroad, providing you with access to peers around the world who are interested in similar areas of librarianship as well as issues affecting library service delivery in various communities. IRRT is staffed by our International Relations Office and is the center of activity for International members around the association. IRRT membership is free upon request to ALA members residing outside of the United States.

Get started as a member today by joining ALA online.



■ NEW AL Focus videos!

I Love My Librarian: Scenes from the ceremony held in New York City, with comments from winners of the prestigious national award sponsored by the New York Times and Carnegie Corporation of New York.

Gaming, Learning, Libraries: Scenes from the recent ALA TechSource Gaming, Learning, and Libraries Symposium in Oak Brook, Illinois, demonstrate the benefits of games as a learning tool for library users.

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## **ALA Conferences**

Meeting colleagues from around North America and the world at the American Library Association Annual Conference and Midwinter Meeting

by Delin Guerra

o other event in the world offers information professionals a better opportunity to learn about the current issues and trends in the fields of library and information science and technology than the ALA Annual Conference. Every year more than 20,000 information professionals from around the globe attend the Annual Conference. There are many ways for you to participate:

Orientation—Orientation provides a special introduction to ALA, the conference, and the conference host city. ALA members will provide an overview of how to make the most of your conference experience, as well as recommend programs and social activities.

Mentors—Participating in the Mentors program pairs international members with a U.S. librarian who serves as an advisor to help you navigate the Conference. If you are interested, please check the Mentor box on your Conference registration form.

**Preconference**—A preconference is a half-day program that focuses on how U.S. libraries are managing some of the important issues affecting librarians around the world.

#### International Poster Sessions-

These sessions give members an opportunity to promote the activities of their libraries, showcase innovative programming, and share

ideas with colleagues worldwide.

International Papers—ALA invites international librarians to submit paper proposals on how your library or country is addressing a selected topic. To learn more about submitting an application to present a paper, contact the International Relations Office.

International Reception—A special evening reception will be held in your honor so that international guests and U.S. colleagues may network and socialize.



Lounge-In the lounge you'll find a place where you can relax, review the conference program, or even hold a small meeting with newfound colleagues and friends. Computers with Internet access are provided. ALA volunteers are available to answer questions and provide assistance.





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#### Registration, Hotel, and Travel Information

Information on hotels and registration is available online several months before an Annual Conference takes place. You may preregister directly through ALA using the online registration form at the ALA website. A preliminary schedule of conference programs is posted prior to the conference so that you can plan your time and optimize your experience.

#### Exhibiting at ALA Annual Conference and Midwinter Meeting

ALA Annual Conference attracts librarians from all levels of the profession and from all types of libraries across North America and the world. It serves as a meeting place for leadership, learning, networking, and as a forum to exchange ideas on the multitude of issues affecting libraries. This leading library event attracts tens of thousands of attendees who come prepared to make purchasing and hiring decisions. In addition to the programs presented by today's leading library authorities, the exhibit floor is considered an integral part of the educational process of the Annual Conference.

#### Attendees By Job Title

Leaders in public, academic, school, private, and special libraries, all participate in the oldest, largest, best-attended tradeshow for the library marketplace. A survey of attendees' profiles at this event:

- director 10%
- assistant director 5%
- branch manager/other manager 6%
- head/supervisory librarian 4%
- reference librarian 14%
- cataloging librarian 6%
- systems librarian 4%



- children's librarian 4%
- collection department 3%
- media specialist 3%
- dean/assistant dean/associate dean 2%
- department chair/head 5%
- librarian 20%
- other 14%

#### How We Help You

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production and promotion of your exhibit and the conference as a whole. ALA provides a diverse mixture of promotion and planning tools to help make your Annual Conference exhibit a success.

For information on bringing your offerings to the ALA exhibit hall, including rates and special promotional pavilions in the exhibits, contact Patrick Murphy, ALA Exhibit Sales Manager, at pmurphy@ala.org or visit the current Annual or Midwinter exhibitor prospectus at www.ala. org/annual or www.ala.org/midwinter.

Over 1,000 exhibitors participate in this unmatched exhibit of books, automation, video, furnishings, audio, and online services and networks.

Year after year, exhibit space sells out and more than 50 percent of the exhibitors have participated for more than 20 years.

As the oldest and largest exhibit dedicated to the library market, the ALA Annual Conference is recognized as the #1 source for the best and latest on products and services.

The ALA Annual Conference is the most cost-effective way for you to meet face-to-face with so many qualified library decision-makers. You'll develop solid new business leads while building on existing relationships. No other marketing investment offers so much!



#### **UPCOMING DATES FOR ALA CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS THROUGH 2011**

2009 LITA National Forum, Salt Lake City, UT: October 1-4, 2009 2009 AASL National Conference, Charlotte, NC: November 5-9, 2009 2010 ALA Midwinter Meeting, Boston, MA: January 15-19, 2010 2010 PLA National Conference, Portland, OR: March 23-27, 2010 2010 ALA Annual Conference, Washington, DC: June 24-29, 2010 2011 ALA Midwinter Meeting, San Diego, CA: January 7–11, 2011 2011 ACRL National Conference, Philadelphia, PA: April 7-10, 2011 2011 ALA Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA: June 23-28, 2011

## Join the Campaign for the World's Libraries

by Delin Guerra

he Campaign for the World's Libraries is a public education initiative of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA), the American Library Association (ALA), and libraries around the world to speak loudly and clearly about the value of libraries and librarians in the 21st century. It is designed to showcase the unique and vital roles played by public, school, academic, and special libraries worldwide.

The Campaign for the World's Libraries was officially launched in August 2001 during the IFLA Council and General Conference in Boston, Massachusetts. It is based on the Campaign for America's Libraries, a multi-year public education campaign sponsored by ALA and libraries across the United States. The U.S. campaign, which officially launched to the public during National Library Week 2001, uses a trademarked brand-@ your library-to unify the communications activities of libraries across the country.

During the 2001 IFLA conference, 2001–02 ALA President John W. Berry shared the campaign with IFLA members to coordinate the campaign outside the United States. As part of this gift, ALA created a special logo for IFLA using the @ your library artwork in IFLA's official languages. The IFLA campaign also uses the slogan @ your library

(and its official translations) to unify the commu-

nications activities of libraries around the world.



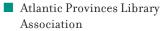
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Seven Canadian associations have officially signed on to



the world campaign to bring the campaign to their country. They are:



- Canadian Library Association
- Library Association of Alberta
- Manitoba Library Association
- Nova Scotia Library Association
- Ontario Library Association
- Saskatchewan Library Association

As a result of the IFLA partnership, the following international library organizations also have signed trademark agreements with ALA and IFLA, thereby joining the world campaign:

- Armenian Library Association
- Association of Caribbean University, Research and Institutional Libraries
- Association of Information Specialists (Georgia)
- Association for the Promotion and Development of Public Reading of the Area Metropolitan of Lisbon (LIBERPOLIS)

- Australian Library and Information Association
- Azerbaijani Library Development Association
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- Brazilian Federation of Librarians Associations. Information Scientists and Institutions (FEBAB)
- Council of Australian State Libraries
- Greek Librarians Association
- Icelandic Library and Information Services Association
- Italian Library Association
- Japan Library Association
- Korean Library Association
- Library and Information Association of South Africa (LIASA)
- Library Association of Moldova
- Library Association of the Republic of Kazakhstan
- Mexican Association of Librarians
- National Association of Directors of Libraries and Information

- Services of Academic and Research Sectors (Venezuela)
- National Association of Graduate Librarians of the Republic of Argentina
- National Library Board of Singapore
- National Library of Serbia
- Nepal Library Association
- Nigerian Library Association
- Norwegian Library Association
- Salvadoran Librarians Association
- Turkish Librarians' Association
- Union of Librarians and Information Service Officers (Bulgaria)
- Uruguayan Library Association

In addition to IFLA's official languages, the logo has been translated into Arabic, Armenian, Azeri, Bulgarian, Chinese, Georgian, Icelandic, Italian, Japanese, Kazakh, Korean, Nepali, Portuguese, Romanian, Serbian, Turkish, and Vietnamese. Artwork, information materials and a consumer-oriented video have been translated into Spanish by ALA.

At an @ your library program at the 2003 IFLA conference in Berlin, representatives from Brazil, Japan, Mexico, the Republic of Georgia, and Singapore spoke about how their associations are participating in the campaign. It was also decided to create a website to showcase activities from the various campaigns and to create a discussion list to facilitate information sharing.

There are three core messages to the Campaign for the World's Libraries, modeled after the messages of the U.S. campaign. They are:

- libraries are changing and dynamic places;
- libraries are places of opportunity; and
- libraries bridge the world.

Through the consistent delivery of these key messages, the campaign aims:

- to raise awareness about the variety of programs and services offered:
- to increase use of libraries at schools, at colleges and universities. in government, at work, and in daily community life;
- to increase funding for libraries:
- to involve librarians as stakeholders on public policy issues such as intellectual freedom, equity of access, and the digital divide: and
- to encourage librarianship as a profession.

Through outreach efforts, the campaign targets:

- general public—parents, children, students, senior citizens, and business people;
- educators, school groups, and administrators:
- government leaders, policymakers, and opinion leaders;
- librarians and those who are considering the library profession;
- media; and
- strategic partners, including funding agencies.



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brary. For ideas on how other countries are getting involved in the @ your library campaign, visit the Ontario (Canada) Library Association website at www.accessola.com/@yourlibrary and the website of the Mexican

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by Rachel Zippin

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#### Creating the Customer-Driven Academic Library

**Ieannette Woodward** 



Academic libraries are going through what may be the most difficult period in their history. With more and more scholarly content available online

and accessible almost anywhere. where does the traditional "brick and mortar" library fit in? In this book Jeannette Woodward attacks these and other pressing issues facing today's academic librarians. Her trailblazing strategies center on keeping the customer's point of view in focus at all times to help you:

- integrate technology to meet today's student and faculty needs;
- reevaluate the role and function of library service desks;
- implement staffing strategies to match customer expectations;
- create new and effective promotional materials.

Librarians are now faced with marketing to a generation of students who log on rather than walk in, and this cutting-edge book supplies the tools needed to keep customers coming through the door. US\$58; 208 pages; 6" x 9"; Softcover; ISBN-13: 978-0-8389-0976-8: Year Published: 2009

The Quality Library: A Guide to Self-Improvement, Better Efficiency, and Happier Customers Sara Laughlin and Ray W. Wilson

Based on more than 50 years of author expertise in organizational improvement, The Quality Library offers a methodology to pinpoint trou-

ble areas and improve processes. Staff will learn how to statistically document the new process's performance, giving the library a means to quantify its effects. This resource

- gives administrators a clear understanding of their suppliers and customers;
- empowers frontline staff to make improvements and better deci-
- boosts employee and team morale as they work together to bring about change;
- offers real-life success examples showing how process improvement works; and

includes figures, appendices, worksheets, and a glossary.

By continuously evaluating processes based on the guidelines and worksheets provided in the book, library administrators and managers will improve the quality and efficiency of service for patrons and staff alike. US\$55; 192 pages; 8.5" x 11"; Softcover; ISBN-13: 978-0-8389-0952-2; Year Published: 2008

Licensing Digital Content: A Practical Guide for Librarians, 2nd Edition

Lesley Ellen Harris

The revised second edition of this popular one-stop resource covers the basics of digital licensing for librarians in a plain-language approach that demystifies the pro-



cess. Written from the librarian's perspective, this second edition:

- updates licensing terminology and changes in technology;
- covers opportunities for cost savings;
- includes further information on global licensing aspects; and
- explains how to educate organizations that have signed license agreements.

Librarians play a unique role in license agreements, and this book, which also includes a comprehensive checklist for a digital license, gives library professionals and students the tools needed to negotiate

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and organize license agreements. US\$57; 176 pages; 6" x 9"; Softcover; ISBN-13: 978-0-8389-0992-8; Year Published: 2009

Inside, Outside, and Online: Building Your Library Community Chrystie Hill



Inside, Outside, and Online provides practical advice and inspiration for building community within your library. Based on a scan of the com-

munity and technology environments that libraries operate within, related literature, and the practical experiences of hundreds of library staff actively building communities through their work, the book provides much-needed insights into the essential elements of community building through:

- identifying user needs and designing services to meet those needs:
- engaging communities with service selection, creation, and iteration: and
- utilizing practical new technolo-

Whatever your role and whatever size or type of library, the principles outlined here can support anyone

working to build a strong community of engaged, interested, and satisfied library users.

US\$48; 196 pages; 6" x 9"; Softcover; ISBN-13: 978-0-8389-0987-4; Year Published: 2009

Marketing Today's Academic Library: A Bold New Approach to Communicating with Students

**Brian Mathews** 

The guiding principle of Marketing Today's Academic Library is that marketing should focus on the lifestyle of the user, showcasing how the library fits within the daily



life of the student. Mathews' personal and compelling presentation will assist readers in:

- challenging and rethinking their marketing strategies;
- demonstrating their value through applied relevance; and
- focusing on the needs of the student and their expectations.

Written in a concise and engaging manner that speaks to popular anxiety points about new marketing techniques, this book is filled with tips and strategies that academic librarians can use to communicate

with students, surpassing expectations of their library experience. US\$48; 192 pages; 6" x 9"; Softcover; ISBN-13: 978-0-8389-0984-3; Year Published: 2009

#### Checklist of Library Building Design Considerations, Fifth Edition

William W. Sannwald

Planning construction of a new library facility or renovation of an existing one can be a daunting task. With the new fifth edition of his Checklist of Library Building Design Considerations, veteran library administrator and construction consultant William

Sannwald guides librarians and other members of a building design team through the stages of the design process. Updated materials include:



- a new chapter on sustainable design, including issues of site selection, air quality, and energy and water efficiency:
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- updated treatment of special collections and materials handling systems;
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## ALA JobLIST

Employment in the United States and beyond

by David Connolly

veryone knows that ALA JobLIST (http://joblist. ala.org) is a key source for finding library and information science positions in the United States. But more employers and job seekers are discovering that it's also a terrific option for jobs in other parts of the world. After all, part of the beauty of the World Wide Web is its worldwide reach!

A recent survey of the job postings on ALA JobLIST shows that nearly one in ten are outside the U.S., in

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such wide-ranging locations as Qatar, Russia, the Cayman Islands, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, Lebanon, and Canada. Institutions in more than 30 countries have advertised positions on ALA JobLIST.

So who is advertising these positions, and why are they choosing ALA JobLIST? Many of the openings are in rapidly growing academic libraries of the booming higher education industry of the Middle East—particularly Qatar and Dubai. These campuses advertise with ALA JobLIST to reach the most engaged, experienced members of the library profession and entice them to bring their expertise to develop library programs from the ground up.

With ALA JobLIST, international employers attract the attention of adventurous leaders in the profession seeking new challenges, as well as multilingual job seekers sensitive to the unique needs of institutions serving multiple cultures. In addition to academic positions, other recently advertised positions have included public library staff for Caribbean island communities and a librarian to provide library support services for a multinational military and civilian peacekeeping force.

ALA JobLIST reaches job seekers where they look for openings, not only on the main website, but also through RSS and Twitter feeds, Facebook, and-for employers seeking maximum impact—through print advertisements in C&RL News and American Libraries magazines. Tracking indicates that recent ads for international positions have been viewed by job seekers in England, France, Italy, and Sweden, among others.

ALA JobLIST makes it easy for employers around the world to submit ads 24 hours a day, and accepts major credit cards, as well as payments by international wire transfer for approved institutions. If you have questions or suggestions on how ALA JobLIST can best help you match a great job with the best candidates, e-mail joblist@ala.org.

ALA JobLIST is a joint project of American Libraries magazine, C&RL News magazine, and ALA's Office for Human Resource Development and Recruitment (HRDR). In addition to the main site at http://joblist.ala.org, ALA Job-LIST can also be found on Facebook and Twitter.

#### RECRUITING **OPPORTUNITIES** AT ALA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

International libraries and vendors have access to a pool of well-qualified, experienced staff at all levels through the Placement Center during ALA Annual Conference and Midwinter Meeting. Employers with large recruiting goals can select a booth in the Placement Center to conduct private interviews with prescreened candidates as well as impromptu interviews with candidates who identify themselves on-site. Recruiting organizations can also select to conduct group information and orientation sessions in the Placement Center

For libraries and vendors recruiting fewer positions, special arrangements can be made with the Placement Center coordinator to accommodate your needs. Recruiting institutions at any level are invited to attend the preconference orientation session with ALA recruitment office staff.

ALA Annual Conference attracts the largest, most diverse group of library professionals in the world. Access to the Placement Center is free to all ALA personal members; conference registration is not required.

To reserve a recruitment booth in the ALA Placement Center for a future Annual Conference or Midwinter Meeting, visit the Placement Center's web page. If you have questions, feel free to contact ALA Placement Center Manager Beatrice Calvin at bcalvin@ala. org or 1-312-280-4280.

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to inspire readers of all ages. We have exclusive posters and bookmarks featuring notable characters from children's and young adult stories and the original celebrity READ poster line showcasing Twilight, the Jonas Brothers,

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## Foundations and Organizations

Supporting international exchanges and/or short-term travel

#### Maintained by the IRRT International **Exchanges Committee**

#### Academy for Educational Development

The Academy for Educational Development is involved in several exchange areas for individuals from the United States and all regions of the world.

#### America-Mideast Educational & Training Services, Inc. (AMIDEAST)

AMIDEAST promotes cooperation between Americans and the people of the Middle East and North Africa.

#### American Council of Learned Societies

The American Council of Learned Societies supports humanistic scholarship through sponsorship of fellowship competitions, international exchange programs, and the creation of scholarly reference works and resources.

#### American Councils for International Education

The American Councils is an education, training, and consulting organization specializing in the countries of Eastern Europe, Russia, and Eurasia.

#### American-Scandinavian Foundation

The foundation promotes educational and cultural exchanges between the United States and Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden.

#### Asia Foundation

The Asia Foundation promotes U.S.-Asian understanding and cooperation. The geographic focus is: Asia (Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand, Vietnam); Oceania (Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, Tongo, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Western Samoa).

#### Association for International Practical Training

The AIPT is a nonprofit organization that promotes international understanding between the United States and other countries through onthe-job practical training exchanges for students and professionals.

#### **Book Aid International**

Book Aid International's (BAI) annual Exchanges and Training Programme (ETP) involves a personalized program of training and capacity building and is a unique means of developing relevant skills to support the role of library and information professionals in promoting information access. Participants visit the UK and carry out a South-

South exchange to follow-up lessons learned. Since 2002, librarians from Tanzania Library Service Board, Kyambogo University (Uganda), Sierra Leone Library Board, Gambia National Library Service, Kenya National Library Service, and Community Library Service (Namibia) have participated in the program. Please contact BAI for further information.

#### CDS International

CDS International facilitates exchanges in a variety of areas for individuals in the United States and other countries.

#### The Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Ex-

The foundation promotes the study of Chinese culture and society.

#### Civic Education Project

The Civic Education Project (CEP), an international nonprofit organization, has supported grassroots efforts to reform higher education in Central and Eastern Europe and Eurasia since 1991. In 2004 CEP completed its work in Europe and Eurasia and is now taking its highly successful programs to other world regions. CEP draws its Visiting Faculty Fellows (VFFs) from all over the world. From graduate students to retired professors, practicing lawyers to journalists, Fellows offer a wide range of experience and diver-

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sity to students and faculty. VFF's teach required and elective courses to both undergraduate and graduate students.

#### Community Colleges for International Development, Inc. (CCID)

The CCID provides opportunties for community colleges to build global relationships that strengthen educational programs and encourage economic development. International activities include academic exchanges and professional development opportunities.

#### Council on International Educational Exchange

The Council on International Educational Exchange is an organization that supports educational exchanges. The availability of the programs depend on the country of residence.

#### Council on Standards for International Educational Travel

The Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET) is a private, nonprofit organization which establishes standards for, monitors and disseminates information about reputable international youth education and exchange programs.

#### DAAD—Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst

The DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) promotes international academic relations especially through the exchange of students and faculty.

#### **Elsevier Foundation**

The Elsevier Foundation has announced a call for grant proposals under its "Innovative Libraries in Developing Countries" program. The Foundation will provide grants to libraries in the developing countries and their supporting organizations for programs to enhance libraries' capacity in the fields of

science, technology, and medicinethrough library training and education; library infrastructure, technology, or information services; and digitization and preservation of information. The Foundation especially encourages proposals that support partnerships between libraries in the developing countries and institutions in the developed countries.

#### **Endeavour Awards**

The Endeavour Awards is an internationally competitive, merit-based program providing opportunities for citizens of the Asia-Pacific region to undertake study, research and professional development in Australia. Awards are also available for Australians to do the same abroad. A smaller number of awards are available for participants from Europe and the Americas. The Endeavour Awards provide individuals with a unique opportunity to take the next step in their academic or professional career. These are usually provided every year with a deadline in July.

#### European Culture Portal: Funds for Cultural Heritage

You will find information on a number of different funding programs run by the European Commission. Many of the programs are connected with new information technologies.

#### Goethe-Institut

The Goethe-Institut supports professional exchange between German and American librarians and information specialists. It works in cooperation with various partners including the American Library Association (ALA) and the Western European Studies Section (WESS) of the Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL). Services for librarians include: organization and implementation of study tours; support for professional residencies

in the United States and Germany; assistance in placing interns in the US and Germany; coordination of German contributions to American library conferences; and aid for American libraries in developing German collections.

#### The International Exchange Locator: A Resource Directory for Educational and Cultural Exchange, 2005 ed.

Published by the Alliance for International and Cultural Exchange and the U.S. Department of State, this directory is the best one-stop source for sponsoring agency and funding information. Purchase information is available at http:// www.alliance-exchange.org/store/ index.htm#desc.

#### Investing in Women in Development (IWID) Fellows Program

The IWID fellowship program recruits mid-level professionals in Gender and Development and Gender Analysis for a one-year placement with a United States Agency for International Development field mission. Fellows are citizens of the United States.

#### John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation

The John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation grants research fellowships for scholars and artists.

#### LASPAU—Academic and Professional Programs for the Americas

LASPAU designs, develops, and implements academic and exchange programs for individuals in the United States, Canada, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

#### The Laurasian Institution

The Laurasian Institution designs and administers international and cross-cultural educational programs with Asia.

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#### Open Society Institute—Soros Foundation Network

The Open Society Institute (OSI), a private operating and grantmaking foundation, aims to shape public policy to promote democratic governance; human rights; and economic, legal, and social reform. Open Society Institute initiates grants, scholarships, and fellowships on a regular basis throughout the year.

#### Peace Corps

The Peace Corps is a U.S. agency dedicated to sending trained volunteers in the areas of education, environment, business, health, and agriculture to interested countries.

#### Robert Bosch Foundation Fellowship Program

The foundation recognizes the importance of familiarizing American professionals and executives with the political, economic, and cultural environment of Europe and the Federal Republic of Germany by providing young American professionals (23-34) with executive level internships in the federal government and private sectors in Germany.

#### Rotary International—Ambassadorial Scholarships

The Rotary Foundation's oldest and best-known program is Ambassadorial Scholarships. Since 1947 nearly 37,000 men and women from 100 nations have studied abroad under its auspices. Today it is the world's largest privately funded international scholarships program.

Nearly 800 scholarships were awarded for study in 2005-06. Through grants totaling approximately US\$500 million, recipients from some 70 countries studied in more than 70 nations.

#### Rotary International—Group Study Exchange

The Group Study Exchange (GSE) program of The Rotary Foundation is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40 and in the early years of their professional lives. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits between paired areas in different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

#### Rotary International—Rotary Grants for University Teachers

Rotary Grants for University Teachers provide funds to higher education faculty to travel abroad to teach at colleges and universities in developing countries. The program is intended to build international understanding and foster development while strengthening higher education in low-income countries. The program also aims to establish ties between higher education institutions, leading to the exchange of ideas and information across the globe. The subjects taught by grant

recipients must be relevant to the needs of the local population and contribute to the area's socioeconomic development.

#### U.S. Department of Education—Office of Postsecondary Education

The International Education Programs Service performs planning, policy development, and grant administration functions for the international education programs. The International Education and Foreign Language Studies domestic programs are designed to strengthen the capability and performance of American education in foreign languages and in area and international studies. Overseas programs are intended to improve secondary and postsecondary teaching and research concerning other cultures and languages, training of specialists, and the American public's general understanding of the peoples of other countries.

#### U.S. State Department—Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs

The bureau promotes personal, professional, and institutional ties between private citizens and organizations in the United States and abroad. The website lists exchange and study visit opportunities.

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## International Opportunities & Funding Sources for Librarians

#### Courtesy of the IRRT International **Exchanges Committee**

#### American Association of Law Libraries—Clearinghouse for Internships and International Personnel **Exchanges**

The Foreign Comparative and International Law Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries seeks to channel information to interested law librarians on opportunities to visit libraries abroad through the clearinghouse.

#### American Library Association— Bogle/Pratt International Travel Award

The Bogle/Pratt International Library Travel Fund provides annual grants to enable a member or members of the American Library Association to attend an international conference for the first time.

#### American Library Association— Guadalajara International Book Fair

The FREE PASS Program sponsored by American Library Association and the Guadalajara International Book Fair provides support for American librarians to attend the Guadalajara International Book Fair. The program funds registration, lodging, and a \$100 contribution toward airfare.

#### American Library Association— Hong Kong Book Fair

The FREE PASS Program sponsored by American Library Association and the Hong Kong Book Fair provides support for American librarians to attend the Hong Kong Book Fair. The program funds registration and four nights of hotel lodging.

#### American Library Association—Sister Libraries

An initiative by the American Library Association to promote the concept of a global community of libraries by encouraging U.S. libraries to form relationships with libraries in other countries.

#### American Library Association— Swiss-U.S. Librarian Exchange Opportunity

The program facilitates exchanges between librarians in Switzerland and the United States. For information in French, please consult the Swiss Library Association (BBS) home page at <a href="http://www.bbs.ch/">http://www.bbs.ch/</a> default\_f.htm.

#### ACRL Western European Specialists Section (WESS)—Martinus Nijhoff International West Europeans Specialists Study Grant

This annual award was established by WESS in 1985 under the sponsorship of Martinus Nijhoff International, subscription agent and bookdealer, headquartered in The Hague, Netherlands.

#### Bibliothek & Information International

Bibliothek & Information International is an organization funded by the German government, which focuses on building up and participating in international networks through project-based activities such as study tours to Germany, professional visits, and participation in international library conferences. Information is available in English by clicking on the British flag at the top right. They support foreign librarians with a daily amount during their visits in Germany and give German participants money for the travel costs.

#### The British Council

The British Council is the United Kingdom's international organization for educational and cultural relations. It supports programs in education, English language teaching, the arts, science, governance, and information worldwide.

#### Council for the International Exchange of Scholars

The Council for the International Exchange of Scholars administers the Senior Fulbright Scholars Program for faculty and professionals. Offers awards in Library Science for lecturing and/or research abroad.

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#### Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR)—Rovelstad Scholarship in International Librarian-

A scholarship for a student of library and information science to attend the World Library and Information Congress of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA).

#### IFLA—The International Federation of Library Associations

IFLA is a worldwide, independent organization created to provide librarians around the world with a forum for exchanging ideas, promoting international cooperation, research, and development in all fields of library activity. IFLA Headquarters administers a number of funds and grants.

#### IFLA—Dr. Shawky Salem Training Grant for Arab Specialists in Library and Information Sciences

The aim of this grant is to enable an expert in library and information science from an Arab country to be trained in an aspect of modern technology in library and information science in one or more western countries for a period of one to three weeks.

#### IFLA—Rovelstad Scholarship for International Librarianship

See Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) for description.

#### IFLA—Twinning Initiative

This is an IFLA initiative to promote partnerships among libraries in the world.

#### IFLA/OCLC Early Career Development Fellowship

This program aims to provide continuing education for library and

information science professionals from countries with developing economies. The program will select up to six individuals each year to visit OCLC's headquarters in Dublin, Ohio, for five weeks to participate in a program of lectures, seminars and mentoring.

#### IREX—International Research & Exchanges Board

IREX is dedicated to promoting advanced field research and professional training programs between the U.S. and the countries of Central and Eastern Europe, Russia, Ukraine, Central Asia, the Caucasus, Eurasia, China, and comparable contiguous societies.

#### LIBEX of CILIP—The Bureau for International Library Staff Exchange

LIBEX of CILIP (British Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals) acts as a clearinghouse for library and information staff interested in arranging job exchanges with LIS professionals in other countries. Libraries as well as individuals may use this free service.

#### Medical Library Association—Cunningham Memorial International Fellowship

This is a four-month fellowship for health sciences librarians from countries outside of the United States and Canada.

#### Mortenson Center for International Library Programs

The purpose of the C. Walter and Gerda B. Mortenson Center for International Library Programs is to strengthen international ties among research libraries and librarians in order to facilitate access to the collected knowledge of the world regardless of geographic location or access to technology.

#### North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG) Marcia Tuttle International Grant

The North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG) Marcia Tuttle International Grant is a yearly grant for a North American serialist with five years of experience for an international experience involving serials.

#### Southern African Wildlife College Volunteership Opportunity

Southern African Wildlife College is a small college situated within the Greater Kruger National Park, South Africa, that conducts training courses in wildlife management for conservation staff from parks throughout Africa. They have a small library (resource center) and they sometimes offer a volunteer opportunity for a librarian to join the college for a period of four to five months. The type of work that the volunteer would do is as follows: assist students with accessing resources (issuing and returns, etc.), catalog resources, assist students with basic computer skills, and assist with the college's environmental education projects in nearby rural community schools. The volunteer may participate in game drives and excursions as the opportunities arise and would be provided with meals and accommodation for the duration of the volunteership. If you are interested, please contact Kathleen Hay, the training manager, at khay@sawc.org.za.

#### Swiss-U.S. Librarian Exchange Opportunity

See American Library Association -Swiss-U.S. Librarian Exchange Opportunity for description.

#### UNESCO Network of Associated Libraries (UNAL)

UNAL is an association of public libraries cooperating on community

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activities in support of UNESCO's main goals: promoting human rights, peace, and cultural dialogue; protecting the environment; combating illiteracy; and establishing contacts between libraries from different regions.

#### Yale University Libraries—International Associates Program

This initiative was launched in the summer of 2005 and is open to mid-career librarians and other information professionals from all over the world. The object is to nurture professional development and leadership at home and abroad by establishing and developing professional relationships between Yale and library institutions in other countries. The program brings two

to four visiting information professionals a year. The first five were from the National Library of Kazakhstan, the Vilnius (Lithuania) Music and Art Public Library, the Health Sciences Library and Documentation Centre of the World Health Organization Regional Office for Africa, the Library of Congress Field Office in Jakarta, Indonesia, and the Trinity Theological College in Singapore.

#### Yale University Libraries—SEEC Library Fellowship Program

Started by the Slavic and East European Collections (SEEC) in 1993, this is the oldest and most seasoned fellowship program at the Yale Library. It brings one library professional from Eastern Europe every year, for a four-month period coinciding with the fall semester. The first 14 fellows came from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Russia, and Ukraine. Funding for the SEEC Library Fellows Program has been provided by the U.S. Department of Education Title VI Grant (1993–95), the Chopivsky Family Fund (1996–97), the Open Society Institute (1999), and the Keggi Foundation (2000-).

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The following list provides the names of accredited schools, organized by state, with links to the schools' websites. Please consult the school directly for in-depth information regarding programs, course offerings, distanceeducation programs, admissions, financial aid, and degrees. Also see www.ala.org for more information on exploring a career in librarianship.

#### Alabama

University of Alabama www.slis.ua.edu

#### Arizona

University of Arizona http://sirls.arizona.edu

#### California

University of California, Los Angeles http://is.gseis.ucla.edu/

San Jose State University http://slisweb.sjsu.edu

#### Colorado

University of Denver www.du.edu/LIS

#### Connecticut

Southern Connecticut State University www.southernct.edu/ils

#### District of Columbia

Catholic University of America http://slis.cua.edu

#### Florida

Florida State University www.ci.fsu.edu

University of South Florida http://slis.usf.edu

#### Georgia

Valdosta State University www.valdosta.edu/mlis

#### Hawaii

University of Hawaii www.hawaii.edu/lis

#### Illinois

Dominican University www.gslis.dom.edu

University of Illinois/ Urbana-Champaign www.lis.uiuc.edu



#### Indiana

Indiana University www.slis.indiana.edu

#### Iowa

University of Iowa http://slis.uiowa .edu/~slisweb/

#### Kansas

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University of Kentucky www.uky.edu/CIS/SLIS

#### Louisiana

Louisiana State University http://slis.lsu.edu

#### Maryland

University of Maryland ischool.umd.edu

#### Massachusetts

Simmons College www.simmons.edu/gslis

#### Michigan

University of Michigan www.si.umich.edu

Wayne State University www.lisp.wayne.edu

#### Mississippi

University of Southern Mississippi www.usm.edu/slis

#### Missouri

University of Missouri http://lis.missouri.edu

#### New Jersey

Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey www.scils.rutgers.edu

#### **New York**

University at Albany, State University of New York www.albany.edu/cci/ informationstudies/ index.shtml

University at Buffalo, State University of New York www.gse.buffalo.edu/ programs/lis/

Long Island University www.liu.edu/palmer

Pratt Institute www.pratt.edu/sils

Queens College, City University of New York www.gc.edu/GSLIS

St. John's University www.stjohns.edu/ libraryscience

Syracuse University http://ischool.syr.edu

#### North Carolina

North Carolina Central University www.nccuslis.org

University of North Carolina/Chapel Hill http://sils.unc.edu

University of North Carolina/Greensboro www.uncg.edu/lis

#### Ohio

Kent State University www.slis.kent.edu

#### Oklahoma

University of Oklahoma www.ou.edu/cas/slis

#### Pennsylvania

Clarion University of Pennsylvania www.clarion.edu/libsci

Drexel University www.ischool.drexel.edu

University of Pittsburgh www.ischool.pitt.edu

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#### **Puerto Rico**

University of Puerto Rico http://egcti.upr.edu

#### Rhode Island

University of Rhode Island www.uri.edu/artsci/lsc

#### South Carolina

University of South Carolina www.libsci.sc.edu

#### Tennessee

University of Tennessee www.sis.utk.edu

#### Texas

University of North Texas www.unt.edu/slis

University of Texas/Austin www.ischool.utexas.edu

Texas Woman's University www.twu.edu/cope/slis

#### Washington

University of Washington www.ischool.washington .edu

#### Wisconsin

University of Wisconsin/ Madison www.slis.wisc.edu

University of Wisconsin/ Milwaukee www.uwm.edu/Dept/SOIS

#### **CANADA**

#### Alberta

University of Alberta www.slis.ualberta.ca

#### British Columbia

University of British Columbia www.slais.ubc.ca

#### Nova Scotia

Dalhousie University http://sim.management .dal.ca

#### Ontario

University of Toronto www.ischool.utoronto.ca

University of Western Ontario www.fims.uwo.ca/mlis

#### Quebec

McGill University www.mcgill.ca/sis

University of Montreal www.ebsi.umontreal.ca

#### SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA **EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

or those looking to become school library media specialists, the appropriate first professional degree is a master's degree from a program accredited by ALA or a master's degree with a specialty in school library media from an educational unit accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

Below is a list of school library media programs that have been reviewed and approved by the American Association of School Librarians' (AASL) program reviewers. Under AASL standards, program recognition is tied to NCATE accreditation.

Find more detailed information about these programs, including the types of degrees or certificates approved in each program, see www.ala.org.

#### **ARKANSAS**

Southern Arkansas University www.saumag.edu

University of Central Arkansas www.uca.edu

#### COLORADO

University of Colorado at Denver http://thunder1.cudenver. edu/ilt/school\_library/ index.htm

#### CONNECTICUT

Fairfield University www.fairfield.edu

#### **DELAWARE**

University of Delaware www.udel.edu/educ/ graduate/masters/ instruction/MI\_library\_ conc.html

#### **GEORGIA**

University of Georgia www.coe.uga.edu/epit/slm/

Valdosta State University www.valdosta.edu/coe/

#### **ILLINOIS**

Chicago State University www.csu.edu/collegeofeducation/REEL/REELindex htm

#### **MARYLAND**

McDaniel College www.mcdaniel.edu/ 5005.htm

**Towson University** www.towson.edu/coe/ rset/insttech/slm/

#### **MASSACHUSETTS**

**Bridgewater State** College www.bridgew.edu/soed/

Fitchburg State College www.fsc.edu

Salem State College www.salemstate.edu/ graduate/medlibrary/

#### **MICHIGAN**

**Grand Valley State** University www.gvsu.edu/coe\_grad/

#### **MISSOURI**

Central Missouri State University www.ucmo.edu/elhd/

Missouri State University http://library.missouristate .edu/LIS/

#### **NEBRASKA**

University of Nebraska at Omaha www.unomaha.edu/ libraryed/grad/index.php

#### **NEW JERSEY**

Rowan University www.rowan.edu/colleges/ education/

William Paterson University www.wpunj.edu/coe/ Departments/Eled\_EC/ programs/med\_media.htm

#### NORTH CAROLINA

East Carolina University www.ecu.edu/cs-educ/ lsit1/index.cfm

North Carolina Central University www.nccuslis.org/ programs/media.htm

University of North Carolina at Greensboro www.uncg.edu/lis/

#### OHIO

Wright State University www.cehs.wright.edu/ academic/educational leadership/lib-media/ index.php

#### **OKLAHOMA**

East Central University www.ecok.edu/colleges/ education\_psychology/ default.asp

Northeastern State University http://arapaho.nsuok. edu/~MSLibraryMedia/ overview.html

Oklahoma State University http://edtech.okstate

University of Central Oklahoma www.educ.ucok.edu/ subwebs/aps/ime/

University of Oklahoma www.ou.edu/cas/slis/

#### **PENNSYLVANIA**

Kutztown University of Pennsylvania www.kutztown.edu/acad/ coe/ls/

Mansfield University http://library.mansfield .edu/



#### RHODE ISLAND

University of Rhode Island www.uri.edu/artsci/lsc/ web/Academics/SLMS.html

#### **TENNESSEE**

University of Memphis http://coe.memphis.edu

#### **TEXAS**

Sam Houston State University www.shsu.edu/gradcat/ ls.html

University of Houston at Clear Lake www.uhcl.edu/portal/ page/portal/SOE/

#### **UTAH**

Southern Utah University www.suu.edu

**Utah State University** (Fall 2008) www.coe.usu.edu

#### VIRGINIA

Longwood University www.longwood.edu/cehs/ education/index.htm

Old Dominion University www.education.odu.edu

#### WISCONSIN

University of Wisconsin/ Oshkosh www.uwosh.edu/coehs